

I would like to nominate Mrs. Helen VanBrenk for the Dan Moore Memorial Community Volunteer Award for the year of 2007.

Sometimes in the shadow of her husband Rein, those people in the community who know Helen know this just isn't true, though Helen does like to keep in the background of the clubs and groups she belongs to. For those of you who don't know Helen she was born in Australia and came to Canada to go to school to become a nurse here. She met her husband Rein here in Canada; they fell in love and started a family. They operate VanBrenk Fruit Farm in South Dutton/Dunwich with their family. Her helping and caring nature has continued throughout the years and she is an immeasurable asset to our community.

Helen has been a Wallacetown Optimist member since 1990, has helped in the creation of organized soccer for the children of the community and is a member of the Wallacetown Women's Institute. She does a wonderful job keeping track of different functions provided by the Optimist Club and the Institute via her picture taking, clipping of newspaper articles and the gathering of information. She also spearheaded the Tweedsmuir History of Wallacetown Community Book by the Institute.

I am not sure what we would do without Helen's sense of humor and her no nonsense attitude which we have all come to know and love. We are lucky to have such a dedicated volunteer in our community and look forward to many years of volunteerism from Helen. Thank you Helen for all your hard work in the community and for your enormous heart and dedication.

Written By Amarilis Drouillard
June 2007.

History of the Dutton / Dunwich Adult Club

Late 1979 - Early 2000

I found it very interesting going through the scrap books.

On Dec. 12, 1979, 84 members and friends attended a delicious turkey dinner at the community centre, served by the St. John's Church ladies. Roy Jewell introduced Andy McLaren, of the Ont. Ministry of Housing, who urged everyone to fill out the confidential questionnaire, so it could be known who was in need of "geared to income" housing. Spence Bobier was master of ceremonies for a variety show, which included the newly formed "rhythm band", organized by Mary Manchester and Verna McCready. This consisted of Harold and Lillian Lunn, Annie Brown, Mary Manchester, Veda Berryhill, Russ and Bev Green, Fanny Affleck, Frieda Mallot, Leone Graham, Verna McCready, Alma Webster, Emma Jewell and Florence Bennett as pianist. Other entertainment included a duet by Harold and Lillian Lunn, John Howe with his Hawaiian guitar, dancers, Mary Manchester, Marie Randall, Bev Green and Veda Berryhill and accordian selections by Jim Webster.

The 1980 election of officers was: Pres., Robertson Cameron, ^{WE THINK HE WAS THE 1ST PRES.} Sec.-Treas., John Howe, press reporter, Fanny Affleck, crafts, Mrs. Garnet Cowell, Mrs. Russ Green and Mrs. Leone Graham. Spence Bobier was in charge of bus trips. Meeting at the Memorial Hall every Monday at 2 pm for crafts, ^{AT CRAFT SALE} they raised \$830.36. They also had a draw for 4 items, including a quilt, and the winning tickets were drawn by Reeve Derek Farthing. On Wednesday's, up to 40 would attend for cards and lunch.

A pot luck dinner on July 2nd was attended by 70 members with entertainment provided by their own members.

February, 1981, the Adult Club were guests of the Shedden Golden Age Seniors Club with 14 tables of progressive euchare and thanks expressed by Alan Crawford.

In 1981 a visitation program was established by the Adult Club with volunteers from the various churches. It started with names of 35

seniors who might appreciate a visit. Volunteer drivers took seniors to Elgin Manor for the benefit of a whirlpool bath, foot care and dinner for just \$2.00. The seniors loved this outing.

July picnics were held for many years at Verna McCready's in New Glasgow Park. [Up to 35 attended for enjoyable afternoons and picnic suppers.]

In the fall of 1981, many seniors entered crafts and hand writing of the "Lord's Prayer" with several winners at the Wallacetown Fair.

On April 8th, 1983, a seniors dance was enjoyed by many at the Wallacetown Hall. The Lunn Orchestra presented old time music.

