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## NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lyn Fleming

Condolences to the family of Ruth Drumgoole who died recently.

Get Well to John Moolenbeek and Elaine Wolfreys who are both recovering from cataract surgery. Also to Kay Wolfreys, who is recovering from a broken shoulder.

Condolences to Laura Gartner, who recently lost her mother.

Gwen Lauret and her sister Anna Wlasik escaped from some of our colder weather for a trip to Mexico.

Congratulations to Dianne Pollack (Bill Phillips) on the birth of her first grandchild, a boy, born December 14 in Edmonton. Quentin is the first child of daughter Samantha and Jamie Black. Dianne and Bill spent a week with Sam and Jamie in January and while they got to know Quentin.

Community Euchres have begun again for the winter and a good crowd has been enjoying their Friday night card games and get together.

A great evening was had by all at the Lodge, at the first "Pub Night". About a hundred people participated in the dart tournament, playing crokinole and just catching up with neighbours and friends. Congratulations to Molly and Victoria and the Lodge staff and Rec Association on a very successful evening.

Many folks who headed south over the holidays and during January didn't enjoy temperatures as warm as they had hoped or expected. Florida experienced an extended cold spell that was also felt as far south as Cuba. While we had some snow earlier in January, it all melted and was washed away by heavy rain, and we experienced Spring roads - in January! We now have the cold temperatures and a grey landscape.

## Crawling—Island Style



PHOTO BY TERRY CULBERT

*Molly Stroyman, publican and owner of The Lodge on Amherst Island receives a hug from Victoria Cuyler, The Lodge manager. Well done for a great island evening, you two! (For more photos see pages 6 & 7)*

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## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Mary Kay Steel

The regular monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, January 20, with ten members present.



We started with our 'program' - a most interesting visit to Gian Frontini's orchid world. Gian welcomed us into his South Shore home on a beautiful sunny winter's afternoon, at 3pm, to view his orchid greenhouse and hear of his interest in and experiences with growing these intriguing plants. He's had a passion for growing them for some thirty years, and has been active in the orchid societies of several cities, depending where he and his family were living at the time. Most of those present were quite surprised by the facts he presented in his talk; for example, that only about half of the 25,000 species grow on the ground in soil, the remainder on trees dead or alive. Their nourishment is various kinds of organic matter and moisture, which passes by or gathers on the tree trunk. In pots, they are placed in a mixture of wood chips and bits of styrofoam (or similar) to keep the medium aerated. Orchids prefer cool temperatures, and to be out of direct sunlight and heat. Some species thrive on mountains, like the Andes, and there are orchids that grow as far north as the Arctic. And guess what, our own lady slippers are a type of orchid. Gian grows two kinds: cattleya and odontoglossom in his greenhouse. Many take several years to bloom. After a most pleasant visit with Gian, the WI members dutifully gathered at co-president Kirsten's house for our meeting proper.

Roll call required members to 'fess up to how many pairs of shoes they own, and then to pay up - five cents a pair. Cash went to one of our WI funds. There were some impressive

totals; clearly some of our members can't throw anything out! After a few good laughs we got down to our regular business. Nancy Pearson reported on our financial status. Mary Kay read recent correspondence, noting we have had several appreciative notes regarding our December Seniors' dinner. Also, our recent ROSE Buddies project at the school, organized by Joyce Haines, got a write-up in the most recent provincial WI newsletter, *Home and Country*. Joyce Reid (Good Cheer) has been busy sending our best wishes to friends with illness and condolences to families recently bereaved. Liz Harrison, Advocacy co-coordinator, reported that the federal government is going ahead with plans to close prison farms, in spite of protests.

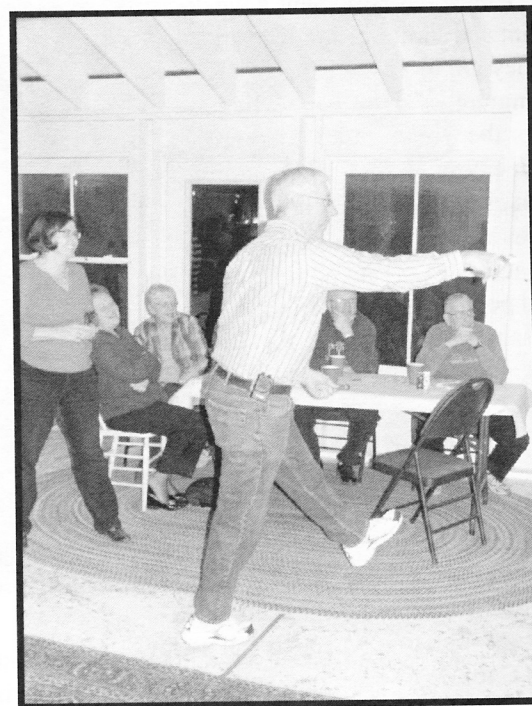
Our 2010 special anniversary calendar has been entirely sold, a great hit it seems.

