

MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH – 370th Edition – March 10th, 2013

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Jack London bust in Whitehorse during Sourdough Rendezvous 2013
Photo courtesy Rolf Hougen marg@hougens.com (In Whitehorse)

**YUKON NUGGET
TED HARRISON**

A CKRW Yukon Nugget by Les McLaughlin - 1993

Courtesy Rolf & Marg Hougen marg*hougens.com (In Whitehorse)



Ted Harrison in his studio – 1993.

He was trained as a classical painter in England. He served with the British army in the 40s. He came to the Yukon to teach school in the late 60s. Here, the scenery changed the way he looked at things, and turned him into one of Canada's most recognizable and loved artists.

Ted Harrison headed for Carcross in the summer of 1968. At the time, his mind was on his new job as a school teacher, but it wasn't long before the Yukon landscape took on almost mystical proportions for him. In later years he would call the territory his Shangri-La.

Ted threw out all the classical painting knowledge he had been taught. He saw the Yukon as a land of vibrant colours and strange shapes. His skies became awash in golds, yellows, purples, reds and pinks. His tilted houses were equally colourful. The ravens were slightly out of kilter. People wore brightly coloured clothes. His hills, valleys and mountains curved hither and yon under the vivid sky.

Ted Harrison had developed a style so distinctive that I remember looking at a particularly stunning Yukon scene, and my sister saying... it looks just like a Ted Harrison painting. In the early days of this style, many critics called his work naïve and child-like.

Many of those detractors would now be hard pressed to afford a Ted Harrison original. Outside the Yukon, his works are contained in the best of collections. To have a Harrison in the art world is to have a Yukon gem.

Ted received international acclaim with the publication of his first book “Children of the Yukon.” Subsequent books include two hard-covered art illustrations featuring the Cremation of Sam McGee and the Shooting of Dan McGrew.

He’s had numerous showings outside the Yukon and the National Film Board made a feature film called “Harrison’s Yukon.” I’ve enjoyed many a pleasant time with Ted and his wife Nicki, both gentle souls, who though they no longer live in the Yukon. Yukoners were saddened to learn of the departure of artist Ted Harrison with his wife Nicky for Victoria, B.C. Their move was necessitated by the deteriorating health of Nicky. They have left a legacy of art which has changed the way many people see the Yukon landscape.

Yukon has received international fame with poet Robert Service, writer Jack London and, now, artist Ted Harrison.



Ted Harrison and first nation’s student drawing at Vocational School.
Whitehorse 1972/1973.

Yukon Archives. Richard Harrington fonds, #391

Wilf and Hilda Tuck

In the early 1960s, Wilf Tuck usually ate his meals at the Chateau Mayo. It just so happened the cook there was Hilda Dawson. While it took him a bit of time, eventually Wilf proposed to Hilda and she accepted. The two then married and made their home in Mayo where they raised their daughter, Diana.



Mr. and Mrs. Yukon for 2013.

Born in Fort Selkirk, Hilda was raised by her father, George, hereditary Chief of the Ta'an Kwach'an First Nation, and her mother, Rachel, of Tutchone and Tlingit ancestors. After her time as a cook, Hilda went back to school and then dedicated 20 years working at J.V. Clark School, in Mayo. "Miss Tuck" — as she was affectionately called — made an impression on her students. Upon her retirement they presented her with a binder filled with notes and fond farewells.

An avid athlete all her life, Hilda remains active by skiing, snowshoeing, and biking. Since 2004, she has travelled to Manitoba, New Brunswick, Ontario, and Nova Scotia to compete in carpet bowling and floor shuffleboard for Team Yukon in the Senior Games.

As for Wilf, it was a job offer with Klippert's Transfer in Mayo that brought him to the Yukon from Edmonton. He went on to operate Wilf's Contracting, specializing in road construction, mining development and exploration, equipment leasing, and furnace repair. The business has been around for 52 years, which is a testament to Wilf's hard-working and dedicated spirit to always get the job done.