On June 29th, 1983, about 50 members attended a pot luck dinner when a Kitchener man and woman showed slides on Golden Age Travel. The following September, a bus trip was enjoyed to the Kitchener - Elmira area.

December 1st, 1983, a busload of seniors travelled to St. Anne's Parish Hall, St. Thomas, for an enjoyable Christmas Party which included a program and dance. Refreshments were served by McDonald's, and door prizes were won by Annie Redmond and Wallace Clark.

In 1983, chairperson, Verna McCready welcomed everyone to the December 1st Christmas Dinner. The program included the Lunn Orchestra, Sharon Pal and Jim Harrison, Phylliss McDonald and Mary Manchester and Fergus Cron.

The 1984 election of officers was: Pres., Robertson Cameron, Sec.-Treas., Spence Bobier, [craft leaders, Marg Cowell, Leone Graham and Lillian Fryer,] and quilt convenor, Isobel Percival.

In May, a bus trip to the Bruce Nuclear Power Plant at Tiverton was enjoyed by all.

A bus load enjoyed the Spring Seniors Party at St. Anne's Hall, St. Thomas, where they were entertained by Bell Ringers and Dancers.

In September, 1984, 48 people boarded the bus for the Big Creek Boat Farm in Caledonia.

On December 5th, 1984, a Christmas Dinner and program was enjoyed. Entertainment was provided by the "Gloom Chasers" from Belmont. Even Santa made an appearance.

The 1985 annual meeting took place on February 4th with 20 in attendance. Officers elected were Pres., Lillian Lunn, Sec., Annie Cameron, Treas., Spence Bobier, Ass. Treas., Leone Graham, card convenor, Isobel Percival, [crafts, Marg Cowell, Lillian Fryer, Leone Graham] quilt convenor, Isobel Percival, membership convenor, Mae Graham and press reporter, Fanny Affleck. Membership fee was \$1.00.

Plans were made to have a birthday party the first Monday of each month. Isobel Percival sent 70 get well, sympathy and birthday cards in 1984.

In February, 1985, a bus trip was enjoyed to the evening show "Ice Capades" in Kitchener, arriving home about 1:15 am.

On March 16th, 1985, the play "Spinoff" was enjoyed by 48 members at Arthur Voaden Secondary School in St. Thomas.

On April 10th, 1985, a card party was held at the Community Centre. 20 tables included guests from Shedden Adult Club and surrounding area.

Over 60 attended a pot luck dinner on September 4th, 1985, at the Town Hall, to begin the fall season of crafts, quilting and cards.

October 11th, 1985, a mystery bus trip took place with stops at the Greenview Aviaries, dinner at St. Joachim, Colasanti's at Ruthven and Jack Miners, with supper at the Chatham Mall.

1986 Annual Meeting took place on February 5th in the Council Chambers. Officers were Pres., Lillian Lunn, Vice-Pres., Dessie Cook, Treas., Spence Bobier, Sec., Annie Cameron, cards, Helen McLaughlin, quilts, Lillian Lunn and Dessie Cook and press reporter,

May Hull.

1986

That summer 65 enjoyed a pot luck supper as guests of Verna McCready at New Glasgow Park. After supper they were entertained by a group called The Key of H Orchestra (including Jack Keown of Ridgetown and Bud and Mary Horne of Fort Meyers, Florida.)

That November a succesful Christmas Bazaar was hald at the Town Hall with draw winners being Helen Ashby (quilt), Ethel McPherson (cushion), Alice Morrish (stole).

December 3rd, 1986, the Christmas dinner was catered by St. John's UCW. 130 seniors enjoyed old time music by Roy and Les Lunn, sister Marion McIntyre and Harold Dill. Terry Heeney showed two Christmas slides.

December 10th, 1986, they travelled to Hamilton to see the Geritol Follies. The Best Western in Niagara held supper, after which they travelled accross the border to view the lights over the falls. Then came back and viewed them on the Canadian side, a late night home.

