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Susan died peacefully at her home on Sunday September 22, 2013 surrounded with the love of her family.

Susan McGinn (nee Gibson) in her 83rd year beloved wife of the late Arthur McGinn. Loving mother of Bonnie; Andrew (Mary); Russell (Jane); Cheryl (Myles); Gail; and Dan (Glenda). Pre-deceased by one son William and two daughters Grace and Dale.

All her grand-, great- and great great grandchildren will fondly miss little "Gram". Dear sister to Cora McGinn (Keith); Wade (Marilyn); Hazel deHann and Marion.

Pre-deceased by 5 brothers and 3 sisters. Survived by many nieces and nephews and their families. Special thanks to St. Elizabeth Nursing Service especially Dawn Maracle; The Nursing Staff of Can. Care: Judy Grier of Hospice and Dr. Hans Westenberg. The funeral service was held Thursday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. Interment Glenwood

The

Cemetery, Amherst Island. As expressions of sympathy the family would appreciate donations (By Cheque Only) to The Alzheimer's Assoc.

SUSAN MCGINN'S EULOGY

Wade Gibson

Today we are gathered here to celebrate the life of an amazing woman. A woman who did not know the meaning of the words "I give up". A woman who courageously and with dignity held onto life even when most of us thought it was over. This woman was Susan Grace Gibson McGinn. Also known as Susan Grace the Gooseberry Grinder. (An alias given to her by Uncle Tom Denee).

Stature-wise Susan was very small and as Dr. Burleigh said, never weighed more than ninety-nine pounds soaking wet. She may have been small but in her mind she could tackle anyone or anything.

When we were kids in the evening, we would put on boxing gloves and have little bouts with Dad as the referee. Susan could hold her own with any of us. I always thought if I was ever in a bar room brawl I would want Susan guarding my back.

I remember her telling about the time when was in a hurry to catch the ferry. A number of birders had the Emerald Forty Foot blocked. She wanted them to move and move quickly. One apparently asked her if she was 'local'. Susan thought they said 'loco'. Her reply was "you get out of my way now or you will see whether I'm loco or not!"

Susan liked nothing better than to sit with a cup of coffee and relate stories from the past. Her long-term memory was outstanding. She could remember the smallest details and was great at telling them. Many an evening she would entertain us with school day memories. I used to listen and shake my head, wondering how those teachers coped with the shenanigans she and the others pulled off.

One of my favourites was when a girl had brought a ball to school but didn't want to share. Susan just had to slug her for not sharing. Away the girl went to tell the teacher. Susan knew she would be in trouble so she bit herself on the arm and said the girl had done it and that was why she felt she had to retaliate.

Susan loved to play euchre. Give her a pack of cards and three others to join her and she was set for the evening. For

nights; Susan would be expecting us so the cards and the table were ready for a game. This game usually lasted into the early hours of the morning. When at last we said we had to go home Susan's words were "you 'needn't' be in a hurry!"

Susan was a dedicated smoker (if one can be dedicated to smoking??). Anyhow she was a smoker. Ask her when she started smoking - her answer was "I don't remember not smoking". If no tobacco was available string wrapped in brown paper worked quite well. A few years ago she saw her doctor for a complete physical. When the doctor completed this and found her blood pressure, heart and lungs really good, he asked her how long had she smoked? When she gave her usual reply, he thought the tobacco companies could use her as their poster girl to promote the use of tobacco.

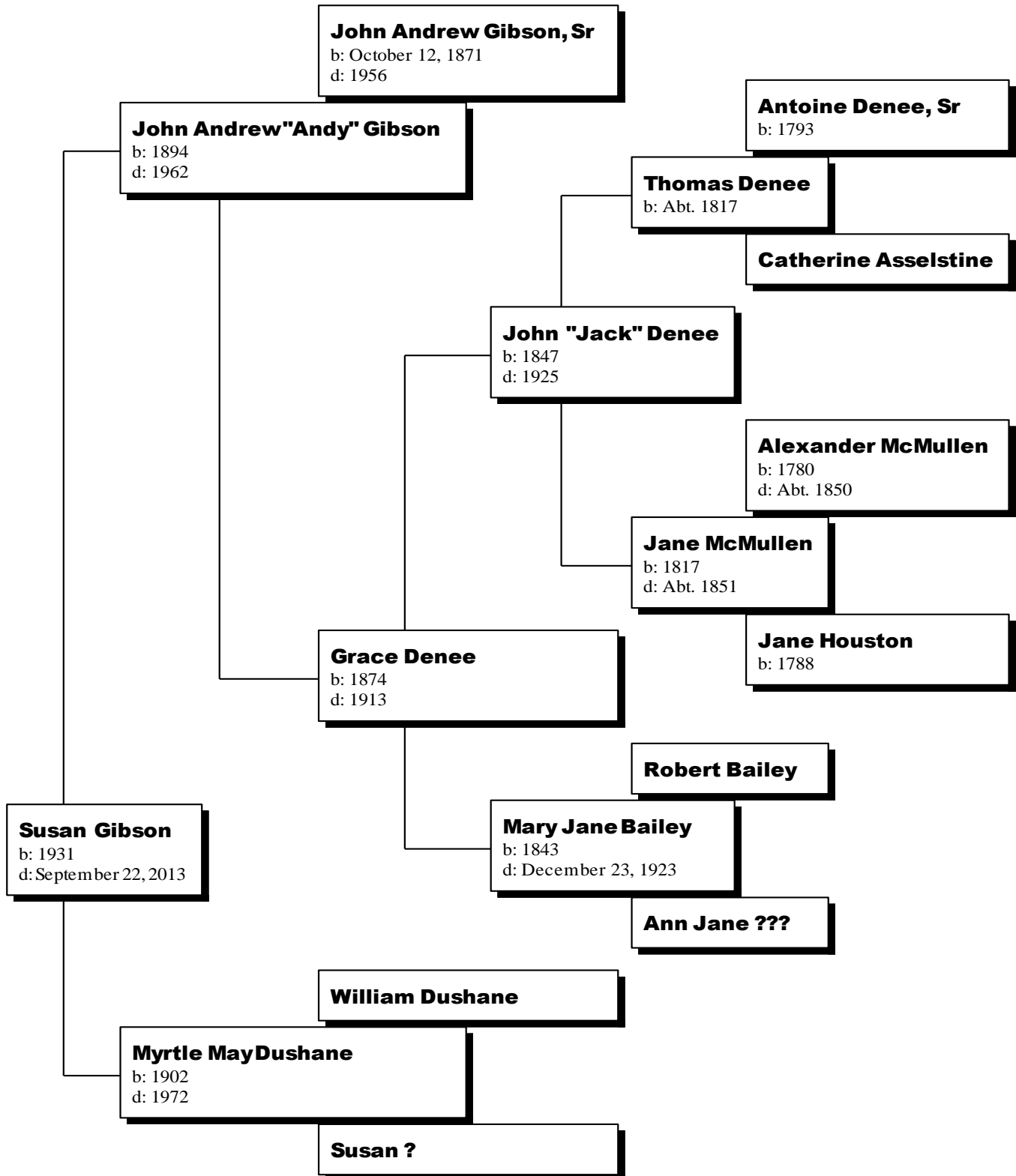
Susan married Arthur John Robert McGinn and they had a family of nine children, four boys and five girls. Although the house may have been full there was always room for more. On the nights before opening days of bass season, duck hunting and deer hunting I have been there in the evening and as the dooryard and house started to fill up I remember saying to Susan "Where are all these people going to sleep?" Her answer was "I throw down a pile of blankets and pillows. They grab them up and if they can't find a couch or chair, they sleep on the floor."

