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## Merry Christmas



### CHRISTMAS PARTY HIGHLIGHTS

#### 50-50 winner!

26 Nov – Maggie Colborne

won \$ 38.00.

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#### JANUARY CREW

##### Caterers

**Captain:**.....Joan Bebee  
14 Jan.....Maggie & Reg  
Colborne  
Dorothy Spicer  
28 Jan.....Georgina & Bryan  
Rose

If unavailable please find a  
substitute or call  
**905-885-4872**

##### Greeters

**Captain:**.....Muriel Cornelius  
14 Jan.....Carole Elliott  
Joyce Prince  
28 Jan.....Linda Goldie  
Hugh Parker

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substitute or call  
**905-885-5530**

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Many thanks to **Michele Duval Lane**, editor in training, for her new ideas and contributions to this issue.



**President Eileen** says "Thank you!" to **Ray** and **Carolyn Williams** for doing such a great job of organizing this year's Christmas Party.



The ladies were first up to the bar...



The buffet dinner was sumptuous.



...enjoying drinks before dinner.



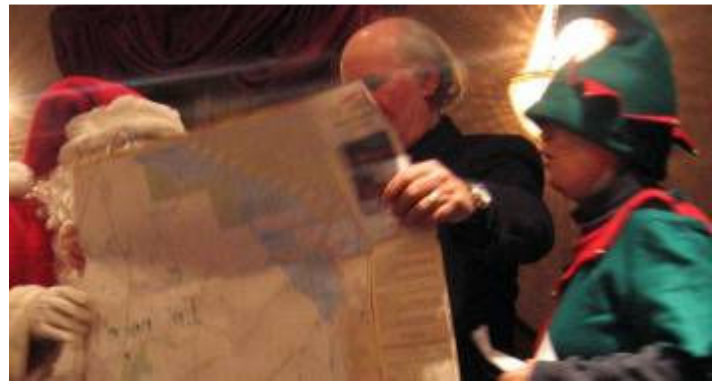
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Santa gave out surprising gifts that...well, to quote Santa, "If you don't get a gift...consider yourself fortunate."



Vice-President Garry got half of a coffee mug for using his official status to get to the head of the coffee line...



A map indicating where the Mountain family actually live...



A new Monopoly Board for Dave and Willy to help keep track of that pesky Marsh Road development plan...



A new coloring book to boost Georgina's artistic career...



Santa felt that Ruth was not spending enough time in the kitchen baking so he gave her a box of cookie mix...



Santa did have three serious door prizes which were won by Barb Tiffin, Linda Britton and Lois Meadows.



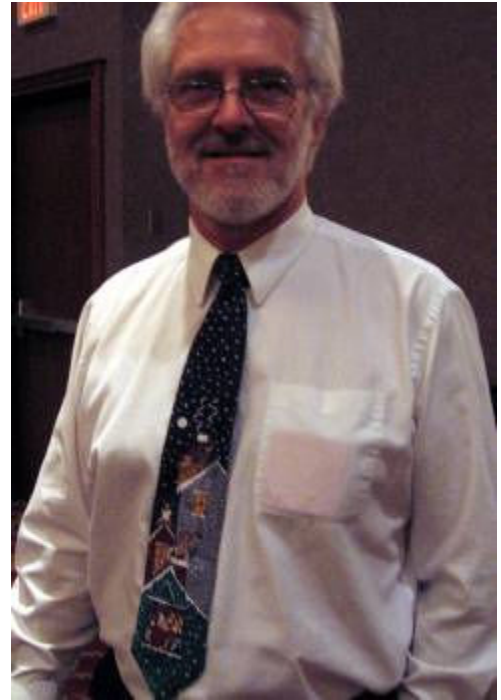
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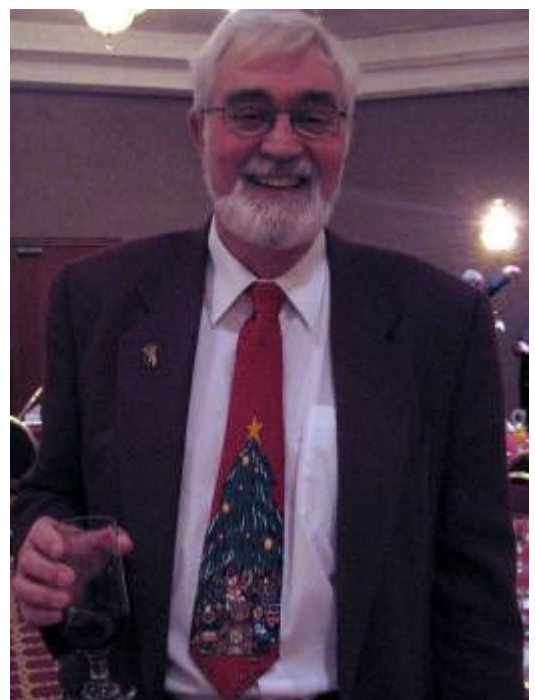
The party ended with dancing to the oldies but goodies played by Mike the disc jockey...