December 11th a bus load again left for St. Anne's Parish Hall, where they enjoyed a Christmas program with Father Costello as Master of Ceremonies and then music and dancing.

March 18th, 1987, a bus trip to the Irish Frolic, held in the huge Bingeman Park Building at Kitchener, where 1500 people sat down to a smorgsbord meal of Irish Food.

On May 8th, 1987, a seniors tournament was held at the Community Centre with participants taking part in bridge, cribbage, lawn bowling and shuffleboard.

In September, 1987, 50 seniors attended a pot luck dinner in the room formally used by the Dutton Library Board.

September 17th, 1987, a busload of seniors enjoyed a mystery tour to New Dundee, Kitchener, Waterloo and St. Jacobs.

December 3rd they again travelled to St. Anne's Centre, St.

Thomas, for an enjoyable evening of dance and skits performed by an all woman cast. The remainder of the evening was spent dancing and talking over light refreshments. Favours were won by Louie Lackey and Phyllis McDonald.

On December 9th, 1987, the Adult Club enjoyed a trip to the Geritol Follies, with a turkey dinner served at the Royal Connaught Hotel of Hamilton. On the way home, supper was held at Abby's in Simcoe, where a guide came on the bus to make commentary on Simcoe's Christmas Lights.

On December 21st, Christmas dinner was held at the Community Centre. Entertainment was provided by the Lunn Orchestra. Louie Lackey sang and played her keyboard, and 2 films were shown by Terry Heeney.

The 1988 annual meeting was again held at the Dutton Council Chambers with the elected officers being: Pres., Lillian Lunn, Vice, Dessie Cook, Sec.-press reporter., May Hull, Treas., Leone Graham, cards, Helen McLaughlin, bus trips, Leone Graham and Lillian Lunn, quilts, Dessie Cook and Lillian Lunn and the Recreational Committee, Marie Randall, Carm Dawdy, Doug Lyons and Terry Heeney.

Terry Heeney has shown many films over the years, on his interesting trips all over the world, and also films of interesting people and topics.

April 23, 1988, a busload travelled to Bingeman Park, Kitchener, to attend the Scottish Festival and smorgasbord served to an audience of 1500 people.

In May, they enjoyed a film of Canadian painter, Robert Bateman, and in June, the Life of Emily Carr were the topics at the birthday parties.

At June's pot luck dinner, Eileen and Leslie Osmond gave a demonstration on line dancing. On August 5th about 50 attended a seniors picnic, with Verna McCready at New Glasgow, when the Osmonds conducted another demonstration of line dancing, with the audience participating. This resulted in joining other dancers at the Community Centre on Thursdays at 1pm for further instructions.

On December 1st, a bus load again spent the evening at St. Anne's Centre for a program and dancing where over 600 attended from the surrounding area.

On December 7th, the Dutton-Dunwich Adult Club winds up a successful year with the Christmas Dinner. The program consisted of Lillian Lunn, Louie Lackey, on her keyboard, Doreen Baldwin, a comedian from St. Thomas and line dancing by the Dutton Delights.

In 1989, the elected officers were: Pres., Lillian Lunn, Vice, Dorothea Jewell, Sec.-press reporter, May Hull and Treas., Leone Graham.

In April, May and June the club enjoyed slides by Jean Turner and Marion Duncanson of their trip to Scotland, England and Europe.

In October and November, Terry and Elise Heeney treated the group with slides of their trip to Morocco.

END OF 80's THIS CONCLUDES THE 1980's.

In 1990 films were enjoyed by all. Terry Heeney showed *A FILM OF* Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip on their 1973 visit to P.E.I. [a film on New Zealand's "Patterns of the Wild", depicting a day in the life of a fox, and a film by the Ont. Ministry of Food and Agriculture, dedicated to the families of farmers past and present.

In June, a pot luck was held with guest speaker, Ron Campigotto (our own pharmacist), speaking on drugs, with the use of slides.

The Bobier Home invited the card players in to play euchare for the summer months.