Back to her family, Susan and Art had nine children; twenty-one grandchildren; thirty-seven great-grand children and four great great grandchildren. These numbers were collected with the help of Gail, so any complaints see Gail!

Earlier I said Susan's theory in life was "never give up". Well because of that I am able to be here and do this eulogy. When I was very small for some reason I decided to try eating a piece of broken 78 r.p.m. record. This got lodged in my throat. Dad and Uncle Tom tried and tried to get it out. I was choking to death and had turned blue. At last they laid me on the couch and said I was gone. There was nothing more they could do. Susan yelled "Don't give up" and grabbed me and with her small hand half way down my throat was able to push it down. In gratitude she says I bit the hell out of her fingers. When I told this story to one

person her first question was “When you pass gas does it play the song from the record?” Susan always seemed to be around when help was needed. She has often told the story of Bill stepping on a nail in Emerald. She and Bill went into Violet's and she bandaged it. They set out for home. A mile away from home the pain was so bad Bill couldn't walk any further. Susan to the rescue put him on her back and carried him home.

Ancestors of Susan Gibson



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Susan had to be the biggest fan ever of Country Music. Her motto was "if it isn't country, it isn't music!" I have taken some lines from a song by Lee Ann Womack that I think define Susan's outlook on life.

*"May you never take one single breath for granted.
God forbid love ever leaves you empty-handed.
I hope you still feel small when you stand beside the ocean.*

*When one door closes I hope one more opens.
Promise me that you'll give faith a fighting chance.
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance,
I hope you dance. I hope you dance."*

And dance she did! She never asked for much in life. Was always satisfied with what she had, and as long as she had her family and grandchildren around her she was happy.

Life dealt her a few nasty blows but she always met them face on and pushed them behind her.

Susan, may God bless you and welcome you into his home. I am sure there will be lots of room and if not there is always a blanket and pillow for the floor. He never knows when He will need someone to help carry the burdens.

When I got word that Susan's struggle with life had ended these lines came to mind. They express how I picture her far better than I am able to:

*"In her dreams she rides wild horses
And they carry her away on the wind
And they never make a sound
As they fly above the ground
Tonight she'll ride wild horses again"*

We loved you Sue and we will miss you but will never forget you. Bye Sue: always lots of good memories.

NEIGHBOURHOOD

Lynn Fleming

Get Well this month to Susie Caughey, Alicia Wolfreys, Ted Wemp, Victoria Cuyler. Condolences to Lily Horner, following the passing of her mother.

Our sympathy to the children, grand- and great-grandchildren of Susan McGinn. Susan passed away in late September after a lengthy illness, in the home where she raised her family at the Head of the Island. Our sympathy also to her sisters and brother.

Congratulations to Helen Trotter and Doug Shurtliffe on the birth of their first grandchild. Helen's daughter Tabytha and husband Tyler Zsapira welcomed their first son in September.

Gary and Lesley McDonald spent 10 days in Newfoundland getting ready for, and attending, daughter Alison's marriage on September 21st. The rest of Alison's Island family and friends arrived in time for the wedding and did a bit of sightseeing for a few days afterwards.

Congratulations to Shannon Youell (daughter of Laurie Youell) and her new husband, John Shurtleff. They were married in Toronto at a Blue Jays game on September 28th. In honour of their marriage, the Jays actually won the game!

Adam, Barb and Allan Miller, visited friends and did some sightseeing in New Brunswick.

Ted Welbanks and Karen Miller travelled to Romania to visit Ted's son John and his family.

Brian and Eva Little got away for a few days to visit Cape Cod and Boston, while sons Jack and Angus were on a trip to Disney World, in Florida with their aunt Robin.

The 13th annual Harvest Festival was held at the end of September on a perfect Fall afternoon at the Reid farm on Front Rd. Jim and Sandra out did themselves this year with the set-up and decorations. Music for the afternoon was provided by Dan Simpson and Country Rhythm. Some of the more popular events included; the Brown Bag Auction; Bale Rolling and Cross Cut saw competitions & the Nail Driving Competition. There were some great booths set up, lots of livestock and machinery exhibits and horse drawn wagon rides.

We have been enjoying a beautiful Fall so far on the Island - with cool nights and

beautiful, sunny days.

This year, and am finding I do miss my kids and my South Shore drive twice a day - but I am enjoying not getting up in the dark!

The snowbirds are starting to plan for their migration south, cottages are being closed, gardens harvested, and the kids have completed their first month back at school.

