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The Richest Man in the World

By Brianna Logan

I don't like to brag, but I am a very rich man. As I walk, I whistle and stick my hand deep inside my brown jacket pocket to feel my money. I tend to carry my precious coins with me wherever I go. I am not stingy though, I hand them out to people I meet on the street and I gain a lot of new friends. When the coins run out, I give out big toothy grins. Everyone stares at me like I'm a celebrity; or a wealthy benefactor.

On gorgeous fall days like this, I can't help but enjoy my riches. I walk down Maple Lane feeling free and invigorated by the frosty air. I can almost smell the seasons changing as the humidity finally disappears. All around me, crows explode and scold from the red and orange maple trees that burn colours along the path. The gravel crunches beneath my feet, and I notice that my wool socks are just the perfect shade of grey. It took me a long time to find a pair that was stylish and practical for someone in my profession. I have received many compliments on my new socks from all my friends. I am so blessed with the many people I call my friends. At the thought of my friends, I suddenly feel happiness bubbling inside me like a pot of warm, nutritious soup.

My friends, the Rossels, live on the corner of Maple Lane, and I take time to stop at their house every day. They think they are rich too, but they aren't nearly as rich as I am. I know they have money because I always see them driving in with a new sparkling auto. They always have white autos, and their exhaust reeks of expense. They have a pool around back, but they never use it. They have gardens too, but I only see the gardener in them. Maybe it is because of Mrs. Rossel's shoe issues. She has an awful time finding shoes that last. She is always coming home with a new pair, and then they end up in the trash in a few months. Mr. Rossel has the same problem with techy stuff. He always has a receipt in his name, for a new i-thingamajig. He may have the latest technology, but the stuff they

make nowadays must not last, because he needs a new one every year. Despite their problems, they are always very nice to me. Mrs. Rossel always offers me some refreshments if she sees me standing at the foot of their driveway, and Mr. Rossel always shakes his fist in a friendly hello, and calls me some special nickname that I don't know the meaning of. I am lucky to have friends like the Rossels, but I can't help feeling sad for them. Maybe if they were as rich as I am, they wouldn't be so restless.

Another family I visit quite often is the Maytee family. The Maytee family lives on the same road as the Rossels, but that is the only thing the two families have in common. The Maytees never have any shiny white autos; in fact, they don't have anything shiny at all. They have seven kids though, all with straight dark hair, buttery brown eyes, and glowing smiles that melt my heart. I don't visit the Maytees for the same reason I visit the Rossels, I visit the Maytee's to watch their family. They are always oblivious to my presence, so I get a very natural show. Quite often it is too natural. The Maytee parents, Bill and Jillian, have heated discussions in front of their kids. It makes me sad, because their parents always erase the brilliant smiles that make me so happy. Sometimes I will talk to the kids afterwards, and I always give them something to get rid of their frowns. I hope the kids will treasure what I give them, so someday they will be rich like me.

I also visit the Weads during my daily stroll down Maple Lane. Mr. and Mrs. Wead are retired folk, who don't have any family nearby, and no one sends them letters except for the bank. I always try and be neighbourly and ease their loneliness by popping in for a visit. According to the Maytee kids, the Weads just sit on their step and scrutinize their neighbours all day. However, for people who don't do anything but sit around, they sure are awfully busy. Whenever they see me coming, they remember all of the things they have to get done, and they tell me that they don't have time to visit. Personally I think they are intimidated by my appearance. Mr. Wead always scowls at me when I greet him from the bottom of his driveway, and Mrs. Wead runs inside as if she has forgotten something important. The same thing happens when the Maytee kids try and visit them. Daniel Maytee thinks that Mrs. Wead just doesn't want anyone scuffing up her

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floors. However, whenever the Rossels go by, the Weads wave at them and invite them inside for tea. Maybe it's because Mrs. Rossel always has new clean shoes, or maybe it's because the Weads are resentful of the Maytees' wealth, as well as my own.

However, sometimes people doubt my riches. One time, I was sitting on a park bench chatting with tiny Shirley, the youngest of the Maytee kids. The Maytee kids are my best friends, because they are not intimidated by my appearance, and they love to listen to my stories. Shirley is my very best friend because she can appreciate the true value of my wealth. I was explaining to Shirley about all my friends on Maple Lane, and how it feels to be rich, when her Uncle barged in.