December 5th, the Christmas dinner was held with *RND* Rev. Evelyn McLachlan saying Grace. That year 300 Dutton School children of all ages provided a program of Christmas and humerous numbers, under the capable guidance of Karen Sloetjes, aided by various teachers.

The 1991 Annual Meeting saw the membership raised to \$2.00 per year.

May, 1991, Jean Turner and Marion Duncanson entertained with films showing scenes of their cruise up the coast of British Columbia to Alaska.

In November, Terry Heeney entertained, showing the film of his motor trip to Quebec and Prince Edward Island.

1992, Dutton-Dunwich Adult Club elected officers: Pres., Dorothea Jewell, Vice, Louie Lackey, Sec.-press reporter, May Hull and Treas., Leone Graham.

The "Wonder of Wellness" program was held the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the adult rooms.

1992 the Dutton-Dunwich Adult Club moved down the street, to 169 Main St., with a 5 year lease. The club contacted the federal government, with hopes to receive a New Horizons Grant, which would cover an 18 month period and then a provincial grant to take over from there. *NEW HORIZON GRANT WAS RECEIVED*

In 1993, Maxine Campbell was thanked for making posters which she is still making to this day. Thanks.

On February 17, 1993, Dutton-Dunwich Adult Club members held a Sweetheart Rock-a-Thon to raise ^{HOPEFULLY} \$1200 for activites and the clubs new building at 169 Main St. C.F.P.L. T.V. came to interview members and they were on TV that night.

June, 1993, at the birthday party, Rita Bouw told how volunteers for the Blood Clinic place calls to 15 or 20 people on the list the night before the clinic.

Steve Timmermans ^{WAS PRESENT TO} answered enquiries regarding Dutton's Recycle Program.

Dan and Janet McKillop, the supervisors of the New Caledonia Gardens, explained the set up of the complex scheduled to open August 1st, 1993.

BUT ^{BY THE TIME} By March 2nd, 1994 another move was made to 185 Main St.

Dutton, where we meet now. Ken Wilson chaired a meeting to discuss matters pertaining to the new meeting place, after which Terry Heeney showed his film on a 6-day trip to Branson.

In May 1994, Myron Angus presented the club with a pair of aluminum ramps for wheel chair access to the building.

Officers for 1995 were: Pres., Louie Lackey. Vice, Catherine Ford, Sec.-press reporter, May Hull, Treas., Jane Martin, quilts, Dessie Cook and Bea Oke and membership, May Graham.

Mary Francis O'Hagen entertained the club with slides of her trip to Mexico. She and her family spent 9 months travelling in 1989.

Early 1995 the Dutton-Dunwich Adult Club was asked to conduct a mail campaign for the Ontario March of Dimes. The club stuffed envelopes and mailed them out. Louie Lackey forwarded the money to the March of Dimes when it came in and mailed out tax receipts to the donors. This was done for 8 years.

In January, 1995, Terry Heeney reported he had contacted Jack and Ralph Affleck to possibly start a dart league which is still doing good.

The 1996 Annual Meeting elected officers: Pres., Louie Lackey, Sec., May Hull, Ass. Sec., Joyce Lundy, Treas., Jane Martin, and press reporter, Joyce Lundy.

1996
The Shun Pikers made a stop in Dutton on Mother's Day and asked if the Adult Club would open their doors for a coffee stop. They displayed a room full of beautiful quilts.

On July 24th, 1996, our club sponsored the "Bobby Rae Dinner and Show" at the Community Centre. Net proceeds went to the Dutton-Dunwich Adult Club.

October, 1996, members of the Dutton-Dunwich Adult Club gathered pledges for a Rock-a-thon in support of the New Bobier Home and raised \$1581. This was held in the Adult Club rooms.

January 8th, 1997, a distinguished member of the Adult Club,

Mae Graham, celebrated her 90th birthday, with a party held by her nieces and nephews, at the Wallacetown St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. In honour of this happy occasion, she asked for your presence and a monetary gift to be directed by her to the Bobier Home Building Fund would be appreciated. A good sum was given to the Building Fund chair person, Leta West.