I chose to give up driving the school bus this year and am finding I do miss my kids and my South Shore drive twice a day but I am enjoying not getting up in the dark!

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Jenney

- Claire

Sixteen members of the AIWI met on Sept. 18th at 7 pm at Marilyn Pilon's home for a productive evening of business and pleasure. Sherri Jensen, a new member, was introduced and warmly welcomed.

The Minutes and Financial Statement were approved as was a motion to pay small bills and while the containers for "Pennies" for Friendship and Collection were being passed around Pres. Liz Harrison read aloud a delightful Thank You for Kids Day from Amy Caughey Bermann and her daughters.

Joyce Haines reported that there is an Area meeting in Glenburnie on Oct. 17th and some members will represent AI. And a District bus trip to Oshawa for a play and dinner is being organized at \$95.00 per person.

Andrea Cross reported that three copies of Kate Hewitt's novel, Down Jasper Lane, will be placed in the Amherstview and Bath libraries and in the AIWI collection.

In other news, AI aprons are selling briskly, a \$500.00 donation has been made to the Red Cross in the wake of the Lac Megantic disaster and \$50.00 will in future accompany the Heritage and Social Studies award. The Financial Committee has tabled a report of our donations for 2012-2013 with some guidelines for future donations.

The Fall road cleanup of County Rd 4 will be held on Thursday, Oct 24th.

Another lunch for members will be held on Friday, Sept. 27th, this time at Loyalist Grill in Bath. Diners

will take the noon ferry.

On Sept. 10th, 9 AIWI members travelled to Cherry Valley WI where their group reciprocated after a visit here last summer with a prettily presented lunch in their lovely Community Hall. We enjoyed renewing friendships and watched a delightful video of Prince Edward County.

Our meeting ended with a Brown Bag auction with Carol Kolga as a most persuasive auctioneer. We all headed home with our treasures after thanking our hostesses Marilyn Pilon and Mary Kay Steel for a delicious lunch.

Our next meeting is October 16 at 6 pm at St

Paul's. It will be a Rose program, open to the public at 7 pm, when Joyce Brown will speak on genealogy.

JANET'S JOTTINGS

Scott

- Janet

"The Joys of a Mud puddle"

One does not always look at a mud puddle with the same eyes. Memories and reflections will always temper the slant that we put on the common everyday things in our daily lives. When I see a mud puddle I look at it with Grandmother's eyes and I remember my granddaughter at two stamping in the puddles in the school yard making lots of splashes and laughs and getting us both wet. I can look back and see my children playing in the mud puddles, splashing, creating and learning about the flow of water and the basics of dam building. In my own childhood there were the days playing in Saskatchewan gumbo at my cousins' farm and getting totally filthy. What do you see when you look at a mud puddle? What memories does it bring back?

One beautiful day in September my birding friends and I discovered the joys of birding at a mud puddle. We had turned north on the Dump Road from the Second Concession when we came upon a mud puddle, sheltered on both sides of the road with bushes and grape vines and warmed by the sun. A couple of birds were splashing and bathing in that puddle so we stopped well back and used our binoculars to focus in on these little fellows. Over the next half hour we had crept closer with the

feathers to both waterproof and protect. One of the good signs that Sue Meech looks for in a recovering bird is: "Has it started to preen?"

I wish that I had written down in order the birds that we saw that day in the puddle but I can tell you the variety and different species that we saw. The first splashing birds that we had seen as we approached were sparrows and over the next half hour we identified a Song Sparrow with its dark brown streaking and the black dot on its breast, a House Sparrow originally brought to North America from Europe and now very numerous here, male has a black bib and gray cap while the female is light brown and faintly striped, a Chipping Sparrow with a rusty red cap and dark eye-line and a White-throated Sparrow with a streaked light and dark brown head and a white chin. White-throated Sparrows also come with black and white heads but this one was brown striped. In Spring the White-throated Sparrow sings "O Canada, Canada, Canada". A Catbird skulked around the grape vines and then visited the puddle for a bath. American Robins, one looking very young, must have been a late nester, bathed, splashed and checked out nearby wet spots for worms and bugs. Cedar Waxwings fed on the fall grapes and showed off their neatly pressed outfits. They always look as if they've just stepped out of a band box. The young Cedar Waxwings have a messier hairdo as if trying out teenage spikes but soon their crests will grow in.

One of our attentive birders was quick enough to catch sight of a Ruby-throated Hummingbird visiting a purple aster right beside the car and Blue Jays called and patrolled the outside perimeters of our birding site. The colours of fall, the purple of asters and burgundy weeds, golden rod and dark grapes made a masterpiece of Autumn against the bronzes and golds of grasses and leaves. A bare branch provided a perch for an Eastern Phoebe, in its olive outfit with creamy yellow vest, as it flew out and back grabbing flying insects but leaving the bright orange Monarch alone as it drifted past the asters. A small black and white Downy Woodpecker worked his way through the nearby trees looking for breakfast. Downys will drill holes in the galls that appear on Goldenrod stems in order to eat the tiny caterpillar living inside. Yellow Warblers and American Goldfinches shared the same puddle and gave our birders a wonderful

chance to compare and contrast shape, size and markings on these two yellow birds. On the east side of the road Golden-crowned Kinglets hunted for small insects among the leaves and Nashville, Magnolia and Yellow Warblers were active, flitting so fast we couldn't identify them. It helped so much having five pairs of eyes to follow their flights.

When our birding was over we all appreciated the joys found in that mud puddle, the colours of fall and the camaraderie and closeness of five women packed in a Ford Focus that we all share. I wish you many mud puddles in your life too so that you ignore the dirt and wet and find the treasures that abound there. *****

Monarch Butterfly Report

Sally Bowen

[The Topsy Farms Frame House is a "Monarch Way Station" site, designated as such by the University of Kansas. I receive a quarterly report. Here is the most recent one:]

So where are the Monarchs this year??

As you may know, the overwintering monarch population for the 2012-2013 season was the smallest recorded to date:

<http://monarchwatch.org/blog/2013/03/monarch-population-status-18/>

To recover from a bad year, the conditions for the development of the population the following year have to be favorable. Unfortunately, the conditions this spring were not favorable for a rapid recovery.