Wilf too enjoys staying active and the pair share a love for curling. Both are volunteers with the Mayo Curling Club and have participated in bonspiels across the territory. Wilf represented the Yukon at the men's territorial championships in 1978, and Hilda on the senior women's team in 1982.

Wilf and Hilda keep busy in Mayo supporting many events, getting involved in their community, and enjoying the company of their grandchildren.



Photo by Vince Fedoroff

A ROYAL VICTORY – Longtime Whitehorse resident Kim Solonick was crowned Miss Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous 2013 on Saturday evening at the Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre. Solonick broke the Queen candidates' record for selling the most raffle tickets.



Entrance Gate snow sculpture.



Underhill Geomatics Ltd. - Celebrating 100 years. – Since 1913.
Photo courtesy Donna Clayson bdclayson@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)



Gillian Campbell signing with the children at Soudough Rendezvous 2013.
Photo courtesy Donna Clayson bdclayson@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)



Gillian's Base guitarist Smiley with Donna Clayson.
Photo courtesy Donna Clayson bdclayson@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)



Team Alaska
Photo courtesy Donna Clayson bdclayson@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)



Team Japan

Photo courtesy Donna Clayson bdclayson@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)



Team Manitoba – Home Fires

Photo courtesy Donna Clayson bdclayson@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)



Team Manitoba – Home Fires (2)
Photo courtesy Donna Clayson bdclayson@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)



Team Michigan
Photo courtesy Donna Clayson bdclayson@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)



Team Yukon

Photo courtesy Donna Clayson bdclayson@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)



Team Yukon (2)

Photo courtesy Donna Clayson bdclayson@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

COMMENTS ON MOCTEL 369, GEORGE CLARKE STORY etc.

This is a great issue Sherron didn't realize how much info is out there or much you can remember once you start something. Good work. Great inspiration Don.

Myrna (Hadley) Butterworth myrnab*northwestel.net (In Dawson)

Looking at the picture of George Clarke sent shivers down my spine; such is the reality of bringing a story to life. Sherron I am really gob-smacked with the results you have managed to get from all your Yukon contributors.

I must admit to not having a record of where I got the original story, the original paper had a black line all around the edges of both pages and the print was heavy black, but that is coming from a rusty old memory, and after losing all my records when my computer crashed a few years ago.

I can only say that I am completely overwhelmed with the tremendous hard work and effort that you must have put in to get such a result, I do believe this story sums up completely the determination and courage that was needed to extract that magic material from its mother lode in such conditions that could only be described as a frozen hell.

My grateful thanks for your continuing support, God Bless.

Dennis Eve denmeve*btinternet.com (In England)

Hello, Sherron. MocTel369 is amazing. What great research! Many thanks.

Ed and Star Jones edandstar*gmail.com (In Santa Fe, NM)

Thanks so much Sherron. Quite the edition. Thanks for all the work you put in for all of us to be able to keep in contact with our past and with what is going on in all parts of the Yukon.

Beverley Whitehouse northpeb*gmail.com (In Yukon)

I am exhausted by the amount of work you put into this MocTel, Sherron, and thank you for your efforts. It is very interesting and I am sure my thoughts are shared by everyone who reads it.

Trudie tagishtrudie*shaw.ca (In)

That was quite a response you got on George!

Tom Tait thtait@shaw.ca

Hello, Sherron.

Congratulations - 10 years. That's wonderful.

I must say that the George Clarke story is the most fascinating work I've ever read in the MocTel - an absolutely wonderful story. I wish I had met the man when I was in Dawson in 1962. Since I worked on Bonanza Creek, I wish I had known about him. I would have driven up to his camp. (But, as Gus and others have said, we don't think about things like that when we're young). I loved Gus's poem. I'll look to see if I have it in my book.

Regarding the Plementos family, noted in the last two MocTels: in about 1955-57, as I recall, Joyce Plementos came to Whitehorse (from Haines Junction) to finish high school. Joyce boarded at our house, for a few months. I was hoping to see a mention of her in the material you received. Since I haven't been contributing stories in recent years, I guess it's time I started paying a subscription fee. I'll see what I can do on-line.