Kathy's lovely Christmas earrings...



Colourful Christmas ties to get in the spirit...



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## PORT HOPE'S ACCESSIBILITY



Ken must have received such a nice Christmas tie from Santa Claus and Santa's Elf themselves...



Our speakers for our Nov 26 meeting were **Selena Forsyth**, Chair of the **Port Hope Accessibility Advisory Committee**, and **Barbara Winfield**, Vice-Chair. We were given an eye-opening occasion to experience what it would be like to be a disabled person in our town...not an easy task.

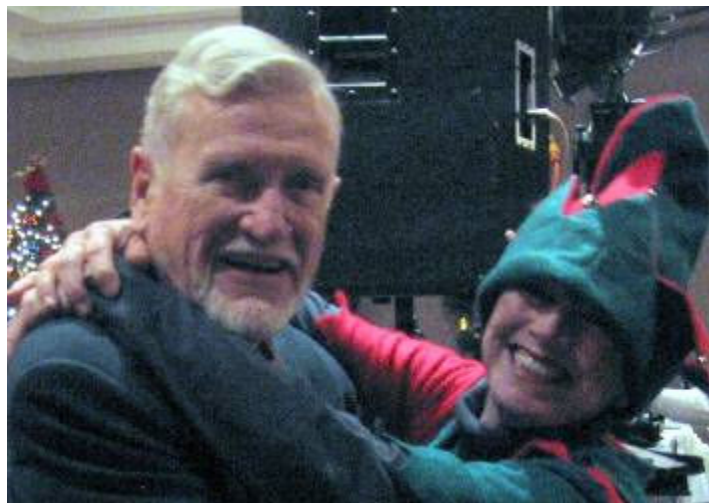
**ACCESSIBILITY AWARENESS WEEK IN MAY:** Councilors are outfitted with 'disabilities' and sent on missions, such as having to get around in a wheelchair and going into a bank to do a transaction; or having to wear a blindfold to simulate blindness and crossing a busy intersection downtown. The councilors are debriefed after having finished their mission. As a result, the then mayor, Rick Austin, agreed the Public Works budget would be revised and adapted to meet the requirements of the disabled.

Here are some of the accomplishments of the A.C.C.:

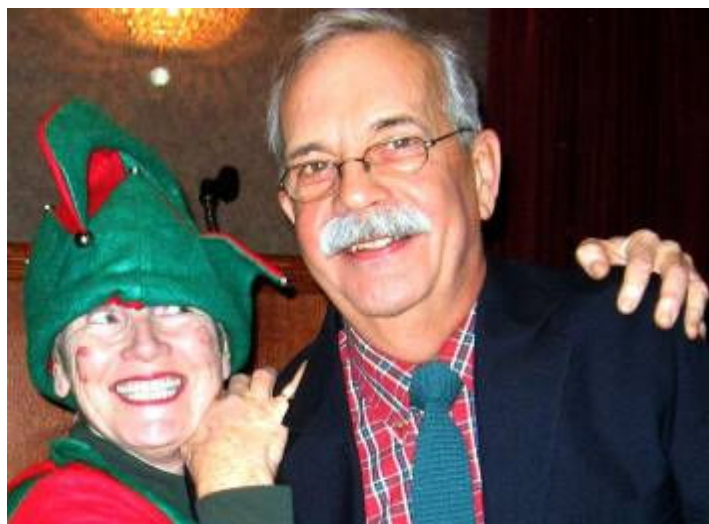
- Ramp at the Town Recreation Centre
- Designated parking spaces at Jack Burger Centre
- A family bathroom facility at the Capitol Theatre
- An elevator at the Sewage Treatment Plant, making it the only one accessible to the disabled in Ontario.
- Traffic lights with countdown and sound beeps
- New buses with access for the disabled and curb cuts downtown

