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EDITORS COMMENTS: I've done it again. In the October 2003 edition of this Newsletter, I listed Walter Farmer as a deceased member. When I checked my source of information, I found that I had missed Fred Waller and can only assume that I made some kind of sub-conscious connection to Walter. I most fervently apologize to you Walter, to your family members and to your many friends in the Pioneer Family. I do appreciate the letters you have sent me and I have the feeling that I am forgiven. As a result of this second major faux pas, I will only print the names of deceased members from the information provided to me by the Pioneer Office who receive it from our Human Resource Department, Benefits Section. For any of our members who would like to get in touch with Walter and offer him 'Compliments of the Season', his address is 1314 Steeple Dr., Coquitlam, BC V3E 1K2. Good Health and Good Cheer to you Walter.

BTW—Walter was another of our very vocal and concerned Life Member Pioneers who have been strongly lobbying the Human Resources Department for a new 'Benefits Booklet' for Aliant (MT&T/Island Tel) retirees. It was reassuring to see that someone was listening when we all received the updated version that was issued in December 2003.

The Imperfect Editor Pat

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CHILDREN'S HEART PILLOW LAUNCHED

In a special ceremony to mark the Launch of the NEW Children's Heart Pillow, Brandon MacLeod, of Halifax, joined Doctors, Nurses, Case Workers, IWK Auxiliary Members, Heart & Stroke Foundation Members and Pioneers, to receive the first pillow produced by Acadia Pioneers. Brandon, who is a veteran of heart surgery, stole the hearts of all who attended this event in the Heart Wing at the IWK on Friday, February 6th. It wasn't heard to get him to say "Cheese!" for the camera. Brandon is a cheerful, happy child and was quick to demonstrate for us the proper procedure for the use of the pillow.

Freda Bender, Chapter Coordinator of the Heart Pillow Project was quick to fill the request of the Heart & Stroke Group when they informed her only two weeks in advance for the need of 100 pillows for the launch. Freda and her team went straight to work and filled the request with a little time left over.

The Children's Heart Pillow is the next step in the Adult Heart Pillow Project. It is expected that 100 of these Children's Pillows will be needed each year at the IWK. Acadia is proud to say these are the first children's heart pillows made in Canada.



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2004

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Pioneer Purpose

The Purpose of the TelecomPioneers shall be:

- *To promote and participate in activities that respond to community needs and problems;*
- *To provide a means of friendly association for eligible telecommunications employees and those retired;*
- *To foster among them a continuing fellowship and spirit of mutual helpfulness;*
- *To contribute to the progress of the association and promote the happiness, well-being and usefulness of the membership;*
- *To exemplify and perpetuate those principles which have come to be regarded as the ideals and traditions of the industry.*

Our Mission

TelecomPioneers is a network of current and former telecom industry employees and their families who volunteer to address community needs. We represent our companies' and the industry's commitment to responsible corporate citizenship.

Our Vision

We are the recognized world-class leader in volunteerism. We are respected and valued by our members, our corporations, the global community and the telecom industry. We are committed to the diversity and personal growth of our members, the success of our companies and to improving the quality of life in our communities.

The Aliant Pioneer Volunteers:

People Helping People



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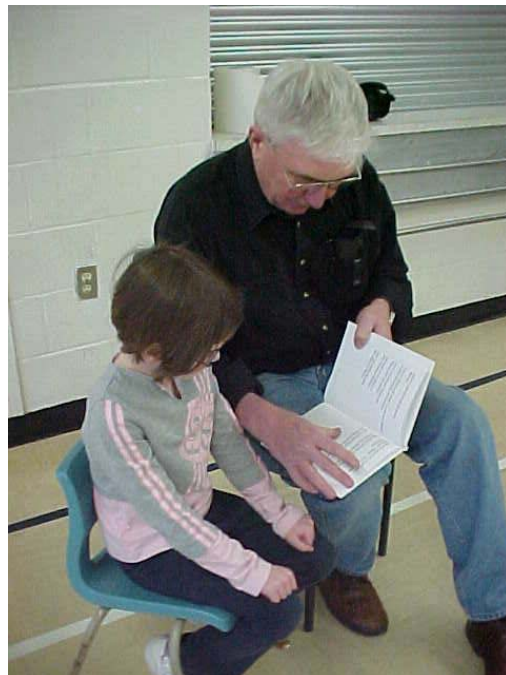


Ann Marie Hay, of the Colchester Community Workshop, accepts a cheque of \$2,000.00 presented by Marigold Co-President in support of the 'Create A World For A Special Person' Campaign.



Marigold Club participates in the "A Book About Me" Program and finds it a 'BLAST'.

These pictures show the children and our pioneers fully enjoying the whole experience.



CHAPTER STUFF, ETC

ACADIA CHAPTER BURSARY FUND

How many of you are aware that there are several \$500.00 bursaries available from Acadia Chapter for hearing or sight impaired students. This fund was started from the proceeds of the sale of the Telephone History books written by A. G. Archibald. This fund got a 'shot in the arm' this year when the proceeds from the Crazy Quilt ticket sales were donated to the fund.

