



# HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

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## *Compensation Advisors Visit*

The Compensation Advisors' visit has been confirmed.

If there are employees who wish to meet privately with a Compensation Advisor, it is requested that each one send the Compensation Advisor a written note to let them know briefly what they would like to discuss.

For example, if they are thinking of retiring, they should send a note stating the anticipated date. If there has been a marriage breakdown and they wish counselling, then the employee states that in writing and can send it via a FAX machine or in a sealed envelope.

The key is that the employee request the meeting themselves and not just give their name to the HR Assistant.

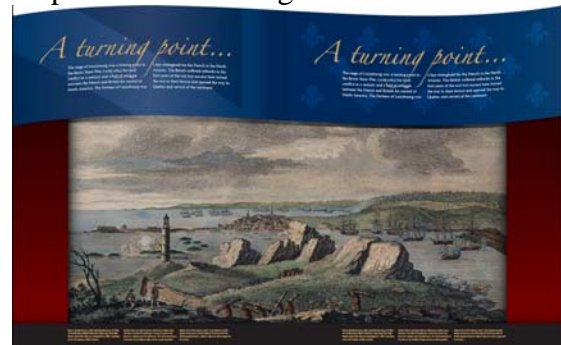
AGB employees should contact Bonnie Redden at (902) 426-8783 to set up an appointment.

FOL employees should contact Lise Arsenault at (902) 426-0324 to set up an appointment.

*Paulette Budge*  
*Human Resource Manager*

## *Students/Wolfe's Redoubt Panels*

Some of the credit for the text and layout of the new panels being installed on the Wolfe's Redoubt trail next week belongs to the Grade 6, 7, and 9 classes of George D. Lewis School in Louisbourg (the grade 8 class was in gym). Anne Marie Lane Jonah and Rebecca Duggan had been working for months on the text and content of the panels when they decided to seek honest, informed, outside opinions to help finalize the design.



Brian Doue, Vice Principal at G.D. Lewis School was happy to collaborate. On April 10th the students viewed mock-ups of the panels, discussed some of the main points of the history of Wolfe's Redoubt and asked lots of questions. They gave feedback on the images that went with the text, points to include in the text, and in what order the panels should go.



Anne Marie and Rebecca were happy to have interested and honest collaborators. You will be able to see the outcome of this cooperative effort when the trail opens June 6. The classes plan to join us for the opening.

### ***News from AGB***

Alexander Graham Bell pondering potential uses for airplanes - Excerpt from Beinn Bhreagh Recorder XIX pages 166-167 April 19, 1916:

*“Stimulate the use of such machines for the purposes of commercial life; cannot the great carry-ing-power of Zeppelins be use utilized in times of peace, and cannot the great speed of flying machines be also taken advantage of for various purposes. Speed is a desideratum in carrying the mails. It takes five hours for our fastest express trains to come from New York to Washington. It would take only about a couple of hours for a high-powered flying machine to traverse the same distance.*

*If the government should subsidize the carrying of the mail by the flying-machine companies as they now subsidize the railroads, multitudes of aerial postal routes could be carried at greater speed than by train.*

*Would not business men be willing to pay more postage for more speed? Even now we have the special delivery stamp for immediate delivery, and I have no doubt that special stamps for serial transit would willingly be purchased by business men for superior accommodation in the matter of speed.*

*The multitude of aerial post carriers would form an aerial reserve from which, in time of need, the army and navy could*

*draw trained men accustomed to flying and familiar with every detail of the ground over which they have flown...”*  
(A.G. Bell)

### ***Season Underway***

Visitor season is underway at AGBNHSC with school groups, cruise ship and independent travellers enjoying our site. General Works is pleased to report that grass cutting season is officially underway.

Staff has been hired and trained for Marconi and Canso Islands NHSC's. Both Sites open June 1<sup>st</sup> and remain open until September 15<sup>th</sup>.



*Pictured above are Shea Munro and Breanna Langley (Marconi Site)*

Radio operators from the Sydney Amateur Radio Club will once again add to the visitor experience at Marconi as they volunteer their time to demonstrate the use of wireless communication on their radio equipment which is set up at the Site.



*The radio operators are Bill Appleton, John Clarke and Jim (we don't have his last name).*

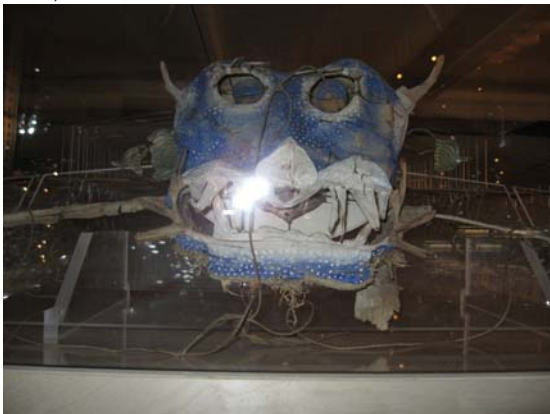
### *Concierge Program*

The Field Unit “Advisor” (formerly known as “Concierge” in the 2007 pilot year) training for this year’s Explorer Quotient program has taken place. This service will be offered at AGB, FOL and CBH. As well, an EQ partnership meeting has taken place to expand the program beyond the Canadian Tourism Commission and Parks Canada. Community organizations were invited to learn more about the EQ concept and consider how they might utilize it.

AGB/Marconi/ Canso Islands staff participated in the 3 day Field Unit FAM tour and appreciated this excellent opportunity to learn more about CBH and FOL through visitor experiences.

AGB will do a Visitor Information Program this year. It has been sent to print and will begin with staff training on June 5<sup>th</sup> with the first sample day on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Candace Sweet delivered the Bell’s ‘Chinese Dragon Kite’ (see photo) to AGB conserved and ready for exhibit. It is now on display in Visible Storage. The Bell’s acquired the kite on their travels to China. There is a record in Bell’s Lab Notes of their attempt to fly it on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 1911.



The AGB Tea Shop opened mid-May for its fourth year of service and has added a new line of giftware.

### *Bruce Allen*

Our heartfelt thoughts are with the family of Bruce Allen, who passed away on May 27, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Margie, and sons, Troy and Kyle, both of whom work on site.

Bruce always had an abiding interest for the Fortress and its history, and he worked, and even lived on site, during the 1970s. Over the years, he continued his interest and contacts with the Park and contributed many, many volunteer hours. He was instrumental in re-raising our volunteer militia for the 1995 encampment and then maintaining the group as part of our interpretive program.

An excellent craftsman, he made fine-scrimshawed powder horns and black-powder firearms from scratch, including the well-known (and loud) “Brutus.” He will be greatly missed here at Louisbourg and by his many friends in the re-enacting community.



*Bruce Allen & “Brutus”*

### ***Condolences***

Our heartfelt condolences to Willis Stevens and all his family on the death of their grandmother, Azaliah "Queenie" Stevens which occurred April 30, 2008.

Our sincere condolences to David Hillier and his family on the death of his sister, Mabel Weatherbee which occurred May 25, 2008.

*Anyone wishing to contribute to the Hear Ye! Hear Ye!, please contact Donna MacNeil at [donna.macneil@pc.gc.ca](mailto:donna.macneil@pc.gc.ca) or telephone 733-3551.*

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