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Well here it is - my last Patter report. I can't believe that the year has gone by so quickly. Not being a writer, writing these messages has been the most challenging part of the job for me. I now find out that we are one of a very few clubs that has a President's message. Oh well, thanks for bearing with me.

We have had a very good summer with just the right amount of rain in August to green things up again. The country side looks splendid. My only complaint was that most of the rain seemed to fall on my Wednesday golf days.

Fall looks exciting for our club, a great new management team and a great line up of speakers and of course the friendships we have developed and will renew.

I have many thanks to the management team and all the chairs of committees for their support this past year. Detailed thanks are in my report for the annual meeting so I won't repeat them here.

The only disappointment we have for this year is the lack of a special events chair. Barb and the committee have asked quite a few people with no takers. If we have missed you and you wouldn't mind chairing the committee please let me know and I'm sorry I didn't ask. The job is not as daunting as it might appear and Carolyn and I will assist. It has been suggested that we form a committee and have each person look after an event with a chair coordinating; we have a volunteer to do a wine tour next fall (2012) so it's a start. Think about it. We try to schedule one event per month and with the corn roast, Christmas lunch, St. Patrick's Day and June picnic we need only 5 or 6 special events. If you can think of an event you would like to attend - organize it - it's rather enjoyable.

The last bit of news is that the Lions feel it is necessary to raise our rent. They mention that they have not raised the rent in the last 10 years and their costs have certainly gone up. Electricity, heating and of course the GST on all that. We had a discussion 2 years ago about looking for alternative accommodation and that was defeated soundly so your management committee feels it is justified paying the increase and staying where we are. The increase is \$45 per meeting. The budget for next year has not been drawn up yet so I can't comment on the effect this increase will have on our dues and meeting fees. We average 80 members per meeting so \$0.50 per person increase per meeting is pretty small if next years' management committee deems it necessary. I'm sure you will support their decision.

Thanks everyone, see you at the Annual Meeting.

Bill

**JULY 19 – KELLY MORGAN MCKENZIE
PROVIDING HEARING AIDS TO CHILDREN IN CHINA**

Since 2002 Compassion Net International has been treating impoverished hearing impaired children in China's Fujian Province. Local officials identify the children needing assistance and they are given free hearing tests, receive hearing aids and in some cases cochlear implants.

In 2008 CNI opened a school for children between the ages of 3 to 7. The hope is that these youngsters will then be able to transition to the regular school system.

All of the people in North America who are associated with this effort are volunteers who pay their own costs to travel and live in China for at least 10 days. Students at a nearby University volunteer to act as translators.

Kelly's goal is to go to China at least once per - year preferably twice. She is currently serving in an Advisory position for CNI and continues in her efforts to recruit more volunteers for this worthwhile effort.



Ken Scott thanks Kelly for her presentation

**AUGUST 16 - TANNICE GODDARD
YOGA FOR ALL AGES**



Tannice told us she started taking yoga classes when she realised she was visiting her chiropractor too often. After years of taking classes she began her teaching career.

Yoga is a technique that uses breathing to induce relaxation and improve strength. Through its stretching exercises it increases flexibility and does much to enhance your overall health – no matter what age.

Tannice believes there is no stage of perfection but that each person works according to their body's make up and so there is no need for competitive behaviour.

Going by the questions following there should be an increase in those of us taking her classes which offers us the ability to strengthen our bodies and improve our lives.

A SPECIAL INVITATION FROM AL AND SUE

APPIES AND DRINKS – SEPTEMBER 22nd 4PM – 6PM - 22 RAVINE DRIVE

Al and Sue have graciously offered to host this event.

