



New Brunswick Chapter 51

Aliant Pioneer Volunteers

Annual Report

For the Year

2008

Presented at the Annual General Meeting, May 24th 2009

Edmundston, NB

69th Annual General Meeting
New Brunswick Chapter 51, Aliant Pioneer Volunteers
May 24th 2009
Edmundston, New Brunswick

Agenda

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| 1. Welcome | Michele Mouland |
| 2. Reading of Pioneer Vision and Purpose | Vince LeBlanc |
| 3. 2008 Memorial | Joyce Thibodeau |
| 4. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of June 8 th , 2008 | Chantal MacDonald |
| 5. Reports | |
| - President's Report | Candace Salkey |
| - Financial Report | Clarence Vautour |
| - Council/Club Reports | Michele Mouland |
| - Nominating Committee Report | Candace Salkey |
| 6. 2010 AGM | Michele Mouland |
| 7. Adjournment | |

Pioneer Vision

TelecomPioneers Canada Vision:

To be recognized as a network of volunteers who effect immediate, tangible change in local communities, in partnership with their sponsor companies.

The Pioneer Purpose

The Telecom Pioneers of Canada is a network of current and former telecom industry employees, their partners and their families. We are leaders in volunteerism, committed to:

- Improving the quality of life in our communities;
- Providing value to our sponsor organizations and their strategic priorities;
- Focusing on the personal growth of our members; and
- Creating rewarding fellowship opportunities

We will accomplish this by acting professionally, and showing compassion for those in need. We will be accountable and loyal to our sponsor companies, and strive for excellence in everything that we do.

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President's Report

Minutes of Annual General Meeting June 8th, 2008

NB Chapter 51 Minutes of 68th Annual General Meeting of the Aliant Pioneer Volunteers June 8, 2008 Danny's Motel, Bathurst NB

The meeting was called to order at 9:42am by Chapter President Candace Salkey who welcomed everyone to the meeting, then called on Guy Gallant to read the Pioneer Vision and Pioneer Purpose.

Vince LeBlanc read the 2007 memorials which was followed by a moment of silence.

The minutes from the 2007 AGM were read by Michael Sears; a motion to approve the minutes was made by Hubie Barr and seconded by Guy Gallant.

President's Report

Clarence Vautour read the President's report for 2007 which reviewed all projects/programs the Pioneers do across the province, mentioning the 2 new programs that were started. He also discusses the awards won by the Chapter, including the Chapter Excellence Award, and expressed his thanks to everyone for making 2007 a great year. Also congratulations were given to Harrison (Baldy) Tait for all of his great work and on the Individual Excellence Award he received.

Financial Report

Clarence also provided details on the Financial Report for 2007. He indicates he has inquired at the national level on how audits should be done at the Club/Council level. On the report he points out that the lottery amount is for the past 2 years. He also indicated that if anyone is interested in getting more details on this report please contact him.

Questions posed during presentation of Financial Report:

- 1) How many Heart Pillows are being made? Unsure of exact number but the material is being purchased in bulk so those costs should be seen this year.
- 2) The Je m'aime donation made in 2006 was not completely used, what is left? There is still a few thousand left which must be used in Caisse Populaire area.
- 3) Can the Annual Report include a breakdown of individual donations made by each Club/Council? Clarence and Candace have kept a breakdown of where all

money was allocated, and Guy points out that each Club/Council report includes an outline of all donations made.

Clarence made the motion to approve the Financial Report, which was seconded by Denis Dugas and all was in favor.

Reports

Candace announced she will not be reading all reports, but does request that everyone take the time to read all that were included in the Annual Report for 2007. She also announced the 2009 AGM will be held in Edmundston.

Nominating Committee Report

Clarence presented the nominations for the Officers for 2008.

President-	Candace Salkey
Senior Vice President-	Bill Buchanan
2 nd Vice President-	unfilled
Senior Life Member-	Vince LeBlanc
Junior Life Member-	unfilled
Past President-	Clarence Vautour

Non-elected positions:

Chapter Manager-	Michael Sears
Y Team Member-	Chantal MacDonald
Treasurer-	Tim Wallace
Administrator-	Trixie Paul

Clarence declared all as elected. Michael then inducted all Chapter 51 Executive Officers for the 2008 term. There was also the induction of Council Presidents Chantal MacDonald and Angela Roy.

New Business

The question was raised as to why the Annual meeting now takes place on Sunday. Michael stated it is up to the host council to decide when the meeting will take place, and also that it is difficult for those that are working to get time off to be able to travel and attend a Friday meeting. It was suggested that each council ask their members what they would prefer, and a vote took place as well:

Number of people wanting a Friday meeting- 8
Number of people wanting a Saturday meeting- 1
Number of people wanting a Sunday meeting- 19

There is a committee headed by Bill Buchanan that is working on recruitment and membership. Michael will talk with Bill and Chantal on how to communicate

better to people when recruiting new Pioneer members. Also, Chantal is on the Y-Team to get an idea of what the younger generation wants to do for programs and activities.

The question was also asked as to what plan was in place for finding a 2nd VP. Candace has posted the position on Connexion but nobody has come forward to Clarence yet.

Each Club/Council will receive new scholarship cards, banners, large blank cheques and posters to take with them.

Candace gave the closing remarks, thanking everyone for coming. She concluded in saying if there are any questions or comments please forward them to Candace, one of the Executive Officers or their Club/Council President.

Meeting adjourned at 10:42am.

Chapter Financial Report

Unaudited Financial Report 2008

Income and Expense Statement 2008

INCOME

Annual Bowling Tournament Income	223.26
Awards	1 250.00
Balance Adjustment	3 229.12
Cancelled	1 000.00
Chapter Projects	
– Heart Pillows	2 000.00
– I Like Me	1 666.00
– Membership Recruitment Incentive	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL Chapter Projects (Income)	3 766.00
Employee Computer Purchase Plan	60 000.00
Interest Inc	2 751.10
International Fundraising Campaign	45.00
Mail Distribution Funds	3 935.17
Membership Dues	14 752.52
Other Inc	166.00
USD Exchange Rate	6.87
TOTAL INCOME	91 125.04

EXPENSES

Annual Bowling Tournament Expense	1 000.00
Bank Charge	84.25
Chapter Annual Expense	3 500.00
Chapter Expenses	
– Gas	2 288.25
– Hotel	5 958.13
– Meals	4 790.81
– Misc.	1 659.95
– Pioneer Week	653.55
– Transportation	<u>1 472.42</u>
TOTAL Chapter Expenses	16 823.11
Chapter Expenses on behalf of Aliant	4 292.14
Chapter Membership Dues	12 047.00
Chapter Projects	
– Breast Cancer Pillows	192.89