Again, congrats.

Ralph Lortie rlortie001@shaw.ca (In Calgary)

What an interesting edition. Enjoyed it immensely. Have a great rest of the winter.

Cheers

Audrey Vigneau vigneau@northwestel.net (In Dawson)

NEW INFORMATION ABOUT GEORGE RUSSELL CLARKE

Hi Sherron

I was really surprised to see so much information on George Clarke. The collection of information pretty much portrays him as I knew him. I noticed in your covering note that there were photos so before reading I paged-down through these looking for one thing - **the cow bell**. [see photo below] Did you notice it hanging out front in the first picture of his tent /cabin. I knew of George Clark, mid 40s - mid 60s. I can only add comments and some observations or glimpses into his life.

I think if you put Tom Tait's information before Gus Barrett's you will have answers to a number of questions. He was living in a tent when I first went along with my Dad to visit him. I never saw the "cabin". I think they are one and the same. He had a tent that was framed. It had board walls about three feet high, the door was framed and there was a canvas fly over the tent. Looks to me like he simply dug the floor down a foot or so farther and piled this mostly against the downstream side for extra warmth; then covered the rest including the roof with boards. The window was also put in later likely to provide some light as the canvas was then covered over.

The pictures seem to verify this as it appears more tent-shaped and looks like it lacks a solid framework. Also there are bits of canvas visible in each picture. It also provides logic for why some say he lived in a tent and others a cabin. At some point George likely told his self that he wasn't going anywhere soon so he decided to make his accommodations a little more durable.

Another thing I noticed on visits to his dwelling especially in winter was there were signs of lots of activity. Trails were well used, areas were tramped down and there was no snow on tools, sleighs and other objects that were used routinely. On the other hand it wasn't uncommon when approaching an old timer's cabin in the winter to see trails only to the outhouse and the wood pile. Most times these would be on the same trail; the outhouse a little further beyond the woodpile. The logic was one could easily pick up an arm full on the way back to the cabin.

From 1943 to 1952 my Dad was the Area Foreman for the Territorial Government in Dawson; in charge of roads and other services the government provided at the time. He reported directly to the Commissioner until 1949 when there was a decision that there needed to be an engineer in the chain of command. Part of Dad's responsibilities was to be one of the "lifelines" mentioned; to see to the needs of the old timers scattered along the creeks. There was what was called an 'indigent program' at the time; that in part included delivering wood to those in need. This was done in winter along with checking roads and the glaciers. In those days the boss worked like other people so Dad took on much of this himself.

George was a believer in going to the top if you had concerns or wanted things done; so one of his first stops when in town was a visit to the Commissioner's Office. Invariably this would mean; Victoria Falkner after work, and as she lived across the street from us, would deliver a message that Mr. Clarke had been in to the Office and that the Commissioner would like to see Dad the next morning.

Now back to the business about the cow bell. As some coal was being brought in from Carmacks the government had started delivering some coal instead of wood because it was thought coal would keep the old timers fire going longer at night. When George heard of this he wanted some. I don't think he even asked for wood before that. Dad had delivered some coal to him on his last visit but Dad received word that George was out and needed more. Dad loaded a few bags and I was allowed to go along; it was my first visit.

As Dad usually drove a Dodge Power Wagon we were able to go right up, passed behind George's tent a short distance to his trail leading to his diggings. That's where Dad had delivered the last load. There was a black streak on the trail but going in the wrong direction; we followed it and sure enough it lead right to George's most recent diggings. Dad's only comment was; "the old fox has figured coal makes a better thawing fire."

On the way down to George's tent Dad told me to first knock on the door, he won't answer, then ring the cow bell. Sure enough he said nothing till I rang the bell. I guess George figured anyone should be able to see he had a doorbell so if they didn't ring he wasn't answering.

While I was in his tent he said nothing to me, didn't in anyway acknowledge I was there. He only seemed interested in talking to Dad. The only mention of the coal during the visit was Dad asked if he wanted it brought down closer to his door. To which George replied it was no problem for him

to move it. On all future visits I stayed outside. In later years after he moved to town I saw him out and about as others did. I think he lived for a while in a small place on the south beside Madame Tremblay's Store. At least I saw him out front on the porch there several times.

