

NEWS FOR YOU

Winter 2009

In this issue...

Greeting.....page 1

News From Round
About.....page 2

Holly Baker
Update.....page 4

FYL.....page 5

Song.....page 6

Greetings Trefoil Members !

It is early 2009 and winter is marching steadily forward towards spring. The good news is - already the days are getting longer and the sun stronger.

I have followed up on the trail blazed by Holly Baker.... you remember the young Guider selling fishcakes in order to raise funds to get to Sangam. Well, she made it ! Her blog, complete with pictures, reveals a busy young woman in a culture foreign to our own working with children and women . Her photographs are colourful and interesting. What an experience ! She even met with a Girl Guide group there.

Now with the coming of digital cameras sending photos around is getting easier. If you have a good one of someone in your group doing something interesting send it in to membership@girlguides.ca . Crossroads Guild had their 'after camp' photo in TG News. Special thanks to whoever took that. If you have a photo of anyone in your group or the group being active send it to active@girlguides.ca . Please put a caption in the e-mail subject line. And if you are really energetic send it to our own provincial website .

My term serving as Trefoil Adviser is coming to an end. I would like to thank my two compatriots, Christina and Florence, for helping me get the newsletter out... despite the many glitches . We met to decide what should go in to inform and interest readers. Florence was my trusty reporter who roved the telephone lines trying to find a Guild member who was home long enough to talk to her about their Guild activities . Christina set the newsletter up offering guidance and support as we attempted to get the words in print . Both ladies also helped me prepare camp meeting agendas, provide humor and follow through on what we set out to do. Guiding is certainly about teamwork; that much I have learned.

See you at Camp!

Jane Bussey,
Provincial Trefoil Advisor

News From Round About....

Soiree Trefoil Guild

A member of this Guild being a quilter involved others with “Quilting on the Edge”, an impressive display of quilts held at Memorial University last June. They volunteered to lend a hand with the many tasks involved. The warmth of summer saw them having tea at the Tea Room in Holyrood and getting away from it all at the summer home of one of the members. While some ladies were enjoying the pleasantries of a Newfoundland August, another member was lucky enough to be cruising in the Mediterranean and witnessed the eruption of a volcano! September, the group gathered to eat and chatter at The Yellow Belly Brewery and Public House. After, they were rewarded with a tour of the old building and a view of the brewing process done in the basement. October saw them at a member’s home where they received a printout on how to research their own family tree. In December, Soiree members ate out and exchanged gifts using the story “Left Right- Night Before Christmas” game.

Happy Wanderers

Are still enjoying wandering but have been busy doing Guide things as well. In April, two members attended the NL GG Annual Meeting and Dinner held in St. John’s. The president also attended the Provincial gathering at Max Simms Camp in June. One member was invited to the Thinking Day service in Bonavista. The Wanderers participated in Canada Day activities. There were kitchen parties and sing-a-longs and throughout the summer they enjoyed the theatre arts in different places. Two members visited Greentree Campsite, Trinity and the Jessie Shave Memorial Campsite at Jean d’Baue, Burin Peninsula. Two members while in Ontario, visited with a group of youth who were participating in an International Youth Exchange program. Many of the visitors shared their knowledge of the Guiding and Scouting movement in their countries. And yes, their camp too, was rained out in the tradition of tent camping everywhere. As a service project the Wanderers provided personal care packages for the all male residents at Kelly’s Personal Care home, the Goulds. A small Christmas decoration was slipped in the parcel as well. Keep wandering ladies; adventure is a stimulant.

Crossroads

The focus for Crossroads trefoil have been theme meetings involving food. September opened with a BBQ at the hut complete with a game to discover the highlight of members' summer. October was a Newfoundland night with traditional games and a lunch of fishcakes, toutons, lassy and tea, November involved remembrance and the recitation of Flanders Field. Guild members were invited to the District pot luck held at the hut. Trefoil members attended a gathering at the home of a friend to make Christmas centerpieces. With the wood stove belting out heat and the ladies in the festive mood it was a lovely afternoon. As a service project Crossroads donated funds to Holly Baker, a young Guider who was setting off for Sangam, India. The compost bin which was placed on the grounds of the hut was also tended as was the flower garden in the front. We congratulate Christina, our youngest member, who have recently become the proud mother of Andrew, born in November. She and Andrew were able to attend the centerpiece meeting in December.