There is no fixed deadline for applications for these scholarships. We will put a reminder in the 'Chatter' from time to time to keep folks apprised of bursaries and scholarships available through Pioneers.

Shown here is Judy Graves, Chapter Past President presenting one of this year's scholarships to recipient Tara Loughnane of Coldbrook, Nova Scotia. Tara is attending Acadia University working on her Bachelor of Science degree. Tara has Macular Degeneration so is 'legally blind'.



We offer her all the Good Luck in her quest to become a teacher.

See our website at www.aliantpioneers.com for more information and applications for this and other Pioneer sponsored bursaries and scholarships..

RAISING THE ROOF



TOQUE TUESDAY

Aliant Pioneers across Atlantic Canada were out in force on Tuesday, February 3rd to sell 1200 of this years model of the 'Raising The Roof' toque. For a donation of \$10.00 to the 'Raising the Roof' project, a donor received a free gray toque with the project logo. Our Annual Toque Campaign gives people from all walks of life the opportunity to show their support for solutions to homelessness by purchasing a Raising the Roof toque and wearing it proudly with proceeds supporting grassroots community homelessness agencies across Canada, as well as Raising the Roof's public education initiatives.

Collector of Telephone Tokens



Michael Sears recently received a letter from Robert Gilbert who is a Telecommunismatist:

Collector of World Wide Telephone Tokens. Bob is seeking information on Tokens that may have been used in telephones in Nova Scotia and issued by the Eastern Telephone Co.

We have referred him to our Nova Scotia Archives and the Nova Scotia Museum where there might be some information stored on these tokens.

Not being aware if these were ever used in our area, we thought that we would put the information out to our members who may be telephone history buffs. If you have any memory of these, any historical data or even happen to have any in your collection, perhaps you might like to get in touch with this gentleman.

Robert (Bob) Gilbert
TELECOMMUNISMATIST:
 Collector of World Wide
 Telephone Tokens
 Post Office Box 299
 Liberty Corner, New Jersey



EXCELLENCE IN PIONEERING AWARDS

Over the last several years many Chapter Members have received individual awards for Excellence in Pioneering. These are presented to Counsel and Club members who have been recommended by the Executive of the Executive Members of their Council or Club for outstanding performance in Pioneering. The awards are presented by a Chapter Executive member when visit with the various pioneers groups.

Unfortunately, over the years, we have not maintained a record of these individual awards and feel that we are missing something historically. So we are asking Club and Council Executive or individual recipients to contact us with the names of former recipients of the Excellence in Pioneering awards, including their name, date received and the reason the reward was given..

When the information is received, we will create a master file of the information. Send to

**Pat O'Toole, 2 Jullin Ct., Hammonds Pls, NS, B4B1M2
 Ph. 832-0333 or email shamrocklady@gosympatico.ca**

We encourage Councils and Clubs to actively reward their outstanding members for their time and efforts expended on behalf of Pioneer Projects. Contact Michael Sears with those you feel should receive this award and he will advise you when it will be available for presentation.

C A B O T C O U N C I L
Cape Breton Island



Regular Monthly Meeting – 7:30 pm on 2nd Monday of the Month
Location: Pioneer Room, 56 Pitt Street, Sydney

<i>President</i>	<i>Alex MacGregor (Matilda)</i>	<i>902-539-9295</i>
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<i>Administrator</i>	<i>Jolene MacAuley</i>	
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Fred Gillespie</i>	
<i>Past President</i>	<i>Dave Demone</i>	<i>902-563-3018</i>
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At November's Regular Meeting, Vice-President Roddie Doary along with several members is shown presenting Bill Antle of Cape Breton Search and Rescue with a cheque to help in their continued efforts of providing their services to those who find themselves in need.



Don't be fooled by Treasurer Fred Gillespie . He was just finished washing the dishes at a barbecue held to raise funds at Pitt. St., Sydney.



Vice-President Roddie is seen here making a presentation to Salvation Army Captain Bill Preston while other members look on.



In this shot, Treasurer Fred Gillespie presents a cheque to Gail MacNeil to the Iona Food Bank.





Cabot Council VP Roddie Doary is shown here with Life Members Al Zwicker, Margie Wadden, Dorothy Wall, Phoebe Porter, Fred Gillespie, & Margie Doary (Roddie's partner) preparing Comfort Kits to be distributed to Sydney and Port Hawkesbury Transition Houses.



D R I F T W O O D C L U B
Bridgewater & Area

Regular Monthly Meeting — See Below
Location: Pioneer Activity Centre, Bridgewater CO
PIONEER NEWS - 543-8240



President: Dave MacLeod (Christina) 543-8694
Administrator: Betty Treen 543-0244
Past President: Paul Hare (Evelyn) 864-6500

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

February 17, 2000	12:00 noon	Lunch & Meeting
March 16, 2004	12:00 noon	Lunch & Meeting
April 20, 2004	12:00 noon	Lunch & Meeting
May 18, 2004	7:00 PM	Meeting
June 15, 2004	6:29 PM	Pot Luck Supper

Christina MacLeod is looking happy as she promotes Pioneering projects active in her area.



Driftwood members enjoy the fellowship of Christmas Dinner.