Shirley's Uncle was passing through the park, and when he saw us, he rushed over. He belatedly, "Stay away from my family, you bum! The people of Maple Lane aren't your friends, and you can pretend all you like, but you have nothing; absolutely nothing. You stand by their houses and peer into their windows, wishing you were them. And you stand at their driveways and pick through their trash, wishing you could have what they do." Then he smiled, a forced, smug sneer, and repeated, "You have nothing, my friend."

I just smiled at him, a warm, genuine smile, right from my heart. I know how rich I truly am. And when he saw my smile, I know he secretly wished for wealth like mine.



The library's Thursday Morning Baby Group is growing, but we would like more parents, grandparents and caregivers to drop in for this fun, relaxed weekly get together. Come meet others with little ones, share experiences and learn about community resources. Coffee and tea available. Those with older children are welcome to bring them along, too. Contact Liz for more information at 613-476-5962 or by e-mail at: youth@peclibrary.org

The Milford Knitting group is on the 4th Thursday of each month at 2p.m. Drop in to stitch and chat with your neighbours. Beginners are welcome. Start now to create that Christmas gift.

The Intermediate French Conversational group continues to meet on Tuesdays at 2p.m. and book clubs continue as well. Contact the branch for dates, times and for titles of upcoming novels to be read.

Finally, a big thank you to all who came out for our Soup Night & Lantern Making last month! What a fun night! If you have any ideas for programs, groups or events at the Milford branch, please give me a call or e-mail: crenaud@peclibrary.org or branch phone number 613-476-4130.



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South Bay U.C.W.



A most delicious pot luck lunch was enjoyed by the ladies at South Bay United Church hall on Wednesday, October 10th at 12:00 noon.

At 1:30 p.m. president Sandra called the meeting to order with a short reading about fire trucks and where they fit in with our group.

Our theme hymn, purpose and the Lord's Prayer followed.

Maureen Rudd's devotional was from Luke 13, verses 10 to 17. Jesus was reproved by the officials of the synagogue for healing a bent over woman of her many infirmities on the Sabbath. The woman glorified God for this blessing. Let us not forget to give thanks for the many favours we receive.

Secretary Carolyn Barnes presented our September minutes which were approved as read. Fourteen sick calls were made.

We received two thank you cards for services rendered.

Several of our members will attend the presbyterial meeting at Eastminster United Church on Monday, November 19th to discuss changes in administration.

Our luncheon was discussed and decisions made for Saturday, November 17th. Again, we are having a bake table, so ladies round up your ingredients and wow them with your culinary skills.

Our collection was received and dedicated.

Treasurer Joyce Minaker reported our finances.

Nora Parker kindly volunteered to distribute the shoe boxes and return them to the Salvation Army.

Karen Guernsey read a very valid summary of how we must have multiple rules to keep us safe today as we have forfeited our common sense.

The meeting closed with our U.C.W. prayer.

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A Mystery on Waupoos Island, Part 3

By William G. (Bill) Cowan U.E.

The building of the stone house with fortress-like walls on Waupoos Island has always been a mystery and, as stated earlier, there is a very good possibility that the house was built as a secure fort or as a storage facility for the valuable furs traded for by Montenay.

Several reports and events lead me to think that this may be the case. First, Maude Benson in her report (above) states that the homestead was a large log house and it was on the island intact in the early 1900s. Another fact that comes into play is that the children of Joseph Montenay were born in and around Utica, New York, with the last child, Elizabeth, being born in Utica in 1797. Perhaps the Montenays resided in that area while Mr. Montenay travelled to Waupoos to make a living trading with the native population. His route would have been by canoe up the Oswega river to Lake Ontario at around Henderson Point crossing over by the string of Islands (Gallos to the Main Ducks) and on to Point Traverse and Waupoos Island. This was the crossing used by the natives for centuries as it was the safest way to get across the lake. The furs would come from not only the Waupoos Island area, but from the lakes and rivers to the north. Montenay would deliver the furs down the St. Lawrence River to Montreal, the commercial centre of the fur trading industry in Canada. Both the Hudson Bay Co. and their bitter rival, the North West Co., were headquartered in Montreal on Rue de la Montagne; an interesting street name given the circumstances!