January 22nd, 1997, officers elected were: Pres., Louie Lackey, Vice, Jack Affleck, Sec., Joyce Lundy, Treas., Shirley Affleck.

In June, those attending the birthday party enjoyed a video of settlers to this area of Canada from Scotland in the early 1800's. At this meeting it was decided to buy a VCR, television and stand for use in the future.

On June 25th, 1997, Bill Hull, founder of Williams Klowns for Kids, officially retired. In the 10 years that the Klowns had supported the Children's Miracle Network Telethon, they donated \$11, 276.04.

September, 1997, the Adult Club sponsored my granddaughter, Kelly Lackey, in the Wallacetown Fair Ambassador Competition. She came in second. *BUT WENT ON TO BE PRESIDENT OF THE FAIR IN 2003*

January, 1998, began "Foot Care" services. The 2nd Monday afternoon of each month started at the Adult Rooms.

In October members attended a Dave Hoy dinner show at Wonderland.

1999 was the "International Year of Older Persons" in recognition of the worlds rapidly aging population. (Special events throughout the year would be planned, keeping in mind the theme, "Canada, A Society for all Ages".) A special event was planned for seniors of Elgin at the St. Thomas Seniors Centre where a number from Dutton attended. Then again in July to Pinafore Park for the Seniors Picnic from 9 am to 4 pm with entertainment. Local seniors were honoured with awards from Elgin MPP Peter North and the Province of Ontario. Recipients were: Louie Lackey, on behalf of the Adult Club, Madeline Farthing, MPP Award, Ruth Wight, Provincial Award, Derek Farthing, Provincial and Military Award, Rena Campbell, Provincial Award, Terry Heeney and Verna McCreedy,

MPP Awards for work with the Adult Club and volunteering at the Bobier Villa.

Seniors from this area were recognized for their contributions to the community, namely Terry Heeney, Agnes Gosnell, Dessie Cook and Verna McCready.

In 1999 it was decided to discontinue birthday cards to all the members, only special occasions were to receive a card.

In December, 118 seniors sat down to a Christmas dinner served by St. John's Church and the Nostalgic Theatre of London entertained with skits and songs.

The January birthday party had Gilbert Bouw as guest speaker. He spoke on Fire Safety and how fire fighting has changed over the years.

February 8th, 2000, a number of the Adult Club attended the Tommy Hunter Show at Centennial Hall, London.

The Dutton-Dunwich Adult Club Social Afternoon had Deanna Lees (formerly of Dutton) speak on behalf of "Jewel International" about Health Care Aide.

This is my part in the history of the Dutton-Dunwich Adult Club. They have enjoyed a very interesting and active 20 years that I have reported on.

*By
Louie Lackey*

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

**95th Anniversary of the
Wallacetown Womens Institute**

Thursday, May 03, 2007

At

**South Dunwich Community Hall
Wallacetown, Ontario**

**A FORMAL GRANDMOTHER'S TEA
AT 1:00 P.M.**

**All Members of W.I. – Former Members
Grandmothers or Grandmothers-to-be
Are Invited to Attend**

RSVP – by April 15/07 – Louie 519-762-5495

*Guest Speaker - Pastor Diane Macpherson
Special Music for your Entertainment*





Kathy Minnema.



Sally M'Intyre Gladys Graham.



Donis Barber.

Wallacetown WI turns 95

Homage paid to grandmothers during celebration

By SUN MEDIA
WALLACETOWN — Ninety-five years of the Wallacetown Women's Institute were celebrated May 3.

About 100 women from institutes across Elgin county enjoyed tea, snacks and fun at the Wallacetown Hall.

The first meeting of the institute was actually held July 3, 1912, but was celebrated in May as it no longer holds meetings in the summer.

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She was thrilled when she became a member of the institute in her late teenage years.