DID YOU KNOW ?

That you can access your personal e-mail, for free, from any computer connected to the Internet. This gives you 24/7 access if you want it. Here's How!

Open your Internet Site (not your e-mail). In the address line, enter this address:
<http://webmail.aliant.net>

When the site opens follow the directions and input your 'e-mail address' and 'password', and click 'Enter'. (The password you use would be the one that Simpatico gave you or that which it changed the password to.)

It is easy as that!!!



***Have you visited this site lately ?
 Have you ever visited this site?
 Now is the time to do so!***

Listed below are other Pioneer web sites that may be of interest to all of you, as well. They provide

This is a site designed to provide all Aliant Pioneers with the opportunity to keep up-to-date with

- *News on past, present and future Pioneering Events.*
- *Names of Pioneer Lottery Winners*
- *Calendar of Events*
- *Update your membership info on-line*
- *Who to contact for Pioneering in your area*
- *Explanations on some of our most active projects*

Canadian Pioneers

<http://www.canadianpioneers.ca>

Find out what is going on across Canada and read the message from our Vice-President—Canada. Follow the links to other Canadian Sites

Telecom Pioneers

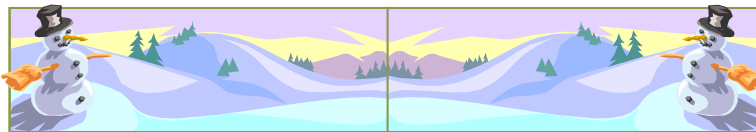
<http://www.telecompioneers.org>

This site provides abundant information on Pioneering throughout North America. Follow the links to the PBS site where you can learn a complete history of the telephone. If you are a memorabilia collector, you can visit the Pioneer Shopping Site.

Visit Daily Keep Informed

Aliant Pioneers
<http://www.aliantpioneers.com>

Visit these sites often as they are constantly changing.



H E A T H E R C O U N C I L
New Glasgow & Area

Regular Monthly Meeting - 7:00 pm on Last Tuesday of the Month
Location: Pioneer Activity Centre, New Glasgow CO



<i>President:</i>	<i>Isabel Campbell</i>	<i>752-5321</i>	
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<i>Administrator:</i>	<i>Charlene Flynn</i>	<i>752-7124</i>	<i>c.flynn@ns.sympatico.ca</i>
<i>Past President:</i>	<i>Cheryl Bigelow</i>	<i>752-4967</i>	<i>j.c.bigelow@ns.sympatico.ca</i>

SCALLOP CLUB
Digby & Area



Regular Monthly Meeting - 1:30 pm on 1st Wednesday of the Month
Location: Pioneer Activity Centre, Digby, NS

President: Bill MacDonald 245-5363
Past President: Eveline DeLisle 769-0101
Administrator: Betty Rice 837-7123

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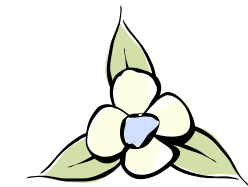


Look at what we bought? After purchasing this chair, we donated it to Juniper House in Yarmouth. Juniper House is a favourite charity of ours.



Incoming President Bill MacDonald is inducted into his office by Judy Graves, outgoing President of Acadia Chapter. Bill is currently enjoying the sunny south and Eveline will fill in for him until his return.

This shot shows you Anne Robbins who accepted the chair on behalf of Juniper house. She decided to try it out while Eveline Delisle looks on.



Clair Thibeault from Maison Jerome is presented with a cheque to purchase a music system for the use of their residents. They will make good use of it listening to their CD's & tapes or tuning into the local radio stations for news & music.



Here is Eveline cutting the Pioneer Cake celebration cake. With her are two members of Charitable Organizations from the Digby area who were presented with cheques for their charities during the Pioneer Week Events.



With Eveline is Ed Rice displaying the results of their collection of pop can tabs. These were donated to Maison Gerome toward the purchase of an electric wheel chair. Maison Jerome is another favourite charity of Scallop Club.



Christmas In Digby!
 Seen enjoying their Annual Christmas get-together are (l-r) Larry Crowell, Fred & Maggie Rice, Bernie Bell & Ellen, Bill & Audrey MacDonald and Aubrey Hawkins.



More Christmas In Digby!
 Yes we were here too. (l-r) Mary & Lee Buckman, Judy Graves, Eveline Delisle, Betty Rice, Lavaugh & Don Buckler.



At our January meeting, we invited guest Brenda Lewis, of the Local Constabulary, joined us to talk about how Senior Citizens can protect themselves in their homes from scams, break-ins and other problems.



