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*I met the Right Hon. Jack Layton
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my politics teacher. He seemed
like all my other professors -
friendly, nice, except that he told
us to call him Jack. And Jack it
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WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE PORT TOWER PROJECT?

We constantly get questions about the tower project. Residents want to know what is happening and when and there are always unconfirmed rumours. To provide accurate, up-to-date information to our readers, members of the Port Dalhousie Conservancy's Executive met with the City's senior planning staff, the Mayor and the new owner of the project. Below is a summary of the information we obtained.



Who owns the project now? Mr. Derek Martin, who has extensive experience with construction firm Concrete USL LP, purchased the interest previously held by Mr. Dan Raseta and Mr. Ralph Terrio in June of this year and now owns 100% of Port Dalhousie Vitalization Corporation (PDVC). Messrs. Raseta and Terrio retained ownership of properties on the west side of Lock St. including the Lions and the Bank Building

Who is Landform Canada Construction? This is a development company formed by Mr. Martin. It will be the project's developer in conjunction with Niacon of Niagara Falls.

Who is Niacon? Niacon is an experienced construction company which has a joint venture agreement with Landform. Niacon has built high rise hotels in the Falls and its President, Mr. Chris Hawkswell, will be in charge of construction and all site activities.

Is there a team of architects and engineers in place? Mr. Martin has retained architect Michael Kirkland, previously hired by Messres. Raseta and Terrio, as well as other experts/professionals -some also previously on the team. Some key team members include heritage architect James Smith of Stanford Downey Architects Inc. in Toronto, theatre consultant Brian Arnott and Smith and Andersen for mechanical and electrical engineering.

What will the project include? Mr. Martin is very familiar with the February 2009 OMB decision and intends to build the project with the theatre, hotel and other components exactly as they were approved by the OMB.

Are the planned condos sold? According to Mr. Martin, they have not yet launched a full sales effort. They will be doing this after demolition of the buildings they deem to be not of significant heritage value (Ice Cream Store, Rum Jungle and Convenience Store) has started.

When will these buildings be demolished? The developer is working with the City to meet conditions required for demolition permits as soon as possible. The Planning Services Department confirmed that, as we went to press, no demolition permits have been applied for or issued.

What work is being done behind the Ice Cream Store and around the Jail? According to Mr. Martin, nothing major is happening. They are just cleaning up the site in anticipation of construction work eventually starting. (Continued on page 2)

GO DOGS GO



Contributed by Lorraine Cordner

We're not quite finished with summer and already the Niagara Ice Dogs are gearing up for an exciting hockey season.

The 2011/2012 season officially kicked off Aug. 31 with the start of training camp. The first exhibition game ended in a tie in front of 2,113 fans on Sept. 10.

The Ice Dogs have been ranked second in the Canadian Hockey League rankings - quite an honour. Ice Dogs general manager/coach Marty Williamson knows a top preseason ranking is no guarantee for success. The

team has 68 games to play, and you have to take into consideration injuries, health of the team, peaking at the right time, chemistry, and getting on the ice to win. Team owner Bill Burke was thrilled to hear the second place ranking. The Ice Dogs have geared themselves towards the top of the OHL Eastern Conference, which can be attributed to the volume of talent the team has been able to assemble.

The rankings are timed perfectly, as city council will be debating in October on the new spectator facility for the Ice Dogs. It's exciting for the community to have a team that could be in the Memorial Cup, bringing excitement and exposure for our community.

The Niagara Ice Dogs have a remarkable nine NHL drafted players - Freddie Hamilton, San Jose Sharks; Ryan Strome, New York Islanders; Dougie Hamilton, Boston Bruins; Mark Visentin, Phoenix Coyotes; Mitchel Theoret, New York Islanders; Alex Friesen, Vancouver Canucks; David Pacan, Florida Panthers; Steven Shipley, Buffalo Sabres; Brock Beukeboom, St. Louis Blues. Due to their status as overagers, Friesen and Pacan could be assigned to a minor league affiliate of their NHL club, while other Ice Dog prospects can play up to nine games before they are either retained by the NHL team or sent back to the Ice Dogs. With a strong returning core and some great new additions, this season is setting up to be a great one for the Ice Dogs.

With such a strong team fans will want to be sure to get their tickets early. Single game tickets have already gone on sale. Single game ticket pricing for the 2011/12 Ice Dog season will be as follows: Premium \$20, Ends \$19, Standing \$14.50, Youth/Senior (end seats only) \$16.50.

Opening games in St. Catharines at Jack Gatecliffe area are Sept. 29 against Mississauga St. Michael's Majors at 7:00 p.m., and the Barrie Colts on Sept. 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Don't miss out on your first chance to welcome back the CHL's number two ranked team, get your tickets today and come out to support your ICE DOGS.