After discussing various options, members voted to make a significant donation to the earthquake relief efforts in Haiti, and to another international organization to help women in various countries.

A committee was struck to get busy on producing a new Island phone directory; they will convene very soon and hope to move quickly on this important initiative.

Our next meeting will be on February 17<sup>th</sup> at the home of Liz Harrison.

We then enjoyed a great meal and were joined by four guests - women who had volunteered to help us with kitchen duties at the Seniors' Christmas dinner.



*John Munro's special "throwing dance" proved to be a winner at the darts tournament at the first ever Amherst Island Pub Night at the Lodge. For more photos see pages 6 & 7.*

## JANET'S JOTTINGS

- Janet Scott

The Internet, though a boon in so many ways, has proved to be a danger to the wintering owls of Amherst Island. As birders we want to tell everyone about the wonderful owls on Amherst Island. Many come from many miles away and even different continents just to see the elusive Boreal, all eight inches of him, as he sits there quietly, resting and roosting in a conifer tree while his fan club gathers below. Now as soon as he is spotted, birders and photographers are e-mailing their colleagues to tell them where and in what tree he can be found. This has greatly increased the numbers of birders and photographers coming to the Island.

Now this is a good thing in some ways. Every one of those travelers pays \$8 to cross on the ferry; some use our Bed and Breakfasts or stay at the Lodge, many feed the Chickadees which make them happy and most get to see a wonderful Owl which is a lifetime experience. Unfortunately, too many at one time are standing around the same owl. Many are using flash cameras causing its eyes to react

over and over again. Some are trying to wake the owl up to get a better picture and some are just too loud for it to rest. All of these activities stress the Owl as it is a night time hunter and requires this resting state to save its resources and survive the cold.

In response to Mr. Ian Whyte's letter in the Whig-Standard on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, a group of us tried to come up with a Code of Ethics that would allow access to the owls but protect them in this vulnerable time. Many have said just close the woods and protect the owls, but having experienced so many wonderful and moving moments myself I would hate to deny many others this almost religious moment.

With input from Paul Lauret, landowner; Kurt Hennige, Kingston Field Naturalists; Darrel Raycroft, Ministry of Natural Resources; Kristen Keyes, Short-eared Owl Research; and, myself, we have come up with the following Code of Ethics. Let's try it and see if we can share the woods.



### **Welcome to the Owl Woods!**

*In order to protect the owls for this and future generations, we kindly ask you to respect the following Code of Ethics.*

**NO FLUSHING;** *please keep a distance of at least five meters from the owl, and if you cause the owl to move, please do not pursue it further*

**NO FLASHING;** *due to their nocturnal habits, owls' eyes are extremely sensitive to bright light, and we kindly ask you to refrain from using flash photography.*

**NO SOUND DEVICES;** *these devices disrupt the rest period required for the owls' ability to hunt successfully by night and thus their ultimate survival.*

*The above activities are considered harassment of wildlife by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.*



## LOVE

- Zander of  
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February is  
the month of  
love - at least  
the month  
when we talk  
about love - be-

cause in February is Valentine's Day. Prior to Valentine's Day talk about love is everywhere - Love Is In The Air. But what does love mean?

In English we have four different meanings for love and all four can be found in the Bible.

First, love is affection. This type of love is a fondness - the fondness we find among family members. This love is the most natural and the most widely diffused love. It is the feeling of caring we have for others in the family. The Bible often refers to the love of fathers and mothers for example. Our school children express this kind of love when they give valentines to every other child in the class (except, perhaps, the one they don't like).

The second kind of love is friendship. Friendship is that strong bond between people who share a common interest or activity. A friend is one who listens to you, who accepts you, who doesn't judge you but who is honest with you and is willing to criticize you for your own good. A good friend can last for a lifetime. You can be away from a friend for years and yet pick up your friendship again as if you had never been apart. I had a good friend in Roger Brophy when we served in the University Reserve program of the RCAF in Vancouver in the summer of 1957. We returned to our universities in the fall - he to McGill, I to Queen's. We never saw or heard from each other until 2007 when he knocked on my door. He had found me through Google on his computer. We simply resumed our friendship where we had left off. Unfortunately he died last year and I officiated at his funeral. The Bible tells us about the friendship of Jonathan and David who remained friends in spite of all the pressures against their friendship.

