

Alumni News

Edition No. 100

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MEMBERSHIP

Couples (106)	212
Singles	32
Widows	20
TOTAL	264

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The Port Huron Icehawks and Pepsi teamed up to present **"Pack The House - Morris Snider Night"** in November. Twenty eight hundred fans were on hand to pay tribute to the former General Manager of McMorrان Place, and the Port Huron Flags. They unveiled a banner that is currently hanging in his honour, in McMorrان Place. Snider was the General Manager of the McMorrان Complex for three decades. General



Manager of the International Hockey League Port Huron Flags for eleven years (1970-1981). Snider was with the Flags during back-to-back Turner Cup wins in the 1970-71 and 1971-72 seasons. He was awarded the Andy Mulligan Trophy for Executive of the Year during the Flags 1975-76 season and was inducted into the Port Huron Sports Hall of Fame in 2002. Another recognition to add to the Snider archives.. **Congratulations Moe!!!**....The famous downtown Port Huron landmark, was built in 1960. The McMorrان Foundation, set up in 1955 by Andrew J. Murphy, his wife, Emma McMorrان Murphy, and her sister, Clara McMorrان Mackenzie, *offered a gift of \$1.2 million to build a municipal auditorium in downtown Port Huron.....* Recently an editorial in the local newspaper suggested that the Centre be closed...the statement certainly did not sit very well with Morris, who went on to say; **"that it is very sad when you see groups who know nothing, ruin a place"...**

General Manager Larry Krabach, Moe's predecessor, is retiring

March 1st 2009, after devoting 35 years at McMorrان. Few could question Larry's dedication or his genuine affection for the job.



News and a bit of blarney from "The Prez's".... cluttered desk

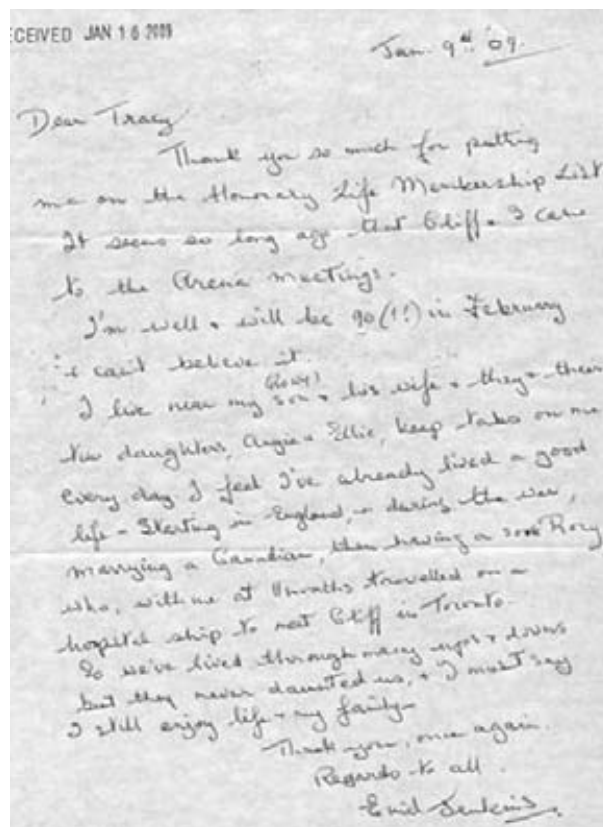
Who would have "thank it"... in 1991...

That the Alumni would be publishing it's 100th edition of the NEWS... Alumni co Founders Morris & The Prez, were simply trying to gather their collective thoughts as they looked back to December 12th 1991...the birth of the Alumni...the first edition, **The Newsletter**..was published in Kitchener, March 1993. Three pages of copy, printed front & back...no pics ...the feature story was membership. Announcing that the new organization had signed up **52 members, in less than four months**...three very note worthy quotes were received "Good idea! Thanks for the invitation, many friendships and fond memories exist....Thanks for the work to make this group a reality...It is an honour and a pleasure to be invited to such a respected and distinguished group...I look forward to a long association with tremendous people"...the very first Reunion would take June 10th '93 in Kitchener...