Port Tower Project Upddate (Cont'd from front page)

Is moving the Jail safe? Both Mr. Martin and Mr. Hawkswell feel confident that their experts will be able to move the Jail out of the way for construction and then return it without damage.

When do they expect construction to begin? No definite date is available although they are working hard to start as soon as possible. Many of the required drawings are ready.

How long will construction take? From the time construction starts, Mr. Martin estimates it will take 24-26 months to complete the project. Of this, 5-6 months will be required for the initial excavation work.

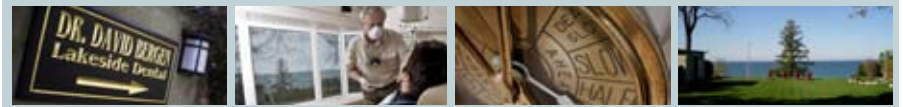
Will there be major disruption for residents and businesses during construction? Mr. Hawkswell is working with the City to develop a plan to minimize the impact and, in particular, traffic closures. They will not be working on Sundays.

How will we know when they are ready to start? The developer is working on a website that will provide up-to-date information on a weekly basis. They expect the website to be operational within the next month.

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LOCAL NEWS

AIN'T NO CURE FOR THE SUMMERTIME BLUES EVENT

We could not have asked for better weather for our THERE AIN'T NO CURE FOR THE SUMMERTIME BLUES event last night. It was pleasantly cool but not too cool so guests could enjoy both the inside of the clubhouse or sit outside with the view of Martindale Pond. People started arriving right at 6:30 when the doors open and shortly after the appetizers started. The food throughout the evening was outstanding and everyone really appreciated the work of Sandy and Mike Slater who organized and planned the feast. The dinner table had multiple scrumptious salads and... roast beef for Beef on a Bun that was to die for! Many people could not resist and went back for seconds and even thirds.

The music of the Wilber James Band certainly did not disappoint. They played many favourites and many were dancing inside while others enjoyed the sounds outside. There was also an excellent dessert, door prizes and a beautiful framed print of the historic buildings on Lakeport Rd. facing the harbour was raffled. The print was donated by the artist, Port resident Robert Montgomery, and we thank him for his generosity. We also thank the volunteers who worked so hard to make the event a success. In addition to Sandy and Mike Slater, we thank Lorraine Corder, Esther Chadwick, Nancy Beckon and Amanda, Morgan and Shelby Mitchell, Colin Johnston, Marianne Kond and Ed Szaszi, Helen Szacs, Sheila Fronk and Carol Brittan-Jones.

PROUD becomes the Port Dalhousie Conservancy. By David Bergen

The Port Dalhousie Conservancy: PROUD adopts a new name.

On August 26, 2011, the general membership of PROUD Port Dalhousie voted to adopt a new name: Port Dalhousie Conservancy Inc.. The name change more accurately reflects the current scope of the organization's work and focus on enhancing and preserving Port's unique cultural, natural and built heritage.

PROUD (Port Recognizing Our Unique Distinction) was formed in March 1999 by a group of community residents to pursue heritage designation for Port Dalhousie. There was a concern that uncontrolled development could alter the unique character of the area as well as result in the loss of significant heritage buildings. Heritage designation would provide some

level of controls on both demolitions and development and so help to maintain Port's unique heritage character.

Heritage designation was achieved in December, 2003, but the name was maintained when the organization realized, almost immediately afterwards that it would have to contest the advisability of the PDVC condominium tower complex. Community name recognition was an important part of the process.

Those struggles are now over and it was decided to make a name change that is both self-explanatory and speaks clearly to the organizational goals. (The name PROUD has always required significant explanation when discussing it with someone unfamiliar with its history)

Other names of other conservancies: "The Nature Conservancy", "Architectural Conservancy of Ontario" and the "Bruce Trail Conservancy" all speak clearly to their goals and nature. Now the "Port Dalhousie Conservancy", while still the same not-for-profit volunteer organization that it always was, has a name that does the same.

PORT DALHOUSIE HARBOUR URBAN DESIGN STUDY YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO GUIDE THE FUTURE OF YOUR COMMUNITY

VISIONING WORKSHOP

The City of St. Catharines is hosting a **Visioning Workshop** to discuss your thoughts, ideas and vision for the future of the **Port Dalhousie Harbour Area (west side)**. You are invited to participate in this important project. The City will be assisted by a consulting team led by Brook McIlroy Inc.

The workshop session has been arranged for:

**DATE: Tuesday, October 4, 2011
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**LOCATION: Port Dalhousie Lions Centre
201 Main Street
St. Catharines, ON**

The purpose of the Port Dalhousie Harbour Urban Design Study is to provide guidance for the future redevelopment within the area from an urban design perspective.

