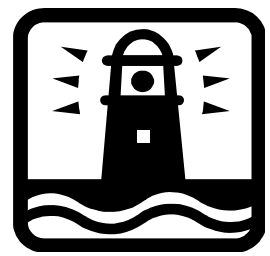


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Message from the Editor
Judy Bierma

Many thanks to all the people who submitted photos and write-ups on activities on the Island and travels of Islanders. Please submit a caption for the photos if you want the people identified. Tell people that the Beacon is available on the Amherst Island Home Page. Thanks to David Pickering for formatting the Beacon and putting it on the Amherst Island Home Page



News from CJAI
By Eric Tremblay

Amherst Island Radio is a vibrant place. It's one of the most unique independent radio stations in Canada. Not only is it situated in an island paradise, but it is 100% volunteer-run and 100% non-profit. A very rare combination for a radio station! Dozens of volunteers young and old from Amherst Island, Loyalist Township, Kingston and beyond sustain the round-the-clock operation 7 days a week and 365 days a year. The volunteer team is always growing as the impact of Amherst Island Radio on the region continues to grow. The key timeslots on the

schedule are the "morning shows". Janet Scott and Keith Miller provide the fun on Tuesdays with their show "150 Years Made in Canada". Dan Simpson starts your day off right on Thursday with his show "Island Sunrise", and Brian Little tantalizes listeners on the "Friday Morning Show". The cornerstone Udder Morning Show on Monday mornings is undergoing changes as long-time hosts Susan Filson and Dayle Gowan are both stepping down. Lastly, Jack Little who was hosting the popular "Meet me in the Morning" show on Saturdays has also recently stepped down to accept new opportunities. As a result, we are currently looking for broadcasters to take over the popular slots on Monday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday mornings. Calling all early birds! If you have interests like coffee, community, music or talk, then maybe hosting a morning show is for you! No experience necessary and the volunteer team will give you all the support and training that you need. To discuss the possibilities please contact Eric Tremblay, President and Program Director (eric.tremblay23@gmail.com or 613-530-6238). Join us while we keep growing as Eastern Ontario's premiere independent radio station - it's a lot of fun!

2018 Amherst Island Radio AGM

By Eric Tremblay



Brian Little – award winner

In recognition of Brian Little's 12-year volunteer commitment to the operation of Amherst Island Radio 92.1 FM, this Fall he is being inducted into the Volunteer Wall of Fame. He is only the third person to receive this honour and he joins Ellis Wolfreys and Dayle Gowan, recipients in 2016 and 2017, respectively. Join us at 7pm Wednesday November 14th at the Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre as we celebrate Brian's contribution during the Amherst Island Radio Annual General Meeting. All are welcome! Come and enjoy some snacks too!

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Getting Older on Amherst Island

By Judy Greer

"Senior" is a term usually used for the 65+ crowd but more and more "seniors" benefits such as discounts in stores are extended to the older adult group, usually 55 Plus. Murray Beckel at the Loyalist Township office recently shared details from the 2016 Canadian Census specific to Amherst Island. The report says the 2016 Total Population was 420. There were 160 people over 65yrs (38%), 90 people between 55 and 65 yrs (21%), making 59% of island residents being older adults. In August the Seniors Outreach Services (SOS) brochure was circulated by the Amherst Island Community Coalition to remind residents about where to go for support services. That organization is funded by the Ontario Government to provide these specific services in L&A County including Amherst Island.

In Stella I counted 55 residences, 71% of which house older adults, -surprisingly high. As I go for walks in the village I am struck by the barriers for seniors trying to get around, stay active and healthy. Sidewalks are difficult to navigate, there are few

benches and ramps.

Anyone wishing to have input into planning a more age-friendly island please contact me at woodyandjudy@hotmail.com.

Harvest Fest

Karen Fleming

Photo by Karen Fleming

It was a beautiful day in the neighborhood for the 15th Annual Harvest Festival held at Reidview Farms on Front Road. Crowd enthusiasm and participation was at an all-time high this year as everyone enjoyed music by Dan Simpson and The Islanders, the Rec Committee's burgers and a piece of pie from our famous pie makers here on Amherst Island. The Brown Bag auction was an overwhelming success again this year with the crowd eagerly outbidding one another for a chance to take home some of the finest baking and canning around. Everyone was fascinated with Keith's apple press demonstration and enjoyed a sample of apple cider. As always, the chickens, cattle, horses and sheep on display, as well as the fire trucks and machinery, were a big hit with young and old alike.

