



# HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

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## *News from AGB*

Excerpt from a letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell regards forming a flight Association (Letter Book Binder #3 142, 1907?, page 8):

*“I think your Association idea is all right. You can’t look at this thing in a small way. You want to inspire confidence by showing confidence, to gain generous cooperation and service by generous treatment and recognition. You want heirs to your ideas. ... These young fellows you know and like and they are devoted to you. They have youth, enthusiasm, the training you require as offset to the experience and knowledge you have.*

*... While that association might be held in abeyance as far as the boys are concerned I don’t see how it can as far as Mr. Curtiss is concerned. He is already independent at the head of a well known and fast growing business firm which he has made himself.*

*... It seems to me it has to be some sort of a partnership affair. You bring 15 years study of the machine in all parts except one [engines]. He brings several years study of and manufacture of this one part. While you might do without the expert knowledge he has it would take some time*

*to do it ... why spend any more time on it than necessary.”*

## *June Tours*

June brought many school groups and visitors who took shore excursions our way after their arrival in Sydney by cruise ship. Our full complement of staff will soon be back for a busy summer of programs and special activities.

## *Community Parade*

On June 14<sup>th</sup>, in collaboration with the Silver Dart Centennial Association, we put a float in the community parade to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Village of Baddeck. The float featured a model of the Silver Dart along with a visual history of flight.

## *Fact Sheets on PCA Website*

Our AGB and Marconi fact sheets have been completed and will soon be posted on the PC website. As Denise Hansen reported in a recent email, “our region **went from 0 to 12!!!** in the number of Atlantic National Historic Site Fact Sheets that have been completed” and will soon be added to the on-line Parks Canada



Teacher's Resource Centre. We expect to have Canso Islands ready for posting by the fall.

### ***FAM Tours***

This month we delivered FAM tours to 23 Provincial VIC counselors, 3 writers from Scotland, 44 Tour Trends tour escorts and a travel writer from Germany.

### ***Art Gallery of Nova Scotia***

We met with representatives from the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia to continue planning our participation in their November children's Festival celebrating "Flight Dreams". We expect to set up a tetrahedral kite-making activity station for the weekend event. There will also be opportunities to collaborate again in 2009 through their Artreach program.

### ***Roof Concerns***

In the quest to discover the source of the leaks in our roof some digging was done near drain pipes which turned up some "root" causes (*see photo - Deryck Chapman, General Works displays some of the root filled drainage pipe*).



The plugged pipes were replaced and the last rain saw a reduction of bucket use

from 30 down to 1 in the Sound and Silence exhibit area.

### ***Long Service Award***

On June 26<sup>th</sup>, Gary Pierrard was interrupted from his daily morning 'tea time/sudoku break' (he's an expert at solving these number puzzles and in record time) to be presented with his 25 year gift, pin and plaque (see photo) by Aynsley who pointed out that we haven't yet developed the 'sudoku' award but if we do he's sure to get one of those too.



### ***World Heritage Committee***

AGBNHSC Heritage Presenter, Madeline Harvey, has been accepted as part of the PC team at the 32<sup>nd</sup> session of the World Heritage Committee to be held in Quebec City from July 2 – 10. This committee is the working assembly of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) which promotes international co-operation among its 193 Member States and 6 Associate Members in the fields of science, education, culture and communication. Parks Canada is the organizing body for this event. Madeline left for Quebec on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

As part of Parks Canada's 30 member team she will be an ambassador for PC

and the Government of Canada. Her responsibilities will include greeting and welcoming members of the delegations of the Committee, answering their questions and assisting them as needed. The team will also carry out operational and organizational tasks in support of hosting the meeting and it will represent PC at an exhibit that will be held at the Convention Centre.

This is the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Quebec City and Madeline is very excited to have the opportunity to participate in this event at such a historic moment.

### ***Condolences***

We wish to express our sincere condolences to Valerie Mason on the death of her father Singleton Mason, which occurred Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

### ***Employee Assistance Program***

On Friday, June 13th, Beverly Johnson from the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) visited the Fortress. She gave two short presentations (Admin. Compound and Site), about 40 minutes, on the program and how to access it, frequently asked questions, etc. She was also available for general questions afterwards, although she could not handle any personal requests.

Anyone needing more information regarding EAP, please call 1-800-268-7708.

### ***Office of the Ombudsman***

The first report of our Ombudsman, Luc Martin has been sent out and is available on line as well as in a paper copy. Anyone wishing to see the report may contact Donna MacNeil and she will provide you with a printed copy.

This report covers the period September 2006 to March 2008 and covers information about the main concerns expressed.

### ***Public Service Week***

The week of June 16<sup>th</sup> was Public Service Week. A Long Service Award and Retiree Celebration was held in the Bigot Theatre on June 17<sup>th</sup>. A large crowd gathered to honor retirees and fellow employees on their achievements.

Pictures of individuals receiving their awards and certificates are on next page. Congratulations to all employees on their achievements!

### ***Professional Development Workshop***

Lori Jardine, Strategic Liaison Advisor and Pamela Gautreau, Senior Communications Advisor, were in Louisbourg to present a workshop on executive correspondence and media issues. All participants enjoyed the workshop and learned many new useful tools to help in their everyday working life. Thanks Lori and Pam!

*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.*

*All newsletters since 1999 are available at <http://fortress.uccb.ns.ca/parksproject/nhscbnews.htm>.*

*June 17, 2008 Public Service Week –  
Chip Bird, Field Unit Superintendent  
presenting Retirement Certificates to....*



*Brian Kehoe*



*Richard Dobson*



*Wayne Flynn*



*Steve MacPhee*



*Edward Ward*



*Heather Gillis receiving her 25 Year  
Certificate from Willis Stevens*





*Carl Boudreau receiving his 15 Year Certificate from Eddie Kennedy*



*Harry Kennedy receiving his 25 Year Certificate from Danny Baldwin*



*John Ward receiving his 25 year Certificate from Willis Stevens*



*Peter Marenick receiving his 25 Year Certificate from Danny Baldwin*



*Kevin Critch receiving his 25 Year Certificate from Danny Baldwin*



*Karen Noon receiving her 25 Year Certificate from Eddie Kennedy*