Third, there is a love that is erotic. That word "erotic" comes from the Greek word "eros" which refers to sexual love between a man and a woman. This is the love that causes our society the most embarrassment because we have somehow gotten the idea that sex is sinful. There is nothing wrong with sex. It is a gift of God. But, like any gift, and any form of love, it can be misused. We see on our T.V.'s and in our movies many shows about erotic love, much of it misused. Every husband and wife should enjoy eros love. If you want to consider sexy love I commend to you The Song of Solomon in the Bible. Sadly, only one Sunday in every three years does the church assign one section from The Song of Solomon in the lectionary (the Bible readings for each Sunday). I have never heard, read or delivered a sermon based on The Song of

Solomon. Perhaps I should correct that!

The fourth form of love, which we deem to be the highest form of love, is agape. That also is a Greek word which refers to caring for others regardless of their circumstances. This is the love God has for all of us. God loves each of us. God simply cannot resist loving us. God is besotted with us - not because we're good or deserving - but simply because God loves us. Don't ask me why or how God loves us. It makes no sense. But such love is what Christianity is all about. Christians believe God's love for us is undeserved, unlimited and unconditional. No matter what we do or don't do, God loves us. God forgives us. God renews us.

The best example of God's love in action we see in Jesus. God so loved the world that he gave us Jesus. Anybody who trusts in Jesus will not perish but will have eternal life. The Bible tells us that God didn't send Jesus into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Now that's love!

In February, on Valentine's Day, let us love one another. After all, that's what God requires of us - that we love God and our neighbour as ourselves. Who is our neighbour? Anybody and everybody who comes into our lives - and not only on Valentine's Day or during February, but always.

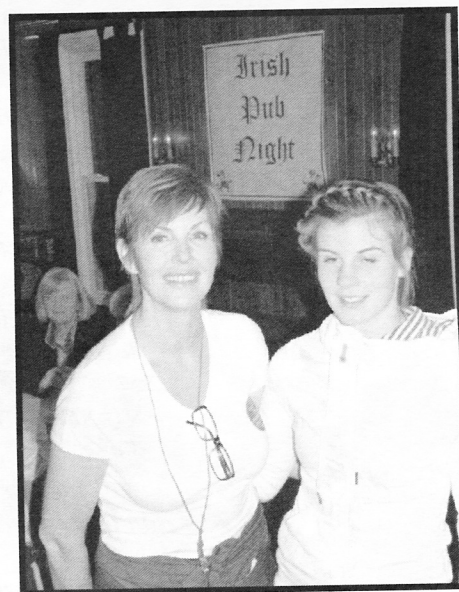


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*Carla Kenyon of Toronto and her daughter Sidney, friends of The Lodge owner Molly Stroyman, were a terrific help at the Irish Pub night. For more see pages 6 & 7.*



## AIMS, JANUARY MEETING

- John Kuti

Our new member, Steve Kennedy, was the morning speaker. He explained how he teaches preschoolers in Sharbot Lake in a school with fewer pupils than the Amherst Island School. He had lived in Sydenham for 10 years before moving to Amherst Island. Reluctant to move, even though their house had grown too small for their four children, he agreed to move if they could find a place on Amherst Island, which he had visited previously and loved. Listening to the A.I. radio station, he had taken Terry Culbert up on the invitation to drop by the smallest radio station in Canada, located in the former milk-house of a barn. His visit was so enchanting that he believes that we should put a sign at the ferry saying, "Caution, Island Experience Infectious". The Kennedys now live in the former Krauklis house on the South Shore.

He described how he met his wife in high school in a production of *Our Town* and how they became high school sweethearts, and later reconnected and married.

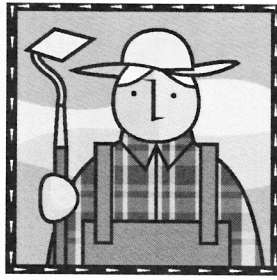
Steve writes songs, and is currently in the band Crooked Wood.

Steve proceeded to sing two songs. The first, "I Would Write a Song", that he wrote for his wife, about the lessons he learned about marriage in terms of giving and receiving, focusing more on the former than the latter.

The next song, "The Ballad of Jack Johnson", was written for a man he met outside a dance hall where his band was playing. The man had been disruptive and drunk and was locked out of the hall without his coat just as the band was packing up their van. He tried to physically force his way inside the van, insisting on a ride home.

Steve had to physically restrain the man, but promised to come back and give him a ride home when they unpacked. The man was surprised when Steve returned to drive him home. On the ride, the man pointed out the place his son had died in motorcycle accident nine years before, and explained that he was all alone for the last two years after his wife died of cancer. When they arrived at the man's house, Steve accompanied him inside the well-kept home. Steve asked the man his permission to write a song about his life story, and the resulting "Ballad of Jack Johnson" was what Steve played for the members who were all extremely moved by the lyrics. Steve went on to explain how he had sent Jack Johnson a CD with his song on it, and how the song had been so important to him, that he used it as motivation to turn his life around, and stop looking for solace in bottles of alcohol. "That song saved my life," was the way he put it.