4-H participants showed their calves again this year as people listened attentively to the judge and joined in placing the calves.

A special thanks to all those who baked pie, made brown bags, donated to the raffle or brought livestock. Harvestfest would not be the success it is without you.

All proceeds from this year's Harvestfest go to support Amherst Island Public School and the County 4-H as they head off to the Royal Winter Fair. We wish them all the very best.

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Gary and friend – photo by Karen Fleming



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Keith Miller making cider by Karen Fleming



Brown Bag Auction by Karen Fleming



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Barb Reid at the sales table by Paul Juniper



Susie Caughey and Anna Townend by Andrea Cross



Janet Scott with Tokyo by Andrea Cross



Laurene Kilpatrice & customers with her display of soaps by Andrea Cross



Emergency Services by Paul Juniper

AIMS – September meeting

By Hugh Jenney

11 members sat down together to enjoy a delightful breakfast provided for us by grandmother Beth Forester who volunteered for our school children's 8th grade graduation trip fund.

Lacking an educational speaker, we all enjoyed a round table discussion including the following:

Hugh Jenney suggested that we send out an Island letter telling everybody all the good things that we are doing to make our community the place we all want to live in and asking our new arrivals for help. The membership thinks that asking newcomers to join AIMS would be more effective. This we agreed to do.

Nathan Townend was thrilled to learn that Dave McGinn is willing to take over as president at our next meeting October 13 at St. Paul's.

Our treasurer reported that we have money in the bank and our AIMS table is doing well recycling good stuff.

Mark Raymond has been manning the table for many years now and he wants help. Dave Pickering stepped up and said he would continue to deliver and retrieve the float as usual. Woody helps out in a pinch too. Call Mark 343 364 0835 to offer your assistance.

Dave and Michael have worked many Saturdays on the AIMS table. Dave informed us that many items move quickly. In and out the same day. We have only been rained out one day and even that day we were able to sell from Noel's shed. Allen Caughey allows us to use his shed for our wagon during the winter. Janet Grace allows us to use her shed during the summer just for storage.

Our turnout has been poor because nobody has called to remind members of the meeting. Hugh Jenney agreed to get up a calling committee. He needs a second member to half the load. Please call him at 384 7830 to volunteer. If you like to talk with our members, this is a job for you. Don Pepper is in Oshawa now and he is still alive and kicking doing dialysis three times a week.

Dave Pickering agreed to advertise AIMS on Facebook so let's hope we get new members from there.

John Harrison came in after breakfast, but still donated his \$10.00 to "a good cause" as he said. He loved working on the AI Museum garden, but he is

moving off the Island and needs to pass the care onto another person who loves gardening. Many people stop by to thank him during the week and he loves it. Call him 613 929 5176 to offer your assistance.

The AI Agricultural Society now has 40 members and they are looking for a donation from us to help pay for their approximately \$1200 liability insurance costs. This is on the October 13 agenda.

Dave Pickering read off our paid-up membership members. They totalled 22. We would like to get up to 40 too. Ask your newcomer neighbour to join us in making our Island a great place to live.

Harold Redekopp reminded us that all AI taxpayers can vote by proxy or on line. There are 600 voters listed on the electoral lists. They should be alerted to the fact that they can vote.

Our municipal election is on October 22. It was suggested that Bill McKee may be our guest speaker at our October 13th meeting.

I hope to see you then.

Transportation: Dave Pickering has been doing all the off Island driving to help our Islanders stay on the Island. He likes helping in this way and we all appreciate his good works.



Janet's Jottings

by Janet Scott

Sometimes it takes the eyes of another to “remove the scales from our eyes”, (Acts 9) and then we can really see. In this biblical sense it has come to mean we are able to truly understand. As I stood in the parking lot at St. Paul's one afternoon lately I was made aware of the beauty of the view in front of me by none other than John Schram, our resident and sometimes semi-retired Ambassador. John has probably seen the views in more countries of the world than we can ever imagine, certainly a great many on the continent of Africa, and yet was moved by the view across those fields stretching away to the west. We are so blessed. Our fields are not war-torn or flooded or crowded with tents and make-shift dwellings. We are at peace. Even the power of Nature does not rip up our grasslands or flood our homes or shake us and bury us in mud. Yes, we have seen the highest water levels in the Great Lakes in 100 years, we suffered several months two years ago without significant rain but we still ate well, slept safely and were alive. We are so blessed. Our basements flooded, our shorelines eroded, and our trees were blown over but our community received help from others. The scales were removed, and I began to meditate on the beauty of creation around us.

