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## ENCORE SENIORS EDUCATION CENTRE

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# ENCORE NEWS

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ENCORE

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The above people were nominated and elected at the AGM on April 29th, 2009. Actually, only those whose two-year term had finished, had to be elected. I wanted to publicize this list because you were not all present at the annual meeting. I think it is very important to realize that, if you are taking a course at Encore, you are a member of Encore. You are most welcome to attend the AGM. It is not just for course leaders, members of the Board of Directors, and committee members. Every member of Encore is invited, whether you have taken one course or several.

## Encore Seniors Cabaret— You Bet Your Bippy!

Jean Jeacle has written another cabaret for Encore. At time of writing, the rehearsals are finished, and the show has had two performances. The location of the cabaret this year is at the Canadian Legion, corner of Second Street West and Cumberland St., where the first cabaret, Canajun Idle, was performed, and the third cabaret, Trubble Again.

The dates of the show are as follows - October 16, 17, 22, and 23.

The price of the dinner and show is a very low \$30.00. Where else can you go for that kind of food and entertainment for that price? Tickets are available at the Encore Office, Moulinette Hall, St. Lawrence college. Call or drop in to the office, to book your tickets or just get information. The Encore Over the Hill Players are betting you will have a good time at our dinner theatre presentation—“YOU BET YOUR BIPPY!”.

Good Food, Great Music, Gorgeous Bippy Girls and Assorted Looneys will welcome you into “The Country's Craziest Casino”

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## PATRONS OF ENCORE

Four years ago we started inviting people to become patrons of Encore, and many people answered the call. We were very fortunate to receive \$1400.00 from our patrons in the first year and that number has steadily increased. This has been a tremendous help to Encore, in our quest to keep our course fees at a reasonable level.

Our fundraising cabaret, *Trubble Again*, raised about \$7000.00, whereas for Heere's *Trubble* we raised \$7500, and for *Canajun Idle* we raised \$6000. We did not have a cabaret last year, but this year, as announced on page one, the Encore Over The Hill Players are presenting *You Bet Your Bippy*, under the care and guidance of Jean Jeacle.

I think that many people feel that fees for courses should be sufficient for Encore finances. Unfortunately, tuition fees alone do not cover all of Encore's cost of operation. We have to fundraise, and we depend on patrons.

If you do not receive a Patron letter in the next month, and you might consider becoming a patron, here's what we are proposing:

- Individual patrons will be a minimum of \$50.00. You are certainly welcome to give more than that amount.
- Corporate patrons will be a minimum of \$100.00.
- Patrons will be listed in the calendar for Encore, starting in the winter 10 semester.
- The list of patrons will also be placed in the calendar of any activity which is organized by Encore.
- A tax receipt will be provided for any contribution to Encore.

If you decide to accept our invitation to become a patron of Encore, please make your cheque payable to Encore Seniors. Drop it into the Encore office. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to phone the Encore Office at 613-937-1725, or me, at 613-938-2329.

(see page 8 for list of this year's patrons).

Andy Trasuk  
Past-Past-President of Encore

## ENCORE ON Ebay

Many of us have items around the house that we want to get rid of, and we don't have time, or are not inclined, to have a yard sale. One place to sell these items is ... eBay. I don't know if you have ever checked this location out on the Internet, but it's amazing what people sell on the Internet. There is always someone who wants to buy your old articles.

This project is now up and running, thanks to the effort of our Treasurer Gerd Wiencke. He brought up the idea, organized it, and now we now are in the market for items to be posted on eBay. We have already started. We still need volunteers to actively participate in the process of inspecting the items, preparing a write-up, picking up the item when we have a buyer, and shipping it out. We have people now who are performing these jobs, but they need help. So, please, if you would like to help in any of these jobs, call Gord at the Encore Office, 613-937-1525. Also, phone if you have one or more items to offer for sale.

Google the site at **94encore**.

This is a good deal, one that benefits Encore, and it also benefits you—if one of your items is sold, you get 50% of the selling price, and you get an income tax receipt for the other 50%. What could be easier??