Greg Latiak thanked Steve on behalf of all the members, expressing his gratitude for the talk, the moving stories,



and the beautiful songs.

There was some discussion of the New Year's Eve dance which was very successful.

It was reported that the new band was very well received. The last people left at 2:15am when the lights were turned off. Terry Culbert reported that the dance floor was almost always full, and there were many, "younger" people between 30 and 45. It was agreed the dance was a great success.

All those who helped organize the New Year's Eve dance received the thanks and applause of members.

Terry Culbert then reported that planning for the July 10 studio art tour was well underway.

## COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

Regular Council Meeting

Jan. 11:

"On December 3, 2009, the Good Government Act, 2009 was passed by the Ontario Legislature. This Bill made several amendments to the Municipal Elections Act, 1996."

Election Day has been moved forward to October 25, 2010;

Nomination Day will be September 10, 2010 and nominations will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on this date. Previously nominations were accepted until 5:00 p.m.

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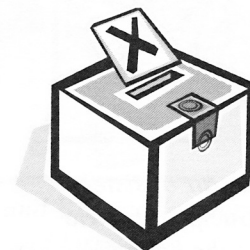
Moved by Councillor Ashley and seconded by Councillor Hudacin that the Director of Administrative Services canvass other ferry operations in the area as to their inspection and operation policies regarding ferry insurance claims and municipal policy position regarding liability.

Motion carried.

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Loyalist issued 312 building permits in 2009. The value of the construction covered by these permits totaled \$26.4 million. The building permits cost \$304 thousand.

House building permits issued: Amherstview, 5; Amherst Island, 2; Bath, 14; Odessa, 1; and other, 16.



## Irish Pub Night at the Lodge

The first ever Pub Night at The Lodge on Amherst Island was a roaring success with 97 pub goers in attendance. The Lodge and the Amherst Island Recreation Association held the function on Saturday, January 30th from 7pm until midnight. Expecting no more than seventy, the organizers were blown away with the large crowd filling all three of the main rooms at The Lodge. There was a five dollar cover charge, delicious pub grub, dart tournament, crokinole, cards, checkers, and British football on a big screen. Even a 50-50 draw. Hats off to all that gave us a terrific night. The group has two more pub evenings planned: February is Poker Night, and March will be Country and Western.



Colleens Valerie Wolfreys and Karen Fleming, sporting their pub night t-shirts, were kept busy in The Lodge kitchen.



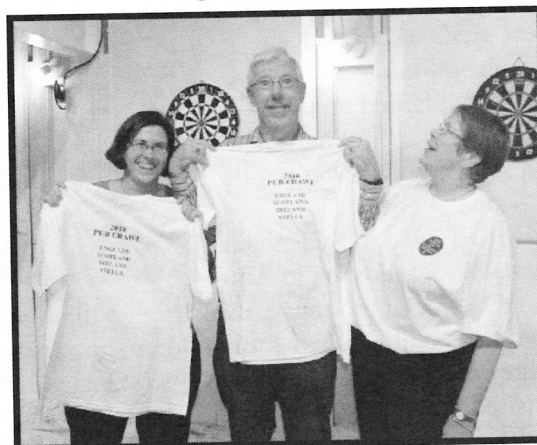
Second place went to a pair of sisters. Janine Henderson of Guelph, Ontario and Deanne Meikle got the honours from Publican Molly Stroyman.



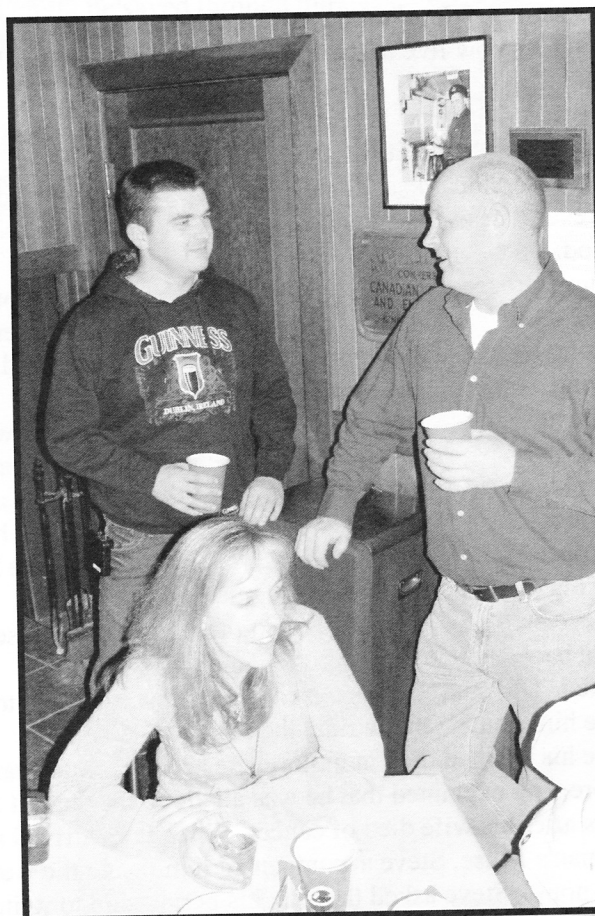
Right: Andrew McDonald, Laura Welbanks, and Duncan Ashley in the Eldon Willard Room.