They are hoping the weather will co-operate so that they can utilise both indoors and outside, however, just in case the limit is 35

THERE WILL BE A SIGN UP SHEET AT THE SEPT. 6th MEETING



VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2011/2012 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2011 - 2012

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2010/2011 COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND GREATLY APPRECIATED HELPERS

GREETERS	BARBARA WINFIELD
CATERING	ANNE SHIELDS
WEE CARE	MARGO AGNEW
CLOTHING	PAULINE CARRICK
ARCHIVES	MAGGIE MONEY
SOUND & AUDIO	NOEL MARTIN, ALAN RUTHERFURD, RAYMOND ETTER
50/50	PEGGY MARTIN AND CAROLYN MINION
MORNING HUMOUR	DONNA WAKELY =====

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

Over the past few years we have been totally spoilt by Bill and Carolyn in their superb arranging of trips and special events. Unfortunately so far no one has come forward to take on this very important position.

The Management Committee is hoping that we can continue to be a "travelling Club" by having individual members offer to arrange one or two special events.

Special Events need not to be heavily work related – a trip to the Dinner Theatre at Best Western would be such an example where all that needs to be done is arrange for the tickets and seating.

Other volunteers may like to try something like a Thousand Island Cruise or the always well supported trip to Stratford.

If you feel you would like to arrange or assist in arranging a trip please talk to any member of the Management Committee.

So far we have a volunteer for a wine tour for 2012.

INSERT A – SEPTEMBER 2011

APPIES AND DRINKS AT TERRY AND RITA BELL
JULY 26

Terry said he had planned for everything and indeed he had – but not including the wind. It was a gorgeous setting – well attended by about 50 members. The food was unbelievable – would challenge any buffet you can think of! The conversations were lively and I doubt that anyone could say they didn't have an absolutely wonderful time. Thanks again Terry and Rita for opening your lovely home so beautifully set by Rice Lake.



INSERT B – SEPTEMBER 2011

DON AND FRAN'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE

Inspired by Terry and Rita's stories of their travels, and perhaps by the cool photos of tent accessories for our new SUV, we decided to take a FIRST EVER camping trip. Prequile Park would allow us the option of coming home if it didn't work. We booked the site next to friends who have a trailer for two nights

Two nights was just enough time to go through all the work of setting up and taking down - we would have liked more time to relax and enjoy being at the park. But we did have fun and plan to do this again in the Fall.

There is some kind of strange progression at work here – Fran had a condo when we started dating in 1998 – we bought a modern bungalow together in 2001 and traded that for a two storey century home in 2006 – and now a tent – what's next?

THIS IS A TENT?



LAST MAN STANDING?



GOOD JOB -THANKS



LA TENTE CANADIENNE!

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SPEAKERS

- September 6 Do You Know Who I Am?
20 AGM
- October 4 Paul Bailey
"Little Known Tales of Old Port Hope"
- 18 George Watson
"Fishing Getaway at Kodiak Island"
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CATERING

SEPTEMBER CAPTAIN RITA BELL

- 6 Kitty Hatch, Fred and Gloria Schumacher, Pat Goodyear
- 20 AGM – CATERED BREAKFAST

OCTOBER CAPTAIN DOROTHY GILMER

- 4 Jeanne Kaiser, Lois Hueston, Sheila Goering, Joan McIntosh
- 18 Charmion Dennys, Margo Agnew, Ruth Evans, Una Norenus

NOVEMBER CAPTAIN ELAINE SIMPSON

- 1 May Anderson, Doreen Rossi, Elizabeth Weaver, Lucy Frew
- 15 Mysie Vanhinsberg, Ruby Hunter, Paul and Helen Smith
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GREETERS

- September 6 Jeanne Kaiser and Elaine Simpson
- September 20 Alan Butler and Sue Speirs
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SEPTEMBER 14 - CORN ROAST – CONVENERS NANCY AND ED FORD, DOROTHY GILMER

WHERE – BARBARA LOUCKS – 4981 COUNTY ROAD #10

HELPERS NEEDED FOR HUSKING CORN – PLEASE TALK TO NANCY OR DOROTHY

FESTIVITIES START AT 3.00PM

BRING YOUR CHAIR AND DRINK OF CHOICE



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER 13 – CHRISTMAS LUNCH CONVENERS FIONA GRAHAM, BONNIE REID, PAULINE CARRICK
BEST WESTERN - COBOURG