I hope this info is useful.

Alan McDiarmid amcdiar02@hotmail.com (In Whitehorse)



George Russell Clarke at his cabin on Bonanza Creek.

Note – cowbell is hanging between the two upright poles – just a few inches above the pile of boards near the bottom.

This is the picture George and I [John] [grandchildren of George Russell Clarke] remember the most. It makes you appreciate your own house a lot.

Photo courtesy George Russell Clarke's grandsons John and George and great grandson Kevin J. Clarke in Michigan USA.

GEORGE RUSSELL CLARKES' HOME ON BONANZA CREEK

Hi Sherron.

In your compilation, I think the photo titled "Home, Sweet Home" is important because it clearly shows **Bonanza Creek rushing by** in the background. [see photo below] Obviously, George's shack (I have to call it that) was close to the creek. Looking forward to the next MocTel and all the responses to this story.

Ralph Lortie rlortie001@shaw.ca (In Calgary AB)



‘Home sweet home’

Note the transportation implements in the foreground.

Photo titled "Home, Sweet Home" is important because it clearly shows **Bonanza Creek rushing by** in the background – Ralph Lortie

Photo courtesy George Russell Clarke’s grandsons John and George and great grandson Kevin J. Clarke in Michigan USA.

FURTHER RESEARCH being done ON GEORGE RUSSELL CLARKE

Hello Sherron

Michael mentioned your interest in tracking information on George R. Clarke a few weeks ago. At that time, my recollections initially had come from John Gould.

Sadly John is no longer with us but he knew a fair bit about Mr. Clarke. So I do not know if John has a file amongst his research about Mr. Clarke, so perhaps one of his family members may know more about that. I may be mixing my colorful oldtimers up here, but I seem to recall John saying that the home Mr. Clarke lived in was indeed cut partly out of a hillside on Bonanza Creek...or the back wall was the hillside; I also recall John speaking of Mr. Clarke coming to town propelling himself on a **makeshift little trolley/wheeled sled of sorts** as it was easier on his knees.

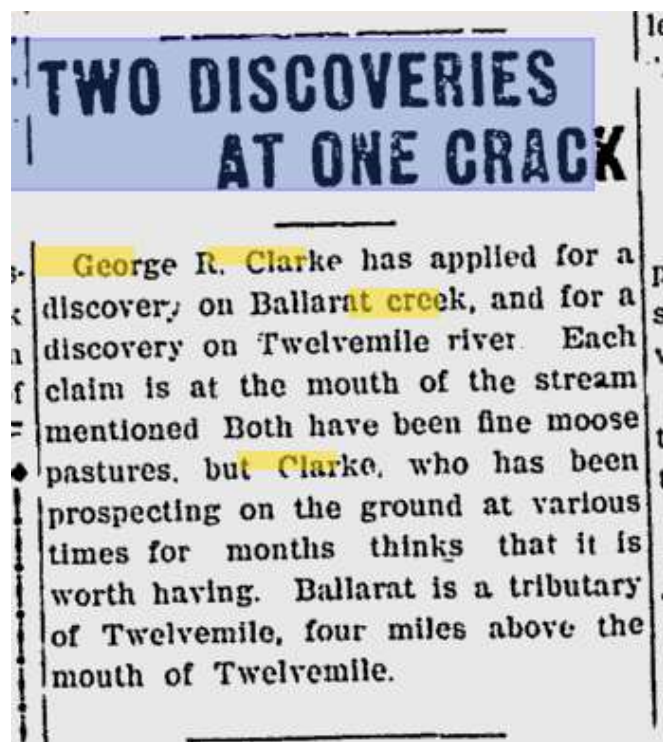
[see wheels and sleigh in “Home Sweet Home” photo]

However, as I am now reading, page by page, all the issues of the Dawson Daily News in my own research on George Black, I made note of Mr. Clarke's name and promised to copy anything I found that appeared to be the right Mr. Clarke. Here is the first item I have located. I am sorry I was not aware of the name any sooner, but I was beginning to read the issues from 1906 when Mike shared the quest to track the man's identity down. I will add him to my very short list of themes or individuals to keep track of, as I read more about George Black....and will pass this along to you to share with everyone.

