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Loyalist Country Club Residents Association

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LOYALIST NEWS

New Residents

A warm welcome is extended to the following newcomers to Loyalist Estates:

Judith P Algie
18 Hawley Ct
613-881-0305

Gerald and Joan McLoughlin
64 Country Club Drive
613-329-4385

LCCRA Notes

Notice of the AGM: May 28, 2014

The annual general meeting for the Loyalist Country Club Residents' Association will be held in the Clubhouse on Wednesday May 28th at 7:30 pm. Memberships will go on sale at 6:30 pm. Any resident of the Loyalist Estates community can become a member, which will include an updated 2014 telephone directory and a subscription to the Honking Goose, for \$10 per household. Please note that you do not have to be a CCC member to join the LCCRA.

The (mostly new) executive will provide an update on the proposed web-site for the LCCRA as well as changes to the LCCRA by-laws for your approval. Please come on out, meet the new executive and bring your suggestions on how we can continue to improve this great community.

Paul Jepson

Loyalist Pickleball off to a Great Start

Bath Public School Gymnasium has become the regular gathering place for Loyalist Pickleball enthusiasts throughout the winter and spring. As the fastest growing sport in North America, the game is being adopted by players of all ages, but has become very popular with mature adults.

Locally, a group of 15 to 25 players meet Tuesday and Friday evenings from 6:30 pm to 7:30pm. Play will continue at the school until June when we will move outdoors.



Bonnie Bedford, Ann Moore, Guy Hallifax, Mike Moutenay are ready for the next volley.

Loyalist Township has plans to completely refurbish the playing surface of the tennis courts later in the year.

Anyone interested in learning more about this great group is welcome to join us to see what Pickleball is all about. Please bring suitable footwear (running shoes). If you have any questions please contact Ted @ 613 449 6809.

Ted Custance

The Millennium Investment Club is

recruiting a limited number of new members. We are a group of up to 14 members who live in Loyalist. Each member will invest an initial \$5,000 with an additional \$150 per month to purchase ongoing investments. The club then manages all purchases, sales, and dividend reinvestments. We expect that members will be committed to attending the monthly meetings and being active participants. For those who spend the winter down south, you can still participate through e-mail.

Our investment strategy is to purchase and hold primarily blue chip Canadian stocks that yield a good dividend. Adding to our portfolio on a monthly basis gives us the benefit of 'dollar cost averaging'. Since the club's inception in 2000, the investments have returned an average of 11% compounded annually. Some of our more experienced members are part of our club's advisory board that analyzes and recommends specific stock purchases; however, we encourage all members to bring their own suggestions to the board.

We usually meet on the second Wednesday of the month at the Clubhouse. A monthly financial report and meeting minutes are sent to each member prior to each meeting. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Don Petican at 613-352-5559. Prospective members will be invited to attend a couple of our meetings to see if we are the right club for you.

Helping Local Needy

For the past several years, Don and I have been collecting beer cans, wine and liquor bottles and using the proceeds to help needy kids and families. Over the winter, Geoff James volunteered to be the collector. Thank you, Geoff, for your help.

Hopefully this year we will receive an even greater number of cans and bottles in order to help our underprivileged kiddies. Last year I had collected money with the intention of providing a family or two with Christmas presents but soon discovered winter boots for children were of greater need. We will be home at the beginning of May and welcome drop offs.

Caly McInnis
77 Country Club Drive

The Partners-in-Mission Food Drive

will take place on Wednesday, May 14th from 6-9 pm. It would be a great help to the volunteers if you could leave your donation on the porch for pick-up.

MILESTONES

Births

Gerry and Merne Witherden welcomed their great granddaughter, Kinsley Elizabeth on April 14th. Great - Grandma says she is perfect!

Passings

Condolences go to Sharon Boal on the recent loss of her mother, a former resident of Bath.

Bob Murray

Words seem inadequate to express my sincere thanks for the caring and the special expressions of sympathy that we received from many Loyalist friends.

We were blessed to live in a very caring community. Thank-you
Sincerely and with love,
Svea Murray and family

Mitch Fenton

Avid bridge player, golfer, gardener and all around great guy, Mitch passed away on March 2nd. He leaves behind many friends and loving family

including his wife, Shirley Roberts. A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, May 10 at James Reid Funeral Home, 1900 John Counter Blvd from 2-4 pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rain or shine!

The Bath Gardening Club and Horticultural Society will hold their Annual Plant and Fertilizer Sale on the opening day of the Bath Sunday Market, May 18th in Centennial Park from 9 a.m. until sold out. All perennials, annuals, veggies, herbs, and house plants are donated by club members. All proceeds go towards the beautification of the Village of Bath and the maintenance of our flower-filled barrels on Main Street. Experienced gardeners will be available to answer questions.

