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**TARABISH**

Tuesday 7:00 p.m downstairs

**POOL**

Wed. 7:00 p.m. - Downstairs

**BINGO**

THURSDAY, 7:00 PM

UPSTAIRS

**WASHER TOSS**

Friday 7:00 p.m.

Downstairs

**THE CIRCLE**

Saturday

7:00 p.m Upstairs

**45s CARD GAME**

**EVERY MONDAY**

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INSTALLATION OF  
OFFICERS

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Jan. 17th at 7:00 pm

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**CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS** - Philippines - If you thought the United States went all out with Christmas decorations, you should see what the Philippines does. Every year, the city of San Fernando holds Ligligan Parul (or Giant Lantern Festival) featuring dazzling parols (lanterns) that symbolize the Star of Bethlehem. Each parol consists of thousands of spinning lights that illuminate the night sky. The festival has made San Fernando the "Christmas Capital of the Philippines."

**BRANCH 008 LEGION  
N E W**

**YEARS**

**TICKETS**

**Roast  
Beef**



Supper 6:30 - 8:00, Eat In Only, Music by Tommy Capstick - \$25.00 per ticket available at Downstairs bar.

## **SUNDAY BINGO**

Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners, Club Fraser Avenue, Sydney Mines - **2:00 pm**

**NO BINGO THIS WEEK**

**Merry Christmas To All  
Our Members**

**MONDAY FUN NIGHT - 7 PM**

**45<sup>s</sup> CARD GAME**

**Wednesdays 7:30 pm**

No Dance Next Week

Due To Christmas  
Holidays

New Years Dance  
Paul Woodfine and  
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Time - 9:00 - 1:00

**SATURDAY DANCE**

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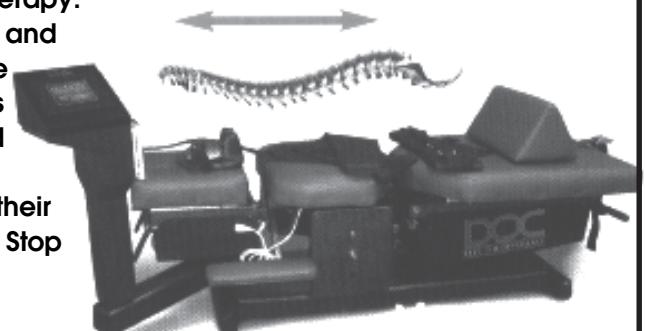
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## New Years Levee & House Decorating

New Deal Development Ltd. Sydney Mines is co sponsoring the Sydney Mines New Years Levee along with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 008 Sydney Mines.



It will be held at Branch 008 Legion on Main Street, Sydney Mines.

Date: Sunday, January, 7, 2024

Wine and cheese, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Speeches and greetings, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Music and lunch, 4:00 - 7:00 pm.



Judging of Best Decorated house in Sydney Mines lights is Wednesday, December 27th from 6:00 - 9:00 pm

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## BRANCH 008 LEGION - SYDNEY MINES

**TUESDAY NIGHT BINGO - 7:30 PM**

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## Take 2

### PAUL POWER

Since 2004 Krampus has been working his way more into North American culture as a folklore counter-balance to Santa Claus. The legend of Krampus predates Christianity and in Europe he is represented as a half-goat/half-demon creature who punished bad children at Christmas. In Germany and Austria it's believed that pagan and Christian elements were combined, and that Krampus was comparable to the Christian devil. There are 2 movies that are devilishly delightful Christmas horrors about this unholy beast; 2015's "Krampus" is a good flick that features actors Toni Collette, Adam Scott and David Koechner, with Emjay Anthony as the young boy who turns his back on Christmas (thanks to his dysfunctional family) thereby conjuring up Krampus who punishes the non-believers. Loved holiday icons take on an evil life of their own, attacking the household and forcing the extended family to join forces and fight if they want to survive. The Krampus make-up here is amazing. The other nasty yuletide eye-treat is 2015's "A Christmas Horror Story" which has William Shatner playing radio host "Dangerous Dan" doing his Christmas Eve show, while get-



ting plastered in the process. The movie is actually an anthology of stories, with Santa Claus fighting off zombies, a group of teenagers investigating a haunted site of a murder, a married couple's son who gets replaced by a 'changeling' and a greedy family who has an encounter with our old friend Krampus (great make-up job on this beast too). So if you need a break from all those 'over-the-top' sugary holiday movies and want to shake those 'slay bells' pour yourself a glass of eggnogg and cosy up on the couch to get your wits scared out with these Christmas nasties. They're almost as scary as January's Visa bills! Merry Christmas!