I loved this issue of the MocTel. All the individuals memories came together to provide a very definite story of this man's life. Now he too can be added to the Archives.

Thanks so much for keeping the MocTel going...it is always warmly received in our home.

See attached news clipping: Dawson Daily News, Tuesday August 14th 1906 - page 4



Cheers

Kathy Gates kmgates*northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

DOES ANYONE HAVE A PHOTO OF ELMER GAUNDROUE

I suspect the reason I can find few pictures of my uncle Elmer Gaundroue may be that he was the one taking the pictures I have in which his wife Margretta is prominent. When I asked former Mayo and Dawsonites if they had any, the most frequent comment was, “He was kind of a background sort of person.” The Gaundroue descendants have been corresponding of late and filling in blanks in our family tree. Would you mention our search to your readers, please?

Elmer came into the country in the late 1920’s, brother to Gladys Hoggan, my grandmother. He worked in Elsa and Mayo, where he married Margretta Ballentine. Later, they moved to Dawson. When I knew my uncle, he was fire chief in Dawson and caretaker of a primitive Dawson museum.

Maribeth (Tubman) Mainer mainerml@shaw.ca (In Burnaby BC)



Jack London bust in Whitehorse during Sourdough Rendezvous 2013
Photo courtesy Rolf Hougen marg@hougens.com (In Whitehorse)

CIBC BUILDING IN DAWSON – Can anyone help ?

The City of Dawson has recently purchased the historic Canadian Bank of Commerce building on Front Street in Dawson City and hopes to stabilize the structure for future use. To do this, the City has hired Conservation Architect, John Keay to assess the building and provide stabilization/restoration drawings and specifications.

Interior and exterior photographs, plans, documents, or detailed descriptions can be useful in piecing together the history of a structure. If you have any information related to the building's construction, use, materials, or alterations we would be very interested in hearing from you.

Please contact:

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CAN ANYONE HELP WITH INFORMATION ABOUT PETE HULEY ?

Sherron

In preparation for updating the piece on Pete Huley. I went to Google and that was a mistake. I can't find any evidence that Chaplin ever set foot in the Yukon. Most of the outdoor stuff was filmed in Nevada.

I can't verify the Chaplin/Huley connection. The film was produced in 1924-25 long after Dawson's hay day.

I guess we could float the story and see if it creates the same reaction as the "George Clark" piece did.

There may be someone out there that has the detail needed to make the story work and confirm that Pete really did act as stand in and go to Hollywood.

There is no doubt that Pete assumed the persona of the "Little Tramp" and that he worked the style to a fair the well.

Here is an abbreviated version of my original piece. Let's see if it gets a response. You have his picture. He dressed that way 24/7. **There may be someone out there who can confirm or deny the story.**



Pete Huley

Pete Huley was five foot nothing. He affected a moustache, wore a bowler hat, carried a cane and walked with his toes pointed out.

Sound familiar? You got it - Charley Chaplin.

Chaplin's film "The Gold Rush" was filmed in 1924/25 and according to the story I was told in 1953 when I was the C P Air agent in Dawson most of it was filmed in Dawson.

Pete was hired locally to be Chaplin's stand in and did such a good job of it that Chaplin took him back to Hollywood with him.

Some movie folks were so impressed with Peter's impersonation of the Little Hobo that they convinced him to make films himself, and this with their financing he did. Chaplin was not impressed and ran him out of town. He returned to Dawson but brought the character of the Little Hobo home with him and played him for the rest of his life

Tom Tait [thtait*shaw.ca](mailto:thtait@shaw.ca)



During the Sourdough Rendezvous on February 23, 442 Sqn from Comox, B.C. display their aircraft during a static display at the Whitehorse Airport. This is a good opportunity for Civil Air Search & Rescue members to train and practice their spotting skills. After a 1 hour flight in the Buffalo we all had our photo taken with Warrant Officer Jean Tremblay. Photo courtesy Brian Findlay, a member of CASARA.