Your input is important. This workshop will allow residents and stakeholders to provide input and discuss ideas with City staff and the consulting team. Participants will work in small groups in a "hands on" fashion to develop a vision and guiding principles for the

area. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kevin Blozowski at the City of St. Catharines, Planning Services Department, at (905) 688-5601, Extension 1710.

Port Dalhousie Lawn Bowling News

The *Kilt and Clover Pairs Tournament* was held on Sunday, September 11/11 with 16 teams playing.

3 game winners were:

- 1st place: Neville Robson and Kathy Smith
- 2nd Place: Peter and Dorothy Proctor
- High Two Game Winner: Cor Vandenheuvel
Marion McQueen
- High Single Winner: Bob & Joyce Findlay

One tournament remains - the **J.D. Shearer Memorial Tournament** which is sponsored by **Hainer's Automotive and Discount Tire** (Third Street, St. Catharines, Ontario) on Saturday, September 24/11 at 10 a.m

One Ladies Tournament remaining: Thursday, September 29, 2011.

The Club was deeply saddened by the passing on their dear friend Gwen Sandham on August 26, 2011, who was their only life member.

The Club is having its closing banquet at St. John's Church on Wednesday, October 5/11 and a Card/Game Party at the clubhouse - Verdun Avenue on Wednesday, October 12/11 with Lunch at 12 Noon and then games and cards afterwards.

\$10.00 per person. Everyone Welcome.
Contact: Carolyn Thompson for tickets
289-213-1202

Anyone interested in sponsoring a tournament for next year contact Barbara Mutton - 905-984-2187 or Carolyn Thompson 289-213-1202 Contact should be made before the end of October.

ST.ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH 159th ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISER DINNER

Saturday, October 22rd, 2011 Doors Open 5 p.m.
Dinner & Dessert 5:30 p.m. Concert in the Gym 7-8:30 p.m. Featuring The Town of Lincoln Concert Band
Adult \$20 Child (6-12): \$10 (Under 5 yrs): Free

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MEN'S GROUP Please support their annual fundraiser, the sale of pointsettias starting in November For more information call Mr. Dick Slade at 905-934-1229 or Mr. Paul Nichols at 905 -935-3483 to place your order.

Candidate's info came from their websites or the web Sandie Bellows,

PC Candidate for St. Catharines

Sandie Bellows has lived in St. Catharines for 48 years and is a proud resident of the riding. She has a diploma in Sales and Merchandising from Seneca College in Toronto and has varied experience in the business world. Sandie spent much of her career as a Senior Corporate Account Executive at Telus, where she year after year was a member of the Presidents Club for top sales. She also worked as an Account Executive in South Western Ontario for ULINE Shipping Supplies. Currently she is the General Manager at CNN Staffing Solutions in St. Catharines, providing temporary employees across Niagara.

Sandie is an experienced motivational public speaker, having worked with various Victims of Crime and Law Enforcement Agencies and she is proud to have been named the number one TELUS Sales Executive in Canada. She is raising her two sons, Spencer and Colton in St. Catharines and enjoys attending their hockey, lacrosse and soccer games in the community..

Sandie Bellows Campaign Office
33 Lakeshore Road, Unit 15
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Tel: 905-329-0957

Jim Bradley Incumbent MPP

**Ontario Liberal Party Candidate for St. Catharines
12-145 Carlton Street St Catharines ON L2R 1R5**

**Information gathered from
<http://www.votebradley.ca/Biography>**

Jim Bradley was first elected to represent St. Catharines in the Ontario legislature in 1977, and has had the honour of holding several cabinet positions. As Minister of Transportation, Jim brought in legislation to toughen penalties against drunk driving, and he expanded public transit across Ontario. As minister of the Environment, he was an innovative leader in cleaning up pollution, and bringing the Blue Box recycling to millions of homes.

Before his election to the legislature, Jim was a teacher with the Lincoln County Board of Education and has served as a member of the St. Catharines City Council.

As MPP for St. Catharines, Jim has been instrumental in securing infrastructure projects that are creating thousands of local jobs and transforming our local health, education and transportation systems. Jim has worked to get for St. Catharines the new state-of-the-art hospital and Walker Family Cancer Centre now under

construction, six-laning the QEW, widening the 406, bringing GO trains and buses to Niagara, the Downtown Performing Arts Centre and the Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts, and the Cairns Family Health and Bioscience Research Complex at Brock University

Jim Bradley has a strong record of working on behalf of constituents, whether voicing their concerns at Queens Park, or delivering important infrastructure investments that are creating jobs in our community and helping our local economy turn the corner. Jim has established a reputation of delivering results for St. Catharines.