The temperatures in Texas in the spring were colder than normal as were the conditions at the time that the first generation Monarchs moved north (May-early June). The result of the combination of a low returning population with the temperatures and weather patterns of the spring was a low early summer Monarch population.

Is there a chance that the population can rebound as it has before? Yes, but the temperatures in nearly all of the northern breeding range would have to be above normal by 2-3F throughout the summer for the population to increase. None of the observations, or data to date, suggest either a strong migration or a

wintering population that will be larger than the 1.19 hectares measured last year. In fact, the population is likely to be even lower.



Photo by Vicki Keith

COUNCIL GLEANINGS

Ian Murray

From Special Meeting of Council, 22nd Session, September 14

Mayor Lowry reported that during the Closed Session portion of the meeting that the C.A.O., Harry Schlange, advised Council that he had accepted a job offer from Niagara Region.

There has been only one new house permit issued for Amherst Island since January 1, 2012.

AIMS MEETING

September 14, 2013 at 8 a.m - Anders Bennick

Breakfast: Thank you to Ken Albertan for preparing a continental style breakfast. Marc Raymond and Ross Haines volunteered to prepare breakfast for the October meeting
Attendance: 17 members, Convener: Hugh Jenney, Agenda 1. Presentation: The speaker was Gardner McBride who talked about plans to establish an agricultural and crafts based cooperative on the Island. In a cooperative, a group of people comes together to meet common needs. They own the assets of the cooperative in common and make decisions democratically. One of the benefits of the proposed cooperative is that it would create an Island brand that would facilitate distribution and sale of any items produced by members of the cooperative. In this way it could also facilitate any new economic activities. At present agriculture on the Island are mostly centered around animal rearing and commodity crops, but other activities are possible that could benefit from a cooperative. Berry growing is attractive because it can be done on small lots and Island processing (e.g. jams and jellies from berries) could add value to the commodities. Among berries Haskap are particularly attractive because the profit is much higher than that from berries such as raspberries and blackberries. Haskap is an arboreal plant and Amherst Island is at the southern most limit of the growth zone. It is particularly valued in Asiatic countries, partly because of the berries high content of antioxidants, which are useful in the body's ability to fight various diseases and ageing related processes. Calculations suggest that once maturity of the berry bushes has been reached (5 years) the gross margin per acre is ~\$39,000 and the total direct costs would be ~\$15000. The University of Saskatchewan has developed cultivars suitable for Canadian climate and Haskap berries are already grown elsewhere in Ontario. Presently growth trials are being done on the Island using various cultivation procedures.

Gardner also discussed various growth problems and means to overcome these as well as possible ways in which a cooperative could facilitate the cultivation of Haskap berries. Help to

and means to overcome these as well as possible ways in which a cooperative could facilitate the cultivation of Haskap berries. Help to start a cooperative is available from the Canadian Co-operative Association and it is also possible to get grants and low cost loans; expertise is available to avoid pitfalls in getting started.

Some of the advantages of joining a co-op are that expertise and information can be shared, government support is available to members, cost of equipment and supplies can be shared, as can marketing and participation in adding value to the product. Finally Gardner discussed mechanisms for starting a cooperative.

2. Minutes of the last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted.
3. Arising from the minutes of the last meeting. The secretary reported that he is awaiting a reply regarding the possibility that the senior class prepare breakfast on an ongoing basis at our monthly meeting.
4. Treasurer's Report In the absence of the treasurer, the secretary reported that the income from the auction was \$2163. Hugh Groot has accepted the position as treasurer.
5. AIMS auction. Hugh Jenney reported on the successful conclusion of the AIMS Labour Day auction.
6. Woolly Bully Race. Bill Barrett reported that as a result of the race \$500 had been raised for activities at the school
7. Member's list, website. Bill Barrett reported that the list of members has been updated and that the website will be updated.
8. AIMS meeting chair. Members of the steering committee will take turns to chair the next three meetings: Bill Barrett in October, Larry Jensen in November and Dave Pickering in December.
9. Transportation committee. David Pickering reported that there had been one request for assistance.
10. New Loyalist Township CAO. Various members reported on their interaction with the new CAO. He is very much in favour of the flower baskets and suggested an update of the garden in front of the Neilson Store. There was a discussion of AIMS cooperating with the Township on such a project with the Township covering the cost and AIMS supplying the manpower. Ross Haines and Dayle Gowan volunteered to write an application to the Township and John Harrison, Hugh Jenney and Anders Bennick agreed to supply the necessary muscle power for the project.
11. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at ~9:45am *****

THE CHEESEMAKER'S DAUGHTER

(the oldest one) – Judy Bierma

Chapter 4: Memories...memories of the old Sand Beach, the Baxter Beach. I am so very happy the Loyalist Township purchased the beach along with another organization, a Conservation Association. As a child in the sixties we visited the beach often. Mom had four kids so when we went to the beach we took the Ivory Soap with us to have our bath, perhaps weekly bath. I can't really remember how often we bathed. It's not like the daily showers that most people have now days. With four kids to bathe it was a great help to bathe them all at once in the lake. Mom took Ivory Soap, a bar of it because it floated. Well, us being kids that liked to disprove their Mom we promptly buried the bar of soap in the sand and guess what! It doesn't float when it's under the sand and we lost it. Mom sure wasn't happy with us because we hadn't been scrubbed down yet. We thought it was so funny and a great joke on Mom.

I asked a friend about her memories of Sand Beach and she talked of jumping in the back of the truck and heading down to the beach to go swimming. Also there is the sad story of a young boy drowning on the sand bar that goes across to Nut Island.

Joyce Glenn and I camped on the beach when we were in our young teens. Laurie Kilpatrick camped with me too and Gay Eves. I had a small plastic record player that had batteries in it and I would take that to the beach and play my favourite record at that time which was Paul Simon and Art Garfunkle. Oh man, what is the name of that group? They sang Scarborough Fair and lots of other great songs in beautiful harmony. I have such great memories of the Beach. Taking friends and relatives there to go swimming.

