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MEMBERSHIP

Couples (108)	216
Singles	30
Widows	20
TOTAL	266

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in the next issue of the NEWS....*



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



Fifty seven year old Daryl Fowler ends a forty year career in Guelph

Daryl's retirement kicks in July 29th 2009. He will leave his office for the last time and bid his final farewells May 29th 2009. The abundant memories dating back to 1967.. are

his to keep and share...the wonderful ride is about to end..

*The announcement of his retirement reads...*Fowler's first job began as an arena "**rink rat**" in 1967 under the direction of Ken Fagel. It was Daryl's first exposure to recreation and arena operations and it led to his 40 year career to the community of Guelph and a strong commitment to recreation and arena operations. Known in some circles as "**Red**" his first pay "packet" came from the Arena and Parks Commission and his starting wage was just under **\$3.00/hour**...Moving through the system, he became a facility operator in 1972 when the City amalgamated Recreation, Parks and Arenas.

He became a Class Foreman in 1980, a Class 22 Foreman in 1989, Supervisor of Memorial Gardens in 1991, Manager of Victoria Road Recreation Centre in 2003, and Facility Manager of Victoria Road

Recreation Centre, Exhibition Arena and Centennial Arena/Pool in 2006. That's a long journey from a 16-year old moving nets...In his 40 years Daryl may have been a man of few words but was a tireless worker for many initiatives and programs with the Sports Hall of Fame being just one.

His retirement will leave him more time to head off to his not one, but two cottages, join more volleyball leagues than he currently plays in and continue on with home/cottage renovations. He takes with him a tremendous amount of "corporate memory" and we will no doubt be calling on him from time to time to rely on his expertise. We wish you well Daryl and we are forever grateful for the 40 years you've dedicated to the City. An evening has been planned for Daryl on: Thursday, May 28th, 7:00pm Evergreen Seniors Centre (pun intended). Cash Bar. Tickets are \$20, which includes a gift and light refreshments, and can be purchased from: Evergreen Senior Centre (Chris/Lynne/Maggie) West End Community Centre (Vikki) Community Services Administration (Kristen) Victoria Road Recreation Centre (Liz). Please purchase tickets prior to May 22/09



Pauline Brady (Toronto) wrote.. "*Hi Bud...Got newsletter yesterday and see that you had a birthday recently. Hope it was a very happy one. Hope you and the family are all well and happy. It was nice to hear Enid Jenkins was still keeping quite well. I have been taking injections for*

M.D. and they are helping. Thanks to all....As ever Pauline". she enclosed a cheque in the amount of **twenty five dollars for the Annual Harvest Table**... Pauline, it is always a pleasure to hear from you...**thank you for the donation....**



The Alumni's Trade Show Chairman Ken Fagel was overwhelmed with the support and cooperation he received from John Milton and his staff, during ORFA's 2009 Annual Trade Show at the University of Guelph, April

29th. This was Ken's maiden voyage overseeing the Alumni Booth, taking over from Doug Peters. Fagel recruited a fine team of helpers....Don Yeck, Howie Dietrich, Earl Gaukel, Pete Watt and Doug Peters.

John Milton also invited Howie Dietrich and Ken Fagel to attend ORFA's Annual Awards Dinner on Monday April 27th. They were called upon to present the C.C. Dahmer Award of Excellence to Alumnus Dan McArthur from Dryden, on behalf of Jada Dahmer.



The Award of Excellence is the highest honour that can be awarded to an ORFA member. The award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated a minimum of 10 years service to the ORFA, has

chaired at least two committees and has served on the Board of Directors. ...**Congratulations Dan!!!**



Alumnus Greg Wright (Little Current) was the recipient of the Tony Brenner Mentor Award. Presented to an individual, who clearly embraces the vision of the ORFA. "To be a World-Class leader in Recreation Facilitation" and through

professional conduct and willingness to

openly share and mentor other members in our industry. You will have lit a beacon for all current and future recreation practitioners to follow. **Congratulations Greg!!!**

Desrosiers steps down after 34 years

Facility Manager/Cemetery Manager, Brian



Desrosiers spent a grand total of thirty four years with the Municipality of Fort Erie, twenty-nine of which were as a full time employee. It all began while attending secondary school. He started out doing part time work as a "rink

rat" in the old Fort Erie Memorial Arena commonly known as the "Old Barn" during the winter months and then working as a summer student in the parks and then advancing to life guard at the Kinsmen Pool. November of 1980, Brian landed a full time job with the Parks and Recreation Department under the leadership of Emile McIlvenna who was the Director. Brian announced that he was ready to retire with his last day on the job being February 26th, 2009 and officially retiring on March 31st, 2009.

Woodstock is where it all began to unfold. The birth announcement accurately noted that Brian was born on March 1st, 1949 to Marjorie and Raymond Desrosiers. The three siblings, 2 boys and their sister were raised and educated in Woodstock, Burlington and then Fort Erie. Their father was employed by Canadian National Railways and was transferred to Fort Erie when Brian had reached his seventh birthday.