Six Newsletters were published that year, plus "Festive Season Greetings". Birthday recognitions appeared in the second issue. And has been a fixture ever since. The

February '94 issue bore the current name.. **ALUMNI NEWS**. Sixteen years later, the one hundredth edition is on its way to you... The Prez by his own admission, knew very little about producing regular NEWS issues. Most thankful that his daughter Lynn, a self employed graphic designer, changed the face of the NEWS..from time to time...giving it a very professional look...

Ninety year old Enid Jenkins (Barrie) wrote...



"Thank you so much for putting me on the **Honorary Life Membership list**. It seems so long ago that Cliff and I, came to the Arena meetings. I'm well, will be "90" in February. I can't believe it. I live near my son Rory and his wife, they and their two daughters Angie & Ellie, keep tabs on me everyday. I feel I've already lived a good life, starting in England during the war. Marrying a Canadian, then having a son Rory who, with me at eleven months travelled on a hospital ship to meet Cliff in



Enid & Cliff

Toronto. So we've lived through many ups & downs, but they never daunted us and I must say I still enjoy life and my family....thank you once again....Regards to all.. Enid



Tracy Cotton noted.. "Why this was sent to me rather than The Prez... you must ask a 90 yr old. Anyhow it is wonderful she wrote and her handwriting is perfect... hope I'm as good at that age".



Murray Hodgkin, the guy with the large beard, has been in and out of the Hospital since last November. During the initial three week hospital stay, they first thought that he had a stroke. Further tests ruled out the preliminary prognosis... in fact they are still trying to determine what Murray

is suffering from.. one thing is certain, he carries an oxygen bottle 24 hours a day..Don Yeck spoke with Murray just recently. Murray was resting at home in St Thomas.. Yeck claims he had a lengthy phone conversation with him...Don hopes to get Hodgkin's out of the house and join him at a local coffee shop..Murray would love to hear from you....his address is...

154 Sunset Drive, Apt. #403
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ORFA notes the passing of Don Edmondson

John Milton wasted little time to ensure that ORFA recognized the passing of Don Edmondson. A donation to Parkinson Society, on behalf of ORFA and the Alumni, was made in memory of Don, a former OAA Executive member.

KW Record, February 3rd 2009....Resurface won the 2010 Olympics contract by agreeing to build battery-powered machines instead of



the usual propane-fuelled vehicles. Resurface will provide two resurfacers for each indoor Olympics venue and one backup machine. Don Schlupp, son of Company Founder and President Andy Schlupp, will be on hand for the duration of the Olympics to make sure all the machines work properly...*Congratulations Resurface !!!*

Management Board Chairman Earl Gaukel's feels much better

Things appear to have stabilized at 6 Tollhurst Avenue, after two months of ups and downs. It began to unravel following the annual Gaukel family Christmas dinner, at Earl's St George home. The family had finished their meal. Earl the last to eat, was about to sit down... that all changed in minutes...claiming that he did not feel right...off to the hospital, where he was diagnosed with a pancreas attack...spending a few days in the hospital.. weeks later a bladder disorder.. followed by a blood clot in his legs, that went all the way up to his hip.... stabilizing his blood took



took weeks... numerous trips to the clinic, hospital ER, and hospital stays..the news is simply much better these days.. the problems are behind him...he has resumed curling....*using the snow blower*

is a NO!! NO!!, cautions The Prez....

Howie Dietrich wrote in January... *"Hello everyone, just heard that Earl has been in and out of the hospital recently, and is currently at home recovering from a blood clot. I called him at home and he sounds pretty good. He was happy to hear from someone. He hasn't been checking his e-mail for a few weeks so give him a call and say hello when you've got a minute"....Howie...*



Daphne & Bruce Hood (Hillsburg) wrote the following several months ago *"Daphne and I are down here in Florida enjoying the cool - actually cold weather! We have so many things on the go*

*with family, appearances, and traveling. I can guarantee, we wouldn't likely ever be in a position to attend any functions of the organization. I trust you understand our situation. **Still like to hear about the guys from the good old days periodically though"**... All the best....from former NHL referee,'94 Hockey Hall of Fame inductee..*



News from Georgetown.. Donald Gosling is still patiently waiting to have surgery for an aneurism...however there is every indication that Don will be looked after fairly shortly... it was last

November, when his doctor suggested that surgery take place.....