Gazing across the land made me remember a poem I memorized in Grade 7. That would be back in the dinosaur era of 1954. Why I can remember these poems and quote them but can't remember your name or where I left my glasses is beyond me? My High School English teacher, Mrs. McVicar said that as you got older, she was probably 60, all that you had learned piled up in your head and you had to shuffle through a lot of file folders to find what you wanted to remember. I like to think it's all there and I just must find it.

Leisure

**WHAT is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare?—
No time to stand beneath the boughs,
And stare as long as sheep and cows:
No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass:
No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night:
No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance:**

No time to wait till her mouth can

Enrich that smile her eyes began?

A poor life this if, full of care,

We have no time to stand and stare.

This poem was written by William Henry Davis born in Wales in 1871 and died in 1940. We could say he is partly Canadian as he lost a foot jumping a train in Canada. He left the Klondike and returned to make his home in London as a pedlar and married in 1923. He wrote poems about Nature and a popular book called “Autobiography of a Super- Tramp”. I could see him trudging country roads like the Second Concession and stopping to talk to the cows as they stood in the shade and chewed their cud.

Stop moving one of these days and just gaze across any concession. The beauty is there in its own time and season. Lately have you watched the Monarch Butterflies flitting across the fields searching for nectar? Four generations ago they left one special place in Mexico and travelled north until the generation hatching now knows that it needs to migrate back to Mexico for the winter. A miracle? Evolution? A Master's creation? Ask Anders Bennick where his Purple Martins have gone and he'll tell you about his Island to Island study and watch his eyes light up and you will see the love he has for these tiny feathered friends. Have you noticed the teasels growing sturdily across the road from Mrs. Eaves' house. Survivors from a pioneer planting that needed teasels to card the wool. Prickly, don't hurt yourself but admire their tenacity. See the pampas grass growing behind Chelsea and Andrew's house. A plant, brought to this country to beautify someone's garden and then settled down to plant itself with the help of the wind in a most unlikely spot. Watch the Bobolinks in their sporty reverse tuxedos sporting a bright yellow pompom on the back of their heads. They sang their happy bubbling songs in our pastures most of the summer. The shortening daylight has already sent them migrating south. They gather in Connecticut and plunge bravely, all 1.5 ounces (42 grams) into the winds to cross to Columbia non-stop in Hurricane season.

Not long ago, thanks to the kindness of Barb and Susan Filson, Bonnie Livingstone and I had a chance to meet a Great Horned Owl up very close and personal. They called us as it seemed to be in difficulty and we delivered it to Sandy Pines Rehabilitation Centre. As I tucked it into a tote and Bonnie covered it I saw for the first time how the

nicitating membrane worked in an Owl's eye. I may never see that again. Many creatures have this extra eyelid. The lizard's keeps its eye moist and sand out. The ocean creature keeps salt water out of its eye. The owl can see through it while hunting its prey but still doesn't need to blink as we do in order to moisten the eye.

The wonders of Nature are all around us. Stop and stare. Let the scales fall from your eyes and see the wonderful world we live in. We are so blessed!

Update tonight (Wed 19 Sep,) from Sue Meech at Sandy Pines. The Great Horned owl is sitting up and eating mice. Still being hand fed but getting stronger. Hurrah!



In early September, Bev Harris and Janet Grace had a lovely visit to Les Iles de la Madeleine. They enjoyed the beauty, but decided to forgo the excellent kite-surfing.

All photos by Bev Harris



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Special Events

Saturday, October 13th, 2018, 7PM to midnight
Amherst Island Public School

Come and help celebrate the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Brian and Marie Ward.



Light buffet, cash bar, Best Wishes only please.

Saturday Nov. 17, 10:00 to 2:00

St. Paul's Christmas Bazaar

Please mark November 17th on your calendar to celebrate Christmas Shopping Day on Amherst Island. At our community centre, the Public School, you will be treated to a wonderful homemade lunch, served between 11:00 and 1:00, of soup or chili, roll and apple crisp for just \$5.00 and enjoy the one stop shopping experience which includes, crafts, baking, books, silent auction, door prize draw and the amazing Treasures' Boutique.

Don't forget to visit the other shopping venues open that weekend on Amherst Island.

For information call Janet Scott 613-389-4608 or Carol Glen 613-384-7480.



Because I like the picture – DAP

Photo by Brian Little