*CHEBUCTO LIFE MEMBER CLUB
Halifax/Dartmouth and area*

*Regular Monthly Meeting - 1:30 p.m. on 2nd Tuesday of the Month
(Please Note Change of Time)*

Pioneer Activity Centre - 21 Tople Drive, Burnside, Dartmouth



<i>President:</i>	<i>Pat O'Toole</i>	<i>832-0333</i>	<i>shamrocklady@gosympatico.ca</i>
<i>Past President:</i>	<i>Dianne McDonald</i>	<i>835-4636</i>	<i>fantasia@ns.sympatico.ca</i>
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<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Steve Jefferson (Katie)</i>	<i>453-1055</i>	<i>hixec@ns.sympatico.ca</i>
<i>Administrator:</i>	<i>Dorothy Foster (Ken)</i>	<i>823-2019</i>	<i>sandkjeff@ns.sympatico.ca</i>
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Transportation to meetings, luncheons, fellowship gatherings, etc. can be arranged by calling Ken Foster at 823-2019 or any member of the Executive. We would like to see as many members as possible to get out to meetings & planned events.



March 3, 2004—Bi-monthly breakfast, 9:30 am at Cousin's Restaurant, 5931 Lady Hammond Rd. near Robbie St. **PLEASE CALL JIM BROWN at 443-1607 if you are interested in attending or e-mail him at shammi@ns.sympatico.ca**

Please don't always wait to be called and personally invited. We will be holding these BREAKFASTS on the FIRST WEDNESDAY of EVERY SECOND MONTH starting with March 3/04.

March 9, 2004—1:30 pm. Regular Monthly Meeting, Tople Drive Pioneer Activity Centre. There will be a guest speaker from the HRM Police Force to talk about Senior Safety, how to protect against break-ins and other problems..

April 13, 2004—1:30 pm Regular Monthly Meeting, Tople Drive Pioneer Activity Centre

May 5, 2004—Bi-monthly breakfast, 9:30 am at Cousin's Restaurant, 5931 Lady Hammond Rd. near Robbie St. **PLEASE CALL JIM BROWN at 443-1607 if you are interested in attending or e-mail him at shammi@ns.sympatico.ca**

Please don't always wait to be called and personally invited.

May 11, 2004—11:30 pm. Pot Luck Lunch and Monthly Meeting at William Black Memorial United Church Hall, Rte. 333, Glen Margaret. Arrive 11:30 am for lunch at 12 noon. Bring a donation for the food bank.

May 21 to 23, 2004—Annual Chapter Reunion, Rodds Royalty Inn, Charlottetown, PEI

PLEASE NOTE: July 7, 2004—We are looking at holding a Bi-monthly breakfast or luncheon during the summer. If the next issue of the Newsletter is out in time for the announcement, we will publish the information. Otherwise, check with Jim Brown at 443-1607 or any member of the Executive to find out if the event is on. We will also use the Telephone Tree to contact as many members as possible.



Chebucto Life Members Club - Out and About

CHRISTMAS AT WTCC

99 Chebucto Life Members, Partners and Regular Members attended the annual Christmas Dinner held in the Ballroom of the WTCC.

With the change in the fiscal year, a short part of the event was used to elect and induct the new Officers of the Club Executive. Pioneer Manager, Michael Sears was present to proffer the honours on this group of dedicated Pioneers.

As well, again because of the year change, The Passing of the "Spirit of Service" from Past Chapter President, Judy Graves to the elected Chapter President Holly LeRocque. Holly then presented Judy with her own personal copy of the 'Angus' as it is often referred to. Michael inducted Holly to her position as President.

Following this, a number of draws were made, including the 'Crazy Quilt', with the winner being Georgina Geldhart. The 2 Early Bird Draws of 2 free Christmas Dinners were won by Vi Parnell and Hazel Hilchie. 9 lucky attendees won the Door Prize draws.

As outgoing President of Chebucto Club, Dianne McDonald gave a report on the numerous activities of Club Achievement and Project Involvement. "From the bottom of my Heart" Dianne expressed thanks to all those present and to the many members who make Chebucto Life Members Club so alive and vibrant. Without them our Communities would be less fully served.

Michael Sears presented Dianne with a Plaque representing the TelecomPioneers President's Achievement Award. Dianne accepted the Award on behalf of all the Club members.

Prior to the close of the event, Ken Foster thanked Dianne for her dedication to Pioneering and for guiding the Club through a great year.

Pat O'Toole briefly thanked the Members for their trust in her to take the Helm but admitted that she had 'big shoes to fill'. I is always difficult to follow in the footsteps on one as gracious and committed as Dianne.



Chebucto Members Keep Going and Going and. . .



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**BRYONY HOUSE SAYS
"THANKYOU!"**

In an e-mail dated January 7, 2004, Executive Director, Cathy Love expressed the following sentiments, "Happy New Year! I am sending you the picture of the new couch and chair which arrived just in time for the Christmas celebrations. As I walked by the room this morning the women were in that room having a meeting. It is great to be able to seat everyone! Thank you for your support over the years, not only to the 'House' but to the women and children of Bryony House."

You, OUR MEMBERS and devoted VOLUNTEERS are the ones who help make this and all of our 'projects' happen. Dianne, as outgoing President, and myself, as incoming President, are simply the ones who ask you to give your time and talent and for this we want to add our most grateful thanks to ALL of you who give year after year, time after time, to help make things better for the women and children who are clients of Bryony House and so many other needs in our HRM Communities. Without your support, these Clients and the clients of other facilities, could possibly not have such a refuge to turn to in their time of pain, need and despair. We simply ask that you continue with the good work you are doing and to try to bring some of our inactive but able Pioneers into this and other worthwhile Pioneer work.