Grace Ann Barnwell (Amherstburg) has a ruptured brain aneurism

Ralph just shared this bit of untimely news with The Prez..."Grace Ann is in the hospital.



She had a ruptured brain aneurism sometime on Monday February 2nd. Went by ambulance to the hospital early Tuesday morning. They did a cerebral angiogram and used coils to block the

rupture this morning. The first of many hurdles, has been successfully passed. She will be in Intensive Care for a few more days at least. She is breathing on her own, but is not alert enough. She is doing what is expected, as everyone has their own speed. Thanks to all the care, she received from the Doctors and nurses. They have all been wonderful, caring and informative."....The Barnwell's are fairly new to the Alumni Family, they came on board July 2007, shortly after Ralph retired..*We pray that Grace Anne fully recovers!!!*

The Barnwell address is:
Ralph & Grace Ann Barnell
280 Sullivan Street,
AMHERSTBURG, ON
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Welcome feed back from Uncle Fred Horvath, News copy #99..... Great edition... one of the best ever. Lots of great stories..... Well done Mr. Prez...



RECOGNITION PROGRAM

*Chairperson
Ethel Dalton*

*Happy Birthday Greetings
Everyone!*

MARCH

- 01 Anne McIsaac
- 02 Bud Stanley
- 03 Arleen Diamond
- 05 LouAnn Birkett
- 07 William Beavis
- 10 C.C. "Hoot" Gibson
- 14 Bruce Hood
- 14 Eva Rukavina
- 19 Kathleen Baer
- 20 Ray Miron
- 23 Rick McMulkin
- 24 Helen Shantz
- 25 Moe Shantz
- 26 Doug Poulin
- 26 Cindy McArthur
- 27 Millie Schlupp
- 27 Douglas M. Peters
- 28 Lois Graham
- 30 John Karch
- 30 Shirley Wanklin
- 31 Carina Jones



APRIL

- 01 Greg Wright
- 03 Harold McCullough
- 05 Isabel Payne
- 06 Wendy Thompson
- 08 Cathy Zamboni
- 10 Douglas L. Coulbeck
- 11 Bob Curry
- 13 Jim McCurry
- 13 Bonnie Simcoe
- 14 Robie Crompton
- 14 Marlene Leskew
- 14 Pat Livingstone
- 18 Lila K. Sills
- 20 Sharon Hearn
- 20 Ed Pavao
- 21 Gabrielle Horvath
- 25 Raph Barnwell
- 25 Donna Hill
- 26 Edward Sackfield
- 26 Pat Latchford
- 27 Pam Nesbitt
- 27 Jean Peters
- 28 Ron Johnston
- 30 Marilyn Watts



Top to
Bottom
Left to
Right...

Marlene Leskew, Orillia, LouAnn Birkett, Bowmanville, Jean Peters, Warkworth, Lila K Sills, Thornhill, Millie Schlupp, Breslau, Carina Jones, Richmond Hill, Greg Wright, Little Current, Harold McCullough, Orillia, John Karch, Markham, Moe Shantz, Kitchener, Doug Poulin, Doiron, Rick McMulkin, Scarborough and Ed Pavao, Hamilton



Ethel Dalton

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**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO THESE MIGHTY FINE FOLKS.....
“LASTING LOVE, ROBUST HEALTH & HAPPINESS”**

March

- 03/07/69 John & Anne Fraser **(40th)**
- 03/12/83 Buddy & Anne-Marie Lowe
- 03//20/82 Dan & Cindy McArthur
- 03/26/66 Bill & Anne Mclsaac

April

- 04/03/93 Cecil J. & Shirley Nobes
- 04/07/45 Ray M. & Helen M Syrie
- 04/10/69 Jack & Ilene Davis **(40th)**
- 04/17/86 Terry & Kathy Piche
- 04/25/59 Tracy & Patricia Cotton **(50th)**
- 04/29/60 Robert (Bob) & Ena Arnot



TOP TO BOTTOM..RIGHT SIDE..Jack & Ilene Davis,Paris, (40th), Robert (Bob) & Ena Arnot, Kitchener, Tracy & Patricia Cotton, St Catharines, (50th), (Above left), Shirley & Cec Nobes, Brantford, John & Anne Fraser, Sudbury,(40th), and Bill & Anne Mclsaac, Goderich and sometimes in Texas.

