



## *2008 President's Message*

On January 1<sup>st</sup>, I became President of what is one of the most successful Pioneer Clubs in North America. The Fort Pepperrell Life Members Club (FPLMC) has been providing fellowship for pioneers and support for community & Charitable organizations for many years; receiving all of the most prestigious awards that the Pioneer Organizations in the US and Canada have to offer. In addition the number of testimonials, from local charities and community groups, thanking the club for their support, are very impressive. The credit for these achievements goes to the leadership of the club over the past years and the support they have had from members. I have some large shoes to fill as the new President.

Past President Bill Butt's report outlines the many club activities of 2007 and the large amount of effort put forth by members and friends of the club. On behalf of the Club I would like to thank Past President Bill and other leaders of the club for a great effort and a very successful year.

While the club has been successful and accomplished so very much, there is a feeling that there should be a larger number of retired pioneers actively participating in club activities. We have a wonderful facility at Bldg. 107 in Pleasantville with a craft room, wood working shop, kitchen and recreation room, available 7 days a week. This year we encourage more retirees to come to the club and enjoy some of the activities.

The Club, with project leader Bren Fahey, has applied for a New Horizons grant from the Federal Government. If successful we will expand the craft room, and wood working shop, renovate the kitchen and

expand the deck at the rear of the building. This will provide more space for activities and encourage greater participation by members. I encourage all retirees to take advantage of what the club has to offer and to participate in the social and charitable activities. Don't hesitate to call one of the club executive if you need more information or wish to become involved in a project or activity.

Most of the 2007 activities will continue in 2008 and we will introduce some new ones, such as an open house on Wednesday afternoon's when members can drop in for a coffee and a game of cards, a game of pool or maybe just a chat. Members will be encouraged to have reunions with the people they worked with before retiring; perhaps in the form of a luncheon, BBQ or some other function. The club facility is there for the use of all members and their partners and I encourage you to take advantage of it. Suggestions on how to improve the club and increase participation will be gladly received. If there is anything you would like to see added to the newsletter, please let me know.

*Bob Noseworthy*  
President FPLMC

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### **INCOME TAX PREPARATION**

Again this year we will purchase copies of the Intuit Tax Preparation Software for use by members in preparing their 2007 Income tax. This year pension income splitting with your spouse is permitted. Help in using the software is available at the club. Contact any member of executive or call 722-7832 or email [plm@nfld.net](mailto:plm@nfld.net).

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**pot Luck Jan 25th**

## 2007 President's Report

During the past year members of the Fort Pepperrell Life Members Club along with their partners and friends of pioneering have been involved in a variety of projects. Their commitment to improving the quality of life in our community, as well as the desire to participate in fellowship activity is clearly demonstrated in this report. The following are the highlights for this period.

### PROJECTS

**Computers for Schools:** 1100 hours was spent picking up from donors and delivering approximately 1200 computers to schools from St. John's to Gander.

**Max Simms Camp:** 9 volunteers spent one week in June completing general Maintenance work at the camp in Bishop's Falls. 1080 hours were volunteered.

**TCH Cleanup:** During June 43 people contributed 294 hours picking up 160 bags of garbage over 9 kilometers of the Trans Canada Highway. A social was held at bldg. 107 after the cleanup.

**Heart Pillows:** During the year 42 volunteers worked 459 hours making heart pillows which are donated to the Health Science Centre each month.

**Crafts for Charities:** Each week a team of 10-12 people meet for two mornings to make hand-crafted goods for the Cancer Clinic, Janeway Hospital, Senior's Homes, and Inner-City Schools. Items produced include woolen mittens, bibs, lap rugs, ball bags, breast cancer pillows, hug-a-bears and finger puppets. Over 2000 hours were accumulated completing those projects.

**Community Partnership:** Throughout the year a number of pioneers assisted other groups in the community in their fund raising events. These groups included: Festival 500, PGI Literacy, Aliant Walk for Kids, Bliss Murphy Center, Garden of Hope, Juvenile Diabetes, The Janeway Tele-thon, and The Janeway Radio-thon. Those projects accounted for over 1200 volunteer hours.

**Regatta Day parking:** 38 volunteers contributed 156 hours and made this a very successful and profitable event.

**I like Me:** A number of Life Member Pioneers visited 23 schools on the Avalon Peninsula where they distributed 1096 books and read to the children. 335 volunteer hours were accumulated.

**Pioneer National Convention:** During June 6 Life Members prepared and served a surf and turf for this event.

**Glenbrook Lodge:** In June eight members went to the Glenbrook Lodge Senior's Home and completed a general clean up of the grounds around the facility.

### Fund Raising

Hope chest sale -\$500.00

Coin counting machines Sales - \$1400.00

Radiators Sales -\$350.00

Regatta Day parking -\$2232.00

Ticket sales on Adirondack chair -\$568.00

Ticket sales on Butler's Table - \$ 250.00

Bldg. Rentals - \$240.0

Craft & Bake Sale -\$1200.00

### Donations

**Janeway Memory Boxes:** 15 memory boxes were made and donated to the hospital. This project will now be expanded to include the Health Science Complex.