If you have any memories of Sand Beach email me at judybierma@gmail.com and ...oh...Anthony just told me the group was called, "Simon and Garfunkle". I bet you knew that.

AUDREY SANGER LOVES CYCLING ON AMHERST ISLAND

-Judy Bierma

Audrey Sanger is a cyclist from Kingston who had been bicycling on Amherst Island many years. This year she cycled over 200 km. on the Island. It took 25 trips over to the Island to accomplish this. Way to go Audrey, congratulations to a person that truly appreciates the Island and it's beauty and loves cycling.



IT'S ALL RELATIVE

-Zander of DUNN INN

A few years ago I received a phone call and when I answered a voice asked, "Are you Charles Alexander Dunn?" When I confessed that I was, the voice declared, "I am Peter Dunn, your cousin."

I was surprised because I didn't know I had a cousin named Peter Dunn. He explained to me that his sister, Deirdre (Dunn) Strachan was much into genealogy and had discovered that I existed and that we were related. He then went on to explain to me how we were related which I found very interesting.

I struck up a correspondence with Deirdre who shared with me many stories of my family. The name Dunn, Dun or Dunne, means both Brown and a hill or fortification. (Our son, Kirk, whose name

is Kirk Dunn). The name Dun or Dunn is the basis of many other names like Dunlop, Dunsmuir, Duncan, Duncannon, Dunston etc. But the Dunns belong to no Scottish clan and have no tartan. The clans are all highlanders and the Dunns are lowlanders.

Among other things, Deirdre told me that the family patriarch, back in 1750, was Samuel Dunn, a Presbyterian minister. That news amused me because I vividly remember wanting to be called "Sam." People were always asking me about my name, Zander - was it Dutch? Was it German? What kind of a name is Zander? I had to explain that my mother, not liking any short form of Charles or Alexander (the names of my two grandfathers) like Chuck, Chas, Alex, Sandy, Lex etc. called me Zander which is simply a short form of Alexander. This question arose so frequently that I asked my mother, "Why didn't you call me Sam?" The name, Sam, in the light of my genealogy, would have been very appropriate.

The Dunn clan comes from Scotland and my family can be traced back to a part of Scotland called Locheil Cushnie in Aberdeenshire. Many of the male Dunns went into the ministry of The Presbyterian Church (the Church of Scotland). At one time there were seven ministers named Dunn, all related to one another, in the Kirk, as it was known. My great uncle, my grandfather and my father were all Presbyterian ministers.

We knew about another Presbyterian minister named Dunn in Canada but we never thought we were related. The Rev. Peter Dunn of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Hamilton was the grandfather of Peter and Deirdre. How strange to look back now and think that in all those years we never made any connection with The Rev. Peter Dunn.

Peter and Deirdre told me of other relatives and we began to make connections. Dr. Peter Dunn, a professor of Social Work at Wilfred Laurier University, and Dr. Deirdre Strachan came to visit us on Amherst Island. They left us with pictures of Scotland, various churches in Scotland where our ancestors had ministered and charts and names of Dunns both dead and alive to whom we were related. They told us stories of their visits to Scotland and to the family homestead. When their father, Charles Dunn, died in Boston we went there to attend the funeral and met other relatives who had flown from England and Scotland for the occasion. In the receptions that

followed we were made to feel we were part of the family.

Since then we have entertained Peter Dunn here on the occasion of our 50th wedding anniversary and we have been to his house in Dundas, Ontario. Early in September Nance and I drove to Harpswell in Maine to visit with Deirdre and her husband. They entertained us royally and Deirdre conferred on me some more charts full of names and dates of the Dunns and their children. We belong to a big family with members in Canada, The U.S.A. and Great Britain.

As we were driving to and from our recent visit to our relatives in Maine I got to thinking about all of this. I thought about the fact that I had a much bigger family than I imagined. I thought about how they were unknown to me until recently. I thought about how they were all interesting people who had stories to tell.

I thought to myself that my story of finding my relatives could be a lesson for all of us. The truth is that we're all related. We may not know that now or we may not recognize our relatives when we see them but the truth is that we are one family under God. Our skin colours, our hair patterns, our languages cannot keep us apart. It is true that many of us work very hard at keeping ourselves separate from other people but our families are bigger than we know.

Christians belong to one family under God, a family that embraces everyone. We will be much poorer and smaller if we don't recognize that and greet everyone we meet as part of our family.

PUBLIC MEETING ABOUT THE NAPANEE GENERATING STATION

-Liz Harrision

A small but engaged audience attended the public meeting about the proposed Nappanee Generating Station to be located by the Lennox and Addington Power Station on the Loyalist Parkway at County Road 21.

Mr. Peter Webster, Community Representative for the proponent TransCanada used a Power Point presentation to inform those present about the projected future needs for electrical production in Ontario, the part that TransCanada

is currently playing nationally in the energy field, the design and layout of the generating station and the benefits it will bring to area residents. Construction is due to start at the end of 2014 or shortly thereafter and the plant should be operational by 2018. It is currently undergoing an environmental review process and there has been one appeal from a neighbouring resident. Construction will involve about 600 workers and there will be about 25 permanent positions once the plant is up and running. He provided pamphlets about job opportunities.

After this Mr. Webster (who grew up in Nappanee and often visited Amherst Island) answered wide-ranging questions from the floor.

In response to a request about setbacks from residences, it was noted that the plant is not constrained by the same criteria as the Green Energy Act. A request was made for noise compliance testing to be carried out on the west end of the island, as there is currently significant disturbance from the Lennox and Addington Generating Station when it is running. Information was requested about the PM 2.5 [particulate matter at 2.5 microns] emissions which worried Oakville and Mississauga residents.

The design of the plant will mean that warm water discharge into the lake will be minimal and will not cause a change in ice coverage. He admitted that transmitting power over long distances is inefficient, entailing loss of energy but the decision to locate the generator so far from where it is needed was a political decision rather than a practical one. In response to a concern expressed about ever-increasing electricity costs he does not anticipate a change in the upward trend.

There were some technical, regulatory and legal questions, which he could not address but he offered to find the answers and contact the questioners.