Chris Clarke

Family Coalition Party of Ontario Candidate for St. Catharines

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party info can be found at:http://familycoalitionparty.com/07_Application/02_AboutUs.phpJ

Irene Lowell

NDP Candidate for St. Catharines

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St Catharines, L2M 4T9 Phone: 905-938-7324
Email: irenelowellndp@bellnet.ca

Irene Lowell is a retiree who dedicates her time to helping the people of St. Catharines. Irene is using her spare time in retirement to give back to the community. She currently volunteers with the Niagara Regional Sexual Assault Centre, the United Way and the YWCA of Niagara. Irene has chaired the Women's Committee of CAW Local 199 for a decade.

People can count on Irene to make life affordable and remove the HST from essentials like hydro and home heating. Irene is a fighter who wants to ensure good jobs stay in St. Catharines. She supports a Buy Ontario policy and target tax credits for job creators.

Jennifer Mooradian

**Green Party Candidate for St. Catharines
1-12 King Street St Catharines ON L2R 3H3
(905) 935-8074**

Email: jennifermooradian@gpo.ca
Info from <http://greenparty.ca/campaign/35076>

Jennifer Mooradian has been a resident of the Niagara region for 37 years. She attended Queen's University where she pursued a Bachelors Degree in Politics,

followed by a Bachelor of Health Science Degree in Midwifery from McMaster University. Jennifer and her partner Geoff currently reside in St. Catharines where Jennifer worked as a midwife following graduation from McMaster. She is currently taking time off from midwifery to raise her daughter, Emi.

Jennifer envisions a Canada in which the economy is sustainable, community growth is environmentally and economically sound, and we again take our role as leaders on the international stage. She is committed to the Green Party because its policies best reflect her values and commitments, and promise the best future for her daughter and all Canadian children. Jennifer has been active her community working as a midwife. She has worked as a member of the Niagara Health System Accreditation Team and the Maternal-Child Quality Improvement Team for St. Catharines General. Jennifer is a member of Niagara Climate Action Now where she volunteers when needed. Jennifer organizes the Niagara chapter of "Green Drinks" with the hope of fostering networking and collaboration amongst community-minded individuals.

Jon Radick

Canadians' Choice Party Candidate for St. Catharines

No website or information for this candidate can be found on the internet.

Dave Unrau

Freedom Party Candidate for St. Catharines

No website or information for this candidate can be found on the internet.

Party info can be found AT: <http://www.freedomparty.on.ca/2011election/2011electionplanks/2011electionplanks.htm>

Saleh Waziruddin

Communist Party Candidate for St. Catharines

905-394-0029 4025 Dorchester Rd #146,
Niagara Falls, ON L2E 6N1

Saleh Waziruddin, a 33-year old call centre worker says, he is running because "we have seen too many fellow Niagarans die because health care cuts make it impossible for staff to prevent infections, to have enough beds for people to heal in dignity near their loved ones, and to keep emergency rooms open instead of moving them over half an hour away by highway in favor of a P3 (public private partnership i.e. for profit) hospital where health care dollars will go towards profits and not patients. We are being told there is not enough money (continued on page 6)



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If you thought last year the deals for the silent auction were amazing, this year's deals already include two antique rocking chairs. It is truly the best silent auction in the whole of Niagara and it happens only once per year. We got the kinks worked out of the labyrinth walk last year by lighting the floor so people could walk and or dance the labyrinth in safety and comfort. Those who dared to walk the labyrinth, and many dared, found it a profound, soul fulfilling experience. Will you dare this year? The sounds of the Heart Crystal Bowl and the native drums will fill you with lightness and maybe, just maybe, even hope. The refreshments again will be plentiful—a feast for the eyes and palate. Delicious, Beautiful, Wholesome – fresh fruit, squares, cookies, tea, coffee and much more.

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**Candidate Information (Cont'd from page 4)
Saleh Waziruddin, Communist Party**

..... for health care while billions are being given away in corporate tax cuts that have not lead to any job creation or investment but only record corporate profits."

As the Communist candidate in St. Catharines, Saleh is the only option for reversing the HST.