**Gathering Place:** \$ 1000.00

**Boys and Girls Club:** \$500.00

**Big Brothers Big Sisters:** \$ 500.00

**Jason Lingard Fund:** \$200.00.

**Canadian Red Cross:** \$100.00

**Max Simms Camp:** 48 inch Television and 5 double lawn chairs.

**Seniors Resource Centre:** Electronic organ.

**The Hub** One hand operated tricycle

**Cancer Society:** \$ 500.00 for the purchase of wigs for patients. In June the club donated 20 breast cancer pillows, 20 ball bags, 20 kerchiefs, and 20 turbans and hats.

**St. Patrick's Mercy Home:** 20 catheter bags

**Ileitis / Colitis:** \$150.00 donation

### Fellowship Events

**Woodworkers Wednesday Luncheon:**

This is an ongoing event each week from Sept. to June, and is attended by 14 to 17

pioneers. All members take a turn at cooking, and \$5.00 is collected from each person which goes toward funding BBQ'S to which all members and partners are invited and buying small tools for the shop.

**Volunteer Appreciation:** A wine and cheese reception was held during volunteer week on April 15/07 to recognize the efforts of pioneers, partners and friends who gave so generously of their time. A number of national awards were presented to the club and also to various members for their outstanding contribution to pioneering.

**New Years Eve:** A dinner and dance is held for all pioneers and partners each year.

**Pot Luck Dinner:** usually two a year. One held on Paddy's Day, and one in the fall.

**Valentines Dinner, Christmas and New year's Parties.** We always get a good response to all events.

**Dart League:** 24 pioneers and partners play each Tuesday night from Oct. to June.

#### **Other Activity**

**Woodworking Shop:** Open 5 days a week. Some of the projects completed: 2 hope chests, 1 Kitchen Island, 1 butlers table, 15 memory boxes, 2 single and 5 double Adirondack lawn chairs.

**Building Renovations:** Improvements to make the building more comfortable were completed.

**CPR Course:** During June 13 members and partners participated in a CPR refresher course given by the Red Cross

**Autism Society:** Members constructed a greenhouse for this organization. The materials were paid for by Chapter 105

**Fog Devils Golf:** Members assisted this group in raising funds for "Real Time Cancer"

**William Butt**

**Past President (2007)**

Pioneers in Newfoundland and Labrador filled almost 600 Christmas stockings this past Christmas in order to give less fortunate children a happier Christmas.

#### **COMPUTER TRAINING & ASSISTANCE**

Our club has provided basic computer training in the past and will do so again if there is sufficient interest; as well there is usually someone around who can help with computer problems. Low cost computers are available from the pioneer chapter. Call 722-7632 or email [plm@nfld.net](mailto:plm@nfld.net)

#### **E MAIL ADDRESSES**

Send your email address to the club at [plm@nfld.net](mailto:plm@nfld.net) so we can keep you informed.

#### **DARTS**

The dart league starts in January. If you would like to play, contact Dave Beer 368-1161.

#### **SOLID OAK HOPE CHEST**

The workshop has built a beautiful Hope Chest from solid Oak as a fund raising project. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 and available from any member, call 722-7632 or email [plm@nfld.net](mailto:plm@nfld.net)

#### **WORKSHOP**

Located in the basement of Bldg. 107 is a fully equipped wood working shop. Pioneers interested in doing woodworking or participating in some of the construction type projects undertaken by the shop should call 722-7632 or email [plm@nfld.net](mailto:plm@nfld.net). Some projects planned this year are: lawn chairs, renovate outdoor stairs and build new deck for Autism Society, a week at Max Simms Camp doing maintenance work, renovating craft room, workshop and kitchen. During the year we expect additional requests from the community for other projects.

#### **PARTICIPATION**

There are many ways to participate in the club. Some members like to participate in as many projects and events as they can, others like to pick and choose, while others may only participate in a single event each year. All are welcome.

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#### **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.

#### **CLUB MEETINGS**

Our club business meetings take place on the second Wednesday of each month (except July, and August) starting at 1:00 pm. Please try to attend.

JANUARY	9	JUNE	11
FEBRUARY	13	SEPTEMBER	10
MARCH	12	OCTOBER	8
APRIL	9	NOVEMBER	2
MAY	14	DECEMBER	10

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#### **2008 EVENTS & PROJECTS**

**Pot Luck – January 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Valentines Day Dinner - Feb 14, 2008**

Bldg Clean up - March

St Patrick's Day stew -

Spring Sale & Morning Coffee –

Volunteer Week

BBQ –Time & date to be determined

Highway clean-up

Max Simms Camp Project - June

Stair Renovations for Autism Society

New Deck for Autism Society

Build Chairs for the Glenbrook Lodge

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#### **CRAFT ROOM**

A group of Life Members, partners and friends are very busy Monday and Wednesday mornings at Bldg. 107. We knit and sew for the Janeway, Seniors Homes, Cancer Society, craft sales and schools. The work can also be done at home, we can provide materials. It's a happy social time and all are welcome. Contact Marilyn Ford at 368-5992 or email her at [Gordon.ford@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto:Gordon.ford@nf.sympatico.ca) if you would like to participate.

**Drop by Bldg 107**  
**on Wednesday afternoon**  
**and say hello!**

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