– <i>Computers For Schools</i>	
– <i>Heart Pillows</i>	6 926.32
– <i>Hug a Bears</i>	4 752.15
– <i>Je m'aime Program</i>	2 315.15
– <i>Membership Recruitment Incentive</i>	1 175.00
– <i>Power Up To Read</i>	350.00
TOTAL Chapter Projects	<u>4 182.71</u>
Donations	19 894.32
Misc	-3.06
Pioneer Promotional Items	3 250.57
Pioneer Scholarship Fund	150.00
Pioneer Triangle - Arrangement	1 643.64
TOTAL EXPENSES	123 635.75
 OVERALL TOTAL	 - 32 510.71

Balance Sheet as of December 31st, 2008

ASSETS

Cash and Bank Accounts

Aliant NB Chapter 51 Pioneers	3 511.50
Aliant Pioneers Chapter 51	1 441.05
Aliant Pioneers Chapter 51 Savings	24 088.36

TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts 27 969.32

Investments

Caisse populaires	53 819.06
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TOTAL ASSETS 82 859.97

LIABILITIES

RETAINED EARNINGS 82 859.97

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND
RETAINED EARNINGS** 82 859.97

Nominating Committee Report

As past President and chair of the Nominating Committee, it is my pleasure to recommend the following people to serve on the Aliant Pioneer Volunteers NB Chapter

51 Executive Committee for the calendar year 2009:

Elected Positions:

President – Michele Moulard
Senior Vice-President – Chantal MacDonald
2nd Vice-President – Angela Roy
Senior Life Member Representative– Vince Leblanc
Junior Life Member Representative – Joyce Thibodeau
Past President – Candace Salkey

Appointed Positions:

Chapter Manager – Candace Salkey
Administrator – Trixie Paul
Treasurer – Stephen Fairweather
Senior Advisor – DeeDee Stever
Senior Advisor – Clarence Vautour

Submitted by:
Candace Salkey, Past President

2008 Memorial

In honor of our fellow Pioneer Life and Regular Members who passed away during 2008.

Babin, John
Baxter, James
Boudreau, Alfred
Brown, Anne
Budrow, Verdell
Carleton, Glenn
Chapman, Bruce
Cunningham, Florence
Devereaux, Charles
Fletcher, Beulah
Foster, James
Harrison, Annie
Higgins, Mary
Hughes, Ronald
LeBlanc, Andrea
McKenna, Francis
Neilson, James
Sherrard, Hollis

McLaughlin, Mabel
McMilan, Josephine
McNail, Kenneth
Mills, Theodore
Moore, Gene
O'Hara, James
Oxley, Shirley
Paquet, Martin
Reid, John
Sinclair, Bill
Smith, Ralph
Thibault, Leonard
Trenholm, Rebecca
Wall, Thomas
Whelton, Thelma
Maillet, Viola
Theriault, Gerald

Aliant Pioneers of New Brunswick Foundation Inc Report

The Aliant Pioneers of New Brunswick Foundation Inc (formally known as The N.B. Pioneer Scholarship Foundation) was formed in 1992 specifically to help young New Brunswickers who are physically or mentally challenged pursue post-secondary education. The Foundation accomplishes this by providing scholarships, which are funded through tax-deductible donations, memorials and bequests.

In 2008, the Foundation awarded \$500 scholarships to the following 15 students:

- Sebastien Pascal Chiasson
- Mike Clark
- Adam Clowater
- Chris Foster
- Dawn Hartling
- Serge Leclerc
- Sean McCormick
- James McPhee
- Derek Allan Joseph Ness
- Jeremie Poirier
- Matthew Paul Zed
- Tiffany Daigle
- Guy Godin
- Cinthia Jean
- Pascale Dumont Levesque

In 2009, the board of directors conducted research into best practices for nonprofit groups offering scholarships. We also consulted with officers appointed to the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation, to gain their guidance in three areas:

- how to ensure our Foundation is sustainable and thriving for years to come;
- how to best achieve our objective of making a difference for students with challenges in New Brunswick who want to pursue education beyond the high school level; and
- how to maintain our high reputation of being a program with integrity that governs its activities in a fair and consistent manner.

Based on this research, we prepared a mission statement, created a guide to help prepare members of the assessment committee for their roles and to provide them with an objective process to use when evaluating each application, employed new ways to promote the Foundation among the public and among Pioneer members, and explored various options to raise funds for the Foundation.

The board understands that we are accountable to all the Pioneer members in New Brunswick and we will continue to take the actions necessary to ensure the Foundation

remains both financially viable as well as a valuable resource for students with challenges in New Brunswick.

The majority of the funding for the Foundation comes from direct donations and memorials made by Pioneers -- such as you! We need your continued support and we hope you will consider donating to the Foundation or choosing it as an option for placing memorials. We welcome your input and feedback and encourage you to talk up the Foundation and the scholarships we provide, to raise awareness of how the Pioneers in New Brunswick are making a difference to so many young people.

This year, based on the advice we obtained, the board has unanimously agreed that we will award five (5) scholarships in the amount of \$2000 each (or the full cost of tuition and books if an award recipient chooses a program of study with a total cost less than \$2000). We will be announcing the names of the recipients publicly in June 2009 and a list of the 2009 scholarship recipients will be included in next year's Chapter Annual Report.

Over the past year, we have had numerous changes to the board, including new officers and directors. Subject to final approval, they are:

Officers

- Jan Grant – President
- Monte McAuliffe - Vice President
- Jamie Morrison - Treasurer
- Lourdes Clancy - Secretary

Directors

- Fam Loutfi – Communications Prime (new)
- Ron Keirstead – Chair of Selection Committee (new)

Resigned, with thanks for prior service:

- Sue-Ellen Thibodeau

For 2009, the members of the Selection Committee are:

- Ron Keirstead* – chair
- Doug Bourque
- Denis Dugas
- Susan Jack*
- Brian McLean*
- Harold Rice
- Mollie Watts*

**new to role*

Moncton Council Report

President's Report

2008 has come and gone and the work that was completed in those 12 months was amazing. In fact we had a total of 21,733 volunteer hours reported, which is an amazing accomplishment and everyone deserves a round of applause.

In 2008 we made significant donations and provided volunteer assistance to many events. Following are just a few of the projects/activities in which Council Members were involved:

- Provided a \$6,700 donation to the Tree of Hope/L'arbre de l'espoir campaign.
- Filled over 190 backpacks, provided by Aliant, with school supplies which were distributed to School District 1, 2, and 11.
- Provided needy families, involving over 50 children, with Christmas gifts and food. And food donations for the project from members totaling over an estimated \$6000.
- Provided volunteer assistance at the 2nd IWK Radiothon.
- Inspected shoe boxes at Operation Christmas Child
- Provided volunteer assistance at the Christmas Daddies Telethon.