Saleh explains "in the name of harmonizing taxes the HST actually shifts the tax burden from corporations who can pay to the working class which cannot, while at the same time cutting public services needed by working people for a minimum quality of life." Phone: 905 394 0029

E-mail: saleh@votecomunist.ca
Website: <http://www.votecomunist.ca>

WINTER IS LOOMING LARGE-EXERCISE OPPORTUNITIES

Stretch and tone

Anne Cooke (the Zumba instructor at St. Andrews) is starting up a new class Join her for a stretch & tone, muscle conditioning type class to start Friday, September 16th, at 9:15am. Fee is a \$5 drop-in. Please layer clothing and bring a mat. You must be able to exercise on the floor. If you are not sure if this class is for you please call Anne Cooke, 905-371-3483

SCANDAL OVER ILLEGAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS - UPDATE

There continues to be great public interest in this subject. As we reported in our Summer edition, long-time Port resident and former Regional Councillor Eleanor Lancaster filed a request for audit of expenses of candidates Rigby, Petrowski, Dorsey, Harris, Siscoe and Stack alleging they violated Election Act by accepting overcontributions from related companies owned or controlled by Port Tower developer Mr. Dan Raseta. Mr. Raseta immediately reversed his previously stated position on multiple contributions and his lawyer wrote the candidates asking them to pay money back. The candidates listed promptly admitted they violated the Act and stated they have paid or will pay money back.

On July 19th, the Niagara Compliance Audit Committee held a hearing on Ms. Lancaster's requests. Despite the fact that the 4 City candidates identified by Ms. Lancaster (Regional candidates Rigby and Petrowski were spared a hearing on a technicality) admitted accepting overcontributions from Mr. Raseta, the hearing Chair rejected all four audit applications because they paid the money back and to save the taxpayers money. Ms. Lancaster was praised in media reports for identifying the violations. However, it was left up to her as an individual concerned citizen if she wanted to pursue this further. She argued at the hearing that campaign spending makes a difference in the quality of a campaign, and the extra money the candidates accepted and spent might have had an impact on the election outcome, especially for a candidate like Stack, who won his seat by only 26 votes. To no avail.

UPDATE: As reported in other media, Ms. Lancaster decided these violations were too serious to just let them drop and filed a notice with the Ontario Court of Justice to appeal the Compliance Audit Committee's decision. The parties appeared before Judge David Harris on September 9th and Judge Harris scheduled a hearing on the appeal for November 24, 2011 at 2 pm. Ms. Lancaster, who as a concerned citizen is pursuing this at her own expense, will be represented by lawyer Luigi De Lisio while the City of St. Catharines (on behalf of the Committee) will be represented by new City Solicitor Nicole Auty. Candidate Dorsey will be representing himself and Candidates Harris, Siscoe and Stack will be represented by lawyer Tom Richardson. Mr. Richardson, a former City Solicitor, has previously acted as one of Mr. Raseta's companies' leading lawyers in pursuing approval of the Port Tower proposal.

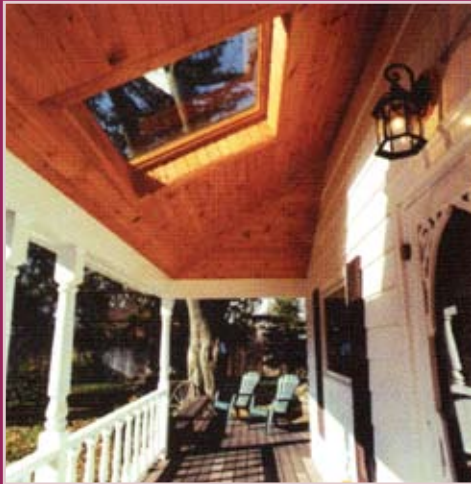
More Exercise Opportunities

Kendo is the martial art of Japanese Fencing. It is a very good physical and mental workout and is practiced by millions of people worldwide. A new round of classes is starting on Saturday mornings from 10:15 ~ 12:15 at St. Andrew's United Church. The class is primarily for students 18 years of age and younger although parents and guardians are welcome to practice with their children. For more information, please visit the club's website at www.KendoNiagara.com or call Sensei Mark at 289-241-3080.

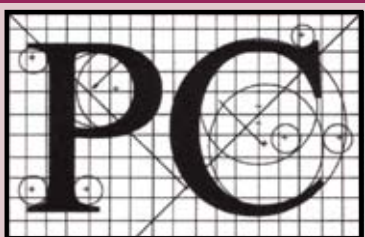
Zumba Fitness (St.Andrews)

One hour Classes will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. (Zumba Gentle) and a second class from 10:30 to 11:30 and evening classes from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on both days. Call Anne Cooke at 905 371-3483

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and
Don Neufeld, MSW, RSW*



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A personal thank you to Jack Layton

I met the Right Hon. Jack Layton in the early eighties during my second year at Ryerson. He was my politics teacher. He seemed like all my other professors - friendly, nice, except that he told us to call him Jack. And Jack it was after that.

He had an exceptional way of making one comfortable but also challenging one to think. He was inclusive of all views - as long as you could back up your opinion with data, Jack allowed it. That was something that was very difficult for this diehard social democrat. To me the world was white and black-literally. I was a person of colour in a largely white institution, in a program where 95% of the students were white, 99.999% of the faculty and the administration were also white.

