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## President's Message

*By Angela Roy, President Moncton Council*

Where has the time gone? 2008 has already been a year filled with new ideas, new enthusiasm and new partnerships. The Aliant Pioneer Volunteers have partnered with the Canadian Red Cross for their blood drive campaigns; Power Up to Read was successfully introduced to the Beaverbrook School; our Volunteer Driving Committees took part in the Cavendish Cup and Frye Festival again this year; Hug A Bear Sessions and Breast Cancer Pillow Sessions have taken place, and the list goes on and on.

I knew when I stepped into my role as 2008 President, that I was part of an amazing group of individuals. This opinion was confirmed when the Aliant Pioneer Volunteers won 45 awards for project work and Individual Pioneer contributions, including the Top Chapter awards in both Canada and the USA (Canadian Tom Myers Excellence Award and the North American Chapter Excellence Award). Winning 20% of the North American Awards and 75% of the Canadian Awards is a testament to all the dedicated, hard working, and caring volunteers the Aliant Pioneer Volunteers call family.

Many would think that with all that we have accomplished this year the Aliant Pioneer Volunteers would be slowing down. This couldn't be further from the truth. We are actually heading into our busiest time of year beginning with the Annual Aliant Pioneer Volunteer Corn Boil and Fair, the Children's Halloween Party, and our Roast of Harrison "Baldy" Tait. There are so many projects that I really want to talk about, but my space is limited.

"Backpacks for Kids" was a huge success with 181 backpacks filled in

Moncton. Thank you to our Champion Michele Moulard and the General Manager of Staples Business Depot, Todd Tait (son of Life Member Harrison "Baldy" Tait) who gave the Aliant Pioneer Volunteers an amazing deal on school supplies.

Finally, but definitely not least, are the numerous Christmas activities we take part in every year: Christmas Families, Operation Christmas Child (Shoe Box), Employee Christmas Breakfast, etc. I encourage each of you to start thinking about those needy families. We will be holding regular food drives in the office and I encourage those that attend the Pot Lucks, Hug A Bear/Breast Cancer Pillow sessions, etc to bring a non-perishable food item.

Cheers to an amazing first half of 2008! I want to personally thank each of you who volunteered your time and brightened someone else's day. I also want to thank those who may not have been able to go out and volunteer, but took part in the 50/50 draws, bought treats, and will bid on auction items, etc. You may not realize it, but even doing those "little" things makes a big difference in the amount of work the Moncton Council is able to complete. And don't forget to check out the article on our Tree of Hope fundraising. You don't want to miss out of this one.

Happy Pioneering!!  
Angela Roy  
On behalf of the Executive Committee

# Annual Backpacks for Kids Program

August 7th was the official launch of the Backpack for Kids program.

Backpack champions in the 3 Moncton locations were Michele Mouland (Mapleton Road and overall Lead), Rachel Leblanc (Alma) and Sandra King (Edinburgh Drive).



Michele got the campaign off to a great start with a great deal on supplies from Staples at Trinity Drive. Todd Tait (son of lifetime member "Baldy" Tait) is the Store Manager. For the low cost of \$26.00 we were able to fill a single backpack.

On Backpacks Adoption Day (August 7th) each of the Backpack Champions set up a Backpack adoption area at their location during the lunch break.

On Sunday, August 9th a group of 18 volunteers got together on Mapleton to package up the items for the backpacks. Within an hour they had filled 78 backpacks, packaged up supplies for 20 to ship to Edinburgh Drive and stored everything neat and tidy in Al Pendergast's office. (Photo on right, Al Pendergast)

On Mapleton there was a challenge between the Consumer Contact Centre teams

to adopt backpacks. One team had a Chili sale to raise funds, another advertise at a local campground. Donations were received from employees, Pioneers life members and outside sources. Foresters donated to the program and helped at the Mapleton packing event.

On Edinburgh Drive there were 3 fundraising events besides the regular donations. One week they held a BBQ at noon on Thursday and a 50/50 draw on Friday. Second week they held a Wednesday Bake Sale.



A significant donation was given to the Edinburgh Drive Office by the Hillside Baptist Church's Vacation Bible School group. Tanya MacLeod, (pictured below) Aliant employee and member of Hillside Baptist used one week of her vacation to run the Vacation Bible School. Each year, Hillside's Vacation Bible School chooses a missions project to support as part of their program. This year Hillside decided to choose a project that was community based and something the children could relate to. The money was raised through donations from families who had children participating in the program. A challenge was given to the children for every \$100 they raised up to an original goal of \$800, one of the Vacation Bible School leaders would get a pie in their face on Sunday during a church BBQ. If they were able to raise \$1000, Professor P, the Children's Ministry Director, would color her hair green!