The organizers of the meeting, Judith Harrower and Liz Harrison, are very grateful to Mr. Webster for taking the time to come and "meet the neighbours". The neighbours who came enjoyed

an interesting and informative

NEWS FROM THE MUSE

BACKROOM TALKS

-Janet Scott

In September the Museum was host to Talia Fleming a recent graduate from St. Lawrence College in Biotechnology. Talia shared her experiences working in Krugar National Park in South Africa and brought an excellent and informative slideshow to share.

Congratulations Talia on your graduation and also on your new job at Queen's as a research assistant.

Thank-you Talia for your support of our museum and also once again a big thank-you to Bruce Burnett who handled the technical side of the presentation.

On Saturday, October 19th at 7 PM Gardner McBride will give a talk on establishing an Agricultural and Crafts based Cooperative on Amherst Island.

Please mark on your calendar: Tuesday, October 22, 2013 will be the Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre's Annual General Meeting at the museum at 7 PM.

"WHAT DO I DO?"

-Sharen English

What do I do when a person I love leaves me?

I pray for them.

I hope their life was happy and fulfilling.

I know I will miss their company, friendship, sense of fun, the stories of their achievements, their insight and intelligence.

I will miss the good times we had together.

I will miss the walks and talks we shared.

I will miss the beauty that encompassed them.

I will miss their bravery, kindness, compassion and encouragement.

I will miss discussing our mutual interests.

Did they enjoy their life?

I hope so.

I wish and miss these things for everyone I have loved and lost.

Amen.

ISLANDERS HELP FEED THE HUNGRY ON THE MAINLAND

-Sally Bowen

We've had a good crop of gardeners on the Island providing and transporting food to the Kingston region. Mara Shaw from Loving Spoonful meets Mary White weekly, to receive our produce and to deliver it same day to one of the agencies or shelters or food programs they enhance with fresh food.

Any excess (some of those baseball bat zucchini's for example) is tackled by their Preserve and Reserve group. At three sessions a week, volunteers have preserved over 1,600 lbs. of fresh, local produce by early September. With a month left to go, the freezers and shelves of all of the social agencies in town will be stocked with local produce they can cook up all winter. To join them here are the times: <http://lovingspoonful.org/2013/09/16/preserve-reserves/> Alternatively, email www.lovingspoonful.org or call 613 546-4291 ext. 1871.

If you have late squash, pumpkins or other produce to donate, please call Sally at 613 389-3444.

NEW SIGN AT KINGSTON FIELD NATURALIST'S PROPERTY

-Janet Scott

On Tuesday September 10, the Kingston Field Naturalists unveiled a sign at their property at the east end of Amherst Island. The property will be named the Martin Edwards Reserve in Edwards honor of their recently departed Honorary President. Dr was a world renowned birdwatcher and naturalist who had accumulated a lifelist of 8,456 species of birds. A ceremony took place at

10:15 a.m. on the property near the south end of the



orty Foot Road

THE BARN DANCE

-Sharen

English

Fall leaves are turning, red and orange. There is moisture and mist in the air. I see two young deer by the road. The parking lot is dark and bumpy, artificial lights guide the way in. The cars are parked

People are smoking outside. Wonderful country music, from oh so talented performers, fills the air. The bass and tenor singers, the guitars and slide guitars are all working greatly. A step dance teacher, 4 feet 8 inches tall and weighing 90 pounds is dancing with her tap shoes on in such a fantastic, dizzying display of talent. Some of our Islanders really dance well, in my opinion. There is a selection of delicious snacks on a long table in the smaller elevated barn. The larger barn is so clean and the dance floor is ready to be used. Folding chairs line the walls and the back of the barn. People are relaxing, dancing, talking and enjoying the music. I find myself talking to people to whom I don't normally talk. I enjoy that. I take a walk by the lake, the water is calm. I look at the back of the magnificent old house and B. and B. and I and peek into the empty stables. There is a plastic play structure for children on the huge back lawn. Mingling, socializing, chatting, smiling, laughing, joking, friendship and fun are all in evidence here. Near the end of the dance, a group of women proceed from the barn to the kitchen of the house and bring out a spread of so many platters containing very thick sandwiches of all kinds, pickles and sweets. Such happiness and joy exudes from this place. What a perfect night for country revelry. It was foggy when I drove home and the mist hung on the ground. I am so glad I was there.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you to the First Responders, Vicki Keith, Laird Leeder, Alexander Scott and John Mayman.

You are the best!

ST. ALBAN'S ANNUAL TURKEY

SUPPER Saturday, October, 26th \$15 adults
\$7 school age preschoolers free TAKE OUT
(bring your own container) BAKE SALE

60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Family and friends are invited to celebrate with
Keith and Cora McGinn at an OPEN HOUSE on
Saturday, November 2nd, 2013 at the Lodge on
Amherst Island from 2 to 4 pm.

CJAI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

November 13th 2013 7:00 to 9:00 pm Neilson
Store Museum and Cultural Centre 5220 Front
Road Stella Ontario Annual report, presented by
the Board of Directors, as of year end August 31st
2013. Open to all. Refreshments will be served.
For more information, see the website "CJAI.CA".

HALLOWE'EN PARTY Unfortunately,
the Amherst Island Fire and Rescue Team is
unable to hold this year's Halloween Party due to
unforeseen scheduling conflicts. This
complication has already been remedied for next
year. Use the extra time to plan your best
Hallowe'en costume ever!!!

STORIES ABOUT

STORYTELLERS: An evening with
Doug Gibson and Many Famous Canadian
Authors Saturday, November 9, 2013. For
Tickets please call Victoria at 613-634-1388
Ticket Price \$15.00 per person. Books will be
available for sale from the author. At The Lodge.

