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ST. ANDREW'S SHARES SPIRIT OF THE SEASON THROUGH SONG

STORY BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

A 30 member choir performed a collection of carols at St. Andrew's annual Cantata. Here, Altos, Marg Clydesdale, Lynne Price, Liz Tolchard and Kathleen Siertsema unite their voices in song. (Melody Falconer-Pounder photo)

The pews of St. Andrew's United Church were filled with people eager to share in the holiday spirit on the evening of Dec. 13 when the church choir and friends presented their annual Christmas Candlelight Cantata, "Festival of Lessons and Carols".

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Trinity Anglican Church will be open for an Advent Reflection Time on Dec. 16 and 23. People of all denominations are welcome to visit the church from 10 a.m. to noon; 1-3 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. for a quiet time of prayer and meditation. It will also serve as an opportunity to remember those for whom Christmas may not be a time of joy and hope.

As denotes the season, several special services are scheduled at Trinity. They are as follows: Dec. 20, 9:30 a.m. - Carols and Hanging of the Greens Service; Dec. 24, 10 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Eucharist; Dec. 25, 10:30 a.m. - Christmas Day Holy Communion; Dec. 27, 9:30 a.m. - Service of Lessons and Carols.

UNITED CHURCH

The congregation of Knox Presbyterian Church invite all in the community to attend their annual Christmas Eve Service on Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. Entitled, "A Service of Carols, Candlelight and the Christmas Story", the evening will offer a different perspective on the traditional account as it will be told through the eyes of Mary.

OPTIMIST CLUB

The 30-voice choir was directed by Paul Howe. They were accompanied by choir leader, Rosemary Crosthwaite and Liz Tolchard on piano. Leslie Bella shared her talents on clarinet for several numbers. Solos were given by Roy Price and Paul Howe.

A highlight of the evening was the debut of the church's new Baby Grand Piano. The congregation was honored to have talented musicians Stephen Ralls and Bruce Ubukata conduct its inaugural performance. Ralls and Ubukata will be familiar names to Bayfield residents as they host the Aldeburgh Music Festival in the village each June.

Bruce Ubukata (foreground) and Stephen Ralls performed the piano duet, "Concerto #6 in B Flat"; during St. Andrew's Canata. The duo performed on the church's new Baby Grand Piano. (Melody Falconer-Pounder photo)

The lessons were read by community guests as well as members of the congregation. They were: Doug Wallis, Betty Morley, Rev. Angela Brands, Rev. Susan Moore, Barb Howe, Mary Wolfe, Don Keillor, Melody Falconer-Pounder and John Elmslie. Rev. Charles Love offered the opening and closing prayers.

The church was delightfully decorated for the season. A large Christmas tree proved to be a focal point. It was set up and decorated by Elaine Dunn, Bruce and Grace Koehler, John and Kathleen Siertsema and John Crosthwaite.

The evening was video taped by Ian Siertsema.

LIONS' SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER

The members of the Bayfield Lions' Club spread Christmas cheer throughout the village and area seniors' homes on Dec. 12 as part of their annual Santa's Visit. For over 40 years the club members have been visiting the octogenarians in the community or those people unable to get out and about. This year they visited 55 people.

Fifty-five seniors, over the age of 80 years received a visit from the Lions' Club membership on Dec. 12. Esther Wright, a resident of Queensway Manor in Hensall, and formerly of Bayfield, was one of the seniors visited. (Larry Simpson photo)

"Santa Buddies" will be the feature presentation at the Family Movie Night to be held at the Bayfield Town Hall on Dec. 18.

The Bayfield Optimist Club sponsors the movie night with free popcorn and juice boxes provided; donations are always welcome to help cover expenses.

The evening will begin with previews at 6:30 p.m. with the feature commencing at 7 p.m.

TOWN HALL

It has been 20 years since a committee was formed to save the Bayfield Town Hall from demolition. Since that time a number of fundraising efforts have been held in an effort to preserve it and make it a vital part of the community social scene.

Now The Bayfield Town Hall Heritage Society is looking to improve the entrance to the building to make it more visibly appealing for weddings, festivals, concerts and business meetings.

The latest fundraiser will be the sale of commemorative bricks to be installed in the front walk, at the hall entrance and a new walk leading to the property's "great lawn".