The children came through on Friday bringing their total raised to \$1200! Eight Vacation Bible School leaders received whip cream pies in their faces courtesy of 8 children who attended the program and Professor P had green hair on Sunday morning! Thanks to Tanya and Hillside Baptist for choosing Aliant Pioneers Backpacks for Kids as their charity.



On Alma 30 backpacks were filled. Text in Context, one of our business partner, who did the translation for the Backpack for Kids material asked to help as well and filled 5 backpacks.

Overall we were able to fill 193 backpacks between the 3 offices. Distribution was done by the same method as previous years. Aliant Pioneers splits the total evenly between the 3 School Districts (1, 2, 11). 2 Backpacks were distributed internally and the rest were given 64,

64 and 63 respectively.

On Tuesday morning Michele Mouland loaded up her car on Mapleton Road with 64 backpacks and delivered to the District 1 French School Board in Dieppe. Their area includes Moncton, Dieppe, Shediac and Fredericton. Jeanelle Theriault (Photo on Right) from District 1 office accepted the backpacks.

On Wednesday morning Jennifer Dunfield's vehicle was loaded up at Edinburgh Drive with 64 backpacks to deliver to District 2 English School Board. Norval McConnell from District 2 accepted the backpacks. (Photo on bottom left, Jennifer Dunfield, Monique Desormeau, Norval McConnell and Sandra King)



District 11 received their backpacks during the 1st week of September.

It was a very success year for Backpacks for Kids in Moncton. Everyone should be proud of their contributions. Moncton Council would like to thank everyone for their contributions.



### **Moncton Pioneer council seeking Communications Director**

The Moncton Pioneer council currently has an opening for Communications Director. Responsibilities include attendance at monthly meetings, preparing and coordinating communication to all Pioneers, including life members as well as participation in some organized activities. For more information please contact Angela Roy, President.

# Walk for Kids Help Phone

Kids Help Phone is Canada's only toll-free, 24-hour, bilingual and anonymous phone and web counseling, referral and information service for children and youth. Every day, professional counselors provide immediate, caring support to young people in urban and rural communities across the country.

On Sunday, May 3rd thousands of walkers, including 400 Bell Aliant walkers, from communities across Atlantic Canada raised over \$100,000 for Kids Help Phone as part of the National total of \$3 million.

It was a beautiful day in Moncton which helped bring out the large crowd of participants to the walk at Centennial Park. Aliant teams came from all 3 Moncton locations. Team Captains Pauline Leger, Caroline Morrissey-Freil and Linda Higgins did a fantastic job of encouraging folks to participate and fundraising for the cause.

Last year two millions kids in 3,000 communities across Canada who contacted Kids Help

Beside those Aliant folks who participated in the walk, Aliant Pioneers supplied the volunteers for the BBQ and registration. Special thanks to all the volunteers that gave of their time.

Tim Horton's was on hand supplying coffee and timbits to give walkers a jump start for the walk.



The afternoon started with a welcome and thanks to all the participants from Nicole Gallant, Regional Manager, Aliant. Walkers were warmed up with



some aerobic exercises before the walk and then Erin Richardson, representing the Kids Help Phone, lead the walkers on their laps around the Pond. It was a easy walk due to the beautiful sunshine. A pleasant change from previous years.

Once the walkers had completed their laps they

enjoyed food and refreshments, generously donated by Sobey's.

There was face painting, balloons and a bouncy house for the children to have fun.

A great time was had by all and lots of money raised to support a great cause.





## Moncton Kiwanis Lifestyle & Home Show

In April of this year, Aliant participated in the third annual Family Show, held as part of the Kiwanis Lifestyle show, at Moncton Coliseum. Mario Marcantonio played key roles in Aliant's participation while many others volunteered their time to man the booth and present the work of the Aliant Pioneers in the community.

Many people stopped by the booth to learn more about Aliant Pioneers and to fill in a ballot to win a computer. The computer was provided by Computers for Schools program.

Throughout the weekend event, the team did a great job of promoting the Lifeline, the Computer for Schools, Power Up To Read Books, the Heart pillows, the Hug a Bears program and the Liquid Level indicators that we make and provide to the CNIB.



### Aliant training them early?

Carter Astle, 1 year old grandson of Heather Chevalier (lifetime member), is being trained early.



Is he searching for a strange area code on his mom's long distance bill, prepping for his next prank call or trying to find the number to the ice cream parlor? Who knows but at this rate, he is going to be well trained if he is starting at the age of 1.

### Bowl for Kids Sake

In March of this year Edinburgh Drive folks entered a bowling team in this years Bowl for Kids Sake in Support of Big Brothers Big Sisters.