MERRY CHRISTMAS  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

## AROUND THE TOWN

### NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY NEWS EVENTS

#### GLEN GRAY - EDITOR

This is our last edition **before Christmas** and I can't wait for Christmas to come... It takes a lot of work and commitment to deliver your Community News every week and I would like to say a Special Thank You to **Kwik Kopy Printing** who print our paper each week and I want to thank **Grant Robinson** who delivers your paper in all kinds of weather conditions, without them we could not get the paper out each week..... and a Special Thank You to all our **advertisers who support us all year long** and the many community contacts who keep us updated on their events and activities, Thank You one and all..... The 36th annual **Project Red Ribbon campaign** kicked off on Friday as a reminder to drivers not to drive impaired this holiday season - people are asked to tie a red ribbon to their vehicle, keychain, or bag as a reminder that **it's never alright to drive impaired** - The campaign is put on every year by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). "We're entering a time where there's a lot of parties and office parties and lots of family gatherings. And we don't want anyone after those to get into a vehicle impaired," said Laurie Kryger of MADD - Let's keep this Christmas accident free.



### CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

**AROUND THE WORLD** - Iceland - Similar to the 12 days of Christmas in the U.S., Iceland celebrates 13. Each night before Christmas, Icelandic children are visited by the 13 Yule Lads. After placing their shoes by the window, the little ones will head upstairs to bed. In the morning, they'll either have received candy (if they're good) or be greeted with shoes full of rotten potatoes if they're bad. And you thought coal was a terrible gift!



### Free Christmas Tags

It's 10 pm and you're wrapping Christmas gifts and run out of Christmas tags.

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German – Frohe Weihnachten!

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Swedish – God Jul!

Norwegian – God Jul!

Danish – Glædelig Jul!

Finnish – Hyvää Joulua!

Icelandic – Gleðileg Jól!

Polish – Wesolych Swiat!

Dutch – Vrolijk Kerstfeest!

Croatian – Sretan Božić!

Czech – Veselé Vánoce!

Latin – Felicem Natalem Christi!

Irish – Nollaig Shona!



## Merry Christmas from Northside This Week

**Paul Power, Grant Robinson,**

**Kenny Walsh**

**and Glen Gray**

## Stay Safe Over New Years

**CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS AROUND THE WORLD** - Sweden - The Yule Goat has been a Swedish Christmas symbol dating back to ancient pagan festivals. However, in 1966, the tradition got a whole new life after someone came up with the idea to make a giant straw goat, now referred to as the Gävle Goat. According to the official website, the goat is more than 42 feet high, 23 feet wide, and weighs 3.6 tons. Each year, the massive goat is constructed in the same spot. Fans can even watch a livestream from the first Sunday of Advent until after the New Year when it's taken down.

**THE NETHERLANDS** - Sinterklaas is the Dutch name for Saint Nicholas, the man recognized by children by his long white beard, red cape, and red miter. Kids put a shoe by the chimney or back door and wake up on Christmas morning to find treats like gingerbread men, marzipan, and chocolate letters inside.

## Coal Miners Story

This is a little story pertaining to coal miners told to me in the early sixties while I worked as a stevedore on the Docks of North Sydney, NS.

My shift was three to eleven, on this shift we knocked off at six pm for mealtime, when all hands made their way to the waiting room for lunch.

One evening through the course of our meal, I noticed one stevedore consuming all but a small portion of his sandwich then tossing the remainder aside. After several sandwiches I became curious and questioned him.

"Bernie, why do you eat all but the corner of your sandwich?"