Below Right: A 1915 Eaton's catalogue sold Crokinole boards, including discs and rubber pegs for \$1.39. Terry Culbert prepares to shoot under the watchful eyes of David Wemp, Brian Ward, and George Gavlas. Dave and George took four of the six games.

PHOTO BY BARB HOGENAUER



The Lodge Publican Molly Stroyman presents the winning team of Vicki Keith and her husband John Munro with first prize t-shirts.







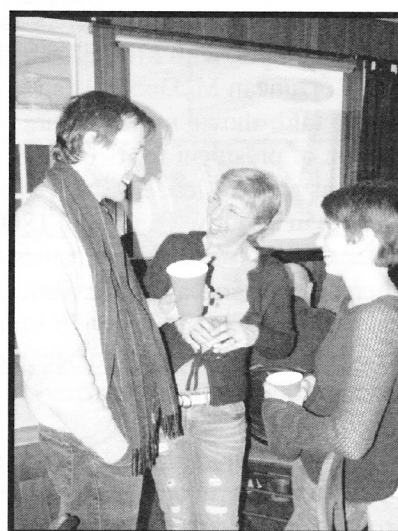
*Lyn Fleming and Rick Bedford of the Amherst Island Rec. Committee were delighted with the large turnout for pub night including Tom deHaan and his son Patrick.*



*Ted Welbanks and Allen Caughey hold court surrounded by island admirers.*



*Dart tournament runners up were left to right: Linda Bertrim of Verona, Diane Pearce, Michele LeLay, Laurie Youell, Jim & Lynann Whitton.*

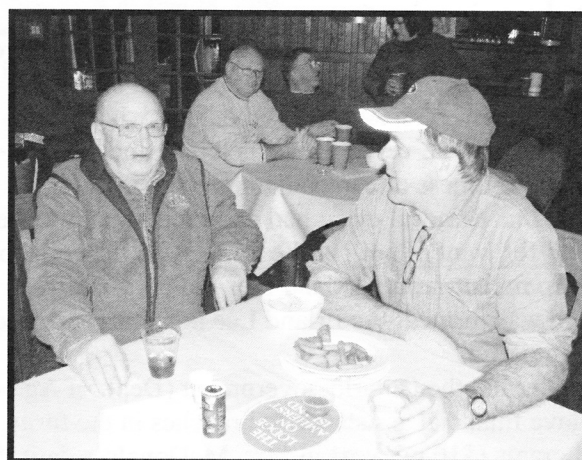


*Nickolas Holman, Ula Steif and Sue Murray enjoy the evening.*

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*Lorna Willis, Janet Grace, Carla Kenyon of Toronto, Caroline Ackerman and Barb Hogenauer enjoying Irish Pub night.*



*Keith Miller and Wayne Fleming talking politics, religion and farming.*



## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE 110<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

-M K Steel

This year marks the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Amherst Island Branch of the Women's Institute. Women's Institutes began in Stoney Creek, Wentworth County, Ontario, in 1897, and are now a worldwide organization. The Amherst Island branch was the fourth to be established. In partnership with Beacon staff, we are presenting a series of articles to mark our anniversary.

### I IN THE BEGINNING

AI branch celebrates its anniversary in November, as it was in November in the year 1900 that the plans were set in motion to establish a branch here. Miss Alice Hollingsworth, hailing from the Muskoka region, was an outstanding lecturer trained at the Ontario Agricultural College. She helped form eighteen new WI branches following the establishment of the first one in Stoney Creek, Ontario, among them ours. By late spring of 1901, the AI branch had some 60 members, with Mrs. Elizabeth McDonald (wife of R. Duncan McDonald) as founding president. Mrs. McDonald, shown in the picture on this page, held the position of president for twenty-six years, and by all accounts was a gifted leader. She was born Elizabeth Ann Christie in Whitby, Ontario in 1860, the eldest of ten children of the Rev. and Mrs. James Christie. She lived on Amherst Island for part of her youth, as her father was the first pastor of Christ Church in Emerald. She attended normal school in Ottawa and became a teacher. She returned to the Island and married R. Duncan McDonald in 1885.