We continue to have our main activities which are the: Computer for Schools program, Life Line Monitoring, our Hug A Bear program and Breast Cancer Pillows.

I want to first thank the entire membership for all their hard work and participation in 2008. It doesn't matter if you ran a program or volunteered an hour of your time; every second of your generosity went toward improving the quality of life and community.

I would also like to thank Louise Leblanc, our Past President for all her guidance in 2008. Thanks also need to be sent to the Executive Councils Senior Advisors, Bill Buchanan, Clarence Vautour, and Harrison Baldy Tait. Without your wisdom and experience, we would not have had such a successful year.

I learned so much in 2008 and forged some great relationships. Thank you to each and everyone for your patience, knowledge and enthusiasm. I look forward to working with you again in the years to come.

Happy Pioneering!

Submitted by:

Angela Roy, President

On Behalf of the Executive Committee

Awards Report 2008

The Council recognizes the following individuals for their outstanding contributions to Pioneering during the past year:

Pioneer of the Year (Sandra King)

She is a very active volunteer both with the Pioneers and in her community.

She was involved in the following activities/projects:

She held the Moncton Council Director at Large position in 2008.

She has been the Bowl for Kids team captain for 5 years.

She was on the Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids organizing committee.

She Chaired the Children's Christmas party for the past 5 years.

She is the Old Linesman Newsletter – Editor

She is a Walk for Kids- Site organizer and volunteer

She is a Backpack for Kids - Champion for Edinburgh

She is a member of the Pioneer Lottery Team

She worked with the Needy families at Christmas

Co-organized gifts at Edinburgh and volunteered sorting food

She is a United Way Day of Caring committee member

She is an Aliant United Way committee member

She has Volunteered at:

IWK Radiothon

Operation Christmas Child

Wine Festival coat check

Pioneer Family Fun Day

Kiwanis Show

Your Regular Pioneer of the Year is Sandra King

Life Member of the Year (Bill Buchanan)

Following are some of the activities/projects our Life Member of the Year actively participates or has participated in:

He is known as Mr. Photographer and attends various events to properly document them.

He participates and assists in organizing Operation Christmas Child.

He organizes and assists in the Christmas Lottery fundraising campaign.

He is a Senior Advisor on the Moncton Council Executive.

He participates in Pot Luck Supper and the majority of group activities.

He is a strong administrative force within the Moncton Council.

He is your MC for this evening... He is Bill Buchanan

Partner of the Year (Carolyn Smith)

She is the spouse of an active Life Member. She and her spouse attend Pot Lucks and she is always there to help prepare the kitchen.

She is always willing to lend a helping hand wherever she is needed, and always with a smile.

Your Partner of the Year is a shining example of the word Partner. She is Carolyn Smith.
Assists in preparation of the Christmas tea
Assists at Hug a bear workshops
always makes dessert for events when needed.

Submitted by:
Angela Roy, President

Fellowship Report

2008 Life Member Report

Activities for the Year

2 Flowers
11 Fruit Baskets
9 Home Visits
2 Hospital Visits
13 Sympathy Cards
5 Get Well Cards
5 Funeral Visits
7 Memorial Scholarship Cards
95 Phone Call

Special Birthdays for 2008

Myrtle Lawlor
Lloyd Mullins
Stella LeBlanc
Florence Gaudet
William McHarg

In Memoriam for 2008

Viola Maillet – Life Member
Susan Shea – Daughter of Pauline Shea
Shirley Oxley – Life Member
Bill Sinclair – Life Member
Maryorie Corney – Wife of Paige Corney
Russell Kelly – Husband of Dorothy Kelly
Stephen Cain – Father of Lloyd/David Cain
Ursula Morrissey – Life Member Mother Sheila Gagne Guys Wife
Kenneth McNair – Life Member
Fedora Goguen – Wife of Ovila Goguen

Activity Report

- ◆ Tree of Hope/L'Arbre de L'Espoir Campaign Fundraising*
- ◆ Food Bank Drive for Albert County Food Bank*
- ◆ Hug-a-Bears
- ◆ Breast Cancer Pillows Program*
- ◆ Audio Loop Program
- ◆ Liquid Level Indicators for the CNIB
- ◆ Christmas Boxes for Needy Families
- ◆ Pop Can Recycling
- ◆ Christmas Daddies
- ◆ 50/50 Fundraising
- ◆ Annual Corn Boil for Pioneers and their Families
- ◆ Annual High School Hockey Tournament 50/50 Draws
- ◆ Bell–Aliant Backpack and School Supplies Project
- ◆ Bell-Aliant Christmas Breakfast
- ◆ Bell-Aliant Walk for Kids
- ◆ Books are Fun Book Fair
- ◆ Canadian Cancer Society Daffodil Campaign
- ◆ Children’s Christmas Party
- ◆ Children’s Halloween Party
- ◆ Children’s Wishmaker Parade
- ◆ Christmas Tea for Life Members
- ◆ Christmas Lottery
- ◆ Computer Sales Project
- ◆ Computer for Schools Program
- ◆ Fellowship Program
- ◆ IWK Radiothon
- ◆ Je M'aime (I Like Me) Books
- ◆ Life Line Monitoring ~ Moncton Hospital
- ◆ Miscellaneous One Time Request
- ◆ Monthly Pot Luck Suppers
- ◆ Multiple Sclerosis Society Carnation Campaign
- ◆ Northrup Frye Literacy Festival
- ◆ Operation Christmas Child
- ◆ Pioneer Week Activities
- ◆ Power Up To Read
- ◆ School Libraries Project
- ◆ Telecom Pioneer Scholarship Program
- ◆ The Old Linesman Newsletter
- ◆ Volunteer Week Activities

* new program/project

Membership Report

New Members in 2008

- ◆ Kathryn Beyea
- ◆ Caroline Corey
- ◆ Tara Dempsey
- ◆ Jason Francoeur
- ◆ Kevin Goguen
- ◆ Tara Grant
- ◆ Mark Kalous
- ◆ Pierre Leger
- ◆ Denis Martin
- ◆ Paul Poirier
- ◆ Jason Richard
- ◆ Judy Richard
- ◆ Todd Schofield
- ◆ Liette Sweetapple
- ◆ Paul Thellab

Total of 16 new Members in 2008

Saint John Council and Life Member Club 2008 annual report

President's Report

In 2008 the Saint John Council and the Life Members Club made significant donations and provided volunteer assistance to many events in the greater Saint John area. Below are some of the projects in which our Pioneers were involved:

- Junior Achievement Initiatives
- CNIB Dog Coin Collection
- Meals on Wheels
- Visitation for Shut-ins
- PALS for Centennial School Program
- Collection/Donation of Personal Care Products
- Computer for Schools
- Heart Pillow Program
- Hug-a-Bear Program
- Liquid Indicator Program
- Power Up to Read
- Project Connect
- Discover the Magic Within You
- Heart and Stroke Annual Campaign
- Alpine Skate to Care for Mental Health
- I Like Me Book Campaign
- Canadian Cancer Society Daffodil Campaign
- MADD Strides for Change Walk
- Health and Wellness Health Fair
- M&M Meats Crohn's and Colitis Charity BBQ
- Imperial Theatre Technical Training Program for Students
- IWK Children's Telethon
- Marigolds on Main with Centennial School
- Lilly Lake Community Cleanup
- St Joseph's Community Care connection Golf Tournament
- MS Bike Run
- QES Internet Safety Presentation
- Dragon Boat Festival
- Backpack for Kids
- United Way Kickoff Parade
- Children's Wish Foundation Parade
- Santa Clause Parade
- Empty Stocking Fund
- Santa Bag's

- Saint John Harbor Lights Campaign
- Lap Robes for the Hospital
- Kidney Foundation Canvassing
- Aliant Walk for Kid's Help Phone
- Blue Cross Hot & Cold Packs
- Teen Resource Centre

In closing we want to thank all of you who volunteer: you have and continue to make the greater Saint John community a better place to live.

Happy Pioneering!

Amanda London, Lory-Ann MacAskill and Leslie Lord

Activity Report

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** Notes indicates net new events for 2008*

Participation Report

Fundraising Report

Internal projects:

Recycling \$446.15

Donation \$200.00

Total Funds Raised: \$646.15

Comm Serv Exp	500.00	Islandview Lions - French Book Fair	<u>500.00</u>
Council Expense	2948.44	Aliant NB Chapter 51 - Membership Fee Reimbursement	1,471.46
		Volunteer Day	577.25
		Pioneer Room Cleanup	27.52
		Loyalist Life Member Club - 2007 outstanding bills	479.8
		Tracey Gogan - Recruitment Prize	50.00
		Pioneer Week	<u>342.41</u>
Fellowship	11,124.93	Albert Draperies - Teen Resource Centre	226.00
		Office Outfitters Teen Resource Centre	2,397.86
		Bell Aliant - Teen Resource Centre	6,701.07
		Candace Salkey - Backpacks for school	700.00
		United Way	100
		Empty Stocking Fund	500.00
		Harbor Lights	500.00
Santa Bags-Santa Bag Project	600.00	Santa Bags	<u>600.00</u>
Social Expense	1423.75	Misty Harbor Seafood - Lobster	520.38
		Lobster dinner expenses	<u>903.37</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>17,085.51</u>		
Overall Income/Expenses 2008	-12,023.89		
December 31, 2008 Balance	\$ 3,598.11		

Fredericton Council Report

President's Report

This past year has been a productive and exciting year for the Fredericton Council.

The Fredericton Council members had a notice of 3 weeks to fundraise money for the Bell Aliant Walk for Kids Help Phone. We rose to the challenge and managed to fundraise 1795.23\$. Unfortunately the flood situation in Fredericton left us with the decision to cancel the walk. Hopefully Mother Nature will be friendly to the Fredericton area so we can have our walk.

Then the employees jumped at the aid with the Red Cross to come to the aid of the flood victims by volunteering their time. We also donated 110 personal care kits and 55 Hug-A-Bears (sent to us by the Moncton office).

We had a few big donations from the Fredericton Council such as 200\$ for a golf tournament with proceeds going to One Future Youth Services. Another one for 178\$ went to help Michael Hynes raise money for cancer. A 500\$ check went to the Upper Miramichi Elementary School for library books. Also 200\$ went to help buy groceries for 2 families from the Kingsclear Consolidated School.

We also had a great year with our School Help Line we started the year with 4 schools and expanded to 5 more schools. We are happy to say we fulfilled a lot of requests for our Help Line for 2008 which also includes in one school a breakfast program.

We are continuing strong with our Adopt-A-Product project which we now donate 80\$ per month of lunch snack items and fruit juice boxes to the Fredericton Food Bank.

The Fredericton council consisted of myself, Chantal MacDonald as president. Then Sara Lockhart as vice-president and who is the upcoming President for 2009; Jonathan Horseman was the 2008 treasurer; Bernice Sharp is our life member representative; Sheila Robichaud was the secretary for 2008 and all three will be staying for 2009. Also Louise McCarville took care of sending the active members greeting cards. For the year 2009, we will have Kelly Lacey sending the life members cards as she did in the year 2008. We also have Trixie Paul as a past president and mentor role for the Fredericton Council for 2008.

I want to personally thank everyone that helped making 2008 a successful year for the Fredericton Council.

Awards Report

The Fredericton Council of the Aliant Pioneers Volunteers would like to thank all volunteers for their time they have so generously donated in 2008. The Pioneers have been involved in and sponsored many community events and activities.

The Fredericton council received a recognition award from the Chapter for all the work we do in the community.

The Fredericton Council would like to nominate our Past President, Chantal MacDonald as Pioneer of the Year. Chantal has kept the Fredericton Council active during some lean membership years. Chantal has maintained the Fredericton Council's involvement and commitment to our community despite fewer volunteers. Chantal picked up every project from 2007 and grew the School Helpline in 2008. Chantal was able to re-ignite local member interest and encourage participation, exemplify the Pioneer Spirit. Chantal has been quick to respond to those agencies in need, and spent the majority of her maternity leave working on Pioneer projects, logging in excess of 600 hours last year with her baby boy, Tyler in tow. Chantal does not look for recognition and downplays her contribution. Here are the things Chantal takes responsibility for:

Walk for Kids Help Phone – Chantal was team captain. She engaged local members and employees, recruiting volunteers and raising almost \$2000 in less than three weeks. When the Fredericton' walk was cancelled due to a flooding state of Emergency, she not only drove to an alternate Walk location, she also coordinated and recruited for the Red Cross emergency lines and re-purposed the personal care kits to them. Without a local Hug-a-Bear project, she contacted the Moncton Council and was able to ensure the people of our community in crisis had what they needed, when they needed it.

Chantal implemented and coordinates the School Help Line offering teachers at 11 local schools a resource to get the children necessary items for their health and safety. We had many requests in 2008 including a stroller for a child in Grade 2 with Cerebral Palsy; snowsuits, rain boots, lunch bags and meal cards. In one school, she determined their need would be best met by sponsoring a full breakfast program at the school. The school helpline also extended its reach to help support two families at Christmas time when teachers uncovered and reported to her the dire financial circumstances of a few of the school children and called the Pioneers for help on Dec 20. We were able to furnish their entire celebration including gifts for all children and household items for the parents and food.