## BEQUESTS FOR ENCORE

Universities are big on this—they encourage their alumni/alumnae to make a bequest to the university in their wills. It's not a bad idea for Encore as well. It's just a thought. If you're interested, call Gord.

**COURSE LEADERS**

If you have taken a few or many courses at Encore, or if this is your first time in, you should know that we are always looking for new course leaders. Present course leaders sometimes need a break and there is no one to replace them. You may also have some talent, skill or body of knowledge that you would like to pass on to other people. Of course, you must realize that course leaders do not get any remuneration. But we like to say that the joy of passing on knowledge is worth the time. My own experience has been that I always learn something, every time I teach a course.

We have some wonderful course leaders. We could always use more. This Fall we have eight new leaders. We are certainly happy that these people have accepted the challenge of leading a course at Encore.

**New Course Leaders:**

Jane MacLaren  
Tom Swift  
Susan Boyd  
Dr. Thorin Gault  
Maged Botros  
Jacquie Richards  
Amanda Brisson  
Catherine Stapley-Roy

We welcome these new leaders to our ranks and hope they have a long and happy career with Encore.

We are always happy to welcome new leaders. If any of you who have taken courses and would like to get on the other side of the desk, please let us know.

**Children's answers to Sunday School questions:**

When Mary heard she was to be the mother of Jesus, she went off and sang the Magna Carta.

Paraffin is next in order after seraphim.

The patron saint of travelers is St. Francis of the sea sick.

\*Iran is the Bible of Moslems. \*

A republican is a sinner mentioned in the Bible.

The natives of Macedonia did not believe, so Paul got stoned.

God told Joseph to take Mary, and Jesus, and flea, to Egypt.

Paul's message was rejected by those who heard, so he went to the city and got stoned.

Our Father who art in heaven, Howard be thy name...

And lead us not into Thames Station...

**INCOME TRUST GROUP**

What are Income Trusts and how do they differ from other investment vehicles? Do they have a place in a Seniors' investment portfolio? **Gerd Wiencke's** Income Trust Group meets on a regular basis to discuss strategies and review how group member's investments are performing.

If you would like to attend their next meeting to learn more about this particular form of investing, please call Encore at 613- 937-1525.

**ROLE OF THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

This is one of the most important committees at Encore because if we don't have enough money, we're in trouble. Our funds come from mainly three sources: one, the money you pay to take courses, two, the money we get from our patrons, and three, the money we get from fundraising, such as the Art Auction, the You Bet Your Bippy cabaret, and any other fundraising venture we can come up with.

As long as possible, we want to keep the course fees where they are. We have been very fortunate to have had such generous patrons, and our cabarets have been quite successful. But what we need are other ideas so that we can increase our revenues.

We still don't understand why we cannot get government funding for operations. We have had New Horizons grants, and Trillium grants. But that money has to be for certain projects.

Don't think we haven't tried, but so far, we have had no success.

Another avenue we intend to explore is that of sponsorship. We're hoping that we can convince various local businesses and industries that it would be a good idea.

We're in the process of determining what we can offer in a package.

If you know of businesses and industries that you think might be interested, give me a call at 613-938-2329.

**Answers from Bible Students**

Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients.

The Egyptians were all drowned in the desert.

Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Amendments.

Moses died before he ever reached Canada. Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.

The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua took his son to stand still and he obeyed him.

David was a Hebrew king skilled at playing the liar.

Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

Encore is a very-well organized group, due to the work that went on before I became involved. Much of the work is done in committees. The Board of Directors oversees that work, but we could not function without our committees. If you wish to get involved in the Encore operation, there is no better place to start than in offering your services to serve on one of the committees. I have listed below the people who serve on the various committees. They don't get enough credit for all the work they do.

