



Dinner and Social Night

Friday, October 16, 2009

Ottawa St. Anthony
Italia Soccer Club Hall

523 St. Anthony Avenue
Ottawa, Ont.

Message from the Chairman:

On behalf of the 2009 village reunion committee, I wish to extend a warm welcome to you as we gather for the 31st reunion evening. From our beginning in 1979, on which we met on two occasions, the reunion evening has become one of the most popular events on the calendar of many villagers, former villagers, their families and friends.

We are especially appreciative of those who have travelled some distance to be here tonight.

We are also delighted to have Hugh Riopelle as our guest speaker this evening. Rip has been our speaker on many, many occasions and we are very honoured to have him return.

The financial support of the Ottawa-Nepean Canadians Sports Club, in assisting with our mailing costs, is very much appreciated again.

We are also very fortunate to have Tony Disipio and his staff at the Prescott Hotel as friends of the reunion.

Also, our gratitude to Joe Ierullo and the staff of the Ottawa St. Anthony Italia Soccer Club for the hospitality shown to us the past 24 years.

I hope you enjoy your evening as you renew acquaintances from the past as well as meeting new friends tonight.

Sincerely,

Frank Licari

2009
VILLAGE REUNION
COMMITTEE MEMBERS

FRANK LICARI (CHAIRMAN)

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2008 Award Recipients



Dave Smith, *Community Contribution Award*



Sam Pugliese, (centre), *Villager Award Winner* and Rich

2008 Award Recipients



Greg Fagan, *Sportsman Award*



Bill Tomlinson, *Special Presentation*

2008 Award Recipients



George House, *Village Athletic Award*

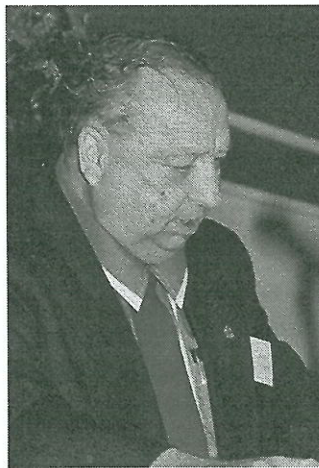


Roydon Kealey, Guest Speaker

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ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION AWARD

Awarded to an individual or group in recognition of his/their dedication to the growth and development of our community.

1979	Hugh Riopelle Sr.	1988	George Maxwell	1999	George Drummond
1979	Sam Macli	1989	Joe Sandulo	2000	Ottawa St. Anthony Italia Soccer Club
1980	Charles Ladas	1990	Roy Lafleur	2001	Garry Guzzo
1980	Walter Strelbisky	1991	Jim McAuley	2002	Nello Bortolotti
1981	Ed Daugherty	1992	Ottawa-Nepean Canadians Sports Club	2003	Max Keeping
1981	Ev Tremblay	1993	John Denofrio	2004	Ed Champagne
1982	Les Newman	1994	Chris Finnerty	2005	Al Albania
1984	Ernie Leighton	1995	Howard Darwin	2006	Glen Richardson
1986	Tom Coughlan	1996	Keith Brown	2007	Tom Cavanagh
1986	Jack Snow	1997	Italo Tiezzi	2008	Dave Smith
1987	John Mangione	1998	Jim Durrell	2009	

VILLAGER AWARD

Awarded to an individual in recognition of his participation in the history of The Village.

1979	Sam Palef	1988	Chappie Carmanico	1999	John Licari
1980	Aggie Lafleur	1989	Alex Cameron	2000	Don Romani
1981	Frank Concordia	1990	Joe Pilon	2001	Oliver Medaglia
1982	Bill Chinkiwsky	1991	Andy Lombardo	2002	Joe Guzzo
1982	Skipper Disipio	1992	Peter Andrusek	2003	Ron Gervais
1983	Jimmy MacMillan	1993	Joe Pugliese	2004	Ken Burrows
1984	Mike Andrusek	1994	Alex Lafleur	2005	John Mastrangelo
1984	Ralph Cameron	1995	Joe Adamo	2006	Dominic Delle Palme
1985	Alex Sauv�	1996	Spike Girotte	2007	Saro Panuccio
1986	Len Concordia	1997	Red Gorman	2008	Sam Pugliese
1987	Frank Costantini	1998	Red Wellington	2009	

SPORTSMAN AWARD

Awarded to an individual in recognition of his outstanding athletic excellence.

1981	Patsy Guzzo	1992	Bob Simpson	2001	Don Holtby
1984	Tony Licari	1993	Billy Watson	2002	Darcy Boucher
1986	Bill Cowley	1994	Jake Dunlap	2003	Bobby Copp
1987	Howard Riopelle	1995	Ed Hatoum	2004	Billy Russell
1988	Conny Brown	1996	Larry Regan	2005	Cliff Neill
1989	Bill Dineen	1997	Eddie MacCabe	2006	John Fripp
1990	Lorne Watters	1998	Hugh Riopelle Jr.	2007	Marcel Legris
1990	Frank Chiarelli	1999	Lude Check	2008	Greg Fagan
1991	Lally Lalonde	2000	Ab Renaud	2009	

SPECIAL PRESENTATION AWARD

Awarded to an individual, or group, in recognition of his/their achievements and leadership.