The team did an excellent job of fundraising this year, surpassing their last years total by 63%. Their fundraising total of \$1758.88 put this Aliant team in the Top 10 fundraisers for this year.

2008 Team consists of Dawn McCabe, Monique Desormeau, Kyle Ward, Sandra King and Jennifer Dunfield.



Do you have an article to share?  
Contact Sandra King via email  
at [Sandra.King@aliant.ca](mailto:Sandra.King@aliant.ca)

## Louise LeBlanc retires

Coworkers and family spent an evening celebrating the years of service given to Aliant and the Pioneers by Louise Leblanc.

Louise started at Aliant at a very early age. She later quit to have her family and then years later figured out a way to return to Aliant to continue her career. Throughout her time at Aliant she has held many positions and worked with many people.

Louise was thought of fondly by her coworkers. Nicole Gallant highlighted some of Louise's work experiences during her time at Aliant and a slideshow prepared by Marc Grandmasion was shown to bring Louise down memory lane.

Louise was presented many gifts including her life member pin and certificate by Karen Buckley and Clarence Vautour.

Best Wishes on your retirement Louise and thanks for continuing your work with the Pioneers.



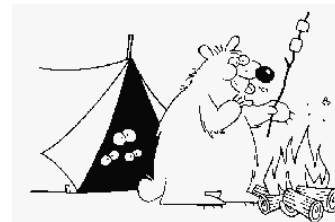
## Dieppe 3006 Army Cadets –Open House

We are the Dieppe 3006 Army Cadets. We meet every Sunday, from 6:15 PM to 9 PM, for a French training night at the Lou MacNarin school on Gauvin Rd (Dieppe). During these training nights, we have pertinent & interesting group meetings. We also have band, sports and marksmanship sessions, camping, and much more... all to keep the youth of this region entertained. What's even better is that the cadet program is offered at no cost to youths & their families.

We are hosting an open house on Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Dieppe Boys & Girls club (76 Emmanuel St.) from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. During this night, the parents will assist an information session while the youth will join existing cadets in various activities. There will also be a BBQ. Come discover all the possibilities that the cadet movement offers you. If you cannot attend the Open House, you may always join at any of our Sunday training sessions starting September 28<sup>th</sup>. In order to ensure that we will be present, please listen to our message on our answering machine at 388-1155.

We hope to see you at one of our activities,

The members the Dieppe 3006 cadets corps



## Saltscapes Magazine Subscriptions benefit New Brunswick Pioneer Scholarship Foundation

SaltScapes magazine, which focuses on life in Eastern Canada, has a Community Spirit Partnership Program for non-profit organizations that they accept as partners. Several years ago SaltScapes agreed to make the Pioneer Scholarship Foundation one of its community partners. What this means is that for every **new** subscription that is registered through Aliant, **\$10** will be donated to the Scholarship Foundation. The new subscription can be for the person him/herself or it can be a gift subscription. The only catch is that a special form must be filled out for the donation to occur.

To subscribe to Saltscapes and take advantage of the \$10 donation to the Scholarship Foundation, please contact Jan Grant at 506-658-7354 or [janette.grant@aliant.ca](mailto:janette.grant@aliant.ca)

Payment can be via credit card or by cheque.



*The following is an excerpt from the Special Information Series in the print version of the Globe and Mail newspaper.*

## Organizations give in numbers

*Directing the power of the volunteer spirit to blood donation: Aliant Pioneer Volunteers*

With close to 9,000 members, the Aliant Pioneer Volunteers are a powerful collective force for volunteerism. Last year, these former and current employees of the telecom company raised over \$335,000 for charity and donated 165,000 hours of their time to do volunteer work across the four Atlantic provinces.

The largest corporate-based volunteer organization in the region is now harnessing the power of its numbers to meet a new donation challenge - pledging to donate blood to save lives, as a new member of the Partners for Life program.

"Our members step in when there's an emergency. For example, in early May, we helped with disaster relief for families displaced by flooding in New Brunswick," says Michael Sears, manager of the Aliant Pioneer Volunteers. "This partnership with Canadian Blood Services allows us to help meet an urgent need that exists all year round. This is a different way of volunteering and we know it will be a rewarding one."

*Source: The Globe & Mail, Tuesday, June 10, 2008*

If you are interested in registering as a donor with Canadian Blood Services / Aliant Pioneer Volunteers Partners for Life program, please [click here](#). To ensure your blood donations are **counted as a member of the Aliant Pioneer Volunteers**, please select the Partner ID with the Pioneer team of your choice from the list below. If you currently are a donor registered with Canadian Blood Service, please have your donor card ready before you fill out the on-line form.