## ENCORE COMMITTEES

### **Archives/Historian**

vacant

### **Executive**

#### **Jean Jeacle**

Jim Sallie  
Gerd Wiencke  
Dorothy Forrester  
Jean Lecompte

#### **President**

Vice-President  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Past-President

### **Garden**

#### **Jim Sallie,**

**Chair**

Stanley Brown  
Ross Conners  
Gerry Dobbyn  
Lorna Snow  
Libby Stewart  
Russell True  
Mary Van Ryswyk

### **Computer**

#### **Robin Axten,**

Anne Collins  
Dorothy Forrester  
Bernadine Greffe,  
Jean Lecompte  
Wes Libbey  
Jean-Louis Rochette  
Marc Schaefer  
Hans Schutz  
Jack Seguin  
Andy Trasuk

**Chair**

Recorder

### **Nominating**

#### **Jim Sallie, Chair**

Jean Lecompte  
Jean-Louis Rochette  
Andy Trasuk

### **Public Relations**

#### **Andy Trasuk,**

**Chair**

Davina Alexander  
Johanna Feilotter  
Jean Jeacle  
Jean Lecompte  
Bev Leroux  
Libby Stewart

### **Curriculum**

Joddy Campbell  
Dave Holford  
Dr. Maxwell Irwin  
Jean Roy  
Tom Swift

### **Administrative Staff**

Gord Hogan

Nicole Paquette

**Program Co-ordinator**

Administrative Assistant

### **Fundraising**

#### **Jean Lecompte**

Davina Alexander  
Johanna Feilotter  
Jean Jeacle  
Jean-Louis Rochette  
Libby Stewart  
Andy Trasuk

**Chair**

### **Kay Gordon**

Encore lost a devoted member and good friend recently with the sudden passing of Kay Gordon. Kay was Chair of our Curriculum Committee since May 2006, was a member of the Fundraising Committee, and also volunteered for many events, such as art auctions, lecture series, program mailings and even worked for a time as our administrative support person in the office. She was a dedicated Encore volunteer for many years and her contribution to our organization will be greatly missed.

## ENCORE WEBSITE

Have you checked out the Encore Website lately? It gets better all the time. If you do open it up, and you find it is lacking any features that you think are important, please let us know. Either phone me or phone Gord Hogan at the Encore office, 613-937-1525. If you have never found it on the web, please give it a look. The address is <http://encoreseiors.ca>. It is the most important site to keep in your Favourite list. I try to encourage people to make it their Home page, but maybe that's asking too much. You will find at that location, all the news from Encore.

If you have misplaced your copy of the Encore program, all the courses are described on the website. There are the other links as well, including the newsletter.

Our webmaster is Raymond Lacroix.

### Puzzle # 1

A man who lives on the tenth floor takes the elevator down to the first floor every morning and goes to work. In the evening, when he comes back; on a rainy day, or if there are other people in the elevator, he goes to his floor directly. Otherwise, he goes to the seventh floor and walks up three flights of stairs to his apartment. Can you explain why?

### Puzzle # 2

How can you throw a ball as hard as you can and have it come back to you, even if it doesn't bounce off anything? There is nothing attached to it, and no one else catches or throws it back to you.

### Puzzle # 3

An Arab sheikh tells his two sons to race their camels to a distant city to see who will inherit his fortune. The one whose camel is slower wins. After wandering aimlessly for days, the brothers ask a wise man for guidance. Upon receiving the advice, they jump on the camels and race to the city as fast as they can.

What did the wise man say to them?

### Puzzle # 4

One brick is one kilogram and half a brick heavy. What is the weight of one brick?

### Puzzle # 5

What mathematical symbol can be placed between 5 and 9, to get a number greater than 5 and smaller than 9?

### Puzzle # 6

Can you arrange 9 numerals - 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 - (using each numeral just once) above and below a division line, to create a fraction equaling to 1/3 (one third)? (ANSWERS ON PAGE EIGHT)

## CHRISTMAS CAROL

"Come join us in the true spirit of the holiday season for CBC Radio's dramatic reading of Charles Dickens 'A Christmas Carol!

