

# The *South Marysburgh* Mirror

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## Winter Carnival Cancelled Because of Winter!

By Bruce Dowdell

Someone spoke that very apropos line to me on Saturday morning, January 25th, as the members of the Recreation Committee struggled with the decision 'weather' to cancel the Winter Carnival.

Many people were disappointed but none more so than the members of the Rec. Committee and the many volunteers who had arranged special equipment or were prepared to spend time at the carnival on Saturday.



The star attraction of this year's Carnival was a giant inflatable Igloo which was to arrive from Quebec at 9:00 p.m. on Friday night but, because of the driving

conditions, arrived at 4:30 a.m. on Saturday morning and was then laid out. Unfortunately we couldn't fully inflate the igloo because of the high winds that we hoped would subside when it became daylight.

Bill Creasy had cleared the Ball Diamond of snow and ice with his tractor on Friday afternoon so that we had a smooth surface for the Igloo. Wilbur Miller had a large round bale of hay ready to put on the floor of the igloo. Joel Walker sourced a large diesel powered construction heater to supply heat for the evening concert, and also got the lights on the ball diamond working, which haven't been turned on for years, so we could see to set up the Igloo.

Richard Copple acquired a smaller propane heater and Wayne Myatt found some ducting to blow heat into the food booth or the igloo. Gerry Ferguson was on the millpond Thursday and Friday nights clearing a rink for skating and one for hockey in case anyone wanted to use them. Blaine Way

had his horses and wagon ready, and the musicians, The Frere Brothers, Janet Kellough, Lynette Pettit and Judy Fraser, were looking forward to performing in an igloo for the first time. Rob and Paul of *Through the Cedars Music* had coloured lights for the show which would have created a spectacular effect. Janna McCarthy purchased the ingredients and Sandy Blackford made the chili for the evening dinner which is now in the freezer.

Mendy and Barb Berkson helped set up the tables and chairs in the Town Hall. Karen and Doug bought the prizes and organized the Bingo (thanks to Monica Alyea and Lori Farrington for calling) which, along with the pancake breakfast put on by the scouting leaders of QEOS, were the only events that were held.

When the drivers came back to pick up the Igloo on Sunday, we managed to inflate it long enough so that we could get some pictures.

Thank you to all those people in this great community that offered to help. We are still planning to have the Chili Supper and entertainment if and when the weather lets up. Watch the Mirror's website at [www.southmarysburghmirror.com](http://www.southmarysburghmirror.com) for the date and time.

## South Marysburgh 2015?

Are you interested to see what wpd's industrial wind turbines will look like if they are constructed in South Marysburgh, and how they may affect you? Please see page 8 for four photo simulations created by Stantec Consulting for wpd from photographs taken by Stantec's photographer in February 2013. At the time, several dozen photographs were taken from various vantage points in the ward but only a dozen have been used to create the simulations included in the report.

Stantec's revised Heritage Assessment Report, written on behalf of wpd Canada Corp., is available on-line at:

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# The Warped World of Advertising

By George Underhill

I've been noticing some lousy and crazy advertisements lately, and they're starting to irritate me.

OK, here we go. A cover sheet for the December 19th issue of The County Weekly News featured an ad for a sweepstakes in support of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. One of the prizes is a 2013 Mini Cooper car. It says in the promotion that it has an "approximate value of \$31,222.05." That's approximate, mind you. It might be a nickel more.

In a flyer from Red Ball Radio, among other things is a Sony 4-GB voice recorder for \$29 with this careful note: "May not be as illustrated, then again, it might." I sincerely hope the owner of Red Ball has a sense of humour. It sounds like it.

I believe no television ads should have a fishing theme because the ad agency guys don't know squat about fishing. One such ad features a handsome fella in a boat serenely tying a Rapala fishing lure to his line. Then it shows him casting it out and waiting for a fish to strike, only the water is flat and he has a bobber on the line. Maybe you don't know anything about fishing, but that's akin to throwing out a picture of a minnow and hoping a fish decides to bite it.