YUKON FOUNDATION

This was the Yukon Foundation's AGM in December. Yukon Foundation currently administers over \$6 million and in 2012 distributed over \$150,000 to Yukon students and projects. The Foundation does not solicit funds and relies solely on bequests and donations. For more information, see their website at www.yukonfoundation.com .

This year **Verna Hart** stepped down as chair. **Karen Hougen-Bell** was elected the new chair of the Foundation.



Bert Hadvick and Hazel Overland
Photos courtesy Rolf Hougen marg*hougens.com (In Whitehorse)



Helen and Bill Bowie from Dawson City



Bente Sorensen, Karen Barnes and Jacqueline Bedard from Yukon College
Photos courtesy Rolf Hougen marg*hougens.com (In Whitehorse)



Karen Hougen-Bell, Jim Bell, Diane Bruce and Kim Tanner



Verna and Glen Hart
Photos courtesy Rolf Hougen marg*hougens.com (In Whitehorse)



Ione and Art Christiansen



Howard Ryder, Goody Sparling and Marnie Ryder
Photos courtesy Rolf Hougen marg*hougens.com (In Whitehorse)



Babe Richards and son Mike



Simon Mason-Wood and daughter Charley
Photo courtesy Rolf Hougen marg@hougens.com (In Whitehorse)

MYRNA BUTTERWORTH RECEIVES MEDAL

Hi Sherron, here are 2 pictures that Lorraine took, the first one is Commissioner Doug Phillips, he is an Honorary Canadian Ranger and the second is with Mayor Wayne Potoroka. I received my medal from the Royal Canadian Legion for keeping the legion operating for the last few years. I have held every office with the exception of Sargeant at Arms and Chaplain.

Myrna Butterworth myrnab@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



Naval Capt Moss the Deputy Commanding Officer with the Northern Task Force, Myrna Butterworth and Commissioner Doug Phillips.
Photos courtesy Lorraine Butterworth.



Myrna Butterworth with Mayor Wayne Potoroka
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for keeping the legion operating for the last few years.

HMCS Whitehorse

The HMCS Whitehorse was commissioned on April 17th 1998 at her Majesty's Canadian Dockyard in Esquimalt BC. The original commanding officer was Lieutenant Commander D.L. Carroll with 38 crew assigned. The HMCS Whitehorse is sixth of the Kingston Class Maritime Coastal Defense Vessels (MDVC). It is designed to provide Canada's Naval reserve with a vessel capable of fulfilling an ever expanding role in Maritime Command. MDVCs are used primarily by the Naval Reserve to train and conduct coastal patrol, surveillance and mine countermeasure missions.

It is appropriate that MVDCs are named after Canadian communities of varying sizes for it is from these communities that men and women come to serve in the Maritime Forces. The commissioning of this ship, the HMCS Whitehorse, in 1998, served as a formal commitment between the Fleet and the citizens of Whitehorse and the Yukon Territory to represent our community proudly as she serves our fleet.

The HMCS Whitehorse is not the first vessel to bear the name. The sternwheeler Whitehorse gave 53 years of service on the Yukon River, longer than any other boat in the northern fleet. First built in 1901 in Whitehorse, the "Old grey mare" was rebuilt in 1930. Dry-Docked in 1955, when the Riverboats were pulled from service, the Whitehorse burned to the ground in 1974.



The Bell from HMCS Whitehorse
Photo courtesy Rolf Hougen marg*hougens.com_(In Whitehorse)

The Community of Whitehorse has been honoured to be able to see and tour the HMCS Whitehorse. She has sailed to Skagway Alaska accompanied by the HMCS Brandon, the Nanaimo. Here Murray Lundberg describes that event in his blog “explorenorth.com/wordpress/a-day-on-the-hmcs-whitehorse-at-skagway” She operates mainly around Vancouver Island but travels as far down the Pacific Coast as San Diego and as far North as Alaska.