Caribou

Caribou reports that they are still hanging in there. They look forward to the fellowship of the group, the odd game of cards followed by a cup of tea. They continue to celebrate members' birthdays and with Thinking Day coming up they expect to be involved as Foxtrap Guiders involve them when possible

Labrador West - Northern Lights

This guild reports being active and interested in the Guiding program in their area. They meet monthly, sometimes going out for breakfast in the mornings or coffee in the evenings. At Christmas they have a special dress-up dinner. This group has chosen a family in need financially and for special holidays (Christmas, Valentine's and Easter) always make sure that there is something special to bring them. This group is also involved with Relay for Life and always has a team to take part. They also raises funds for cancer patients. Northern Lights also keeps a scrapbook for their Guild. It holds photos and memories that they have shared together over the years. They sometimes go off to the Arts and Culture to enjoy a show together. At the moment they are getting ready to take part in Guide-Scout week.

Baccalieu Babes

The babes have recruited two more members to their group and are busier than ever. They had their first cookie exchange and what seemed to be stressful at first, turned out to be very rewarding. Getting together to exchange the cookies and have a meal was a lot of fun. They have become involved in their district by planning a Guides Own and campfires and helping out at the Parent Daughter Banquet. They are also planning a bridging event with Golden Girls for a sleep over and some food.

Holly Baker Update

Remember Holly, the Guider from St. John's who is presently in Sangam, India?

She is enjoying her time in India and keeping in touch with friends back home through her Blog. Holly is working with a construction company to provide informal education and child care to the children of the construction workers as they move around so much that the children do not go to school.

Holly is also learning Hindi, the language these children and their parents speak as most of them do not speak English.

Holly extends her gratitude to the five Guilds who supported her in her attempts to raise money to finance her trip. She was especially appreciative when Killick Guild members all purchased fish cakes for her.

If you are interested in reading about Holly's adventures just check out her blog at <http://holly-india.blogspot.com/> Her photos are quite interesting and very colourful.

These are some pictures Holly sent showing a guide group she visited.



FYI



CAMP>>>CAMP>>>CAMP>>>CAMP>>>CAMP>>>CAMP

The application form for the Gathering at Max Simms Camp to be held May 22-24 has been sent out. Sou'wester Guild is hosting this year. Their theme is Trefoil Survivors at Camp Castaway. Sounds like fun!

Get those applications in with the holding payment by March 15, 2009. The final payment is due by April 20th. If you want to come just for the day arrangements can be made for that, too.

Remember as Dianne Ackerman recommends "do not be a passenger in your own life" - get out there and join in the fun.



Please note that the Carey Chicks Trefoil Guild in Port aux Basques is closed.



BOUQUET

It was interesting to read the Signal and note that Fireside Friends partnered with NL Provincial Program department and hosted a service "Remembering Montreal: December 6,1989" in an effort to raise awareness of violence towards women.



CONGRATULATIONS to.....

Christina and Glenn Oake on the safe delivery of Andrew . Andrew has already crashed Crossroads Wreath making party in December and their dinner meeting in January. Despite Christina's protests that she is on maternity leave she continues to assist in the production of this newsletter. Now if we can just make it until May, Christina.... Florence will help you.....!

Happy Wanderer's Song ...

Sing to the tune I'm a Newfoundlander

I'm a true Girl guide as you can see
and I'll be one 'til I die:
I'm proud to be a happy Wanderer
and here's the reason why;
I'm free as the wind and the waves that wash the sand;
Whenever I can find the chance I lend a helping hand.

We travel near; we travel far without ever a care;
We share the promise and the law
with others everywhere;
We have the Guiding spirit and that, my dears, is true;
and that is why we're happy now
to spend this time with you.

We look far and look wide to see what we can see'
To experience all that Guiding gives to you and to me.
We love the wonder and the joy
Of learning something new.
We've changed our colours proudly to
The purple from the blue.

And now our song it comes to an end;
Still happy we shall be.
Happy Wanders we'll always be
from sea to shining sea.
For when we come to part -
remember all of ye;
We'll keep this ever in our hearts
as one great memory!

* as sung at the provincial gathering 2007