The paving stones can be engraved to showcase a family name, honor loved ones or celebrate a special occasion such as a wedding or an anniversary. They could even make a unique family Christmas gift.

According to the fundraising brochure, "These stones will be placed along the walkway so that generations to come will enjoy this wonderful legacy left in honor of the revitalization of the town hall."

There are three stone styles to purchase: a large stone, 8X12, with one line of engraving up to 12 characters, $250; a medium stone, 8X8, with one line of engraving up to 12 characters, $100; and a place holder, 4X8, no engraving, $50. Tax receipts will be provided. Cheques can be made payable to The Bayfield Town Hall and mailed to PO Box 2078, Bayfield ON, N0M 1G0. Further information can be obtained by contacting Margo Robeson at 519 565-2827.

Organizations, school classes, businesses and corporations are encouraged to be part of this worthwhile community project.

The society hopes to have the brickwork installed in the spring of next year.

FITNESS FUN

Just in time for those New Year's resolutions, the exercise classes held at the Bayfield Community Centre will start up again the week of Jan. 4.

Norma Hazlitt, a resident of the Bluewater Rest Home in Zurich, was delighted to see members of the Bayfield Lions' Club on Saturday. The annual Santa's Visit is over a 40 year tradition for the club. (Larry Simpson photo)

Members of the Bayfield Lions' Club dropped by Huronview in Clinton on Dec. 12 to pay a visit to Evelyn Francis, formerly of Bayfield. (Larry Simpson photo)

"It is the best day of the year to be a Lion," said Larry Simpson, acting president of the Bayfield Club. "It is so wonderful to be able to brighten the seniors' day."

The Lions dropped in on residents of the village as well as former village residents now living in Huronview, Clinton; Queensway Manor, Hensall; Bluewater Rest Home, Zurich; and Maitland Manor, Goderich.

SANTA CLAUS MAKES GUEST APPEARANCE AT ENROLMENT NIGHT

The "Twelve Days of A Guiding Christmas" was the theme of Bayfield Guiding's Enrolment and Lady Baden-Powell Award Night held on Dec. 9.

The 1st Bayfield Pathfinders hosted the evening at the Bayfield Village Inn for their younger sisters in Guiding as well as their parents and siblings.

The Sparks, Brownies and Guides were very excited to see a surprise guest arrive for the evening – Santa! Mr. Claus helped the Guiders and his band of Pathfinder Elves present the girls with their insignia, badges and gifts after they made their Promises in front of the audience.

Four young ladies are now official members of the 1st Bayfield Sparks. They are Ashley Whelan, Dana Wilson, Fatima and Johannah Palacios. Morgan Kennedy and Harmony Palacios have joined 1st Bayfield Brownies. Hailey Brandon and Nicole Greidanus made their Promise as 1st Bayfield Girl Guides and Sydney Pitt, who recently moved to the village, was welcomed into the group.

The scheduled classes are: Dancefit and Toning, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m.; and Sit and Get Fit, Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.

Badminton will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 12 at Huron Centennial School near Brucefield. Organizers state that it is basically backyard badminton, played inside and is great exercise and lots of fun. The games are played from 7-9 p.m.

For those looking for something to exercise the mind – Mah Jongg will begin again on Thursday, Jan. 14 at the Bayfield Lions' Community Building from 1-3 p.m. If Mah Jongg isn't your game bring one that is – Scrabble or Crib anyone?

BRIDGE CLUB

The Wednesday Evening Bridge Club held a Christmas Pizza Party on the evening of Dec. 9 at the Bayfield Lions' Community Building.

After the festivities, cards were held with Jerry Smith and Gordon Kurtz earning the high scores for the evening.

Jean Bowman and Gordon Kurtz took the titles of most high scores for the year with first and second place respectively. They both took home a poinsettia as a reward.

The club will meet next on Jan. 6 at 7 p.m.

GLEE SISTERS

The Glee Sisters will be hosting an informal Christmas Sing-along on Dec. 18 from 3-4:30 p.m. and would like to invite the public to join them to unite their voices in celebration of the season.

The sing-along will be held at St. Andrew's United Church in Bayfield.