Some of you might come to the conclusion at this point in your reading that I may have had a small chip on my shoulder. Well you're wrong-it was one big huge boulder that was hard to carry but carry it I did, with all the dignity of one who has intimately experienced racism, classism, sexism, and ageism.

In a class of 40+ and who knows how many other students that he taught that year, Jack noticed a young woman's anger and helped channel it.

Jack did not need to take time to talk to me in the cafeteria, which I used as my study room in between classes and jobs-I had two part time jobs [which paid for my books and tuition] and numerous volunteer jobs [which educated me]. Every time I happened to see Jack in the 'caf', he always acknowledged my presence: "Hey Gloria, how's it going." "That essay on the politics of poverty was really good, you researched it well." "Is that what you really think of politicians, Gloria?" -"there are some good ones, Gloria!"

These dialogues sometimes lasted a minute, sometimes ten.

My real learning with Jack though began on the streets of Toronto. As a young social work student who saw herself as a social change agent, the streets of Toronto were fertile ground for learning the need for social change. As I attended rallies and marches: protesting police brutality, or apartheid; advocating adequate social housing, or anti-poverty measures; promoting gay rights or a ban on South African goods - Jack was there, many times with a placard but much more often with a camera.

When I helped out at a soup kitchen on Yonge Street-Jack was there. I don't know if he was serving or working in the kitchen- usually I was on my way out and Jack was on his way in. When I was supporting a petition advocating giving free needles [HIV had just reared its ugly head and the zealots were doing what zealots do] Jack was one of the first to sign.

Years later, I met Jack at a workshop on 'Accessing the Media'. Jack was one of the keynote speakers. He recognized me in the crowd and was genuinely interested in what I was doing and how I was doing. Again I was amazed at how openly he remembered me and cared about my journey.

Jack 'Walked his Talk!' Through 'walking his talk,' he let this angry young woman know that they were others who cared about and were assisting those among us who were hurting and suffering.

Each night, since reading Jack's last letter to the Canadian people, I use Jack's last word as my mantra: **"Love is better than anger, hope is better than fear, optimism is better than despair.** I am loving, hopeful, and optimistic." "The world is changing."



The angry young woman hopefully, has become a wise woman still filled with compassion and generosity but also hopefully filled with understanding, forgiveness and light. Thank you Jack for helping me all those years ago in your subtle yet very conscious way; and today for for helping me remember to stay

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HISTORY OF THE PORT DALHOUSIE CONSERVANCY

A Distinguished History as a Volunteer Community Organization

The Port Dalhousie Conservancy Inc. ("the Conservancy") is a Port Dalhousie community-based, volunteer organization founded in 1999 to pursue Heritage Designation. Its current mandate is to help enhance and preserve Port Dalhousie's unique cultural, natural and built heritage, and to reflect the views of residents on other major community issues. It is incorporated as a not-for-profit Ontario corporation. Below is a summary of the Conservancy's history.

March 1999 – PROUD (now the Conservancy) Founded in Port Dalhousie – Concern Over Alexander Muir's Homestead. A group of residents concerned about the possible loss of Alexander Muir's historic home on Dalhousie Avenue met to consider the options. The City's Heritage Planner explained that having the area designated as a Heritage Conservation District under the Ontario Heritage Act was the only way to have some protection for the area's unique character. It would be a lot of hard work and would take years, the planner warned, as the community would have to be canvassed for support. It would then require Council's support and, eventually, that of the Ontario Municipal Board. Undeterred, the group decided to proceed and PROUD (Port Realizing Our Unique Distinction) was born!

March 1999 to December 2003 – Seeking Input From the Community, Designation by Council and Final OMB Approval. The initial group held its first public meeting at historic Dalhousie House in May 1999. More volunteers came forward and a very public and democratic process was launched. This process included multiple public information meetings and distribution of a survey designed by the City's Planning Services Department to over 600 homes and businesses to find out whether they wanted to pursue Heritage Designation. In October 1999, the group presented the survey results to Council: *"Our volunteers are pleased to report that the results are overwhelmingly in favour of designation"*. There were more public meetings, a consultant's study and, following approval by Council, the OMB approved the designation in December 2003 and found that: *"...the process followed by the City has been a full public process and all requirements of the Province have been complied with."* and *"... the designation of the subject area as a Heritage Conservation District represents good planning."*

January to May, 2004 – Designing and Funding Heritage Street Signs for Port Dalhousie. Despite the lengthy process to secure Heritage Designation, the tireless volunteers then took on another major challenge – distinctive signage to identify the new district and enhance community pride. A committee was first struck to design appropriate signage. This committee did extensive research and designed street and gateway signs that emphasize the 1829 opening of the First Welland Canal at Port Dalhousie and the Village's original Seal of Incorporation. The greatest challenge

was then to raise the approximately \$20,000 required since the City was unable to fund these new signs. Volunteers were told it might take years to raise this money and the signs would have to be introduced a street at a time. Much to everyone's amazement, our Sign Fundraising Committee was able to raise all required funds within three weeks. All 68 street signs and two gateway signs were installed by late Spring.