This past year the City of Whitehorse has held the Ships Bell in Council Chambers while the HMCS Whitehorse had a regular maintenance and renovation. The passing back of the Bell recently, during “Rendezvous” to the new ships Captain Lt Commander Sorsdahl signals a return to active duty for the Ship. Commander Sorsdahl and Petty Officer Reid and Sub. Lt. James came to Whitehorse, for a few days, to learn about the City they represent first hand and met with their Ships’ Sponsor the Honourable Ione Christensen who has taken a very active interest in the Ship since 1996 helping form the Commissioning Committee and spearheading any event concerning the Ship. Her famous “Sourdough Pancake breakfasts” held with the ship’s crew are always a favourite!



Speaker of the House Dave Laxton, Whitehorse Mayor Dan Curtis – passing the Bell to Captain Lt. Commander Sorsdahl

Photo courtesy Rolf Hougen marg*hougens.com (In Whitehorse)

WHITEHORSE MAYOR



Recently elected - Mayor Dan Curtis

Dan was born and raised in Whitehorse and has lived in Riverdale with his wife and their two sons for the past 14 years. His parents came to the territory in the 1950s to work in the mining industry and one of Dan's two brothers and his sister also still live and work in Whitehorse.

Dan has travelled extensively throughout the Yukon over the past 20 years through his work as the Executive Director of Skills Canada-Yukon and prior to that, as a realtor and service and supply representative for what is now Northern Industrial Sales.

Dan has also travelled and worked around the country and around the world in his role with Skills Canada-Yukon – a non-profit organization that promotes the rewards a career in skilled trades and technologies can provide our youth.

Dan takes great pride in having helped over 25 young Yukoners earn medals at the National and World Skills Competitions – considered the Olympics of skilled trades and technologies.

Recently, Dan has been a board member of the Child Development Centre. He has also contributed his time and talents to Crime Prevention Yukon, Grey Mountain Primary School, the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, youth soccer and several initiatives for persons with intellectual disabilities.

YUKON OFFICE IN OTTAWA – CLOSING ITS DOORS

The last day for office and me is March 28, 2013. The office opened late summer of 1981 so has been open almost 32 years.

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YUKON DAYS 2012

In picture with Jim Flaherty at Premiers' Reception Feb 2012 during Yukon Days in Ottawa the other person is Rose McConville from the Ottawa Northwest Territories Government Office. The other picture is me with Ryan Leef Member of Parliament for Yukon taken at the same time.
Debbie



Debbie Kelly, Jim Flaherty and Rose McConville from the Ottawa Northwest Territories Government Office at Yukon Days in Ottawa 2012
Photo courtesy Debbie Kelly debbiekelly*on.aibn.com (In Ottawa ON)



Debbie Kelly with Ryan Leef Member of Parliament for Yukon
At Yukon Days in Ottawa 2012.

Yukoners Celebrate

You are invited to join in the festivities of the 85th Annual Reunion of Yukoners by donating to the Silent Auction. Proceeds from our fundraiser support Yukon initiatives like scholarships and community projects. Think about participating in the auction through a donation such as artworks, gift certificates, gift baskets, nugget jewellery - to name but a few. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Contact Maureen at moebuchholz@shaw.ca or 604-538-1193 with your contribution. Let's make April 13 a night to remember.

OBIT

Ruth Ann Kovacs
(nee McLeod)
1938 – 2013



It is with deep sadness that we announce the death of Ruth Kovacs, after a lengthy illness, on February 18, 2013, at Hospice House, Vernon.

Ruth will be missed by her husband, Zoli, her children Kathy (Rick) Olson and Karen (Tim) McLachlan of Whitehorse, YT; Kandy (Rob) Walsh, Kim Knapp (John Chatterson), Bob Brewer, and Kelli (Derek) Gough of London, ON; her grandchildren Jenny (Tavis) Hierlihy, Kevin, Brandon and Kristy Olson, Michelle (Mike) Saunders and Sara McLachlan of Whitehorse; Leigh-Ann (John) Klein and Candice (Brian) Auger of St. Thomas, ON; Evan and Emily Gough and Julie Walsh of London; and great-grandchildren Dayna, Jaron and Arleigh Hierlihy, Cooper Klein and Sydney Auger. Ruth is survived by her father Robert McLeod of London, ON, eight brothers and one sister and many nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her mother Julia McLeod (1997) and two brothers.