Chantal is the Prime for the Backpacks program and successfully adopted out backpacks to individuals and departments within Aliant's Fredericton Region and managed to secure a bulk donation from Grand & Toy and coordinate other corporate donations with funds raised to enhance our backpacks contribution with much-needed art supplies, dictionaries, thesaurus, and scientific calculators. Chantal coordinated with local food bank and

community organizations to ensure that we were able to provide for each child identified as in need.

Chantal also donates her time to help fill personal care kits, deliver or coordinate delivery to the food bank, schools, Transition House, Emergency Shelter, works the lost Kids booth attend JA awards, I Like Me deliveries, Literacy donations to libraries and countless other calls for help from various community members and organizations.

Chantal represents Aliant and her community with grace and kindness. She is helpful and willing; always ready to lend a hand. When funds are short, she raises more. She will not turn away any request and often seeks to go above the asking and provide that little bit more.

Chantal is the cornerstone of the Fredericton Council's Pioneering activity and deserves every accolade available. She is a shining example of everything right in the world, a poster Pioneer Volunteer of ***People. Helping People.*** She is a devoted mother and wife with a full time job in Customer Service, yet she somehow is able to make time for anyone who needs her. She balances her life beautifully, an example to all that ***Making an Effort, Makes a Difference.***

Fellowship Report

The Fredericton Council would like to thank Kelly Lacey and Louise McCarville for taking care of sending out birthday cards, sympathy and get well cards on behalf of the council.

Regular Member Report:

- 2 get-well cards were sent.
- 7 sympathy cards were sent.
- 125 Christmas cards were sent.
- 10 Christmas gifts were sent.

Life Member Report:

- 11 sympathy cards
- 7 Christmas cards

Activity Report

The Fredericton Council participated in the following programs:

Breast Cancer Foundation/Run for the Cure
Canadian Cancer Society/Relay for Life
Children's Christmas Party
Christmas/sponsoring families
Dragon Boat (Dragon Boat/Lost Kids Booth)
Sponsor JA President of the Year Dinner
Junior Achievement
Individual request donations (school library, school breakfast program, etc.)
Pioneer Week/Volunteer Week
Pioneer Christmas Dinner
School Help Line
Adopt-A-Backpack
Fredericton Food Bank
Fredericton Women's Shelter
CNIB Gala
Computers for Schools
Annual Potluck/Auction
Adopt-A-Product (Fredericton Food Bank)

Membership Report

In Fredericton for the year 2008, we have 14 new members to introduce:

Jenny Muise
Wanda Anstey
Kelly Kirkbride
Jeff Bujold
Bradley Shoebottom
Dwight Benner
Rachelle Bourque
Crystal Trites
Kathy Blouin
Terri Lamoureux
Sean Simpson
Jeff McGuigan
Suzanne Osborne
Lisa Wiseman

Our sympathies to the families of:

Florence Cunningham
Beulah Fletcher
Owen Gorman
Neil MacMullin
Mabel McLaughlin
Herbert Messer
Theodore Mills
Harold Nasson
Thomas Wall

Participation Report

The Fredericton would like to thank Donna Douglas for keeping track of the volunteer hours. No one from the Fredericton was trained to enter hours in PALS. That led to all the hours from the Fredericton Council entered as Life Members hours and Regular members in 2 totals but not the break down dedicated to each project.

Life Members total 494 hours for 2008

Regular Members total 353 hours for 2008.

Total hours for the Fredericton Council are 847.

Computer for Schools Program

FREDERICTON WORKSHOP

Following is a brief report outlining activity at the Fredericton Computers for Schools workshop at 685 Priestman Street, Fredericton, N. B.

Volunteers working : Gary Rioux – lead tech
 Don Oliver
 Rick Brown
 Bob Fanjoy
 Myron McKay

Total hours toward CFS program : 280.5

Total hours other community projects : 9

Total hours contributed : 289.5

Equipment refurbished and delivered : 3 Pentium III computer & 1 Printer

Fundraising Report

Fredericton Projects Sponsored/Sponsored in part by the Chapter:

Sponsoring 5 Family for Christmas (Salvation Army and School Help Line families)

Pioneer Week Celebration

School Help Line: Devon Middle School, South Devon Elementary, Nashwaaksis Memorial School, Montgomery Elementary, Kingsclear Consolidated, Priestman Elementary, Boiestown Elementary, Keswick Ridge and Chief Harold Sappier Memorial School.

Fredericton Women's Shelter

Fredericton Homeless Shelter

Canadian Paraplegic Association

Relay For Life

Fredericton Food Bank (Food donations, Christmas Stockings, Backpacks)

Food Bank for Stanley, Oromocto, Minto, Doaktown and McAdam (Backpacks)

Bell Aliant Walk for Kids Help Phone

Cancer Society

CNIB

Junior Achievement (President of the Year Award)

Red Cross (Donated personal care kits and Hug-A-Bears to flood victims)

Operation Keep The Change (Funds donated to Fredericton Community Kitchen,

Salvation Army and Fredericton Food Bank)

Fredericton SPCA and Oromocto SPCA

One Future Youth Services

Financial Report

2008 YE Income vs Expense - Last year 1/1/2008 through 12/31/2008 (in Canadian Dollars) (Cash Basis)

Category Description	1/1/2008- 3/31/2008	4/1/2008- 6/30/2008	7/1/2008- 9/30/2008	10/1/2008- 12/31/2008	OVERALL TOTAL
INCOME					
Chapter funds	0.00	1,000.00	1,500.00	3,400.00	5,900.00
Other Inc	0.00	0.00	0.00	160.28	160.28
Vending Machines	0.00	150.00	79.20	70.00	299.20
TOTAL INCOME	0.00	1,150.00	1,579.20	3,630.28	6,359.48
EXPENSES					
Uncategorized	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chapter Activities					
Back back program	0.00	0.00	432.78	0.00	432.78
Pioneer day	0.00	82.87	0.00	168.64	251.51
School help line	57.61	115.54	167.57	887.14	1,227.86
Other Chapter Activities	0.00	1,011.30	13.26	50.00	1,074.56
TOTAL Chapter Activities	57.61	1,209.71	613.61	1,105.78	2,986.71
Community Activities					
Food bank	115.79	127.06	283.38	175.00	701.23
School	0.00	20.00	95.00	1,053.00	1,168.00
Sports	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Other Community Activities	390.00	117.72	200.00	178.00	885.72
TOTAL Community Activities	605.79	264.78	578.38	1,406.00	2,854.95
Pioneer Council activities					
administration	0.00	188.53	282.04	65.00	535.57
Christmas Childrens party	20.02	0.00	29.75	313.87	363.64
Christmas family	92.02	0.00	0.00	2,747.10	2,839.12
Halloween Kids party	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
membership appreciation	31.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	31.31
Pioneer Dinner	0.00	31.37	0.00	300.00	331.37
TOTAL Pioneer Council activities	143.35	219.90	311.79	3,475.97	4,151.01
TOTAL EXPENSES	806.75	1,694.39	1,503.78	5,987.75	9,992.67
OVERALL TOTAL	-806.75	-544.39	75.42	-2,357.47	-3,633.19

Chaleur Council 2008

INTRODUCTION:

The Chaleur Council has completed another successful Pioneering Year. We have been busy with our help line which continues to attract our younger employees and retirees. Our help line is available for all schools and allows the schools Principal or Guidance Counselor to call us when they have a student in need. Each volunteer monitors the help line for a week at a time, the volunteer will purchase the requested item, i.e.: sneakers, school supplies, jeans or meal cards and deliver the items to the school. In 2008 we delivered 810 items for needy students in our area from grades K to 12. Most of our funds are used for this project.