Mrs. McDonald led the Amherst Island WI through the First World War and the great flu epidemic of 1918. At the same time, she brought up her son Edwin, managed her farm household, gave much time to the church, and taught piano lessons to many Island children. She died in 1931.

The Women's Institutes had initially as a main goal the dissemination of knowledge, primarily household science, within rural communities through the women of the community. You can imagine that over a century ago, rural households were often isolated from opportunities to share knowledge and experience gained in running a home and caring for children. Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless, who is credited with founding the very first Branch in Stoney Creek, lost an infant to illness due to contaminated milk, and learned that this dreadful event had occurred in many other families, all for want of boiling the milk. With the collaboration of prominent farmer Erland Lee and his wife, the first branch was formed; the Erland Lee home is preserved today as a museum.

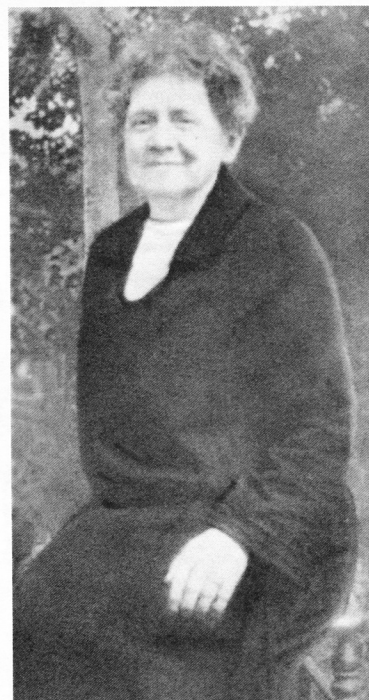
For many years, the Ontario government (Dept. of Agriculture) gave financial assistance to branches in the form of annual grants (\$10 per year in Mrs. McDonald's day) if enough members were signed up. Branches also raised money by meeting collections, annual member dues, and other fundraising efforts. Pouring over the sketchy early

records of branch meetings, I learned that during Mrs. McDonald's years as president, annual branch budgets ranged from 25 to 50 dollars. Meetings initially were held twice per month, alternating venues between the Town Hall in Stella and Mrs. McDonald's farm home in Emerald. Attendance ranged from 12 to 18 members, although if special events were planned there was a greater turnout. Meetings were occasionally cancelled due to "the busy season" (haying) or the weather and attendant road conditions.

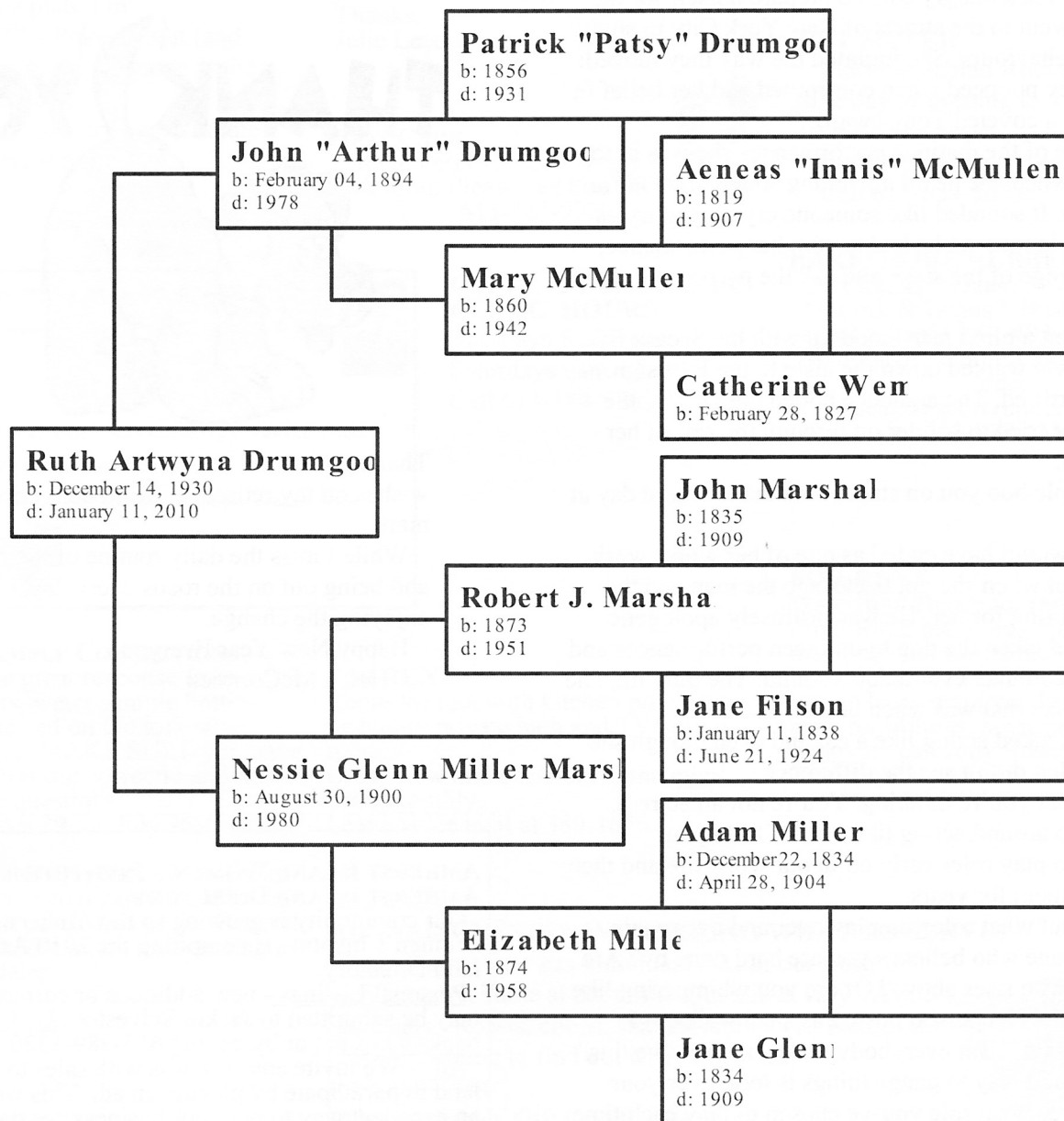
One of the first initiatives of the branch was to set up a library service, and to purchase books on household science and health matters. As required by WI guidelines, almost every meeting had a speaker address a topic aimed at education and sharing experiences. Sometimes the program involved a reading of a poem or article on a more whimsical topic such as "The Soliloquy of a Bachelor", or "Left-handed Housekeeping". Among the topics I noted in the minutes: preserving fruit, vaccinations, cooking beefsteak and soups, how to make hens lay, and raising turkeys. Most of the time, the speaker was a branch member, although once in a while a speaker came from the mainland.