Then, an ad for a medication which helps you if you have COPD, whatever that is. Lots of people must suffer from this lung ailment because the ad is broadcast about every ten minutes. In it, an old guy in a green shirt takes his grandson fishing. As the fly rods are removed from the car, his grandson's fly reel is spinning like crazy, as though he has a ten pound salmon on his line, only they are still walking to the water. Maybe his line is caught in the trunk, but there's no indication of that. Once they get to the stream, he throws his grandson's line into the water on the end of which is a bobber. I don't know anyone who uses a fly rod with a bobber, but apparently in TV ads that's how you fish. I surmise that people in the advertising agencies in New York City know nothing about fishing but perceive it to be a manly activity. They should find an alternate manly activity, like buttoning up the vest on their three piece suit, or how they beat COPD by picking up girls in a bar.

Got a flyer on the 24th from Lee Valley. I like Leonard Lee and Lee Valley. They have quality tools

## The South Marysburgh Recreation Committee, the Marysburgh Mummers and the Milford Fair Board

### Meetings, Events & Announcements

#### Wii Bowling

Milford Town Hall

Every Thursday from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

#### Movie Night

Milford Town Hall

Tuesdays 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. until March 25, 2014

#### Games Night

Milford Town Hall

Friday, February 14 & 28; and Friday March 14 & 28

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Ping Pong, Wii bowling or golf & board games

#### Easter Parade and Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 19, 2014

*(If you have any concerns as to whether any of these events will be cancelled or postponed due to weather, please call Bruce at 613.476.8891)*

and combine this with exceptional service. This flyer contained "Anglers Pliers." It didn't seem to me that their functionality was exceptional, though I'm sure the quality was. These pliers cost \$49.95! For that price they ought to make love to the fisherman. Come on Lee Valley, how many hooks do you have to remove from fish to justify an expense of \$49.95?"

At 9:30 a.m. on Boxing Day, I went to a noted Canadian retailer in Picton with a list of four items on their Boxing Day flyer that I wanted to purchase. Guess what? Of the four items, they had none. Zero. Not one. It wasn't as if the store was packed with customers. Boxing Day was only two hours old. "Did you get a rain check?" you ask. Sorry, no rain checks on Boxing Day promotions. I could conclude that they just wanted to get you into the store but didn't care to offer the bargains, a bait and switch ploy, though that would be a cynical interpretation. I will leave it up to you to come up with more generous rationale.

A final irritant are pharmaceuticals purported to cure various ailments and conclude with, "Ask your doctor if 'cure-it-all' is right for you." Especially the tag lines that say, "If, after taking 'cure-it-all', you have thoughts of suicide, wild heart palpitations, diarrhea, your skin begins to peel away, or if you are successful at suicide, see your doctor right away." They don't suggest you stop taking the medication, just that you see your doctor. You'd probably be better off seeing your funeral director.

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**South Bay U.C.W.**



U.C.W met at South Bay United Church hall on Wednesday, January 8 at 1:30 p.m.

President Sandra Emlaw opened with a reading, Parents' Night Before Christmas. Following were the U.C.W. theme hymn, purpose and Lord's Prayer.

Maureen Rudd's devotional was an amazing personal experience which prompted much discussion.

Six members answered roll call by telling of their New Year's resolutions. Thirty-two sick calls were made.

Minutes and treasurer's report were given with all being accepted as read.

The ladies discussed how we could better serve the community with our resources.

Collection was gathered and dedicated.

The ladies brought Valentines cards which will be sent to sick and shut-in individuals.

Sympathy and get well cards will also be sent to others in the community.

For program, Sandra demonstrated some of her spinning samples.

The meeting closed with the UCW prayer after which the ladies enjoyed a delicious lunch served by Maureen and Karen.

**Upcoming Friendship Circle and U.C.W. Events**

**Milford Friendship Circle ladies:** Don't forget we have no meeting in February. Mary Creasy will have our first meeting on Thursday, March 6th at 1:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 12** – U.C.W. will meet at South Bay United Church hall at 1:30 p.m. Devotional—Maureen Rudd; Roll call—wear red for Valentine's Day; Program—Karen Guernsey; Lunch—Sandra Emlaw, Alice Miller ; Objective—Donation to Heart and Stroke.

**Reserve Wednesday, March 5th**—South Bay Stewards are serving a St. Patrick's Day stew supper at South bay United Church from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. \$15.00 per person. Food items available at the bake table. Please see the ad elsewhere in this issue.