As well, our very active retirees were on the go throughout the year volunteering with many other groups in the community. They are listed in our report under the "Activity Report". Our members also remain active at the "Computer for Success" workshop.

The 2008 AGM was held in Bathurst and kept our council busy planning and preparing. We held a "Back Yard BBQ" and washer tournament on Friday evening. On Saturday, we visited the Farmers Market and later in the morning did some volunteering for a School Fund raiser. We also had our guest visit the Heritage Museum. On Saturday evening we had our Awards Banquet and had our Regional Manager, Robert Vautour, officially welcome our Pioneers to Bathurst. All our guest then participated in a scavenger hunt and ended the evening at our Hospitality Suites. I believe fun was had by all!! The Chaleur Council was thanked by Chapter NB President Candace Salkey and all agreed the weekend was a great success. The success of the weekend was all due to the great bunch of Chaleur Council volunteers and of course to our guests! Everyone was easy to please and good sports!! We look forwarding to having you back.

We started a new project this year and made Heart Pillows, these are pillows that are used after breast surgery. The pillow fits under the arm and protects the surgery area. When these were brought to the hospital, some brain storming was done and our volunteers and nurse came up with another idea that would also help those that have had surgery. During surgery a drain pipe attached with a bag is also placed, our volunteers now make material bags to slip the drain bags into; they are tied up around the patients neck so that the drain pipe doesn't get pulled when moving and also covers them up.

Our Council has also had representation on the Chapter level as Guy Gallant finishes his year as Senior Life Member and Joyce Thibodeau steps in as Junior Life Member in 2009.

As Chaleur Council President, I wish to thank everyone for their time and dedication to the Pioneers and to our community; as usual you make me proud!! It was a pleasure again to be your Council President.

Submitted by Dee Dee Stever, Chaleur Council President.

Award Report

Nomination Report for Life Member of the year.

Guy keeps the Chaleur council going. He is involved in all council projects, attends all meetings, and organizes fellowship events and social activities for the council.

Computers for schools would not exist if it wasn't for Guy. He initiated the computer program to be set up in the NBTel warehouse in this area and has managed the day to day operation from the beginning, fifteen years ago. Each year the Chaleur council team led by Guy will refurbish over 250 computers. He has a group of five retirees and one partner that work together and enjoy the fellowship. Guy and his team meet at the work shop every Tuesday and Thursday, except during July and August.

Guy was asked by the Bathurst High School if he would allow a student to join the workshop. The student wanted to quit school and had low self esteem; he was also having problems at home. The student joined the group and loves it! He rarely misses a day of school because he wants to work at the computer shop, which he is very good at. The school assistant that works with this student called to ask if he could go back to the workshop again this year and commented on how well he was doing and how much he enjoyed going to the shop. Guy and his loyal workers are positive mentors to this student.

Besides Computers for Schools that he is so involved with, the Help Line is one of his favorite projects. Our Help Line is set up for Principals and Guidance Councilors in our schools within Bathurst, NB to call our help line and request items for students in need. The items may be sneakers, jackets, school supplies and lunch money. He is one of the key volunteers for this project. He volunteers by monitoring the line, purchasing the items and delivering the items to schools. He will also deliver some items that working Pioneers purchase for the Help Line who don't have the time to travel to the schools before the school closes.

Guy is also involved with our annual donation of items donated by Pioneers, Bell Aliant employees and Life Members to the Passage House, a shelter for mothers and children. Guy has been involved with this program which started several years ago and today, our employees and retirees donate items that are delivered at Christmas.

Guy attends our twice annual Street Cleanup. The Pioneers have adopted a street in downtown Bathurst that is cleaned twice a year. This has been ongoing for approximately 6 years and Guy is always with us to clean up!

Guy has been council President at least seven times (each time being for more than a one year term) as well as being Vice President several times. He has been Administrator and Treasurer for the past 13 years.

He has kept record of volunteer hours within PA7, PTS for the past decade and is now currently being trained on the new international Volunteer Management System (PALS). His involvement contributes significantly to the Council and he always acts as a mentor and as a fine example for others to follow.

In his capacity on Council and Chapter, he has provided sage advice to Pioneering in general. He is referred to as Mr. Pioneer in the Council and always has the time to help someone else.

After over 40 years of volunteering, Guy still demonstrates his strong belief in Pioneers, especially by being an active volunteer, a past member of the Council executive and past New Brunswick Chapter Life member.

It is for the above that I would like to nominate Guy Gallant for Life Member of the Year, 2008.

Submitted by Dee Dee Stever – Chaleur Council President.

Fellowship Report

Life Regular members report :

Activities for the Year :

- 3 Sympathy cards
- 4 Fruit Baskets
- 2 Get Well Cards
- 8 Hospital visits
- 3 Funerals for Pioneers and Family members.

In Memoriam:

-March 16,2008	Alfred “Freddy “ Boudreau
-December 7,2008	Charles Devereaux
-December 17,2008	Martin Paquet

Membership Report

There were no new pioneers during the year 2008in the Chaleur Council.

Presently the Chaleur Council is at 100% signed up.