"Ronnie, it's a coal miners habit, mine I picked up in, Florence Colliery where we always looked after our beady eyed friends, who welcomed our coal stained tidbits."



## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS BRANCH 83 FLORENCE

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Branch on Wednesday,  
January 17th at 7:00 pm



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their families - help make it a  
Merry Christmas this year**

## THE WRITE STUFF

At the height of the space race during the 1960's, NASA took on the arduous job of finding a way to write in space. Normal pens wouldn't work due to the zero gravity the astronauts would face in the space capsules.

So scientists embarked on a way to solve the problem. They came up with the Astronaut Pen, after months of research and development, and at a cost of about \$1 million.

The Soviet Union also faced the task of writing in space. To solve this problem, they used a pencil.

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## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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## BRANCH 008 UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### NEW YEARS TICKETS -

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## The Christmas Tradition

Every family has its own unique Christmas traditions and they get passed on down from generation to generation. Whether it's going to midnight mass, trimming the tree, watching the Christmas daddies show on TV or going to the Santa Claus Parade. Each family has its own way of ushering in the Christmas season.

In our family, besides the usual turkey dinner, tree trimming, cookie baking and carol singing, we would always invite Grannie Gray to join us on Christmas Eve and stay until "Old Christmas" or January 6th. We kids loved it because Grannie was a retired school teacher and she had "adventures" and stories galore to tell us. Long before there were computers or the internet, Grannie would collect and catalogue various sayings and word plays. We would all sit around during Christmas to listen to her "gems of wisdom." She would have them saved in various scrap books and we knew when she brought one out, we were in for a treat.

For example, "I don't suffer from insanity, I live in it daily," This one is a tongue in cheek look at human nature, "Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder." One she would often quote to me was, "It's better to be over the hill than under it." I guess she had a sense of humour as evidenced from these entries, "If you have to choose between two evils, take the one you haven't tried before."

Because she was a teacher, she often collected clever word plays. "A person who jumps off a bridge in Paris is in Seine." "A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking." One of my favorites that I clearly remember is, "She often broke into song....she could never find the key."

Newspaper headlines caught her eye for their apparent unintended meaning. "Teacher Strike Idle Kids, Red Tape Holds Up New Bridge, Kids Make Nutritious Snacks, Local High School Dropouts Cut In Half and Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead."

Whenever it was too cold to go skating or tobogganning, Grannie would play various games. She would never tire of cards, Parcheesi or checkers. But one of the best games we would play would be "Riddles". We children would ponder the various riddles that Grannie would ask us and it was years later before I understood that she would often be playing with us. Riddles such as, "OK, you know the speed of light, now what's the speed of dark?" Or this one, "What would happen if you got scared half to death twice?"

As an adult, I can now see the irony and sarcasm in many of the that Grannie had printed on her cards. Examples of that would be, "If you really look like your passport picture, you probably need the trip." "Don't worry too much dear what people think, they don't do it very often." One which I didn't understand at the time but now appreciate is, "No man was ever shot while doing the dishes."

It always seemed that Christmas season ended too soon and Grannie would go back "to the country" to her home. We kids would miss her terribly. She passed away at 94 but her spirit lives on in her grandchildren as we continue the tradition each Christmas.

I'll leave you now with a parting shot from Grannie, "How do you write zero in Roman Numerals?"

# Merry Christmas!

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## MY MOTHER

Her eyes keen as an Eagle  
 that soars over The Margaree.

Her ears, sharp as a deer  
 entering an orchard.

Her soul, pure as the waters  
 of Bras D'or as it empties into  
 the sea.

Her Heart, Big as love raising her  
 family.

When I think Mother, I think com-  
 passion.

When I think Mother, I think  
 forgiveness.

When I think Mother, I think kind-  
 ness.

When I think Mother, I think  
 caring.

When I think Mother, I think of  
 Father who together with Mom,  
 was responsible for making  
 me a human being.

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- RON GILLIS



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# MERRY CHRISTMAS



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forward to seeing you again in  
2024 - Merry Christmas!



**GLEN GRAY - MANAGER**

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