This year's 8th annual performance will be hosted at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 28 Second St. East, on Sunday, Nov. 29 at 7:30 p.m.

Doors open at 7 p.m.

Local guest readers for this year's production are Sean Adams, former Citizen of the Year; Esther Bryan, founder of The Quilt of Belonging; AnnaMarie Lea, Cow Patti Theatre artistic director; and Doug Hill, retired Drama and English teacher.

Our CBC Radio Mystery Reader will soon be announced . . . stay tuned!!

Featured musical performers are mezzo-soprano Felicity Brown, accompanied by Rosemary Brown; cellist Thérèse Motard and the Riverdale String Ensemble; and Chorus Novus, under the direction of Brian Hubelit. All proceeds will benefit the Boys' and Girls' Club of Cornwall/SDG.

Tickets are \$15 per person (tax receipt available).

They may be purchased beginning Oct. 13 at the church office, and at Cornwall and Seaway Valley Tourism, 11 Water St. West.

Please buy early to avoid disappointment - tickets are limited.

And don't forget to stay for hot cider and Christmas fruitcake".

## OTHER INTERESTING WEBSITES

I'm not a big fan of people sending me jokes and other garbage, but a few I get are fantastic. I invite you to try these websites.

<http://moreoldfortyfives.com/TakeMeBackToTheSixties.htm>

[http://home.cogeco.ca/~lmworrall/Cornwall in the Past](http://home.cogeco.ca/~lmworrall/Cornwall%20in%20the%20Past)

<http://www.quizyourprofile.com/guessyournumber.swf>

And while I've got your attention, make sure you don't send your username and password to anyone pretending to be a bank. Don't answer anyone who says that you have won a big prize. Don't answer anyone from China who needs a representative in Canada.

## COMPUTER COURSES

Once again, this year, we have a new location for our computer courses. We are now operating out of St. Lawrence Intermediate School. It's great when we get that level of cooperation with the schools. We have to wait until the students of the school are gone for the day, but that's a small price to pay for the wonderful setup at St. Lawrence.

We would really like some feed-back about what courses might be popular to potential students. There are many courses that could be available if there were students that wished to attend. If there are people out there who would attend a course in Access, or Microsoft Publisher, or Aldus Page-maker, you should make your interest known to Gord. If not those mentioned, tell us what you might be interested in.

We are hoping to offer a session in the Winter on the Mac. Many people are purchasing MacBooks or iMacs, and are not making best use of them. Do you know that Macs don't need virus protection? At least, that's what they tell me. Let us know if you are interested.

## A lesson to be learned from typing the wrong email address!

(Can't remember if I inserted this one before).

A Minneapolis couple decided to go to Florida to thaw out during a particularly icy winter. They planned to stay at the same hotel where they spent their honeymoon 20 years earlier. Because of hectic schedules, it was difficult to coordinate their travel schedules, so the husband left Minnesota and flew to Florida on Thursday, with his wife to be flying down the following day. The husband checked into the hotel. There was a computer in his room, so he decided to send an email to his wife. However, he accidentally left out one letter in her email address, and without realizing his error, sent the email. Meanwhile, somewhere in Houston, a widow had just returned home from her husband's funeral. He was a minister who was called home to glory following a heart attack. The widow decided to check her email expecting messages from relatives and friends. After reading the first message, she screamed and fainted. The widow's son rushed into the room, found his mother on the floor, and saw the computer screen which read:

To: My Loving Wife Subject: I've Arrived Date: October 16, 2004 I know you're surprised to hear from me. They have computers here now and you are allowed to send emails to your loved ones. I've just arrived and have been checked in. I see that everything has been prepared for your arrival tomorrow. Looking forward to seeing you then! Hope your journey is as uneventful as mine was. P.S. Sure is freaking hot down here!

## HISTORY OF ENCORE SENIORS' EDUCATION CENTRE

**August 1993** The idea for a Seniors' education centre for Cornwall originated with Encore's founder, Beverly Hincks. Eugene Cardinal (Director of Continuing Education) at St. Lawrence College was then approached with a draft proposal to start a Seniors' academic program at the Cornwall campus.