Christmas @ Bryony House is another event that is very much supported by Chebucto Volunteers. Along with employees from Johnson Insurance, Maritime Life, a local radio station and the Bryony House, itself, we helped to again gift over 90 Women/Mothers and 150 Boys and Girls from 2 weeks to 18 years of age. It was wonderful to watch the rapt look on the faces of all these children as our very own personal Aliant Santa Claus came through the door again to listen to the wish lists and hand out the bags of gifts to every glowing child that day. Imagine the happiness in that room today. For some, this was the only gifts they would receive this year. It truly brought tears to the eyes of many of the volunteers as we thought of all the wonderful Christmases we ourselves had experienced and asked that God help these women and children on their troubled journey through this life.

Here (l-r), volunteers, Heather (Mar. Life), Bonnie Moir, Diane MacLean, Bertha Hiltz, Dianne (Mar. Life)Helen Mahaney take a break from their task of clearing and cleaning the Party Hall.



CHEBUCTO CLUB INVITATIONS AND OTHER EQUALLY IMPORTANT ITEMS

VEITH HOUSE, a beautiful Victorian Building in North End Halifax is in sad need of some ‘tender loving care’. It needs an internal makeover and freshening up. Pioneers are being invited to **LEND A HAND**. A tentative date of Saturday, March 20th has been set aside to have a couple of teams of crack fillers, painters, and cleaner uppers starting to attack the job of painting the rooms and halls of one or more floors of this wonderful old build. Veith House is a neighborhood centre whose challenge is to meet the needs of children, individuals and families, working primarily with people living in poverty, with empowerment as an ever present goal.



“SAY—NO NOT THAT WORD, SILLY! SAY CHEESE!!!! “ Here we see Vince Jennex, June Levy and Reg Marshall ‘up front and centre’. They were among the 45+ Chebucto Life Members, Partners and friends who enjoyed themselves at the 1st Fellowship Breakfast held at Cousin’s restaurant in North End Halifax back in November, 2003. Those less identifiable in the background include Katie Jefferson, Freda Bender, Dave DeMone and Mary Braid.



PRECIOUS MOMENT FIGURINE PINS

Are you or someone you love a collector of Precious Moments Figurines. Chebucto Club has obtained a number of label type pins replicating many popular Precious Moment Figurines. We are selling these for a mere \$3.00 a piece. Many Christmas designs, marriage, children and others. Contact Dianne McDonald and she will see that you receive them. These pins area ‘collector’s dream’.

A CHALLENGE: Did you find it cold from time to time during the sub-zero temperatures experienced by all of us this past month or so? If you did, I would lay odds that you had warm mitts, hats, scarves and socks to keep you warm while you walked, ran or just went from car to mall, to home, etc. Well, there were many so called ‘street people’ who did not enjoy the luxury of warm clothes during the ‘freeze’. As a matter of fact, they often didn’t even have warm enough clothing for some of the ‘balmy’ days of winter.

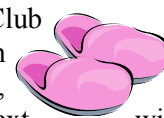


Here is a challenge to all of our folks who knit, crochet and/or sewer. If you have left over wool or heavy cloth cluttering up your house, how about putting it to use by knitting, crocheting or sewing warm hats, mitts, socks and/or scarves so that we can be ready to help keep these folks warm next winter. If we start now, just think of all we can accomplish before the ‘deep freezes’ of 2005 set in.



Send your offerings in to myself, Pat O’Toole (see page 10) or to Michael (see page 2) at the Pioneer Office. We will make sure that the items are distributed where they are most needed.

Other Council & Club members are challenged to do something in their areas as well. With some effort, maybe we can help keep everyone warm next winter!



If you are not into those items, maybe you could make some slippers or dishcloths for the mothers of Bryony House.

**DO YOU HAVE A HOME COMPUTER?
DO YOU NEED SOME HELP ON HOW TO USE IT?
NOT SURE HOW TO COPE THE INTERNET & EMAIL?**



Well, depending on the feedback that we receive, Chebucto Club is willing to provide some training for you. We will provide basic computer using skills, accessing and searching the Internet, receiving, answering and sending e-mail.

We aren’t the specialists but we are willing to put some time into helping our members to become somewhat ‘computer literate’. We will do it at the Topple Drive Pioneer Room to start.

We don’t know if there is a need for this service, but if you feel you need it or could benefit by it, let Dianne McDonald or Pat O’Toole know (see page 10 for contact information). If there are enough folks interested, we will put a program together and get started as quickly as we can.

OPEN YOURSELF UP TO A WHOLE NEW WORLD!



PIONEERS INDUCTED INTO SPORTS HALLS OF FAME

Chebucto Pioneer Jerome Bruhm has been elected to the Canadian Running Hall of Fame. Jerome is often referred to as the 'Father of the Road Race.



Are there more Pioneers out there that have received similar honours?

We would love to hear about them!

So would our readers!



Driftwood Member Murray Smith has been inducted into the NS Sports Hall of Fame for her 30+ years of contribution to minor league baseball.