If singing brings you joy and you are of the female persuasion, the Glee Sisters may be just the choral group for you to join. New members are welcome to join the group when rehearsals resume on Jan. 8.

The group rehearses on Friday afternoons from 3-4:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's United Church in Bayfield. Afterwards they enjoy a social time. The Glee Sisters' Musical Director is Leslie Bella and their Associate Musical Director is Sue Scott.

Email Leslie Bella at lbella@tcc.on.ca for more information.

LIONS' CLUB

Three members of Bayfield Guiding were recognized for their achievements on the evening of Dec. 9. Newly enrolled 1st Bayfield Pathfinders (l-r), Jordan Berard, Brayden Knox and Amber Brandon were presented with the Lady Baden-Powell Award, the highest honor a Girl Guide can receive. The girls, who doubled as Santa's elves for the evening, were pleased to show Santa Claus their certificates. (Melody Falconer-Pounder photo)

Amber Brandon, Brayden Knox and Jordan Berard are now the newest members of the 1st Bayfield Pathfinders. Toni Gale also made her Promise and was enrolled as a Pathfinder Guider.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Lady Baden-Powell Award to Amber Brandon, Brayden Knox and Jordan Berard. These three young women were the first girls in Bayfield Guiding to ever receive this award. It is the highest honor that a Girl Guide can receive from Girl Guides of Canada and is earned after completing challenges in self-development and leadership, Guiding history and international knowledge, demonstrating creativity and an interest in nature, camping and the outdoors, as well as completing environmental, community and global service.

REMEMBER ME?

There are countless photographs of people in the Bayfield Historical Society's Archives collection, but sadly their names were never recorded. In this section we will showcase an image with the hopes that one of our subscribers might be able to identify the individual(s) in the photo. Please email your information to the Editor's attention at the address listed near the bottom of the page in "Submissions".

In Issue 23's "REMEMBER ME?" we shared a photo taken in the Spring of 1977. It showed the Archives Building being moved across Main Street to its present location. Archivist Ralph Laviolette is still wondering who donated the building to the village and who owned the truck doing the moving?

Sixteen people went home with a turkey for their Christmas table following the Bayfield Lions' Club's annual Turkey Bingo held on Dec. 7.

The winners were: Brandy Gerger, Marilyn Riley, Loretta Burden, Dolores Rau, Olive Broadfoot, Marlene Yeryk, Ellen Haley, Debbie Rathwell, Loretta Burden, Rick Barton, Sandie Jemec, Herb Arenburg, Marian Huffman, Diane Argyle, and Marg Talbot. The door prize turkey went to Dee Grey.

Share-the-Wealth prizes were won by Brent Hulley, Herb Arenburg, Debbie Rathwell and Willy Simpson.

The large blow-up decorations that the Lions used on their award winning float in the Santa Claus parade were also raffled off. Larry Lee won the Snowman and J.P. Ryan took home the Santa Sleigh.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Huron County Historical Society has produced an annual edition of the Huron Historical Notes for its members since 1965. And their most recent edition features the Village of Bayfield.

It is a 54-page history and contains lots of information gleaned from the Village of Bayfield text produced in the 1980s but with some notable updates. This previous work is now out-of-print.

The Bayfield Historical Society has bought 100 copies of "Huron Historical Notes – Village of Bayfield" for distribution.

Anyone wishing to purchase a copy can find the books for sale at The Bayfield Archives on Main Street or call 519 565-2454. They are selling for $8.00 to cover production and printing costs.

GIRL GUIDES

Need a gift for the mail delivery person, babysitter, or dog walker? Chocolatey Mint Girl Guide Cookies or a Centenary Celebration Calendar would make the perfect gift.

There are a limited number of boxes left from Bayfield Guiding's stock of Chocolatey Mint Girl Guide Cookies These few cartons are selling for $4 a box from members of Bayfield Guiding or the Bayfield Village Inn.

The Centenary Celebration Calendar 1910-2010, created by members of Bayfield and Clinton Guiding, and for sale in Mid-western Ontario, is also available. The calendars are selling for $10 each.

Locally, calendars are available for sale from members of Bayfield and Clinton Guiding as well as The Village Book Shop, Bayfield Village Inn,

This week we are featuring a photo of a possible relative of Admiral Bayfield. Archivist, Ralph Laviolette would like to know what his name is and where he is today?