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## Life In The Past

Nelson Hicks' Journals  
February, 1901  
*Transcribed by Sarah Moran Collier*

**Fri. 1** - Snowed all day. George Palmateer and Mr. Thurston were here for dinner. Rivial meeting is still going on.

**Sat. 2** - It was a very fine day. The sun shone most of the day. Old Bear will be sure to see his shadow.

**Sun. 3** - Quartly meeting was held at the Carman. Mirt and I were out. The church was filled nicely. Rev. Mr. Foster gave a grand sermon. After meeting Mirt and I went down to Mr. Spaffords. When we got home we learned that Mr. and Mrs. E. Rorke had been here. Very sorry to be away.

**Mon. 4** - Snowed and drifted all day. Mrs. James Farington were here.

**Tues. 5** - Mirt and I went down to Mr. Spaffords and then on down to John Dulmage. Mirt was quite sick all night. Guess she is getting the grip.

**Wed. 6** - Come from John's up to Mrs. Spaffords. Mirt not feeling any better stayed down home and I come on up.

**Thur. 7** - I am feeling under the weather myself today. Pa went up to Milford after flour. I went down after Mirt and then we went up to Jake's to stay with the children while they went to Picton.

**Fri. 8** - Mirt and I were up to Jake's. It was a very stormy day and quite cold.

**Sun. 10** - It was a fine day. Jake and Lib got home about five o'clock. They were up to West Lake to Ida's.

**Mon. 11** - Mirt and I got home about ten o'clock finding Delbert Lighthall and wife here visiting. A very fine day and lots of snow now for sleighing.

**Tue. 12** - Rivial Meetings still going on at the Carman. We all went out last night with the jumper.

**Wed. 13** - Been very cold all day. I made Ma a paper rack. Work at it here in the house. Meetings are stopped at the Carman.

**Thur. 14** - Still it is quite cold. Will Hicks and wife were out here visiting. Played Lost Heir. Will and I were the champions.

**Fri. 15** - Pa and Ma started up on a protracted visit. I finished making a stand for Mirt or I don't know whether I will give it to her or not.

**Sat. 16** - A very fine day and lots of snow for sleighing. Mirt and I, Byron all alone. Archie up to Nelse Ostranders.

**Sun. 17** - Archie got home about five o'clock from Nelse Ostrander. Said that Nelse and Annie Maud

just got home from their visit.

**Mon. 18** - Archie and I went out to Uncle Nath's after a load of wood. Pa and Ma arrived home this afternoon.

**Tue. 19** - Pa, Archie and I went out on Uncle Nath. Got part of a load of wood. It commenced to snow and we started for home. Along in the afternoon Archie and Mirt and I went down to Smith McLaughlin for a visit and we had a fine time.

**Wed. 20** - Archie and I drew up some wood from the sap-bush. Miss Gennie Hicks came here today visiting.

**Thur. 21** - Archie and Gennie Hicks went up to Dan's West Lake. I worked at the wood on the wood pile. Visitors Mr. Ackerman and wife, Nelse Ostrander, Annie Maud, Arthur McCrimmon.

**Fri. 22** - Snowed all day making the roads quite heavy again. Mirt and I went out to League. Stopped and took Nell Wright out with us. We had to go early as I have the keys and am tending the church now.

**Sat. 23** - Mirt and I went down to Mr. Spafford's. The point people are practicing for a tea meeting and practiced at Mr. Spafford. Mr. Foster were there and after he went home we had a game of Lost Heir.

**Sun. 24** - We came up to the Carman and I stayed to the church to build fire and Mirt came out after Pa and Ma. Mary Ellen and Emmet were here last night.

**Mon. 25** - The roads were filled full and has snowed all day today. Emmet went down to Dave's

**Tue. 26** - I broke out the roads up as far as Johnnie Murphy's and down the Barn lane hill we have had a big fall of snow and there must be about 18 inches on the level.

**Wed. 27** - It was a very nice day. We worked at the wood cutting stove wood. Mirt and I were up to Irvin Hick's visiting. Had a fine time

**Thur. 28** - Cut wood some. Still it was a very nice day. Roads are very heavy. Mirt and I went down to Lewis Ostranders to practice for the Tea meeting at the Union. Archie took Gennie Hicks down to Nelse Minakers.