After graduating from Fort Erie Secondary School, Desrosiers had visions of becoming a police officer with the Ontario Provincial Police. His sister Brenda meanwhile found employment in Toronto, with the Toronto

Dominion Bank. She also is looking forward to retiring in the next 4 or 5 years. His younger brother Blaine worked at Canadian Niagara Power in Fort Erie before retiring last year at the early age of 52. He now works for the Provo Power Company in the Turks and Caicos Islands on a 3 year contract.

Athletes and love birds, Cathy and Brian attended the same schools in Fort Erie. Both were exceptional athletes with Cathy excelling in track & field, baseball and basketball, with Brian concentrating his efforts on hockey and baseball. His hockey career went as far as Junior B and onto Intermediate "A" before injuries relegated him to the **local beer league**.



After graduation, Cathy went on to pursue a teaching career and was hired as an elementary school teacher by the local school board. Brian's career path took him in an entirely new direction, with policing moving to

the back burner. He accepted a job at a Fort Erie chemical factory for the next 10 years, before moving on to the position as a manager of a tire sales and repair shop for 3 years.

Brian claims that his luck changed in 1980 when the Town of Fort Erie, Parks and Recreation Department had an opening. A full time dual position, shift work in the arenas during the winter ice season and outdoors in the parks in the summer months. His previous employment as a student in Parks and Recreation paid off handsomely during the interview process.

Emile McIlvenna was the Director of Recreation at the time and was the person who hired Brian. He then took horticultural and management courses through work and advanced to the position of Supervisor/Cemetery Manager in 1992. When Emile retired in 2004, he received the title of Facilities/Cemetery Manager in the newly formed Infrastructure Services Department during restructuring.

The Desrosiers raised and educated two siblings, 33 year old Jennifer and 30 year Matt who are both married and have carved out interesting careers. Jennifer is a Respiratory Therapist at St. Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton and Matt is the Women's Hockey Coach at Clarkson University of the NCAA, in Potsdam New York.

Matt inherited some athletic genes from his parents and excelled at hockey. He played his minor hockey in Fort Erie and was selected to play for the Under 17 team representing Ontario. In the tournament in Moncton in 1996, they won the World Championship title. He is proud to say that he had the opportunity to play alongside current NHL players such as Joe Thornton, Adam Mair, Mike Van Ryn and Brian Campbell. Matt played 2 years for the Fort Erie Junior B Meteors and was successful in securing a 4 year **"full ride"** NCAA hockey scholarship at St. Lawrence University in Canton New York. After graduating in 2001 with a business degree, Matt was selected by the NHL Columbus Blue Jackets organization and was assigned to their ECHL affiliate in Dayton Ohio and then being traded to Charleston South Carolina. After 3 years in the ECHL, he moved on to the Colorado Eagles in the CHL, where he spent 2 seasons, before retiring due to injuries. He was hired by Clarkson University, along with his wife, as assistant coaches of the Women's Hockey Program. **Cont'd on P-7**



RECOGNITION PROGRAM

*Chairperson
Ethel Dalton*

*Happy Birthday Greetings
Everyone!*

MAY

- 01 Sharon Fagel
- 02 Ann Marie Neeb
- 03 Susan Archibald
- 06 Earl Gaukel
- 07 Debbie Schwantz
- 07 Gary Collins
- 10 George Ellis
- 10 Clare Arends
- 12 John Milton
- 12 Bill Vass
- 18 Joyce Gosling
- 19 Anne Dahmer
- 22 Jack Davis
- 25 Frank Zamboni
- 26 J. Brian Rodgers
- 29 Paul Clancey



- JUNE.**
- 01 Danny Jones
 - 03 Lois Rodgers
 - 03 Lawrence Reaume
 - 04 Mike Ward
 - 05 Nick Rukavina
 - 05 Terry Talentino
 - 06 Lynne Lambier
 - 07 Dominique King
 - 07 Victoria Kullas
 - 08 Ron Bull
 - 08 Linda Johnstone
 - 11 Ray M. Syrie
 - 12 Leonard Perrault
 - 13 Tony Brenner
 - 14 Donald Gosling
 - 14 Evelyn Edmondson
 - 14 Anne-Marie Lowe
 - 14 Gary Thompson
 - 15 Josef Horodenka
 - 15 Sharon Milton
 - 15 Bob Thomlinson
 - 16 Betty Brown
 - 18 Fred Horvath
 - 18 Gord Neil
 - 19 Dan Cousins
 - 19 Karen Diamond
 - 21 Kathy Sales
 - 21 Marc Neeb
 - 22 Susan Arends
 - 22 Sylvia Merovitz
 - 23 Diane Lloyd
 - 24 Graham Nesbitt
 - 26 Larry Cowles
 - 28 Gail Blackwell
 - 28 Nola Wynne
 - 29 Pauline Brady
 - 29 Kris Kullas