June 4, 2004 – Official Heritage Designation Ceremony and Celebration. The ceremony was attended by many residents as well as Mayor Rigby, several City and Regional Councillors, local MPP Jim Bradley, local MP Walt Lastewka and, last but not least, a number of international delegates to the 2004 World Canals Conference. The international delegates remarked on how well-preserved and unique Port Dalhousie was and called Port one of the last relatively-intact 19th century canal villages. The efforts of our volunteers were recognized by the St. Catharines Heritage Committee and City Councillors. Messrs. Bradley and Lastewka each presented appreciation certificates on behalf of the Provincial and Federal governments.

June 18, 2004 to October 2005 – The First PDVC Tower Proposal. In February, 2004, only weeks after OMB approval of the Heritage Designation, the newly-formed Port Dalhousie Vitalization Corporation (PDVC) informed us of their preliminary plans. Over the next few months, the size and scope of the proposed development became clear. Our volunteers developed a Draft Position on the development and validated it through a community-wide Survey which showed

"Port residents strongly (90%) rejected the proposed tower and felt ANY new development must preserve the Streetscape and Heritage Buildings, maintain Public Access and not aggravate Parking/Traffic problems".

PDVC disregarded the Survey and proceeded with its proposal so our volunteers announced their SOS (Save Our Seaport) Campaign to oppose it. A website and the Port Reporter were launched to communicate the local community's widespread opposition and a second, city-wide Quantitative Survey was done by Brock University that showed the majority of residents across all City wards were opposed. Then, suddenly in October 2005, PDVC withdrew the proposal.

December 2005 to October 2006 – Second Tower Proposal. Despite widespread opposition to the withdrawn proposal throughout the City, St. Catharines' Mayor Tim Rigby, who suddenly stated he was in favour of the proposal all along, led an effort to "try and re-ignite" the proposal. The developer hired a new architect and in early 2006 re-introduced a second, very similar, proposal. Once again, our volunteers studied the proposal carefully before deciding they had no option but to oppose it. There was a marathon Council meeting in June 2006 and the community put on an amazing display of determination with 65 individuals speaking from the heart to tell Councillors why this was the wrong proposal for their cherished village

Part Two of this article will be included in our December Reporter.

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Dorothy Crabtree bound into Port's history

by Ted Gould

Why is it important to understand Port's history? By understanding our history, you can understand why things are the way they are right now. Many of the past events and histories in the world have shaped what we are today. Dorothy Crabtree helped shape what Port is today. Dorothy led the fight to not only keep the carousel in Port but to ensure it would be here for generations to come. When Sid Brookson put the 1903 Loeff carousel up for auction in 1970, Dorothy lead a group to raise funds to buy it and keep it in Port. Although the fundraising fell \$5,000 short of the \$25,000 asking price, Sid Brookson agreed to the amount raised and together they convinced the City of St. Catharines to accept and maintain it in Port, with the proviso that the cost of a ride remain at five cents and that agreement stands today. If it wasn't for her caring and determination, Port would not have the Carousel to grace our park and bring joy into the lives of countless families. People travel from across the continent to enjoy the fruits of her labour and she will live on in our images of Lakeside Park and the Loeff carousel.

My history is intertwined with the Crabtrees only as it relates to the Crabtree house that we purchased at 34 Bayview. I learned that wherever the Crabtrees settled, a crabapple tree was planted on the property. Today you can see a full grown crabapple tree on the front lawn of the house on Bayview and now you understand why things are the way they are right now. History is so important because each of us is part of the history that takes place. We can choose to help out situations that

matter to us and help to build a better tomorrow. Dorothy Crabtree died Aug. 10 at Linhaven Home for the Aged. She was 96.

World AIDS Day Observance and Concert MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH, 2011

The Right Hon. Jack Layton's impassioned plea on his deathbed to every Canadian to care about not only Canada but also the world, challenged us to change the world through acts of generosity, kindness and hope. Will you pick up the challenge?