The Aliant Pioneer Volunteers encourage family participation. If you'd like to register family members under the Canadian Blood Services / Aliant Pioneer Volunteers - Partners for Life Program, please fill out [the above form](#) for each person you are registering.

If you're not an Aliant Pioneer member and would like to join, please visit [www.aliantpioneers.com](http://www.aliantpioneers.com) and click on the membership tab. Annual dues amount to \$15.00 and the money is used to support Pioneer projects.

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ALIA009170	Miramichi Council
ALIA009168	Saint John Council
ALIA009173	Upper Valley Council

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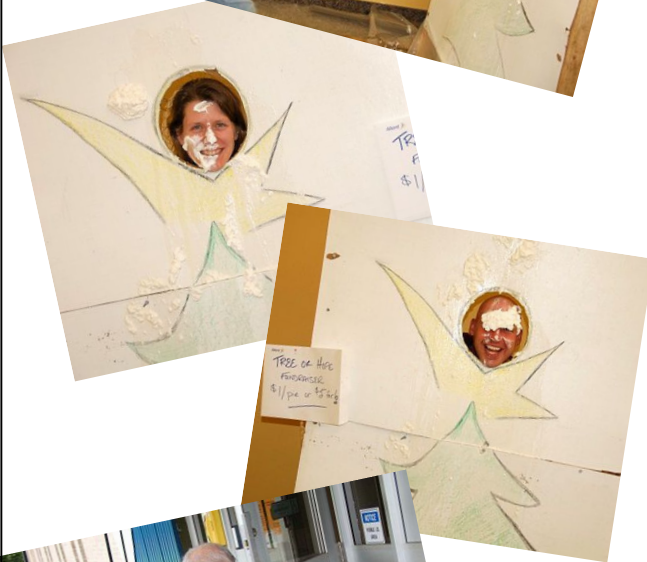
## 2008 Fall Fair and Corn Boil

The Annual Corn Boil was held on September 7<sup>th</sup> 2008 at the Mapleton Rd work Centre. The weather was rainy thanks to Tropical Storm Hannah but it sure didn't dampen the spirits. Michele Mouland was the organizer of this year's event and what a fantastic job she did. The goal for this year's event was to be fun for every age category so we decided to have a Country Fair with games (Plinko, Hug-a-Bear toss, ring toss, hockey, mini-putt, bean bag toss, duck hunt darts, Frisbee toss). All the games were borrowed or built. We also had a "Little Tykes" village, a scavenger hunt, washer toss game and music.

We had 98 adults and 39 kids signed up for the event. Approximately 80 people attended. 38 people donated time and/or use of their equipment/talent for the event. As admission it was asked that each person bring a food item for the Food Bank. 55 lbs of food was collected.

\$82 was raised for the Tree of Hope campaign by selling pies to be thrown. Angela Roy, Michele Mouland, Karen Buckley, Susan Cummings, Isabelle Matheson and Pascal Deschamps took turns at receiving pies thrown at them.

Participants at the Corn Boil were well feed with Corn, Hotdogs and Ice Cream. A good time was had by all.





## More Corn Boil Pictures



## Tree of Hope

### Committee Members Needed

Has your life been touched by cancer?

Were you, a family member or friend diagnosed with cancer?

Would you like help support quality health care offered to our community? Do you have a couple of hours to be a volunteer?

We need your help on the Tree of Hope Committee, please Contact

**Mary Sears Sterling** at [Mary.SearsSterling@aliant.ca](mailto:Mary.SearsSterling@aliant.ca) or **Karen Buckley** at [Karen.Buckley@aliant.ca](mailto:Karen.Buckley@aliant.ca)

### Fundraiser—Online Auction

September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26th

<http://treeofhope.e-flea.ca>

### Activities to Date:

Frozen treats (creamsicles, mr freezes, drumsticks) have been sold from the freezer in the kitchen at Mapleton Road using the honor system. We sold several dozen muffins for coffee breaks and we ran two Scotsburn bulk ice cream fundraising activities this summer. We also received a donation from the Engineering team from their penny jar in the amount of \$44. We have raised almost \$800 because of everyone's sweet tooth and we want to thank everyone for their support to date.

Karen Buckley and Mary Sears Sterling

### **Births, Birthdays, Special Milestones**

In our next newsletter we will be adding a section for Announcements of Births, Birthdays or Special Milestone. If you have a special occasion you would like to share for yourself or for a co-worker then please send along your submission to Sandra King at [Sandra.King@aliant.ca](mailto:Sandra.King@aliant.ca)

### **Births**

Congratulations go out to:

Jean-Pierre and Carine Guerette on the birth of their daughter Eve on Sept 1.