### Nelson Notes... Anecdotes and background about Nelson's diary entries.

- ◆ Archie is Nelson's younger brother, born in 1879.
- ◆ "Jake" was Nelson's oldest brother, Jacob Hicks, born in 1866. He was married to Lib (Spafford.)
- ◆ Nelson and his wife, Mirt (Spafford), had been married in January 1900 when Nelson was 27 and Mirt was 24. In the early part of their married life they were living with Nelson's parents, Collingwood Hicks and Jantha, his "Pa and Ma".

# Gossip!

*Personal Notices, Announcements  
& Random Notes*

## ***It's difficult to tell the players without a program...***

Now that Nelson Hicks and his diaries are back, Sarah Moran Collier has done some historical research to shed more light on his life and times. In this month's entry, Sarah clarifies the relationship between Nelson and some of the people he often mentions in his writing.

And is Sarah ever diligent! She has already submitted the transcribed entries for March, April and May.

## ***The Mirror's Website***

www.southmarysburghmirror.com is going through a bit of an overhaul. New images are being used in the home page 'rotator' and several new sections will be added that will get updated as and when necessary.

The website's purpose is twofold: Firstly, to allow non-residents and visitors the opportunity to read *The Mirror* if they don't have access to a printed copy; and secondly, as a vehicle to extol the virtues of the South Marysburgh community. The website also allows the publication of submissions from residents and visitors that are too large for the printed edition, be they photographs or other art, videos, or short stories such as the one about to be posted that commemorates February 9th, 1964.

Each month the current issue is uploaded which is identical to the printed version, albeit with colour, including all the 'hard-hitting journalism and stories', and the 'in-depth interviews'. So check the website frequently, and, as always, submissions are always welcome. Please see below for the contact information.

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I hope many of you have taken the opportunity afforded by the wicked winter to spend some time reading. There's no better way to pass the time that with a good book on cold winter days in my opinion, and January gave us a fair bit of that to work with!

I'd like to highlight an author who writes non-fiction in this month's column, and whose books I've very much enjoyed over the years. First, though, please note the following dates:

Weather permitting, the Empty Nesters group will meet on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Milford branch. Please call Valencia Logan at 613-476-5409 to confirm that the group is meeting. The Empty Nesters is not only for people whose children have grown and gone away, but also anyone who would like to get together socially on a regular basis at the library. Activities will be planned according to the interests of the group.

We have a special event as well on Tuesday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. when Ann McLurg will read from her novel, *No Angel*. Come hear an excerpt from the book, which is set in South Bay, and chat with Ann about her writing. Refreshments will be served.

Lastly, if anyone is interested in one-on-one computer help, whether it be basic use, organizing and managing your e-mails and files, or more advanced needs, please let us know. We are happy to provide these sessions by appointment in the Milford branch.

Moving on to books, I would like to recommend one that I read late last year entitled *The Massey Murders - A Maid, Her Master and the Trial that Shocked a Country* by Charlotte Gray.

Set in 1915, in Toronto, a maid kills her employer who is a member of one of the city's prominent families. The story follows the trial of the young woman, an event that captures the imagination of the entire city. Filled with history bristling with the tension of class divide, the intertwined lives of the wealthy, business dealings and complex relationships, the true story reads like a page-turner novel.

Charlotte Gray has written a number of other fascinating non-fiction books including *Gold Diggers - Striking it Rich in the Klondike*; a biography of *Nellie McClung* in the Extraordinary Canadians series; *Reluctant Genius - The Passionate Life and Inventive Mind of Alexander Graham Bell*; *Flint and Feather -*

The Life and Times of E. Pauline Johnson; Tekahionwake; and Mrs. King - The Life & Times of Isabel Mackenzie King. My favourite of Gray's books, however, is *Sisters in the Wilderness - The Lives of Susanna Moodie and Catharine Parr-Traill*. Sisters Moodie and Parr-Traill were icons of Canadian literature and Gray's account of their lives, that of two English women who struggle to survive as wives, mothers and writers in the colonial backwoods, is fascinating.

All of these titles are, of course, available at the library.