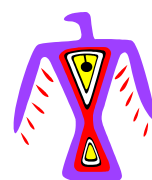
G L O O S C A P C O U N C I L

Kentville & Area

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - 7:00 PM ON 2ND MONDAY OF THE Month

January, February & March Meeting time changed to 3:30 pm

Location: Pioneer Activity Centre, Park Street, Wolfville (For Winter)



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Administrator:	Marilyn Turnbull	679-0915	bevmar@ns.sympatico.ca
Past President:	Vernon Snair	679-2181	Vernon.Snair@aliant.ca



FUNDY CLUB

Yarmouth & Area

Regular Monthly Meeting - 7:00 pm on 4th Monday of the Month

Location: Pioneer Room, 8 Central St., Yarmouth

President:	Roy O'Hanley	(Theresa)	742-5606
Administrator:	Theresa O'Hanley		742-5606
Past President:	Bill Wilson	(Maude)	648-2527

C U M B E R L A N D C C L U B

Amherst & Area

Regular Monthly Meeting — 7:00 pm on 3rd Monday of the Month

Location: Pioneer Activity Centre, Amherst CO



Co-Presidents:	John MacKay (Betty)	667-9157	john.r.macay@ns.sympatico.ca
	Bill McAloney (Nancy)	667-1348	mcaloney@ns.sympatico.ca

CORNWALLIS COUNCIL
Halifax/Dartmouth & Area



Regular Monthly Meeting — 3rd Tuesday of the Month
Location: To Be Announced

President: Anne Marie Hubley-Scott (Chuck) 486-6575 AnneMarie.Hubley-Scott@aliant.ca
Treasurer: Ann Chislett 487-4163 ann.chislett@aliant.ca
Past President: Jain Green

ONE GREAT BIG WORKING TEAM!

Anne Marie has brought together a great team of Cornwallis Council Pioneers to assist with the work of the Council. All of these team members are up and ready to get out there. They will be promoting the many great projects sponsored by the Council and encouraging Company employees to participate in these projects. Seen



Back Row (L-R): Barb Baker (Customer Service), Pat Shrum (Real Estate), Karen Dunphy (Service Delivery), MaryAnne Lawlor (Finance), Kevin Pope (Customer Service; Nathan King (Finance), Heather May (Customer Service);
Front Row (L-R): Michael Sears (Pioneer Manager), Paula Doyle (Finance), Anne Marie Hubley-Scott (Mobility), Sue Bowser (Customer Service), KellyAnne Beaton (Customer Service), Karen Verge (Customer Service);
Missing Team Members: Bev Patry, Cora Landry, Linda House, Marc Harpel, Paula LaVangie, Jean Hubley, Brian Kinch, Christine Hennigar, Stella Wallace-Chagnon, Ken Oursin, Elaine McManus, Margo Bulpitt, Elizabeth Pettie, Pam MacMillan.

HOW MANY CANS OF SOUP CAN YOU COUNT?

*Since the picture is so small, we'll help you out. Shown here are **over 1200 cans** of soup collected by Cornwallis Council members. The soup was later donated to a local food bank.*

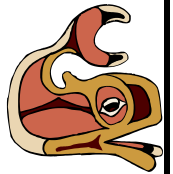


Georgina Geldart was the lucky winner of the Crazy Quilt. \$2,000.00 was realized from the sale of the tickets. This money was donated to the Acadia Chapter Bursary Fund for Sight or Hearing Impaired students.

Cornwallis Pioneers got themselves out during the coldest days of the winter and delivered over 40 goodie bags to some of the 'street people'. The bags or care packages included mittens, toques, scarf, fruit, juice and treats. The addition of dog food for some of the folks' pets was a big hit!



A B E Q W E I T C O U N C I L
 Charlottetown & Area



Regular Monthly Meeting — 12:00 noon on 3rd Wednesday of each Month
 Location: Pioneer Activity Centre, 69 belvedere Ave., Charlottetown

President	Joseph Rowledge	902-629-5250	joseph.rowledge@aliant.ca
Treasurer	Joe Martell	902-892-2121	
Administrator	Miriam MacLeod		Miriam.MacLeod@aliant.ca
Past President	Holly LaRocque (Gerald)	902-566-0266	holly.larocque@aliant.ca

KUDOS Kay McIntyre and her Pioneer Volunteers would like to thank those who helped in making, packaging and selling fudge on February 9th. A special thanks to the Aliant Pioneers and their fellow workers who purchased those Valentine goodies or provided a monetary donation. Your help allows us to continue with Aliant Pioneer support to our community.



ABEGWEIT COUNCIL
LOBSTER DINNER
 PLANNED FOR JUNE 11, 2004 AT 6:30 PM

Imagine

Imagine, for a moment,
 That peace befell the land
 That all of humankind reached out
 And held each other's hand.

Imagine, for an instant,
 The touch of skin to skin
 Proved so powerful a feeling
 Every nation felt like kin.

Imagine, for a second,
 Love possessed the honest soul
 Of each citizen on the planet
 And the world was truly whole.

Imagine, for a heartbeat,
 How quickly hatred would dissolve
 And compassion rise up gallantly
 With blazing-strong resolve.