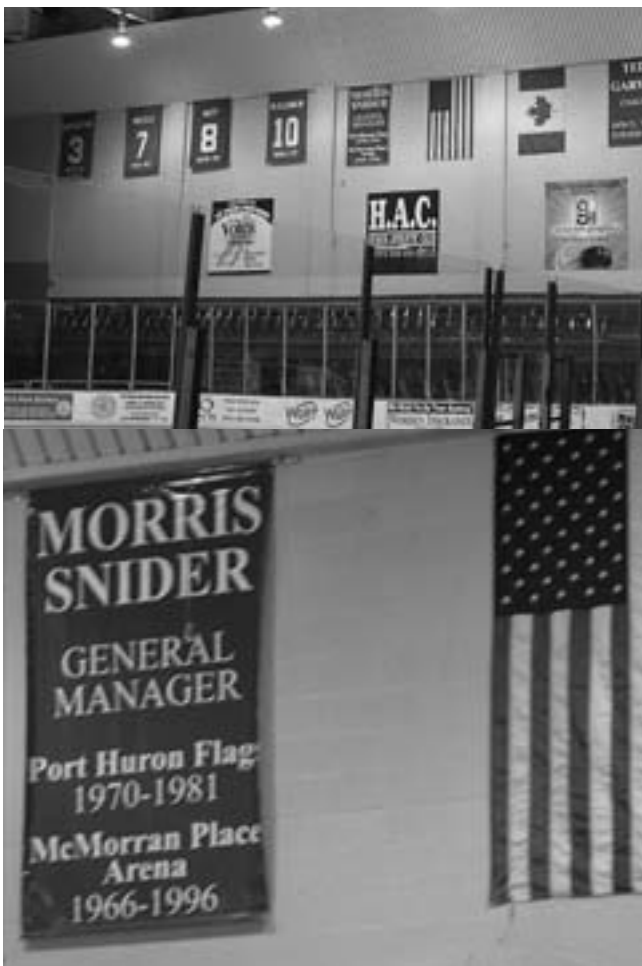
**Sharanne & Rod (Whitey) MacDonald
(London)**



Whitey went under the knife twice in 2008. Knee replacement surgeries took place in May and December. Admitting that he has had five operations on his knees. The cause..old hockey and football injuries.

Whitey is on a weight loss program, to date he has taken off twenty seven pounds... their son Grant, is in his third year at the University of Guelph.. enjoying the lifestyle attributed to being to being a member of the Guelph Gryphon's football team...their daughter is in her first year at Brock University....

**Banner honoring Morris Snider in
McMorran Place**



33rd Alumni Family Gathering

Don Yeck's Site Selection Team will be traveling to Cambridge week of March 9th, to meet with Doug Lloyd, Bruce Bevan and Brian Schwantz, to kick start the process and set the stage for the 33rd Alumni Family Gathering this fall.

**The Prez discovers that Emile McIlvenna
retired...**



Emile a forty year municipal veteran with the Town of Fort Erie, admitted to "The Prez", that he retired four years ago....**no one in that neck of the woods shared the information with us...what a tragedy..** McIlvenna the Ottawa native, who earned his

arena stripes under the late Ebbie Bishop, as a "rink rat" at the ole Fort Erie rink in 1959, when Bishop' managed that facility... a former member of the Alumni, elected to drop his affiliation several years ago...suggesting at the time... that the organization keep a place for him once retired..



Membership Chair Fred Horvath has already done that....Emile did a mighty fine job, hosting the Alumni 's 19th Gathering May 26th & 27th 1999...During the conversation Emile also stated that Brian Desrosiers, who took

over from him, retired February 15th 2009. Brian spent 30 or more years with Fort Erie's Recreation Services... Delighted that ORFA's John Milton has accepted "The Prez's" recommendation to extend "**one year comp memberships**" to both of these fine gentlemen..



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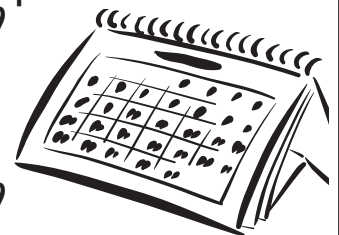
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May the hinges of friendship....never rust.....

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