**September 1993 to January 1994** Research during this stage included a needs assessment study.

**January 1994** A formal proposal was made, with the assistance of Randy Swedburg (from the Elderhostel Institute Network), to the St. Lawrence College Administration, for the formation of the Encore: Seniors' Education Centre.

**August 1994** The program was started on a trial basis. An Advisory Committee of Seniors was formed. This group worked very hard, and within eight weeks, Encore was ready to open its doors.

**October 1994** Encore had its first classes, with a grand total of 70 members registered. All six study groups were full.

**May 1995** Encore was awarded the prestigious Provincial "Conny Award for Best Program, 1994" in the Continuing Education Departments of Ontario's 25 Community Colleges.

**October 1995** During a continuing education conference in Kansas City, Encore received the "Outstanding New Program Award, 1994" from the Association for Continuing Higher Education, an international organization that promotes excellence in education.

**1996 - 1997** Encore hosted an extremely successful "Weekender", through the Elderhostel Institute Network, which attracted 42 Seniors to Cornwall (from all over the United States) to learn about The Lost Villages and the construction of the Seaway.

**1997 - 1998** Encore hosted its second "Weekender" which was just as successful as the first one.

**1998 - 1999** Encore offered 30 study groups and tripled its membership, attracting over 300 seniors! 2002 Encore Seniors received the "Outstanding Achievement Award for Voluntarism in Ontario".

**Fall 2003** Successful launch of Encore Seniors', Alexandria Campus.

**Spring 2004** As of May 2004, over 540 paid up members for the 2003-2004 academic year.

**Winter 2006-** Introduction of Encore programming in South Dundas.

**Spring 2007**—Establishment of eBay by Encore.

## COURSES STILL TO COME:

### PUTTING YOUR GARDEN TO BED FOR THE WINTER

Some "green thumb" rules to follow when it comes to getting your yard ready for winter.

**Wednesday, Oct. 21, 9:30 to 11:30 am**

### THREE CHURCHMEN OF THE OLD EASTERN DISTRICT

We shall examine the roles of Macdonell, Bethune and Strachan in the founding years of our local culture and display some artifacts relating to their time.

Section A: Wednesday, Oct. 28, 9:30 to 11:30 am  
SOLD OUT

**Section B: Wednesday, Nov. 4, 9:30 to 11:30 am**

### MENTAL ILLNESS- FACT OR FICTION?

An examination of the concept of reality within the context of mental illness and the link between abuse and mental illness.

**Wednesday, Oct. 28, Noon to 2:00 pm**

### MOVING FROM ANALOG TO DIGITAL

Converting your photographs (either film or from digital camera) into a format that can be viewed on your TV set plus preparing an audio CD to accompany their viewing.

**Mondays, 9:30 to 11:30 am, Nov. 2 & 16**

### THE TRUTH ABOUT BACK PAIN REVEALED

An exploration of the true meaning of back pain, symptoms and disease.

**Wednesday, Nov 4, Noon to 2:00 pm**

### INS & OUTS OF SELF-PUBLISHING

Discusses the process of constructing your book, from an idea to a product on the shelf.

**Fridays, 9:30 to 11:30 am, Nov. 6 & 13**

### WHO'S AFRAID OF T.S. ELIOT?

A look at a few of the most famous works of T.S. Eliot.

**Wednesdays, Noon to 2:00 pm, Nov. 11 & 18**

### CONTROLLING BLOOD PRESSURE

Learn the risk factors involved, plus the options offered in treatment including lifestyle changes and the various medications available.

**Thursday, Nov. 12, 9:30 to 11:30 am**

### ARTHRITIS TREATMENT OPTIONS- After the Vioxx / Celebrex Scare

Front line drugs used to treat arthritis can cause significant side effects. However, the science shows that arthritis patients have numerous treatment options that work and will not cause side effects.