Note: additional loan cupboards are located at
Seniors Outreach Services, at L&A Hospice, and
at Oddfellows. Equipment can be rented at
Medigas, Motion Specialties, Shoppers Home
Health Care and at Kingston Oxygen

BEACON ADS

FOR SALE Kenmore Freezer 12.2 cu ft. Excellent
Condition \$200.00, Ridgid 12 " Compound Miter
Saw with Exactlinetm Laser \$400.00 Inclusive
Two Wheel Stand Excellent Condition, Ridgid
Heavy Duty ½" 2-Speed Hammer Drill \$60.00,
Ridgid Heavy Duty Variable Speed 3" X 21" Belt
Sander Excellent Condition \$80.00 Dewalt 50-
Degree 7-in Corded Circular Saw Excellent
Condition \$120.00 VW Passat - Four Winter tires
on Rims \$600.00 Excellent Condition (used only
for one season) Jobmate 3 Gallon Oil-Free air
Compressor Excellent Condition \$50.00 PLEASE
CALL: 613-634-9280

FOR SALE Wooded,
hilly, 4-acre-plus, waterfront lot next to the Fowler
House. Ask for details. Call Hugh & Claire Jenney
613-384-7830 for an appointment to see the
property.

AMHERST ISLAND CHIROPRACTIC

10650 Front Rd. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
For appointments call 613 328-8892

AMHERST ISLAND STORE

Monday - Friday: 9am - 11:30am; 2:30pm - 5pm
Saturday: 9am - 1pm (Post Office closes at noon)
Sunday: closed ***

MUSEUM AGM Oct. 22 7:00

HARTIN'S PUMPING SERVICE: Septic
Pumping & Inspection 613-379-5672

BETTY'S HOME COOKING

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Market Goodies are available!

Plus if you want a full meal to go... a few days notice and your cooking for company is over.

Call Betty 389-7907

FOOTFLATS FARM ACCOMMODATION:

www.footflats.com (613 634-1212)

Goodman House (waterfront)

- 4 bedrooms, 3 bath

available year round

CHILDCARE Looking for a local reliable childcare professional? Recent Early Childhood Education graduate, Brooke Reid is available to look after your children whenever needed.

Registered with the College of Early Childhood Education First Aid/ CPR certified. Contact Info:

Home: 613-389-4484, Cell: 613-484-9046

I AM NOW SELLING WATKINS PRODUCTS AS WELL AS RAWLEIGH PRODUCTS.

Catalogues available. To place an order call Marie Ward at 613-389-5767 or via email:

bandmward@xplornet.ca

GODDEN'S WHOLE HOG SAUSAGE

We would like to thank our faithful sausage customers on Amherst Island for their continued support of our product. Flavours now include: Salt & Pepper; Honey & Garlic; Sundried Tomato & Oregano; Hot Italian; Sweet Chili & Lime; Maple Breakfast; and Salt & Pepper Breakfast. Now selling packages of 4 sausages!! See more at

thewholehogblog@blogspot.com; Facebook,

"Godden's Whole Hog Sausage"; or, follow us on

"Twitter @Godden Farms". Please call ahead for

large orders, 705-653-5984. With Sincere Thanks,

Lori Caughey & Family.

LOCAL ELECTRICIAN 30yrs exp, \$25 an hour. Also Home Renovations, Tree Removal, Pressure Wash. Call Cary 389-8327.

HELP STILL NEEDED We need the following items for the Lennox and Addington S.P.C.A. Used towels and linens, paper towels and cleaning supplies, pet food, kitty litter, dog and cat toys are always in demand, Canadian Tire coupons and pop cans. There is a large container in my porch for the pop cans and any other items can be left in my porch as well. Thank you for helping to support our animal shelter. Further information needed? Call Freda Youell - 613 384-4135. ***

ISLAND YOGA Call Taggett for more information 613 888-5156

POPLAR DELL FARM BED & BREAKFAST

3190 FRONT ROAD, AMHERST ISLAND

Welcoming guests for over 30 years.

Also, Cottage Rentals and Godden Sausage sales. Call Susie @ 613-389-2012

TOPSY FARMS WOOL SHED 613 389-3444 Wool and sheepskin products including yarn, blankets, crafts, and individual photos, books and booklets by Don Tubb. Open weekends and most weekday mornings. ***

TOPSY FARMS has fresh frozen lamb cuts for sale in the Wool

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COUNCIL REPORT FOR THE REGULAR OCTOBER MEETING

- Chris Kennedy

All of the Council were present.
The minutes of the September
meetings were read.

At a meeting on Sept. 19 a
severance was approved for Bill
Hedges, and M.T.C. was asked to
prepare tenders for gravel
crushing.

The owner of the old Emerald
store could not be at the meeting
to discuss its condition, but hopes
to appear next month.

Three building permits were
issued in September, to Ben Wemp
for a garage, to Sychra for a
storage shed, and to Reid's for an
addition to the barn.

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about the berthage fees with the
Federal Government.

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the ferry when his wife's
mother had a heart attack in
the middle of the night.

Council was happy with the
ditching work the road crew has
been doing this fall. They
still hope to crush rock this
year.

Ed Chadband was granted a
tax reduction for the house he
demolished in the village.

The Township lawyer has been
asked to deal as fast as
possible with the new appeal of
the Miller drain to the
Divisional Court. The extra
one-third grant that was due to
expire in March of 1984 has now
been extended for a year, but
this may not be enough,
considering how long legal
proceedings can drag on.

The Ministry of Revenue is
preparing an exhibit on 200
years of Property Tax and
Assessment, and has asked
Council for copies of
interesting documents it might
have.

Council received a letter
from the Ministry of Natural
Resources about the gravel that
the Nut Island Shooting Club
removed from the beach out past

changing the computer company that sends out its tax bills.

There is a public forum on Waste Management coming up. Apparently the provincial government is still hassling the Township about the dump. The Reeve and Clerk are preparing a brief and hope to present it at the forum. An Official Landfill Site requires special machinery, fencing, a full-time attendant present whenever the site is open, a locked gate and no scavenging.

An Official Dump Site is approximately what we have now with more maintenance. The Province wants us to have an Official Landfill Site, but the cost to the Township is obviously prohibitive. Similar municipalities, such as Howe Island have Dump Sites.

Council then adjourned.

I see from the Board of Education September meeting minutes, that Amherst Island Public School is no longer under consideration for closing, but there still seems to be talk of moving the senior grades to the mainland.