Bath Canada Day

Planning is well underway for this year's celebrations. Old favourites will return and some new features will be added. The schedule of events and updates can be found on the Canada Day website: www.bathcanadaday.ca

The theme of this year's Parade, *Families; Past, Present and Future*, was inspired by the Guindon family entry in last year's parade. Their entry won first prize but according to Melanie and Mike, winning the award was secondary. The whole family enjoyed it so much they have been planning for this year's parade for some time. Parade entries can be as simple or elaborate as one would want to make them. Go to the website (above) for suggestions.

If you have a couple of hours to spare on Canada Day, volunteers are needed to help marshal the Parade and to help vendors as they set up in the Centennial Park. Call Joe at 352-7441 or Gail at 352-5071

Twelve Angry Men, a play by Reginald Rose

On Saturday July 5th, the Bath Revitalization Committee is sponsoring a fundraising trip to the Soulpepper Theatre located in the Distillery District of Toronto. Tickets are \$125.00 which includes return transportation by coach from Bath to Toronto, theatre ticket and a light boxed supper on return trip. For more information about the play and reservations call 612-352-5168.

Virginia Thompson

GOLF

Attention: Country Club Drive residents

The date of the next Country Club Drive tournament will be July 9, 2014. Details will follow shortly.

John Morrison

Ladies Nine 'N Wine Golf Group

Our first tee-off of the year will be Tuesday, May 13th at 4pm. Melanie Meyers will be doing our schedule this year. If you are not planning to golf on a particular Tuesday, please notify Melanie by the Sunday before. The cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members.

Linda McCormack and Pauline Johnson will be doing the "Event Planning" - clinics, workshops, golf and social dinners!

If you are new to the community or just want to golf 9 holes, (plus meet some new people and socialize after your game) please contact **Pauline** at 613-352-6809 or **Melanie** at 613-352-7256 or **Linda** at 613-352-7845.

Pauline Johnston

The Mixed and Couples Leagues: Golf with a little fun thrown in

The Mixed and Couples Leagues are held on the Second and the fourth Mondays of each month respectively. Our Leagues are open to everyone. For the Mixed you can sign up as individuals and if you need a partner for the Couples we will try to partner you with someone. Dinner at the Clubhouse usually follows these league events.

The Mixed League plays a variety of games with players of various levels being paired together to form a relatively balanced team. Depending on the numbers we will often flight the teams.

The Couples League plays a Modified Stableford System. You play with your partner/spouse and try to earn or better the points assigned to you. Each individual plays their own game.

The Mixed Co-Coordinators also run the MIXED MATCH PLAY LADDER. More detailed information is available in the Office at the Clubhouse or by contacting one of the coordinators.

We hope you will come and join us in both Leagues and have some friendly competition.

CO-ORDINATORS:

MIXED: **Cliff & Harolyn Shewfelt (3476)**
Robert & Darlene Boucher (5845)

COUPLES: **Bob & Judy Rix (8730)**

Abbey Dawn Annual Golf Classic 2014

The Abbey Dawn Golf Tournament for 2014 is looking for new leadership. Darlene and Robert, Joanne and John are stepping down this summer after two years of fun organizing and running our neighbourhood tournament. We will pass on all the information to a new team! If you and/or your friends would like to take this on, please call Darlene at 613 352 5845.

The Loyalist Men's Golf League would like to welcome all new and returning golfers to, what is expected to be, another fun-filled season of surprises, disappointments, frustration, laughter, but most of all: CAMARADERIE.

The league is open to all golfers from inside and outside the Loyalist residential community. Every Tuesday morning we tee it up with each other in all kinds of different and fun games.

Once a month we hold our men's league luncheon where we announce results and award prizes for the previous month's games.

The Men's Golf League 2014 Registration form can be obtained from the administration office of the golf course.

The Great Waterway Classic, a CPGA tour event is coming to Loyalist from August 18-24th.

Volunteers are needed for a variety of jobs.

Volunteer applications are available in the Office at the Clubhouse. Direct questions to Dale Henderson, Volunteer Chair at dale.henderson2@sympatico.ca or Geoff James at geoff@loyalistcc.com

OVER THE WINTER

Loyalist South Golf Tournament

In the morning we had thunder, rain and fog, and almost tears from the organizers. Nonetheless 36 brave souls and 6 non-golfers gathered at Seven Springs Golf and Country Club in New Port Richey for the 9th Annual Loyalist South Golf Tournament on February 22nd. We were delighted to welcome 16 "newbies" who had not attended previous Loyalist South events. By the time we had "met and greeted" over a tasty light lunch, the sun was shining, and we were smiling. Seven Springs Golf course was in wonderful condition, with a few live gators to add a little local colour.