Mrs. McDonald gave many of the talks herself, and I was amused to see that one of hers was on the topic "How Children Are Made Drunkards". Mrs. S. K. Tugwell, branch secretary-treasurer for many years, gave a talk in 1907 on "How To Train a Man"; wish we had the text of that! On a more serious note, the branch's war effort was significant, involving supporting Red Cross and Belgian Relief Fund efforts, by knitting socks, gathering and sending abroad money, bandages, anti-vermin suits, and other needed garments for the troops and prisoners of war.

More of the WI story next month.



### *Ancestors of Ruth Artwynna Drumgoole*



## ROLES WE PLAY

-Deb Kimmett

To paraphrase Shakespeare "Work is but a stage and we are merely players."

In my case this is not just a metaphor. I am in the theatre business so this story involves an actress called Elizabeth Ashby. Many years ago she won the lead role in the Broadway play, Tennessee Williams, Cat on A Hot Tin Roof. She played the love-starved Maggie who moved through life like a hungry cat. To prepare herself for the role Ashby went to the streets of New York City to study alley cats' behaviours. She imitated the way they moved; they way they pounced when confronted and her belief in this won her a coveted Tony award.

During one of the matinee performances she was in top feline form when she heard a whining sound coming from the audience. It sounded like someone crying and try as she might to ignore it, she had to stop her performance, walk to the edge of the stage and ask the perpetrator to be quiet.

At that point a blind man stood up with his Seeing Eye dog and slowly walked down the aisle to the Exit sign. She was mortified. The audience booed her and for the next hour she tried to soldier on through the rest of her performance.

When people boo you on stage, now that's a hard day at the office.

The story would have ended as one of her worse work-days ever, but when she got backstage the man and the dog were waiting for her. He was profusely apologetic saying he had taken the dog to umpteen performances and the animal had never ever made a sound. The only time he whimpered like that was when he saw... a cat.

Ashby practiced acting like a cat and even though she wasn't, the dog didn't see the difference.

I know what you're thinking. You're not an actress. You don't go around acting like a cat? Or do you?

We start to play roles early on in our work-life and then get stuck in them for years.

Think about what role you play over and over again. Are you the one who believes you are hard done by? Are you the one who rises above? Or are you whimpering like the dog whenever a person posing as a cat walks by?

You may say, "But everybody makes me act like this" however a good way to gauge things is look over your history and see what role you've chosen to play each time you are in a new situation. Then the question becomes do you like the role you've been cast in. Are you choosing this role?

Changing the lines we tell ourselves is challenging. Rehearsal is needed. Most theatre productions they practice every day for six weeks. So it is with changing the way you do your role. It takes practice.