Activity Report

Help Line school project (Aide aux élèves)
Back Pack school supplies
Raffle & 50/50 Draws
Pioneer & Volunteer Week promotion, coffee, cake, hot dogs etc.
Computer for Success repairs
Computer Resale project
Meals on wheels
Hospital Volunteer
Canadian Legion Volunteer
Passage House Christmas food & clothing donations
Volunteer Fireman
Youth Sport volunteers
Adopt a Street clean
Scout and Guides Volunteers
Social Suppers, Valentine, Christmas & Lobster Party.
North Star Chaleur Hospital annual tree of lights
Parkwood Heights school Breakfast program
Beresford Church Soup kitchen
Hug a Bear Donation
Chapter Annual meeting
Blood Donor Clinic
Sue Poupart Wheel Chair Ramp
Heart Pillows

Donation of Money

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Help Line	4,856.93
BHS Safe Grad night	100.00
SMS Breakfast Program	100.00
Petit Rocher Cancer Relay for Life	3,607.00
Parkwood Heights Breakfast Program	100.00
Parkwood Heights Playground replacement	200.00
One Cancer patient expenses	200.00
Bathurst Area Milk Fund	100.00

Total Dollars raised and or Donated

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\$ 9,263.93

Participation Report

Volunteer Hours reported	Hours
Life members	3730
Regular	1123
Partners	1788
Others	229
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Total	6820

Units Completed	Units
Computer for School repaired	280
Computer resale	18
Help Line/Aide aux eleves	87
Requests	87
Items supplied	810
Back packs for Kids	75
Volunteer Fireman	84
Youth involvement in Sports,Hockey,Soccer etc.	430
Meals on Wheels	168
Income Tax Services completed	122
Hospital Volunteer Hours	39
Crocheting Cancer caps & Preemie baby caps& gowns	45
Breast Pillows and Drip pouches.	52
Parkwood School Breakfast Program	896

Participation Rate:	Life members	42%
	Regular	37%

On average, we have 25 to 28 regular employees and 12 to 15 Life and Partners retirees who volunteer on a regular base.

Fund Raising Report

Internal Sources : Chaleur Council

Council Fund raising	\$ 182.00
Bank interest	.75
AGM Registration fees	\$1,610.00
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Total Council income	\$1,792.75

External Sources: Chapter # 51 contribution

Chapter Annual Donation to Council	\$1,000.00
Chapter AGM contribution	\$3,500.00
Help Line Purchase contribution	\$5,500.00
Chapter Back Pack money	\$ 500.00
Chapter portion of 50% for Pioneer week	\$ 117.15
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Total Chapter Assistance	\$ 10,617.15

Financial Report

Auditor's report

To whom it may Concern.

As requested, I have reviewed and discussed with council treasurer, Guy Gallant, the financial statement and transaction registers of the "Telephone Pioneers North Shore Council" (Chaleur Council), and have the following comments.

I have reviewed all cheques issued and compared them with chequing passbook entries from TD Canada Trust and the Council chequing transaction log and the Quicken chequing register entries, and found that all cheques received from the Chapter and/or issued by the Council have been accounted for as well as money raised from Council activities, such as draws, fund raiser, parking lot patrol and bank interest duly entered. All cheques issued had the required two signatures from two of the three signing officers.

All Council transactions for the year 2008 were made by cheques from number 191 to number 327 inclusively and all 137 cheques have been accounted for and recorded. The largest numbers of cheques issued were 51 for the Help Line Purchase program and 24 for the Chapter Annual Meeting (AGM), which accounted for 79% of the Council expenditures.

I have also reviewed the two Help Line folders, one for each District, and ledgers which recorded the 87 requests from schools. Of these 87 requests, 810 items were purchased for needy students from grades K to 12, in 14 different schools. Each Help Line request recorded the following information: District number, teacher, contact phone number, school address, items requested, pioneer volunteer who purchased item(s), costs, and a receipt was attached to each request form, showing the cheque number, amount and name issued to for repayment. All transactions were recorded and tracked in both the Help Line folder and the Quicken reports.

I have found the "Telephone Pioneers North Shore Council" (Chaleur Council) records to be truthful and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Roger Arseneault

Original signed by Roger Arseneault, Bell Canada, Mgr-Access Network Director

2008 Income and Expenses Statement

Details as per Quicken Cash Flow :

Bank Balance as of December 31, 2007 **\$ 897.06**

Income:

Chapter Annual Contribution	3,500.00
Chapter Annual Registration	1,610.00
Council Fund Raising	182.00
Council Award Money	1,000.00
Chapter Back Pack Money	500.00
Chapter Portion 50% Pioneer Week	117.15
Chapter Contribution to Help Line	5,500.00
Bank Interest	.75

Total Council income **\$12,409.90** **\$12,409.90**

Expenses:

Help Line / Aide aux eleves	4,856.93
Chapter Annual Expenses	4,775.47
Community Services Education & Others	1,431.68
Council Annual Expenses	50.85
Council Yearly Expenses	351.85
Fellowship, Fruit Baskets, Flowers & Cards.	263.87
Pioneer Week	234.30
Council Social Expenses	77.50
Bank Service Charges	27.00

Total Council Expenses **\$12,069.45** **\$12,069.45**

Bank Balance Comparison: as per Bank Passbook & Quicken.

Closing Bank balance as of 12/ 31/ 2008 was \$ 1,337.51

Minus (1) uncashed cheque:

295 to Parkwood School for \$100.00 - \$ 100.00

Total Cash available at Bank as of 12/31/08 was **\$1,237.51** **\$**
1,237.51

Actual Bank Balance as per Quicken report for 12/31/2008 was **\$ 1,237.51**

Miramichi Council

President's Report

The Miramichi Council participated in several events in 2008, some tried and true and a couple new. We were pleased to partner with ICT to donate over 70 back packs for kids. We also donated 325 books to three elementary school libraries in District 16. We were fortunate have five media mentions in local newspapers. Unfortunately we missed the deadline for Awards submissions. One of our members Joanne Stewart was the top individual fundraiser for the Children's Wish Foundation Parade in Canada. We are very proud of her.

Fellowship Report

We had over 40 members attend our annual Life Members Christmas Dinner.

Our fellowship committee sent out several cards and made many visits to the homes of our fellow Pioneers and Partners along with some hospital visits. Also many wonderful phone conversations were had. We had one partner Rose Lloyd pass away and a donation was made to the NB Chapter 51 Scholarship Foundation in her memory.

Activity Report

- Bowl for Kids
- MS Walk
- Book Donation to District 16 Schools
- Donation to Miramichi Regional Hospital Foundation
- Donation to Schizophrenia Society
- Relay for Life
- Scouting
- Helping Seniors
- Hospital Volunteer
- Back Packs for Kids
- Children's Wish Foundation Parade
- Blood Donor Clinics
- Adopt a Family for Christmas (Salvation Army)
- Annual Life Member Christmas Dinner

Membership Report

There were three new members signed up in Miramichi.
Yannic St Pierre
Andrew Grant
Darlene MacDonald

Miramichi council has 30 regular members and 60 life members. We are pleased to continue with our 100% membership of active employees.

Participation Report

Members	Hours
Regular Members	742
Life Members	1670
Partners	8
Other	2
Total Hours	2422

Having 90 Pioneer Members with the Miramichi Council there was a total of 32 active members. Our level of participation was 35% during the past Pioneer year.