The winners of the famous Alligator Trophy were Bob and Judy Rix. Thanks to all for coming. We really enjoyed seeing everybody, catching up with the news from home, and being truly grateful that we haven't been shoveling snow.



Travel Tales: A Caribbean Holiday with a Difference

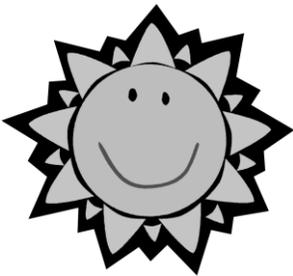
In mid-February four Loyalist couples, with a great pile of luggage, were eagerly awaiting the arrival of the stretch limo that would whisk us away to Toronto's Pearson Airport. Fortified with "fuzzy navels" the trip to the airport went quickly and soon we were airborne en route to Grenada.

After a hot meal, a movie (not so hot), a cold beverage and a short snooze we arrived at the modern Grenada airport where our hosts, Rick and Karen Feld were waiting. Fifteen minutes later we were at Villa Beachcliff with its spectacular view of the Atlantic Ocean from the front and the Caribbean Sea from the backyard. The exterior of the villa was adobe style with stucco walls and a clay tile roof. On the grounds were two pools and an elevated area called the "lookout", which became a favourite place for morning coffee and afternoon happy hours. Each of the four apartments was air-conditioned, had a small fridge and private bath as well as a safe. The common areas consisted of a large open kitchen, a dining room which could seat 14, a great room and an outdoor seating area.

Grenada offered many attractions including a tour of a rum distillery, cocoa and nutmeg plantations, a historic fort, underwater sculptures, monkeys in the rain forest and a fish market. Shopping at the cruise ship mall and swimming at Grand Anse beach rounded out our activities. We ate out when touring but the meals could not match the tasty home-cooked dishes prepared by our hostess.

We thoroughly enjoyed our two weeks including the scary car rides on the left hand side of the narrow, hilly winding roads. Memories of our last night's dinner of freshly caught mahi mahi sustained us as we returned to Toronto to face the snow and cold. Is a return visit in the near future a possibility? Why not!

Frank Feld



**THE SUNSHINE
CLUB**

To the Sunshine Club
Thanks to Norma Ferguson for dropping off a lovely and cheerful spring plant early in the winter just to let me know there is light at the end of the tunnel. This winter has been a long tunnel, so it was much appreciated.

Liz Anderson

Frank and I wish to thank the Sunshine Club for its thoughtfulness in giving us the lovely pot of pansies. We are both well on our way to recovery. It is good to live in such a caring community.

Joan and Frank Banks

Your ray of sunshine and a promise of spring arrived recently by way of a hyacinth plant. My sincere thanks to the Sunshine Club.

Anna Feld

To all our friends and neighbours in the Sunshine Club,

Bless you for your thoughts and prayers—they are truly appreciated. Thanks to Liz Anderson for delivering a beautiful hot pink cyclamen. It was such a cheerful contrast to the abundance of "winter white" and a wonderful expression of your kindness. Our community is truly a caring place to live. Blessings,

Don and Connie Garland

Thank you Sunshine club for the beautiful pots of spring bulbs delivered to us on Henry's return home after a protracted hospital stay in Toronto. We also wish to thank all our friends in the community for their cards, e-mails, etc. – it meant a great deal to us. A special word of thanks goes to Janice Firth for her "delivery" to Toronto and to Elaine Stillwell for her support and advice during this difficult time.

Rosemary and Henry Haynes

Darlene and I would like to extend our personal thanks to friends and acquaintances within the community for the support, assistance and well wishes during my major health issue and subsequent surgery. The reputation of a caring community remains strong and we are very grateful for everything.

Best Regards to all

Darlene and George Krauss

I wish to thank the Sunshine Club for the lovely plants and the United Church congregation for your prayers and cards. A special thank goes to Sheila Bayliss and Carol and Art Keir for bringing me Prayer Quilts. They brought me so much comfort over the past year. To all my friends and neighbours for your prayers, flowers, cards and phone calls, I sincerely thank you. For the moment I am cancer free so I plan to enjoy life again.

Thank you everyone,

Rita Peterson

The next issue of the Honking Goose will be available the first week of June. Please forward your information to Diane at pdnolting@gmail.com by May 25th