Happy reading,  
Christine

### Library Winter Hours

Tuesday	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday	3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. <b><u>NEW</u></b>
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# Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

*Gem for the month: Gentle words fall lightly but they have great weight.*

The driver of a car with an ice-covered windshield had several near accidents before being stopped by a police car.

"Don't you think it would help if you cleaned the ice off the windshield?" the officer asked.

"I don't think so," was the reply. "I left my glasses at home."

## **Lessons Learned from a Ninety-year-old Person...**

- Life isn't fair but it's still good.
- Pay off your credit cards every month.
- Save for retirement starting with your first paycheque.
- Burn the candles, use nice sheets, and wear fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.
- Be eccentric. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.
- No one is in charge of your happiness but you.
- Frame every so-called disaster with these words – In five years will this matter?

She saved and stinted day by day  
On her ambitions climb;  
No chance to catch a bride's bouquet  
In time.  
She saved caresses for the years  
When hoarding would be done...  
Love lay, along a trail of tears,  
A skeleton  
She saved her spring and summer, too –  
Now autumn haunts her sleep...  
Too late to sow, she turns to view  
What others reap.

A busload of politicians was driving down a country road when it ran off the road and crashed into an old farmer's barn. The old farmer got off his tractor and went to investigate. Soon he dug a hole and buried the politicians. A few days later, the local sheriff was passing by and saw the crashed bus. He asked the old farmer where all the politicians had gone. The old farmer told him he had buried them.

The sheriff asked the old farmer, "Lordy, were they ALL dead?"

The old farmer replied, "Well, some of them said they weren't, but you know how crooked politicians lie.

## **New Year's Resolutions for Pets**

- I will NOT chase the stick until I SEE IT LEAVE THE IDIOT'S HAND.
- The garbage collector is NOT stealing our stuff.
- Cats: Use the new living room sofa as a scratching post.
- Get a bite in on the freak who gives me that needle every year.
- Take time from my busy schedule to stop and smell the behinds.
- Come to understand that cats are from Venus, dogs from Mars.
- I will no longer be beholden to the sound of a can opener.
- My head does not belong in the refrigerator.
- I do not need to suddenly stand straight up when I'm lying under the coffee table.
- I will not lick my human's face after eating animal poop.

## **Exit Lines:**

- *Don't be afraid to take a big step if one is indicated. You can't cross a chasm in two small jumps.*
- *Write ideas down; they get lost like good pens.*
- *The person who says he has nothing to do is usually very good at the job.*

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Vantage Point 1: Looking South From Near Junction of Old Milford Road and Scotts Mill Road



Vantage Point 2: Looking South-East from Mount Tabor United Church, County Road 17, Milford



Vantage Point 7: Looking ESE From 510 Highway 24 Towards Henry House on Lighthall Road



Vantage Point 8: Looking SSW From Royal Road Across Gibbin's Property, Toward Dainard Road

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### St. Philip's Calendar of Events 2014

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| <b>Yard &amp; Rummage Sale</b><br>(10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)                | <b>May 3</b>    |
| <b>Canoe Trip</b><br>(11:00 a.m. from Guernsey's ending at Rita Taylor's) | <b>May 19</b>   |
| <b>Pork &amp; Corn Roast</b><br>(5:30 – 7:00 p.m.)                        | <b>August 6</b> |
| <b>Turkey Supper</b><br>(5:00p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)                            | <b>Sept. 17</b> |



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**February 11 - Blazing Saddles** (American Comedy 90 min.)

**Harvey Korman, Madeline Kahn, Mel Brooks, Dom DeLuise**

Guest appearance by the Count Basie Orchestra. A wild, wacky spoof by Mel Brooks of every cliché in the Western film genre.

**February 18 - Passport to Pimlico** (British Comedy 90 min.)

**Margaret Rutherford, Stanley Holloway, Hermione Baddeley**

A group of residents of Pimlico, a suburb of London, discover that an ancient treaty ceded their neighborhood to the Duke of Burgundy. The furor develops when the Pimlicans decide to secede from Great Britain.

**February 25 - Oscars Greatest Moments 1970 - 1990**

As a prelude to the Academy Awards on March 2, this show presents clips of some of the funniest and most emotional moments in this twenty year span. Remember Bob Hope and Johnny Carson as MCs, the changing fashions of the actresses, "thank you" speeches and the production numbers? All of this in under 2 hours guaranteed with no commercials.