Greetings from Ajijic on the "Gringo Riviera" of Lake Chapala in Mexico.

-Erika and Hans Krauklis

Having moved into our semi-furnished new home in Ajijic just two weeks ago, it seemed appropriate to adorn one of our local trees with the sparse decorations at hand.

We wish you all the best for the holidays and a healthy and prosperous New Year.



Thank you for all the kind words and good wishes on my retirement from delivering the mail.

While I miss the daily routine of the route and being out on the roads every day, I am enjoying the change.

Happy New Year Everyone.

Helen McCormick

### AMHERST ISLAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE AMHERST ISLAND DIRECTORY

Our community is growing so the Amherst Island Women's Institute is compiling the 2010 Amherst Island Directory.

Personal Listings - new additions or corrections may be submitted to Jackie Sylvester [cloudbanks@kos.net](mailto:cloudbanks@kos.net) or by calling 613-389-1320.

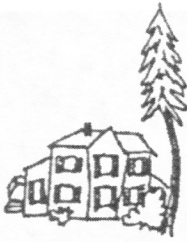
Ads - We invite any business with sales to the Island to participate by placing an ad. This would be an excellent way to put your business constantly in front of Islanders. We are a non-profit group and these ads help offset the costs of printing. Proceeds support local community projects.

We have a limited amount of advertising space available, so please: *Reserve your space*, before March 31st, by calling Liz Harrison at 613 389-5176, [harrisjp@physics.queensu.ca](mailto:harrisjp@physics.queensu.ca)



## AT THE LODGE

Pub Nights at the Lodge co-sponsored by the Rec Committee Save these dates to brighten up Winter The Lodge and the Recreation Committee working together bring you Three Saturday nights of just plain fun! February 27<sup>th</sup> – Poker Night (and other games) learn the game at the beginners table(s) March 20<sup>th</sup> – Country comes to the Point (believe it or not)



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### MISSING COAT

I am missing my full-length, very dark navy (almost black), ladies wool, Calvin Klein winter coat. I believe it was taken by mistake at the New Year's Dance. I have a coat which was left, but desperately need mine back. If you have my coat, please call me and we can exchange. 613.887.2342. Thanks.  
Julie Leeder

### FOOT CARE

at the Ferry Office/Library back room Please call Sue Irwin R. N. 613-545-9379



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### FOR RENT

Waterfront House for rent - 10900 Front Rd. 2 bedrooms, finished basement, new oil furnace, well insulated, beautiful view, \$1200/month first and last no lease required. Tenant responsible for utilities, lawn care and snow removal. call Judy Roberts 613-542-7445 anytime leave message.



BETTY'S AFTERMARKET MARKET

Too busy!!!



No time to cook!!!!



MY MARKET GOODIES AVAILABLE ALL WINTER TOO!!!

A few days notice and cooking for company just became easier....



Call Betty 389-7907

### WATER SAMPLE COLLECTIONS

Due to the great response from homeowners, water sample bottles will be collected on the following dates in 2010. MAKE SURE you have filled the form out correctly and answer all the questions.

March 29 July 26 November 29  
Put these dates on your new calendar now and leave your sample bottles in the screened porch area of the General Store by 10:30 a.m. on the morning of the above dates.

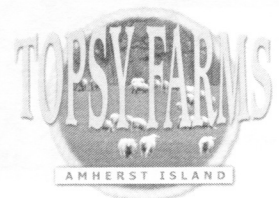


### FOR RENT

Room for rent with kitchen privileges including private bath and TV/sitting room.  
Great view and excellent home gym!  
\$300 monthly.  
Leave voice mail at 389-1656.

### DINNER GUESTS? WONDERING WHAT TO SERVE?

Topsy Farms now has individual cuts of our fresh frozen lamb available at the farm. Quantities vary. Available cuts: Roasts, chops, shanks, and more. Please call before coming to find out what's in stock. 613-389-3444  
Also available: Gift Certificates



### WILD PREMIUM BC SALMON

Sockeye currently in stock. \$18.99 per pound. Call first. Other varieties available by order only: Salmon (5 varieties), Black Cod, Albacore Tuna, and Rock Lobster Tails. Selection may vary month to month. All products are certified wild caught, individually quick frozen and vacuum packed. All varieties are skin-on and boneless. Please call or email for pricing and ordering information.



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*Margaret Crawford Maloney and her husband Peter Large pose at the podium just prior to her Neilson Store Museum Backroom Talk. On January 29th Margaret, an excellent story teller, told of the life, times poetry and song of Scotland's greatest poet, Robert Burns.*

*If there's another world, he lives in bliss;*

*If there is none, he made the best of this.*

*(Robert Burns 'Epitaph on my own Friend')*

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