Fundraising Report

External Projects (funds were raised and donated)

Bowl for Kids	\$210
MS Walk	\$170
Back Pack for Kids	\$707
Children's Wish Parade	\$17,221
Total Raised	\$18,308

Financial Report

Beginning Balance \$6957.27

Income:

Jun 13/08 Chapter Allotment	\$1000.00
Aug 08/08 Chapter Back Packs	\$ 500.00
Aug 29/08 Back Pack Donation ICT	\$ 500.00
Aug 30/08 Donations Back Packs	\$ 207.00

Total Income **\$2207.00**

Expenses:

Feb 15/08 Purchase Books District 16	\$5000.00
Jun 03/08 Donation Miramichi Hosp	\$ 100.00
Jun 17/08 Donation Schizophrenia Society	\$ 100.00
Sep 03/08 Purchase Back Pack Supplies	\$1207.00
Oct 20/08 Donation Children's Wish	\$ 100.00
Nov 28/08 Christmas Dinner	\$ 400.00
Dec 05/08 Adopt A Family	\$ 500.00

Total Expenses **\$7407.00**

End Year Balance **\$1757.27**

Also Investment Certificate of \$ 1297.06

Le Conseil de la Péninsule Acadienne

President's Report

This is our 3rd council's annual report. We are the first French council in North America and we were established in October 2005. This report includes all activities from January 2008 until December 2008. We are approximately 10 active members and over 60 signed members which is 100% of the eligible membership base. We are proud to be involved in our communities under the Aliant Pioneer's banner.

Awards Report

I would like to nominate **Denis Dugas for the Pioneer of the Year Award** for his outstanding and tireless efforts to promote the Aliant Pioneers in the Acadian Peninsula. He is not only the president since it's inception but has gone above and beyond his role to ensure that the Aliant Pioneers are very well represented in our communities.

Some of his accomplishments for 2008 are:

Je M'aime books for 3 schools(80) order, receive, organize and distribution to classes.

Manage Kids Helpline receive,purchase,distribute

Backpacks for Kids(50) order,organize meeting,distribute

Computers for schools(8) receive,setup,distribute

Computers for CMA 2009(10) receive,setup,distribute

Heart-shaped pillows(50) in partnership with Cancer society

Adopt-a-Family for xmas(2) distribute

Donations for sick children, presentations

Prime for PUTR-Presentation to District 9 school board(30)

Presentation to 250 teachers, Set-up 2 administrators and 60 users

PUTR partner with school board coordinator to implement on District portal (webpage)

ongoing coordination with Ontario School board interested with project.

Rep for Congrès Mondiale Acadien 2009 for the Aliant Pioneers

Community involvement-President Parents Committee (Marguerite-Bourgys) and Cross

Country ski instructor(44 kids)

Assitute pioneer president for la Conseil de la Péninsule Acadienne

Denis is a very dynamic person and without his leadership for our area the Aliant Pioneers would not be as well represented. I truly believe he would be an excellent choice for this award.

Submitted by: Marty Boudreau VP APEN

Fellowship Report

- ◆ Pioneer Week 2008 – Breakfast with Life Members and technicians and Continental Breakfast for Pioneers at the Shippagan Mobility Call Center. Very good participation.
- ◆ 2 cold meet platters to 2 fellow employees who lost one parent.

Activity Report

- Backpacks for kids (50)
- Donation – March break activities for youngsters.
- Donation – To 2 children who suffer from rare skin disease & cancer.
- Hug-A-Bear – Tracadie Hospital
- Children's Help Line
- Donation – Operation red nose
- Donation – Pastoral committee
- Adopt 2 families for Christmas (Tracadie and St-Isidore)
- Project – Je M'aime affiliated with La Fédération des Caisses Populaires
- Donation of Computers to:
 - 6 computers to the Marine Cadets in Caraquet
 - 5 computers to Leandre Legresley school in Grand-Anse
 - 1 computer to Action-Revivre group in Caraquet
 - 5 laptops & 5 PC's to the Congrès Mondial Acadien
 - We made 50 heart shape pillows with the help of the Action-Revivre group in Caraquet.
- Did 2 presentations to the School board District #9 in the Apen to promote our projects such as PUTR, Project Connect BackPacks for kids, Je m'aime & the Kid's Help Line.

Membership Report

We are very proud to report that 100% of all our regular employees are Aliant Volunteer Pioneers.

Participation Report

Missed deadline on time reporting, still don't have anyone to take care of it.

Fundraising Report

- The fundraising we did this year was for the sick children that we donated to, we matched the donations that local employees raised.
- Began fundraising campaign for tickets to a Titan's game and hotel rooms this year and will report amount in 2009 annual report because it ended in 2009.

Madawaska Council

This is the 2008 annual report for the Madawaska Council. Given that we don't have a full council in place yet, we were only able to do a few activities in the last year to support our community.

As now, we are only 2 active members but we will continue to try to get involvement from life members and employees.

Activity report:

Pillows:

In 2008, 2 life members offered to make pillows for Breast Cancers. The 2 ladies made 60 pillows that were presented to the Breast Cancer Fundraising golf tournament in June of 2008. These pillows were part of a basket prepared by the Cancer Society and then distributed to breast cancer patients in the Edmundston region.

Backpack for kids:

In September 2008, our council provided 2 schools with 31 backpacks for kids returning back to classes. The recipients were Ecole de Clair and Saint-Joseph. Supplies for these backpacks were purchased and filled by Aliant employees.

Adopt a Family for Christmas:

In December, we also adopted a Family which we provided with gifts for Christmas. These families remain anonymous and information is given to us by Atelier Rado. The family we adopted had 4 kids (16, 14, 11 and 10) 2 boys and 2 girls plus Father and Mother. The mother was also expecting a baby in February.

What Atelier Rado provides us is a wish list of what the Family would like for Christmas. In this case we purchased books, clothing, a few games, baby clothing for the unborn etc... We also gave them a computer donated by the Pioneers. We estimated the employee donation to be around \$400.00.

Participation report:

	<i>Regular employees</i>	<i>30 hours</i>
Life members:	50 hours	
Total	80 hours	

Financial report:

Since we don't have a full council structure we did not set up a bank account yet. So, we don't have a detail financial report to provide.

Upper River Valley Council

Activity Report

Relay for Life
Big Brother's Big Sister's Festival of Trees
Big Brother's Big Sister's Bowl for Kids
Hug a Bears
Heart Pillows
Salvation Army Christmas Program
Food Bank

Upper St John River Valley Council Financial Report

Balance March 31, 2008	\$3458.99
Deposit from Relay	767.99
Deposit from Penny Auction	130.10
Chapter Money	4500.00
Interest	1.08
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	8857.47
Donations	810.00
Bursaries & Safe Grad	2750.00
Supplies & Misc.	773.56
Service Charges	15.00
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	6348.56
Balance as of March 09	2508.91

With one outstanding check for \$360.00 for Teen Challenge.



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