BOTTOM L TO R: Paul Clancey, Marc Neeb, Bob Thomlinson, Larry Cowles, Brian Rodgers, Danny Jones, Gary Thompson, Gary Collins, Josef Horodenka, Graham Nesbitt, Mike Ward, Pauline Brady and Anne Dahmer





Ethel Dalton
**RECOGNITION
PROGRAM**
Chairperson

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

May

- 05/01/82 Kris & Victoria Kullas
- 05/10/47 Wilmen R. (Bill) & Lila K Sills
- 05/10/80 Greg & Mary Lynn Wright
- 05/12/89 Robert & Deborah Wilcock
- 05/14/55 Leo & Inge Bigger
- 05/14/60 George & Ellen Ellis
- 05/15/65 Howie & Bonnie Dietrich
- 05/24/52 Thomas & Lois Graham
- 05/25/74 Tony & Sue Brenner
- 05/28/77 Rick & Debra McMulkin
- 05/29/99 Ed & Karen Pavao
- 05/??/84 Harold & Marilyn McCullough (25th)

June

- 06/02/62 John & Linde Karch
- 06/03/67 Michael & Elaine Barnes
- 06/03/61 Nick & Eva Rukavina
- 06/04/57 J. Brian & Lois Rodgers
- 06/06/53 Bud & Michelle Stanley
- 06/08/46 Art & Ruth Hayward
- 06/11/88 Jamie & Noelle Hopkins
- 06/14/69 Bill & Bonnie Bailey (40th)
- 06/15/63 Winston & Donna Hill
- 06/17/67 Moe (Murray) & Helen Shantz
- 06/20/86 William (Bill) & Lisa Thorne
- 06/24/61 Ron & Donna Bull
- 06/25/60 Doug & Diane Poulin
- 06/28/75 Daryl & Donna Fowler
- 06/29/51 Bob & Zora Thomlinson
- 06/29/60 Roy & Ev Klementti



TOP TO BOTTOM..Howie & Bonnie Dietrich (Waterloo),
George & Ellen Ellis (Peterborough) and Robert & Deborah
Wilcock (Aurora)

This past season, both him and his wife were named co-head coaches of the team, which was a first for the NCAA. Needless to say, Cathy and Brian traveled the country and saw the inside of many arenas over the years.

Cathy retired in 2001, after a very successful 30 year teaching career. She has a number of hobbies and volunteer interests which include quilting, knitting, sewing and visiting folks in the local nursing home, as well as delivering meals on wheels and working special events at the local church. She has kept herself busy and has adjusted to retirement.



Brian on the other hand, enjoys gardening, woodworking, photography, hiking and helps Cathy with meals on wheels. He plans on taking in some hockey games in the area and doing a bit of scouting for

Matt's hockey team. Topping the wish list is Brian's desire to learn and master the art of playing the guitar. Given his previous accomplishments.... ***it should be a no brainer!!!!***

Ken Fagel's younger brother Bobby passed away Wednesday May 6th 2009 at Guelph General Hospital, after a two month hospital stay. Sixty two year old Bobby, a confirmed bachelor, followed Kenny's career path. He worked in a number of Guelph arenas as an "arena attendant" from 1967 until he retired in 2004. At Bobby's request, he was cremated without a funeral service....***Our condolences go out to the entire Fagel and Miller families....***

JET ICE celebrates their 30th Anniversary in June!!!

Congratulations Debbie Wilcock (the daughter of Company Founder, the late Doug Moore, Doug's protégé David Loverock and the dedicated team at the company's headquarters in Newmarket.

Doug without a doubt "***was the continent's best ice maker***" founded the company, which over the years has grown to a point, that Jet Ice products are used by more facilities around the world, than all other competitive brands.

In 1957 Doug joined the staff at Maple Leaf Gardens, as a shift Engineer. His interest and devotion to ice making, became one of his strengths. As Doug would so often remark "***there are those who freeze water, and then there are those who actually make ice!!!***

Doug was an innovator. While still employed at the Gardens, his ice making expertise caught the attention of other NHL building operators. In 1979 the Montreal Forum was the first building to contract Doug as their Ice Making Consultant. Jet Ice Limited which opened in 1979, was his brain child. Using de ionized water for ice making, and continually perfecting the system. He introduced his very own line of ice paints and paint application equipment. Then added the Customized Ice Logo Systems line, which also appears in NHL arenas.

Fred Horvath remains off work. Initially he was treated for severe back pains. Further diagnosed with a blood infection. Fred has been in and out of the hospital and clinics, as the medical profession continued to zero in on the "***problem, cause and treatment***". Difficult to see active Fred in this condition...***The Alumni Gang looks forward to your full recovery...our prayers and thoughts are with you pal....***



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

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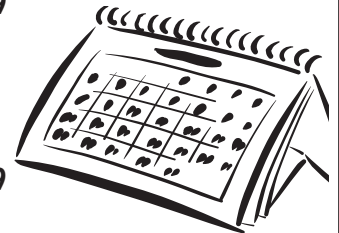
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