1979	Ierullo Family	1990	Joe Imbesi	2001	Martin Defalco
1981	Fred (Pinky) Mitchell	1991	Earl Stinson	2002	Bob Chiarelli
1982	Gale Kerwin	1992	Licari Family	2003	Mike Leclair
1983	Prescott Hotel	1993	Gervais Family	2004	Ron Barbaro
1984	Clint Jourdain	1994	Patafie Family	2005	Luigi Mion
1984	St. Anthony's Church	1995	Timpson Family	2006	Johnson (Welding) Family
1985	Provost Family	1996	Sal Pantalone	2007	Galla Family
1986	Chiarelli Brothers	1997	Leclair Family	2008	Bill Tomlinson
1987	Purcell Brothers	1998	Phil Murray	2009	
1988	Zito Family	1999	Mangione Family		
1989	Charles Strang	2000	Lorne Kelly		

VILLAGE ATHLETIC AWARD

Awarded to an individual from The Village in recognition of his athletic achievement and high Village ideals.

1982	Edgar Blondin	1992	Rudy Costantini	2002	Fred (Pinky) Mitchell
1983	Nooky Pilon	1993	Paul Ventura	2003	Wayne Hughes
1983	Toby Dinardo	1994	Wally Swords	2004	Bobby Ransom
1985	Andy Nezan	1995	Gordie Pantalone	2005	Joe (JoJo) Licari
1986	Fred Hughes	1996	Santo Imbesi	2006	Dom Disipio
1987	Joe Asquini	1997	Roydon Kealey	2007	Eddie Rose
1988	Leo Blondin	1998	Art Dinardo	2008	George House
1989	Les Pilon	1999	Ed Nicholson	2009	
1990	John Kozak	2000	Hubie Garneau		
1991	Harvey Creppin	2001	Gord Ventura		

WE REMEMBER THEM

The following gentlemen, who have been honoured by our reunion, passed away since our last meeting:

Wally (Doodles) Swords, our 1994 Village Athletic Award winner, passed away on December 2, 2008.

Norm Leclair, a member of the Leclair Family who were honoured in 1997 for Special Presentation Award, passed away on February 12, 2009.

Larry Regan, our 1996 Sportsman Award winner, passed away on March 9, 2009.

Lude Check, our 1999 Sportsman Award winner, passed away on May 11, 2009.

Jim Patafie, a member of the Patafie Family who were honoured in 1994 for Special Presentation Award, passed away on June 6, 2009.

We also recall with fondness others who have attended our function and are no longer with us. Rest in peace, fellas.

DOW'S LAKE

Samuel Dow was an American who moved to the Merrickville area from Vermont in 1805. He was killed in an accident shortly after he arrived and his eldest son, Abram, inherited the land. Too young to know better, Abram sold his father's land for a mere \$70. and came to Bytown where he purchased Elkanah Billings' log house located on the Rideau, where he lived and raised his family until his death in 1832. His property extended to include what we know today as Dow's Lake. Before the construction of the Canal, this area was known as Dow's Great Swamp.

Dow's Lake was created by Rideau Canal workers under the engineering management of Colonel John By and his Royal Sappers and Miners. One of the most difficult areas of canal construction between Ottawa and Kingston was the stretch between the Ottawa River (six locks in step where the Rideau River empties into the Ottawa River) and what now called Hog's Back.

Originally, the Rideau Canal was to run north from Dow's Lake, but land speculation, and Colonel By's reluctance to reward such speculation, resulted in the current location of the canal.

When Colonel By was surveying to find the easiest route to build the canal between the Ottawa River and Hog's Back, there were two apparent options. The first was to join the Ottawa River to Hog's Back by cutting the canal from the Ottawa (or Grand) River, above the Chaudière Falls and along Preston Street to where Dow's Lake Pavilion is today on Dow's Lake.

It was decided that an easier route would be to start the Canal at Entrance Bay, which is on the Ottawa River just east of the Parliament Buildings. A dam was built at the end of Preston Street to raise the water level of Dow's Great Swamp and at the same time to drain the swamp / creek which existed along what is now Preston Street. The dam was called the St. Louis Dam after Jean-Baptiste St. Louis, who was one of the pioneer French Canadians to settle in Bytown. M. St. Louis was a well-known entrepreneur. He was a contractor who worked on the canal and was responsible for building the St. Louis Dam to divert the water from flowing to the Ottawa River via Preston Street.

From August 16 to 19, 1870, a fire engulfed Carleton County. Walls of flame advanced for days, beginning in Arnprior and wreaking havoc as far north as Le Breton Street and parts of the Saguenay Valley. Ottawa faced certain destruction. Finally, a gentleman by the name of Mr. Purcell suggested cutting the 'St. Louis Dam' to create a water barrier, and hopefully put out the fire. With a work party of about 100 men and the fire burning as close as Hog's Back, Mr. Purcell successfully cut through the dam and allowed the water to flood the lowlands as it followed its old course up Preston Street to the Ottawa River. While much of the city lay in ruins, 'Mighty' Dow's Lake saved it from total destruction.

Immediately following the 1870 fire, the City began planning a waterworks system to deliver tap water to Ottawa residents. Until 1874, the usual method of delivering both drinking water, and water for fire fighting was by horse drawn puncheons (a wooden barrel, containing 318 litres.)

With the waterworks completion, the usual bucket brigade method of supplement horse drawn water carriages changed into a more modern equivalent.



Dow's Lake Boathouse, circa 1905

The original home of the Rideau Canoe Club in 1902.

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**THE COMMITTEE IS ALWAYS EAGER TO HEAR
YOUR COMPLIMENTS OR DISAPPOINTMENTS.**

PLEASE LET US HAVE YOUR COMMENTS.

**IF YOU HAVE HAD A CHANGE OF ADDRESS,
OR ARE NEW TO OUR GATHERING,
PLEASE LET A COMMITTEE MEMBER KNOW OF YOUR
NEW LOCATION OR ADDRESS.**

**SEE YOU ONE YEAR FROM NOW ON
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2010**

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