Ruth will always be remembered for her tireless dedication to the One on One Reading Program in Vernon elementary schools and most especially at Mission Hill School.

Visitation will precede a Funeral Service that will take place at Pleasant Valley Funeral Home on Tuesday, February 26 at 2:00 p.m. Burial will take place at a later date in London, Ontario.

The family would like to express gratitude to Dr. L. Hayward, Dr. A. DeBeer, Dr. J. Rolf, Dr. D. Hoegler and the nursing staffs at Vernon and Kelowna hospitals, and at Hospice House for their comforting care.

At Ruth's request, memorial contributions should be made to Teen Junction (literacy program), 3104 – 37 Avenue, Vernon, BC V1T 2Y2.

Arrangements are in the care of Vernon Funeral Home. Condolences may be offered at www.vernonfuneralhome.com

OBIT – Ellen Schofield born 1923 and died July 10, 2012 in Abbotsford BC

Ellen was a long time member of the Vancouver Yukoners' Association and we just learned of her passing. If anyone knows of her family, please contact Vivian Stuart at lornellis@shaw.ca or Maribeth Mainer at vanyukoners@gmail.com

We would like to offer our condolences to her family

NEW ADDITION

Would you please include me on your email for sending out the moccasin telegraph?

John and Joyce Doyle jjdoyle3*juno.com (In Yuma AZ)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

I had thought that I had sent my yearly contribution several months ago but after reviewing my bank records see that intentions don't make it happen. I have sent a wire transfer today. The response answer is Moccasin Telegraph. Can you also make note of my new email address which is juanitalbell@gmail.com. Would just like to mention that I continue to enjoy the publication and appreciate all your efforts to make this happen each week.
regards,

Juanita Bell (In Nanaimo)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Advertising is the art of convincing people to spend money they don't have for something they don't need. - Will Rogers

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Ham and Asparagus Rolls

Broil thin slices of ham on both sides.

On each slice lay several stalks of cooked asparagus and roll up like jelly roll.

While very hot, place a generous spoonful of cheese sauce on each roll.

The cheese sauce is made by melting ½ pound of mild cheese in double boiler; when melted add 1/3 cup of evaporated milk and stir until smooth.

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DATES TO REMEMBER



Vancouver Yukoners' Association 85th Annual Reunion



April 13, 2013

**River Rock Casino/Resort – Whistler Ballroom
8811 River Rd, Richmond BC
Free Parking in Casino Parkade**

Hotel reservations

Telephone: 604-247-8900 or toll free 1-866-748-3718

Ask for *Vancouver Yukoners'* rate

Two Queen Room \$145.00 & 1 King Bed Room \$155.00
One Bedroom Suite \$179.00 & 2 Bedroom Suite \$229.00

Special rates extend 3 days pre- and post-banquet based on availability

IMPORTANT – Contact the Hotel for their current rates

Banquet Reception: Ballroom Foyer No-Host Bar 5pm – 6pm
Welcome followed by Dinner: 6:15 pm

Hospitality Room: Open Friday from 4 pm and Saturday from noon
Note: Pick up tickets in Hospitality Room

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FOR TICKETS CONTACT VIVIAN STUART:

Email: lornellis@shaw.ca

Address: #217 – 3255 Cook St, Victoria BC V8X 1A4

Phone: 250-383-1349

**\$58.00 per person with cheque payable in advance to
*Vancouver Yukoners' Association***

(Maiden names too please – Helps to find friends of years ago)

IN WHITEHORSE CONTACT GOODY SPARLING: 867 668-3958

Cheques only please - payable to Vancouver Yukoners Association

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Check www.vancouver-yukoners.com for updates

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