On Monday, November 28, you will be provided with an opportunity to meet his challenge. An Observance and Concert will be held to raise funds for the work of the Stephen Lewis foundation as they continue to help those who have 'the least amongst us' by eradicating HIV AIDS in Africa. This year's theme is **"Getting To Zero" - Zero New Infections, Zero Discrimination, Zero AIDS-Related Deaths.**



HIV AIDS is still the largest killer in Africa: it still creates more orphans per minute than any other disease on this beautiful planet of ours. It is the only disease prolifically used as germ warfare. Warring groups infect women and children purposely to annihilate the other group's lineage.

Do you care? Do you feel helpless? Do you want to do something? Come join us at St. Andrews United Church on Monday, November 28 at 6 p.m. 100% of ALL funds raised go to the Stephen Lewis Foundation to provide Hands-On-Help to our brothers and sisters afflicted with, and/or affected by this soul vacating disease.

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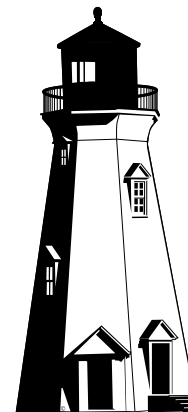
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The Dirt on Anti-Bacterial Soap

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14 September 2011

How many anti-bacterial soaps or detergents do you have in your home? I used to have several. I assumed they were safe and better than ordinary soaps, especially as they are far easier to get than soaps without antimicrobial properties. Now I know better, and can only agree with Oscar Wilde's words: "When you assume, you make an ass out of u and me."

Health Effects of Anti-Bacterial Soap

According to several studies, there is little difference in the number of bacteria killed by antibacterial soap over regular soap. Also, it seems that domestic chemical disinfectants may contribute to decreased health.

"Improvements in hand hygiene resulted in reductions in gastrointestinal illness of 31% and reductions in respiratory illness of 21% ...with use of nonantibacterial soap. Use of antibacterial soap showed little added benefit compared with use of nonantibacterial soap."

.....Similarly, The United States Center for Disease Control says: "Currently, no evidence suggests that use of antibacterial soap (containing 0.2% triclosan) provides a benefit over plain soap in reducing bacterial counts and rate of infectious symptoms in generally healthy persons in the household setting." The use of the antibiotic Triclosan is particularly hazardous.

Toxic Triclosan

This is a synthetic, broad-spectrum antimicrobial agent used in a wide variety of household- and personal care products, including: antibiotic wipes, gels, creams, soaps, toothpaste, deodorant, cosmetics, lotions, plastics, mattresses, fabrics, and more. Yet it is now known that

Triclosan comes with frightening health consequences. As Dr Angela McGhee Ph.D., Biology and Marine Sciences comments: Triclosan is a chlorophenol and pesticide, a class of chemicals which is suspected of causing cancer in humans. Taken internally, even in small amounts, phenol can lead to cold sweats, circulatory collapse, convulsions, coma and death. Additionally, chlorinated hydrocarbon pesticides can be stored in body fat, sometimes accumulating to toxic levels.

..... Moreover, Triclosan comes with environmental hazards. It causes all kinds of problems when washed down the drain. Even when this drain water is treated at whitewater treatment plants, triclosan is not removed. It is highly toxic to algae and is thought to have detrimental endocrine effects on fish. It also encourages cross-resistant bacteria. I could go on. But you get the picture I'm sure!

Uncertain Times in Port continued

Preface:

Part 1 of this article (Summer Edition) stated the new members of the Port Dalhousie Heritage Committee "on the surface, appear to be more interested in promoting development than in protecting Port's heritage fabric." We should clarify that this was only an assumption based in part on the strong heritage credentials of the members that were replaced, and to some extent, on the voting patterns of council in selecting the members of the new committee. In fact, only one of those new members is known to have publicly opposed the positions of the heritage committee. Any suggestion that the newly appointed members have demonstrated a lack of interest in protecting heritage was not intended.

The Future of Uncertainty:

Our earlier musings on the future of Port, in retrospect, look pretty bleak. We have followed the proposed tower development through its various incarnations. Perhaps it is our naivety that makes it almost unimaginable

that the transformation predicted for the corner of Lock and Main will unfold as described. Although others may disagree, it appears that the Port we know and love will ultimately be a thing of the past.

As you've read elsewhere in this issue of The Reporter, members of the Port Dalhousie Conservancy's Executive met with the City's senior planning staff, the Mayor and the new owner of the project. We are told "Mr. [Derek] Martin is very familiar with the February 2009 OMB decision and intends to build the project with the theatre, hotel and other components exactly as they were approved by the OMB." Glimpses of the model of the development included in an online article about a recent CKTB interview with the "Port Place team" [September 6th 2011) portray an ambitious effort.

It would be unfair to attempt to analyze or predict the manifestation of the current proposal at this time. We will be watching with great interest coupled with an occasional suspension of disbelief. To be continued....



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