It is a fact that none of the lots granted by the government in 1856, when Benson surveyed the island, were in the name of Montenay. The only mention of Montenay in the earliest land registry book is the memorial, granting a mortgage to E. Spencer & J. Montenay. One can only assume that Joseph Montenay Sr. moved away prior to 1856. Alex Shannon, according to Maude Benson, purchased the Montenay Estate and moved in 1820, suggesting that Montenay had left the Island. There is no record of his death, only the death of his son, Albert Mountney (yet another spelling), who lived at Tyendinaga and died there December 21, 1885 and was buried in Napanee. His other children went by John Mounteney, Joseph Montney, Mary Montana Mountaney and Elizabeth Mountany.

If it was not for the oral history passed down through the generations, one would be hard pressed to say that a Montenay ever lived there or built that beautiful stone structure. The only written evidence, to my knowledge, is that memorial entry in the oldest land

registry book.

On a recent visit to the County Archives, I came across an article from the *Picton Gazette* written by Patricia (Calnan) Taylor about the Shannon House. Pat got most of her information from Mrs. Arthur Hensman who lived there as a little girl. Her grandmother was Martha (Pierce) Shannon who married Alexander Shannon. Mrs. Hensman states that she was told by her grandmother that the house was built by a Joseph Mountenay. Pat wrote, "For years, Mountenays lived on the island - they were there when Shannon and his bride moved into the house, and nobody knows how long before." Pat went on to theorize that, based on Mrs. Hensman's recollections, Champlain spent some time there and a Count de Mountenay was one of his followers. An interesting theory, however there is no proof that Champlain stayed on the island. He could have visited the island on his 1615 trek across Lake Ontario. His reports mention only that he was wounded in battle and when escaping back across the lake, rested on an island before traveling on to a river going north to a lake. Experts now believe this lake was Loughboro Lake north of Kingston where he wintered with the Hurons. After reading his report from that time, I agree that this is the area he described. The island he rested on was either Waupoos Island or Amherst Island. Mrs. Hensman also opined that Waupoos Island was originally a French territory and was called 'Isle au Chene'.

Official government census records show no name even similar to Mounteney ever living on Waupoos Island. The 1901 census makes no mention, and it must be noted that the census included renters and boarders. Proof that a Mounteney (other spellings) ever lived on this island does not exist.

Archie Lamont, in his book, *The Descendants of W(H)attam of Prince Edward County* makes the following connection: Charles Galloway married Elizabeth Winch in Northern New York State in the 1700s. Their daughter, Eliza Galloway, married David Grooms, one of the early settlers on Waupoos Island. Their daughter, Mary Grooms, married William Wattam also an early settler on the Island. Eliza Galloway's uncle, Samuel Winch, married Joseph Montenay's daughter, Elizabeth Montenay, in 1820 at Onendaga County, New York State.

The mystery may never be solved unless a Montenay descendent comes forward with details that will connect the family to Waupoos Island. A group of men lead by George and Howard Bellwood, visit the island every year for a walk around that beautiful place and I only wish that, magically, the builder of the Shannon House would suddenly appear to reveal all the details of how the Montenay's contributed to the early history of Waupoos Island.

F Y I

By Barb Proctor
Councillor for South Marysburgh

I spent a day this summer at O'Hara Mills Conservation Area near Madoc. Quinte Conservation staff, along with their many volunteers, have made this site a destination that must be seen. The recently restored covered bridge, the mill, the pioneer setting and the acres of pristine habitat are not to be missed.

The restoration is well done and I recommend that those of you who haven't visited, put this trip on your bucket list for a summer picnic or a crisp fall walk (very kid friendly). You will find directions at www.quinteconservation.ca.

Quinte Conservation is our local authority of skilled professionals managing and protecting the Moira, Napanee, Salmon River and Prince Edward watersheds. Tax dollars from the above mentioned municipalities and funding from the province determine the programs and services that can be provided. Our conservation authority advises us on municipal land use planning to protect environmentally sensitive areas. Among many other roles, they are also mandated by the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) to develop a plan that will protect our source water. Neighbouring conservation authorities from time to time have contracted Quinte as a resource in conservation matters. Our watersheds and natural habitat are in good hands.

Healthcare remains in the sites of all Ontarians. County residents have expressed relief that we are promised a new hospital albeit down the road 10 years. We can be thankful that Quinte Healthcare in their wisdom continues to staff and operate the Primary Care component of PECMH services and we are blessed with the Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital Foundation's fundraising efforts that refresh the state of the equipment required to run these programs.