**March 4 - Comfort and Joy** (British Comedy 93 min.)

**Bill Paterson, Eleanor David**

A popular Glasgow radio host is depressed and lonely after his girlfriend walks out on him. He gets embroiled in a cold war between two feuding Italian ice cream families. From director Bill Forsyth, (*Gregory's Girl, Local Hero*) the mundane mixes with the insane to produce an outrageous and delightful topsy-turvy world.

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## Gladstone Hotpot

By David Larkin

When I worked at the SHAPE HQ in Belgium, one of my more pleasant duties was to drive to Oberammergau to lecture at the NATO School there. Oberammergau is a lovely place, on the edge of the Alps and a great place to visit. I've never been there for their famous Passion Play but there have always been plenty of other enjoyable activities, including eating at the Bavarian restaurants.

On one visit I was kindly invited round for dinner by a British Army officer who was on the School staff. Gladstone Hotpot is what his wife served us and she was kind enough to share the recipe. This is a little fancier than the traditional Lancashire Hotpot and makes a good dish to serve to company.

**2 tbsp. oil**

**1 1/2 lb. beef, stewing beef or diced braising steak**

**2 large onions, sliced**

**8 oz. carrots, sliced**

**1 green pepper, sliced**

**15 oz. can tomatoes**

**2 tbsp. flour**

**1/2 pint (10 oz.) beef stock**

**1 tbsp. French mustard**

**1 tbsp. Worcestershire Sauce**

**1 tbsp. soy sauce**

**Salt**

**Freshly ground pepper**

**1 1/2 lbs. potatoes, peeled and sliced**

Heat the oil in a pan and brown beef. Remove beef. Fry onions in some fat until golden brown then remove. Layer meat in casserole with onions, carrots, peppers, and tomatoes (drained, reserve juice).

Stir the flour into the fat and cook for 1 minute. Gradually add stock and tomato juice and bring to boil. Stir in mustard, Worcestershire Sauce, and soya sauce and add plenty of salt and pepper.

Pour over casserole and cover with a thick layer of potatoes. Cover and cook in oven for 1 1/2 hours @ 350°F. Remove lid and cook for 30-45 minutes @400°F or until potatoes are golden brown.

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*Wednesday, January 29th (or Tuesday the 28th, or Monday the 27th for that matter...)—The view looking south across South Bay (or the view of practically anywhere!) from County Road 13.*

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# Valentine's Day

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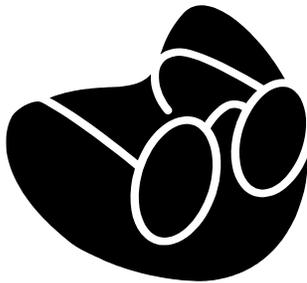
Saint Valentine's Day, commonly known as Valentine's Day, or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is observed on February 14 each year. It is the second most celebrated holiday around the world second to New Year's Day.

St. Valentine's Day began as a liturgical celebration of one or more early Christian saints named Valentinus. The most popular martyrology associated with Saint Valentine was that he was imprisoned for performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry and for ministering to Christians, who were persecuted under the Roman Empire; during his imprisonment, he is said to have healed the daughter of his jailer Asterius. Legend states that before his execution he wrote "from your Valentine" as a farewell to her.

The day was first associated with romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished. By the 15th century, it had evolved into an occasion in which lovers expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines").

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On Valentine's Day, February 14th, come and enjoy live piano music and our three-course romantic menu. We'll have a seating at 6:00 p.m. and another at 8:00 p.m. but reservations are required by phone or email. Please let us know of any food restrictions when you make your reservation - \$60 per couple.

Then, beginning on Sunday, February 16th, we will be serving brunch every Sunday between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Come and enjoy our buffet menu with a glass of wine. The buffet is \$15 per person but please phone or email to make a reservation.



*(Prices do not include taxes or gratuities.)*



We would also be happy to host your special occasions in the school house - birthdays, reunions, anniversaries or meetings. If you require a location and want someone else to do the cooking and cleaning, please call or email for availability and prices.

We hope to see you soon!

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