A note with this picture suggests this may be a relative of Admiral Bayfield. Does anyone remember him?

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YOU BETTER NOT CRY; BETTER NOT POUT, SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO BREAKFAST: VISIT GETS MIXED REACTIONS

PHOTOS AND STORY BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

Attendance at the Optimist Club of Bayfield's Breakfast with Santa was up slightly over last year's event with children of all ages joining parents and grandparents to share in a hearty meal and a visit with the jolly old elf himself.

Carol McKay, of Toronto, was the lucky winner of the Toy Chest filled to overflowing with toys for children of all ages. Santa, himself, made the draw with Vice-President of the Optimists Mike Dixon. Over $1,300 was realized from the raffle.

Optimists Reid Kinnear, John Pounder, and volunteer, Kevin Snell, satisfied a hungry crowd with an assortment of breakfast delights.

The event, now in its fourth year is becoming a tradition for some clans and the organizers are very pleased that this appears to be the case.

A highlight of the lunch time event is the draw for the toy chest. The sale of raffle tickets netted the club $1,300. It was handcrafted by Optimist Mike Dixon and professionally painted by Jorge Parejo, of Nahuel Painting. The club members donated a variety of toys to fill the chest. This year's chest was won by Carol McKay of Toronto.

The breakfast is a chance for the club to say thank you to the community for their ongoing support of fundraising projects over the preceding year, but they couldn't run it successfully without the generosity of Bayfield Foodland, Brandon's Hardware, Bert Schilbe, Fairholme Dairy and Outdoor Projects.

Kevin Snell, of Bayfield, volunteered for kitchen duty during Breakfast with Santa. He helped scramble the 20 dozen eggs consumed.

Hayden Hessel, of Bayfield, checked out the goodies to be found in Santa's sack.

Bailie Dayman, 7, of Bayfield, attended the breakfast with her grandparents. She was kept busy between mouthfuls coloring on the paper tablecloth.

Odin, Tyler and Hayden Hessel enjoyed a hearty morning meal at the Fourth Annual Breakfast with Santa held at the Bayfield Village Inn and hosted by the Optimist Club of Bayfield.

Emotions sometimes run high when it comes to an encounter with Santa. Ansley Durand was definitely not happy about the entire situation.

Newborn, Lleyton Durand, appeared to be cozy and content in Santa's care.

Regular visitors to the breakfast, Siobhan (left) and Aidhan Kleuskens were delighted to visit with their old friend Saint Nick.

Sam Gould sat on Santa's lap for the very first time. He wasn't too happy about it initially but then after a bout with shyness, relaxed enough to almost muster a smile.

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SUBMISSIONS

So I'm not sure if it's the unseasonably warm weather through the month of November and early December, or a schedule that never seems to allow the dust to settle, but I'm having trouble summoning the Christmas spirit this year. I mean it is Dec. 16 and my Christmas tree is not up, I've barely started shopping and the ink is yet to dry on my Christmas cards; three very uncharacteristic traits in my ghosts of Christmases past.

You'd think I'd be filled with worry and dread but I'm not.

In fact, I may have started to feel a bit of the old spirit simmering below the surface on Sunday. It could hardly be helped as the day started with my annual participation in the Optimist Club of Bayfield's Breakfast with Santa and concluded by my giving a reading at the St. Andrew's United Church Christmas Candlelight Cantata.

I am the official photographer at the breakfast, working alongside Santa, trying to capture a treasured keepsake of the event for parents and children. It is a lot of fun to see the children progress from the age of no cares, through to bashfulness and fear, and then on to delight at the sight of Santa.

It was my very first Cantata, although it has been something I've wanted to attend for a long time, thanks to Rosemary Crosthwaite who invited me to offer a reading during the service – it was the perfect excuse to go! And it was a wonderfully, magical evening – it may have further awakened my Christmas spirit as I was singing carols to myself on the car ride home and long into the evening afterwards. Now if I could just get that Christmas tree up!

Ideas and contributions to the Bayfield Breeze are always welcome. Deadlines for submissions are Sundays at 4 p.m. Please email me at bayfield.breeze@villageofbayfield.com or call 519-565-2443. Hope to see you online soon at www.villageofbayfield.com - Melody

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