Imagine, in your lifetime,
 This chain of hope began
 And the link at its inception
 Was your firm, extended hand.

FOR COMPUTER USERS OVER 40

A Computer was something on TV, from a science fiction show of note.
 A Window was something you hated to clean and Ram was the father of a goat.
 Meg was the name of my girlfriend and Gig was a job for the nights. Now they all mean different things and that really Mega Bytes.
 An Application was for employment; a Program was a TV show.
 A Cursor used profanity; a Keyboard was a piano.
 A Memory was something that you lost with age.
 A CD was a bank account.
 And if you had a 3-inch floppy, you hoped nobody found out.
 Compress was something you did to the garbage, not something you did to a file.
 And if you Unzipped anything in public, you'd be in jail for a while.
 Log On was adding wood to the fire; hard Drive was a long trip on the road.
 A Mouse pad was where a mouse lived, and a Backup happened to your commode.
 Cut you did with a pocket knife, Paste you did with glue.
 A Web was a spider's home; and a Virus was the flu.
 I guess I'll stick to my pad and paper, and the Memory in my head.
 I hear nobody's been killed in a computer crash, but when it happens they wish they were dead .

IN
MEMORIAM



Chabassol	Dolores
Grantmyre	Charles Malcolm
MacMillan	Margaret E.
MacSween	Florence Mae
Penny	Rosalie E.
Smith	William J.

We sometimes miss the passing of a member. If you see that we have missed mentioning any of our members who have passed on since our last Newsletter, please notify the Editor or Michael Sears in the Pioneer Office.

All Members who passed away since the 2003 Annual Meeting in Halifax were remembered during the 2004 Annual Meeting on May 29th at Rodd's Royalty Inn in Charlottetown, PEI



NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

May 1, 2004
August 1/2004
November 1/2004

June - Spring Edition
September - Summer Edition
December - Fall Edition

In order to meet the print/mail deadlines, articles or information must be to The Editor no later than Deadline Dates. If no submission is made, the Editor will include Executive and Meeting information for each Club/Council only. Each Club/Council has been allowed 1/2 page, the Chapter-1 full page. Any unused space will be used by the Editor at her discretion.

EDITOR'S CORNER

Is there something you would like to see included in future issues?

Contact me, I'll do what I can to accommodate you.

All feedback, positive or negative is gratefully accepted. I can't do it right if I don't know I am doing it wrong. Contact me in writing or by e-mail, to

Pat O'Toole
2 Jullin Court
Hammonds Plains, NS, B4B 1M2
E-mail — fantasia@ns.sympatico.ca

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY

Canadian Rockies and Alaska—May 29, 2004; \$4,689.00 per person based on double—14 Days—includes 7 night Cruise aboard the Mercury, 30 meals, airfare, departure tax and port charges. Highlights include: Calgary, Banff (2 nights at Banff Springs Hotel), Jasper, Vancouver and a 7 day cruise along the Inside Passage with stops in Juneau, Skagway, past the Hubbard Glacier, stop in Ketchikan and arrive back into Victoria.

Discover Scotland—October 11, 2004; \$2,999.00 per person based on double. All inclusive ...10 days includes 15 meals, Edinburgh Castle, St. Andrews, Inverness, Dunrobin Castle, Orkney Islands, Lock Ness, Isle of Skye and enjoy a farewell dinner in Stirling Castle built over 900 years ago and was the residence of Mary, Queen of Scots.

Call Bertha for more details or to book ..at 835-2060 or 1-800-601-6381, or e-mail bscrivens@ns.sympatico.ca

DON'T FORGET TO RECYCLE THE FOLLOWING



Pop Can Tabs
Out of Date Prescription Glasses
Printer Cartridges
Sobey's Sales Receipts
Campbell's Soup Labels

If no one in your area collects any of these items, collect them and ask your team leaders to send them to the Pioneer Office for you through the Inter-Company Mail.



February 12, 2004

Dear Pioneer Friends!

It is that time again – time to get ready for yet *another Pioneer Reunion!* For the past few months, a hardworking Reunion Committee has been busily planning what they say will *be* the ***finest reunion yet!*** This year's theme reflects what Pioneers do best: *Continuing to Help Those in Need.*

This year the Reunion is being held in the town of Charlottetown, the beautiful capital of our fair isle PEI. Rodd Royalty Inn will be host to all Pioneers from Nova Scotia and PEI for three days. We have many wonderful events planned for your visit, including:

- Winery and Heritage Tour to Orwell Cove
- Golf at Green Gables in Cavendish
- Tour of the Lieutenant Governor's House
- Entertainment by the finest talent PEI has to offer!
- Great guest speakers!

This has been a very busy and successful year for the Pioneers, as we have been recognized with awards and acknowledgements and the reunion is a great place to share these. For those of you who are *regulars*, I look forward to seeing you again. For those of you who have never gotten around to attending a Reunion, why not think about doing so this year? The Pioneer Reunion is a fun packed weekend and a great opportunity to renew old acquaintances while making new ones.