**Wednesday, Nov. 18, 9:30 to 11:30 am**

### BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

Learn about a program offered by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cornwall & District geared towards retired people who enjoy being a BIG kid.

**Thursday, Nov. 19, Noon to 2:00 pm**

### HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS- Canada vs Europe

An overview of the European Health Care Systems, their history and structure, and a comparison with the Canadian system.

**Friday, Nov. 20, 9:30 to 11:30 am**

### VCARS VICTIM SERVICES OF S.D.G. & A.

An introduction to VCARS and the services provided to victims of crime, trauma and tragic circumstance.

**Monday, Nov. 23, 9:30 to 10:30 am**

### IS YOUR COMPUTER SECURE?

A session aimed at addressing concerns about computer security including viruses, cookies, spam, firewalls & online banking.

**Thursday, Nov. 12, Noon to 2:00 pm**

### WHAT'S NEW IN THE USES OF COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY?

A look at modern communications devices including cell phones, iPhones, Blackberry's, Bluetooth technology, and communications vehicles such as YouTube, Facebook & Twitter.

**Thursday, Nov. 19, 9:30 to 11:30 am**

## NOTE FROM OUR PROGRAM COORDINATOR

If you plan on signing up for a course after you read the course calendar, we encourage you to sign up as soon as possible after you make your decision. The reason for this advice is that some courses are cancelled because we do not have the necessary enrolment. Then, closer to the date when the course was scheduled, people phone in and want to take the course, and it's already cancelled. We might not have cancelled if people had called us sooner.

**LOGIC QUESTIONS (from page 5)**

This is a new feature, contributed by Gerd Weincke. This is where you find the answers.

**Puzzle #1**

(The man is a of short stature. He can't reach the upper elevator buttons, but he can ask people to push them for him. He can also push them with his umbrella.)

**Puzzle #2**

(Throw the ball straight up in the air.)

**Puzzle #3**

(The wise man told them to switch camels.)

**Puzzle #4**

(1 brick = 1 kg + 1/2 brick. Therefore, 1 brick weighs 2 kg )

**Puzzle #5**

( A decimal point – 5.9)

**Puzzle #6**

(5832 / 17496 = 1/3)

**Patrons of Encore for 2009**

George Atkinson  
 Dr. Thomas Baitz  
 Jim Brownell, MPP  
 Eugene & Sue Cardinal  
 Joan & Hugh Cook  
 Gerry Dobbyn  
 Kathy Eveleigh  
 Marjorie Exley  
 Johanna Feilotter  
 Dr. Norbert & Christina Ferre  
 Lawrence A. Filion  
 Sheila Fitzpatrick  
 Dorothy Forrester  
 Juliet Gill  
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 Vivian Julien  
 Ron & Linda Kubelka  
 Brian Lynch  
 Drs. Margaret & John Macaulay  
 Ontario Power Generation  
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 Ernest Spiller  
 Edith Stiles  
 Andy & Shirley Trasuk  
 Gerd Wiencke  
 Several Anonymous Sponsors

**FUTURE COURSES AT ENCORE**

Don't forget—Encore will offer any course for which we can get students and a teacher. Sometimes we think a course will be very popular, we have a good teacher lined up, and the students don't show up. But that's the exception rather than the rule.

Our Curriculum Committee is very active in searching out the courses that potential students may be interested in. But also, there are some courses that we would like to offer but teachers are not available.

We always welcome your input. It's similar to the message you get when you phone one of the big companies (especially internet companies), "your input is very important to us. The potential teachers for that course that you want to take are still not available. Please try again at a later date".

**WORD FROM THE EDITOR**

If you have any comments about the newsletter, good or bad, please do not hesitate to let me know. Or let Gord know. If there are any aspects of Encore that you would like to know about, that would certainly be a valuable suggestion. Those of the members that have been with Encore from the start may know all there is to know about our history. But many of you have joined us in the last few years.

Lastly, if you have anything to contribute to the newsletter, and you're getting tired of the fill-in jokes, call me at 613-938-2329.