**SCHOOL PROGRAMS:** The goal is to get kids involved so they won't fear people with disabilities. 500 kids showed up at the Port Hope United Church to be greeted by guests such as Barb Winfield who suffers from MS and is confined to a motorized wheelchair, a blind person with her seeing-eye dog, and a man with cerebral palsy who uses a computer to 'speak'. The kids loved the meeting and asked many questions – some unexpected ones such as this one posed to the blind lady: "How do you know the man in your bed is your husband?" Answer: He's bald!

**CONCLUSION:** There are transportation problems in Northumberland County along with an aging population. Ward 2 needs transportation for the disabled and the County needs an integrated system. By 2025, the province must be totally accessible. Big battle ahead for the A.C.C. New members are needed. Meetings are held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 5h30pm, upstairs at City Hall.



And in closing, Wilf and your almost-retired-again editor would like to point out that, even though somewhat strange, Santa's Elf was really quite friendly...



## JANUARY SPEAKERS

14 Jan - Kim Lauder is the Executive Director of **Habitat for Humanity, Northumberland** which helps individuals and families in financially vulnerable situations build and buy quality affordable homes.

28 Jan - Michael Newman is the Music Director and Conductor of the **Northumberland Orchestra and Choir** and will talk about the orchestra, the choir and his music career.

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

### CASINO RAMA BUS TRIP

20 January  
 Bus leaves Gilmer's parking lot 8:15 AM  
 Bus leaves Casino to come home at 4:00 PM  
 BUFFET LUNCH  
 CIRQUE DU SOLEIL SHOW  
 \$5.00 (FIVE DOLLARS!!)  
 Proof of citizenship & photo I.D. required



### ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Among the five Cobourg & Port Hope Clubs  
 15 February at Northumberland Lanes  
 Northumberland Mall, Cobourg  
 Lunch at the Cobourg Legion Hall  
 Play or watch and come for lunch  
 OUR CLUB IS HOSTING THIS EVENT  
 Marshall Johnstone 905-885-8477  
**Volunteers needed** to set up lunch  
**Volunteers needed** to organize tournament  
**Please tell Marshall that you will help**

### SPRING FLING IS COMING "The Spirit Of Quinte"

26 May 2010  
 Maranatha Church  
 100 College St. W., Belleville  
 Doors open at 8:15 AM  
 Program begins at 9:30 AM  
 Door prizes & 50/50 draws  
 Buffet Luncheon with a cash bar  
 Live entertainment  
 Tickets will be \$35.00 per person  
 Garry Curtis 905-885-5304

## ONGOING EVENTS...

### PUB NITE

Join us for dinner, conversation, drinks  
 and a very nice door prize  
 Last Tuesday of the month  
 6:00 PM at the Beamish House  
 Eileen Mountain 905-885-4816

### APPS & DRINKS

Bring an appetizer and your own drinks  
 Steve Snell 905-885-9929

### EUCHRE

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday from 2 to 4 PM  
 Ruth Clarke Senior Centre 81 Mill Street  
 Reg Colborne 905-885-1722

### BOWLING

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 1:30 PM  
 Northshore Bowling Lanes  
 Marshall Johnstone 905-885-8477

### LUNCH BUNCH

After 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the month at 12:30 PM  
 Betty Curtis 905-885-5304

### CHESS

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday from 7 to 9 PM  
 31 College Street  
 Dave Broughton 905-885-1870



### QUIET PLEASE

**Julie Joyce** is the new **Assistant Librarian**  
 helping **Librarian Garry Curtis**. Please  
 note that the library is now handling DVDs  
 and video cassettes as well as books...

## Membership Information

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# IT'S ALL IN THE CARDS

Here is our Euchre group which meets every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday from 2pm to 4pm at the Ruth Clarke Senior Centre.



Join us for lots of fun and Kibitzing from Reg the Euchre organizer.



They are all smiling...they must have all won!!

# Apps & Drinks

Thanks to Lois and Verne Meadows for hosting Apps & Drinks on Sunday, 22 November at their lovely home in the Probus Annex.