Okay – are you ready for the really important information? The dates! This year, the Reunion will be held from ***May 28 to May 30, 2004.***

Now it is up to you. Think it over for a minute or two, send in your registration form and then, *let the fun begin on PEI!*

Holly Larocque

President
 Acadia Chapter 49
 TelecomPioneers
 1-800-660-3481 (629-3481)



February 16, 2004



Dear Pioneer Partners:

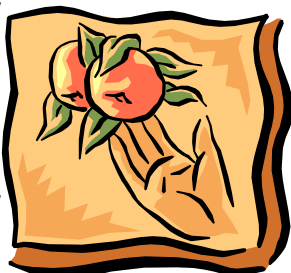
Once more we are asking for your support by participating in a craft sale to be held at the Acadia Chapter Pioneer Reunion May 28-30, 2004.



I know that there are a lot of crafty ladies and gents out there and we would appreciate any donations so we can make this a worthwhile venture.



Crafts donated will be sold near the registration desk. Monies raised from this project will be left with Abegweit Council who is hosting the Reunion and will be allocated to a local charity.



Please price your items as you best know their value.



If you have any questions regarding this project, you may contact Kay McIntyre (902-892-6002) or Helen Stewart at (902-894-9494).



Yours to Count on in
Pioneering,

Ardeth Smith,
Craft Sale Chair



26th



26th

Abegweit Council

Presents

Pioneer Reunion 2004



*CONTINUING TO HELP
THOSE IN NEED*

Friday Afternoon

PAST CHAPTER PRESIDENTS' TOUR is a tour of Fanning Bank (Government House, 1834) which is the official residence of the Lieutenant Governor of PEI. The tour is restricted in numbers but is open to all Pioneers and partners on a 'first come, first served' basis. At the end of the guided tour, tea and coffee will be served. Availability is by date that we receive your registration form. Leaving Rodd's at 2:30 pm, we will double up and use our own vehicles to make the 10 minute, 6 km trip. Hon. Leonce Bernard is currently PEI's Lieutenant Governor.

Saturday

GOLF: at Green Cables Golf Course, Cavendish. A real rewarding day which includes golf cart, green fees and light lunch. Come and Enjoy!

BOWLING : Basilica Recreation Centre
3 Strings
Shoes Included

WINE & HERITAGE TOUR: Tour of Rosignal Estate Winery and on to Orwell Corner Pioneer Village where a box lunch will be provided.

REGISTRATION FORM

(Please Print)

Last Name _____ First _____ Initial _____

Name desired on tag _____

(Mailing Address) _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____

PARTNER (SPOUSE)

Last Name _____ First _____ Initial _____

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PIONEER STATUS: _____

Chapter / Council or Club _____

Life Member _____ Affiliate Member _____

Associate Member _____ Regular Member _____

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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, CONTACT:

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

ACCOMMODATIONS

HOTEL
Rodd's Royalty Inn
14 Trans Canada Hwy - Charlottetown
902-894-8566 or 1-800-565-7633
\$85 per night +7% GST +10% PST

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MAKE CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO

"Pioneer Reunion 2004"

TO COVER THE FOLLOWING:

PER PERSON

Registration Fee _____ \$15.

Breakfast Saturday _____ \$ 9.

Breakfast Sunday _____ \$ 9.

Banquet Fee: _____

Life member _____ \$15.

Life Member Partner _____ \$25.

Regular Member _____ \$25.

Regular Member Partner _____ \$25.

Golf _____ \$50.

Bowling _____ \$10.

Heritage Tour _____ \$25.

(Registration by May 7)

Special Needs: Please indicate if a special diet, wheelchair accommodation, or any other requirements.

EARLY BIRD DRAW

Registrations received on or before *April 16, '04* are eligible for this draw. The prize will consist of a "Weekend for Two" at the hotel while attending the Reunion.

PLEASE RETURN REGISTRATION BY MAY 7, 2004 TO:

Pioneer Reunion 2004
C/O Aliant ATTN: Evelyn Dover
PO Box 820
Charlottetown, PE C1A 7M1

REGISTRATION DEADLINE MAY 7

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

RETAIN THIS PORTION FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Friday, May 28, 2004

Executive Meeting 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
Registration 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Past Presidents' Tour 2:30 pm
Hospitality Room 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Happy Hour

Official Opening & Entertainment
8:00 - 10:00 pm

Hospitality Room 10:00 pm - Midnight

Saturday, May 29, 2004

Breakfast 7:30 am - 8:30 am
Annual Meeting 8:30 am - 9:30 am
Registration 8:30 am - 2:00 pm
Golf 10:00 am
Wine & Heritage Tour 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Bowling 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Hospitality Room 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Happy Hour 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Banquet/Dance 7:00 pm - Midnight
Hospitality Room 10:00 pm - Midnight

Sunday, May 30, 2004

Breakfast 8:00 am - 9:00 am
Ecumenical Service 9:15 am - 9:45 am
Closing & Farewell 9:45 am

ALL INQUIRIES CONTACT:

Evelyn Dover - 902-368-3335
Dianne Hatfield - 902-566-5514

CRAFT TABLE OPEN

FRIDAY 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
SATURDAY 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

For Ferry Schedule, contact
Northumberland Ferries at
1-800-565-0201