Gary and Brenda Carew on the birth of their daughter Ava on Aug 13.

### **REMINDER:**

#### **Change of address, contact information**

*Pioneer members who have moved or changed surnames during the year should notify the Pioneer office. We do not get address changes that are directed to Human Resources.*

You can report any changes on the **Member address change form** located at:

[www.aliantpioneers.com](http://www.aliantpioneers.com). Click the membership tab to access the form.

*If you're not sure what information we have, please fill out the form. We'll match it with our records and make any appropriate changes.*

## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

### Christmas Daddies

Dec 7, 2008

Aliant provides office space in Moncton as well as telephone service for taking pledges.  
For more: Eric Gallant 386-7218

### Christmas Breakfast - Lions Club, Mark Ave., Moncton

Dec , 2008\*

Aliant sponsored event which is managed by the Pioneers.  
For more: Clarence Vautour 383-4811

### Life Members' Tea - Lunchroom, Alma St. 2-4 p.m.

Dec 2008

Food and refreshments are provided along with a great Christmas Carol Sing-a-long.  
For more: Bill or Janet Buchanan 859-1105

### Christmas Potluck Supper Alma Street

Dec 2008

Great food and Yankee Swap  
For more: Clarence or Hugette Vautour 383-4811

### Christmas Boxes for Needy Families

Dec 2008

Life members obtain the names of the families, gather non-perishable food items, purchase additional food items and pack the boxes. Employees assist in providing non-perishable food items, hold fundraisers in order to purchase gifts for the children, wrap the gifts and assist in delivery of boxes and gifts. Ongoing from October to December.  
For more: Harrison Tait 386-1011

### Active Life Member Telephone Committee

Ongoing

For more: Jim Flynn 384-8484

### Audio Loop Project

Ongoing

For more: Eric Gallant 386-7218

### Computers for Schools (CFS) Mapleton Rd CFS Room

Thursdays 6-9

A workshop is held every Thursday: Computers, received from the various government agencies, are cleaned up and prepared for distribution to schools.  
For more: Garnet Horsman, 859-1791; Bob Horsman, 852-8888; or Ken Kanner, 384-3907; CFS Room – 872-5509.

### Fellowship Representatives

Ongoing

For more: Joe Bourgeois 853-6307

### Hug-A-Bear Workshops

Ongoing

Hug-A-Bear Workshops are held when needed  
For more: Lynnette Illsey, 855-0718; or Pauline Shea, 382-9514

### Life Line Monitoring

Ongoing

Pioneers monitor the 700+ Lifelines at Moncton Hospital to ensure they are working properly. Each person with a Lifeline is called once per month.  
For more: Joan MacKnight 383-1511

### Newsletter "The Old Linesman" Published

4X/year

All Pioneer members are encouraged to submit articles and pictures to the newsletter.  
To submit: Sandra King - 853-3766 or Sandra.King@aliant.ca

### Pot-luck Suppers Alma St.

Monthly

Second Wednesday of each month at Alma St. beginning at 6:30 p.m.  
For more: Hugette & Clarence Vautour 383-4811

### School Libraries Donation

Annually

For more: Angela Roy, Council President 859-3639

***Not an Aliant Pioneer?***  
***You can join by filling out***  
***a membership form at:***

[http://www.aliantpioneers.com/  
membership/  
membership\\_application.shtml](http://www.aliantpioneers.com/membership/membership_application.shtml)

Or

**by contacting any member of  
the Executive Committee listed  
on page 1 of this newsletter**

*Aliant Pioneer members  
have 58 cents deducted from each  
pay and this money is channeled  
directly into our projects and pro-  
grams. Pioneer membership is not  
automatic. As long as you are a  
full or part-time employee of  
Aliant, X-Wave or Innovatia –  
you're eligible to join.*

## Report Volunteer Hours!



Report your volunteer  
hours on a regular ba-  
sis: at least monthly.

Regular reporting helps  
the Council record how

many volunteer hours Moncton  
Council members provide each  
month. *Report hours to Pauline  
Leger at 1-888-261-6588 Ext. 3390  
or [Pauline.Leger@aliant.ca](mailto:Pauline.Leger@aliant.ca).*

## Report Illnesses, Deaths to the Fellowship Committee

In case of illness, hospitalization or  
death of a member, member partner  
or immediate family member of a  
member, please contact:

### Life Members

Joe Bourgeois, 383-8095

### Regular Members

Alma Street & Mapleton Road:  
Angela Roy, 859-3639

Edinburgh Drive:

Monique Desormeau, 853-6307