SOCIAL AND RECREATION

-Chester Tugwell, Chairman,
Recreation Committee

In a previous Beacon I mentioned that the Recreation Committee would welcome the opportunity to arrange some type of games night at the school for our adults of all ages. It was explained that for the less active, card games would be acceptable.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Due to a mix-up last month, the school didn't have any news in the Beacon. However we are back for a new year in school with a new teacher, Mrs. Barbara McDonald. The students were all eager to go back to work on Sept. 6.

Here are the grades that the students are in.

Grades K, 1 and 2 taught by Mrs. Forester

K- Heidi Hitchins, Kevin McCormick, Jason Fleming

1- Ricky Bedford, Douglas Gavlas, Jamie Silver, Sarah deHaan, Gordon Thornhill

2- Lorie Caughey, Jason Silver

Grades 3, 4 and 5 taught by Mrs. McDonald

3- Amy Caughey, Chad Miller, Tracey Hitchins

4- Laura Wemp, Sarah McDonald, Robert Eves, Mike Horth, Jeff Forester

5- Sherry Ward, Mike Strain, Hugh Filson, Jeff deHaan, Jamie Thornhill, Peter Horth, Reginald Hitchins

Grades 6, 7 and 8 taught by Mr. Flannigan Principal

6- Shannon Eves, Jamie Miller, Kirk Collins, Adam Miller

7- Steven Ward, Trudy Strain, Donnie Miller, Nick McGinn, Fred Brett, Penny Thornhill, Ricky Welbanks

8- Julie Forester, Leah Murray, John Eves, Paula Collins, Steven Willard,

Jason Silver- Primary Room Rep.

On Wednesday, October 12, the Senior Room students will travel to Tamworth for the annual Soccer Tournament. They hope to bring home a trophy.

There will be more news next month.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Lulu Strain

The August meeting was held at the home of Leslie Gavlas with eleven members and two visitors present.

Georgie Allison, president, conducted the meeting.

The minutes and financial report were read by Lulu Strain in the absence of Phyllis Strain. Several items of business were discussed. Ena Baker, convenor of Canadian Industries, gave an informative talk on the making of glass and a contest on kinds of glass was won by Louise Seaman and Genevieve Fleming.

Lunch prepared by Reta Miller and Jackie Sylvester was enjoyed by all.

The meeting closed with the Queen.

Evelyne Coulson opened her home on September 21st for the monthly meeting of the W.I. The roll call, "A Freedom Guaranteed By Our New Charter of Rights." was answered by nine members and two visitors..

Reports were given by Phyllis Strain concerning the 4H Club and by Marion Glenn on her visit to Selby's 50th anniversary celebration.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

A delicious lunch was served by Jane Miller and Phyllis Strain.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to say a special Thanks to Anne-Marie and Garry Hitchins and family for having such a wonderful surprise birthday supper and to all relatives, neighbours and old neighbours who joined in to make my 70th birthday such a happy occasion and many thanks for the lovely barometer presented to me by all.

Thank you one and all.

Charles Howard

GLEE CLUB TO BE REVIVED

The Glee Club is to be revived with a Sing-a-Long on Monday evening, October 24th at the School.

Anyone, 16 or over, is welcome to come along and join in for some fun and music. It is hoped that all the (former) members as well as new ones will come out.

Any questions? Phone Beth Forester or Jack Kerr.

REID'S HARVEST FEST



L to R in back: Kelly & Maureen McGinn, Rick Bedford, Jim Reid, Lyn & Larry Fleming, Wayne Fleming, In Front: Sandra Reid and Karen Fleming
Photo by Whitney Fleming



Photo by Whitney Fleming



From left to right in the background is Barry Richmond, Sandra Reid and Karen Felming time keeping, Debbie Scott, Meghan Ashley and Talia Fleming. Then Keith is sitting on the log, with Jim Reid and Jake Murray sawing. Photo by Whitney Fleming.



Dan Simpson's Band **Country Rhythm**

Photo by Judy Bierma



Vicki Keith, Sally Bowen, Janet Grace, Michele LeLay, Diane Pearce. (Photo by Brian Little)

THANKSGIVING SWIM

Another open water swimming season is slowly coming to an end. The water is still above 60, but it is getting more difficult to find the time to balance the needs and responsibilities of coaching with my desire to be in the lake. Thanks Sally Bowen for being my swimming partner. On the days I wasn't sure I could make the time, your enthusiasm reminded me that it is important to take time to ourselves.

It was 42 years ago that I engaged in my first cold water swim. I was 10 years old. We were at the cottage for Thanksgiving and a family friend, Neville Lewis mentioned to my dad that his son Allan was going to go for a water ski. I immediately asked if we could go too. My dad agreed. He later explained to me that the best way to do something like this was with a smile and complete enthusiasm.

The next day we got into the boat and headed out into the lake. The wind was brisk and the water temp was about 15 degrees Celsius. Allan put one toe in the lake and immediately came to his senses and said there was no way he was going to get in the lake. I on the other hand climbed into the lake with a smile, ignoring the bite of the water. I put on my water skis, grabbed the rope and waited for the line to become taut. I yelled "Hit it" the engine gunned and I was skied around the lake once and dropped the rope. I

pulled out of the water and into the even cooler air. I slid back into the water which now felt warm in comparison to the pins and needles of the October wind cutting into me.

The boat came around to pick me up and as I climbed out of the water I looked at my dad and Neville and said "can we go get ice cream?" I saw pride in my dad's eyes as we headed across the lake to Brown's Marina and Convenience store. I walked up to the store in my towel and bathing suit and the owners of the store were so entertained that they didn't charge me for the treat.

So started a tradition. 41 years of water skiing or swimming on Thanksgiving. There was however one year that I was sick on Thanksgiving so 3 weeks later, as snow flakes gently drifted from the sky, I jumped in and skied around the lake. I count that ski to bring my tradition to 42 years.

This year, I was thrilled to be joined in the lake by Sally [Sally Jane Bowen](#), Janet Grace, [Michèle Le Lay](#) and [Diane Pearce](#). Thanks ladies for joining me. The swim was way more fun with you!!