She was looking forward to hearing two youths, Janine and Kelly Noorloos, who played violins for the crowd.

Along with the anniversary festivities, the

meeting celebrated grandmothers.

The roll call was: What is something that has changed since your grandma's day?

While membership is down to 14 from 34 in the 1960s, younger blood is joining.

Current treasurer and meeting organizer, Louie Lackey, reiterated the institute motto: Working for Home and Country.

"We have a lot of fun times," she says, recalling trips to "places you wouldn't go on your own," and working on countless fundraisers for the community and hall.

Warden Lynne Acre and Dutton/Dunwich Mayor Bonnie Vowel presented Wallacetown Women's Institute with a plaque to mark its 95 years.



Warden Lynne Acre, left, and Dutton/Dunwich Mayor Bonnie Vowel, right, present Wallacetown WI president Helen Van Breuk with a plaque on behalf of the County of Elgin in recognition of institute's 95th anniversary. (Sun Media photo)

Lynne Acre, Helen VAN BREUK, Bonnie Vowel.





Janine and Kelly Noorloos
playing violins for the crowd.

Mum on piano.

America's Drouillard



Dot Monteith

Helon Van Boenk



Louise
Lachey.



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Jeff Kempenaar
Staff

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Wallacetown W.I. 95

JEFF KEMPENAAR/THE CHRONICLE

Some of the current Wallacetown Women's Institute officers: Louie Lackey, Darlene Ford, Helen Van Brenk, Ruby McGugan, Kay Waite, Amarilis Droquillard, Sally McIntyre, Doris Barber, Kathy Minnema and Gladys Graham. *Joan Johnston*

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Warden Lynne Acre

May 3rd 2007



Bringing greetings:

Mayor Bonnie Vowel



William A. McLandress

From: "Ellen Howe"
Sent: April 23, 2007 9:20 PM
Subject: Fw: First Grade Logic

*Motto - Children help to keep a smile on
 "your", "our", faces and a song in our heart.*

**THESE ARE JUST REALLY GREAT . . . KIDS BRING US BACK TO REALITY
 NOW AND THEN!!**

A first grade school teacher in Virginia had 25 students in her class. She presented each child in her classroom the first half of a well-known proverb and asked it to come up with the remainder of the proverb. It's hard to believe these were actually done by first graders. Their insight may surprise you. While reading, keep in mind that these are first graders, 6-year-olds, because the last one is a classic!

1. Don't change horses.....until they stop running. *in mid stream*
2. Strike while the.....bug is close. *iron is hot.*
3. It's always darkest before.....Daylight Saving Time. *the dawn*
4. Never underestimate the power of.....termites. *of a woman*
5. You can lead a horse to water but.....how? *of speech the pen?*
6. Don't bite the hand that.....looks dirty. *you can't make it drink.*
7. No news is.....impossible. *feeds you*
8. A miss is as good as aMr. *good news.*
9. You can't teach an old dog newmath. *but tricks*
10. If you lie down with dogs, you'll.....stink in the morning. *—*
11. Love all, trust.....me. *no one*
12. The pen is mightier than the.....pigs. *sword.*
13. An idle mind is.....the best way to relax. *fire*
14. Where there's smoke there's.....pollution.
15. Happy is the bride who.....gets all the presents.
16. A penny saved is.....not much. *earned.*
17. Two's company, three'sthe Musketeers. *a crowd*
18. Don't put off till tomorrow what.....you put on to go to bed. *what you can do today.*
19. Laugh & the whole world laughs with you, cry & ... you have to blow your nose. *you cry alone*
20. There are none so blind as.....Stevie Wonder.
21. Children should be seen and not.....spanked or grounded. *heard.*
22. If at first you don't succeed.....get new batteries. *try, try again*
23. You get out of something only what you see in the picture on the box. *put into it*
24. When the blind lead the blind.....get out of the way.

And the WINNER and last one!

25. Better late than..... pregnant. *never*

Jean M'Landress meeting Sept 6th 2007