The Prince Edward Family Health Team has integrated a range of disease prevention and disease management services that are accessible to our communities. The dream of our healthcare providers has been to provide these services at a one stop shopping campus, and the municipality has stepped up with the intent to keep these services as

close to home as possible.

In 2008 Council adopted a recommendation made by the Healthcare Advisory Committee that the H.J. McFarland Home property adjacent to the LTC facility be used for a healthcare facility. Now comes *The County's Age in Place Development Concept*. This concept "envisions a seniors' community that will encourage active living and integration into the community but also facilitate residents' transition into increasing levels of assisted living if additional support becomes necessary." We are seeking the type of development proposals that will align the Age in Place vision with the future hospital site proposed by QHC of approximately 9 or 10 acres behind the McFarland Home. Stay tuned for more exciting news.

Take a drive and examine the new hardtop on County Road 13. The dust hasn't quite settled yet but the more traffic passing through, the faster the loose gravel will get pushed to the shoulders.

One more fy: **A Special Meeting of Council** - 1:00 p.m. Monday, November 19th at Shire Hall; **the Purpose of Meeting** - To consider a public consultation process to review the size of council.



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A Politically Incorrect Soup

By David Larkin

Now that fall is here, and winter not far off, it is time to think about soups. Not, mind you, that we haven't been enjoying the tomato soup made with local tomatoes. But we have two particularly favourite soups: Janet and Pierre Berton's Clam Chowder and this month's subject, Mulligatawny Soup.

Mulligatawny is a corruption of the Tamil name milagn-tannir and the soup recipe was brought back to the British Isles by the merchants of the East India Company, probably in the late 1700s or early 1800s. It is a very flavourful soup. I always make it in a pressure cooker, and recommend that route, but I include the ordinary cooking times.

Mulligatawny Soup

400 gms chicken (I use 4 chicken thighs, with bones and skin)

1 medium onion

1 large carrot

1 small parsnip

Bouquet garni (cheesecloth bag of parsley, thyme, bay leaf, 4 cloves & 10 peppercorns)

1 small cooking apple

25 gms (1 oz) of butter

2 - 3 tbsps of curry powder (I use 1 Tbsp hot (Madras) and 1 Tbsp mild curry paste, preferably Patak's)

1 litre stock (water from cooking vegetables preferred, with 2 chicken stock cubes)

½ tspn lemon juice

½ tspn salt

¼ tspn molasses

Carrot for garnish

Trim any fat off the chicken. Peel the apple, and chop the apple and onion up finely. Melt the butter in a deep saucepan (or pressure cooker) and fry the onion and apple quickly for 2-3 minutes. Add the curry powder/paste, cook gently for 2 minutes. Gradually add the stock and stir until boiling. Add the chicken. Prepare and slice the carrot and parsnip, and add to the pan with the bouquet garni, lemon juice and salt. Simmer until the meat is

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very tender (2 hours, or if using a pressure cooker - 20 minutes).

Taste the soup and add the molasses or extra lemon juice as needed to obtain a flavour that is neither predominantly sweet nor acid. Remove the bouquet garni and the chicken, removing skin and bones. Reserve the chicken. Strain the soup through a strainer using a wooden spoon. (If you have a food mill, now is your big chance to use it). Take about half the meat and dice before adding back into the soup. Julienne a carrot and parboil it or half cook it in the microwave. Use as garnish. Reheat soup when required. May be served with a side of boiled long grain rice and chutney. Serves 4

Instead of straining the soup and vegetables through a strainer, you can use a blender, but then you don't get a nice clear soup, which I prefer.

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Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

Gem for the month: The easiest way to stay awake during an after-dinner speech is to deliver it.

A city lawyer was representing the railroad in a lawsuit filed by an old rancher. The rancher's prize bull was missing from the section through which the railroad passed. The rancher only wanted to be paid the fair value of the bull.

The case was scheduled to be tried before the justice of the peace in the back room of the general store.

The attorney for the railroad immediately cornered the rancher and tried to get him to settle out of court. The lawyer did his best selling job and finally the rancher agreed to take half of what he was asking.

After the rancher had signed the release and took the cheque, the young lawyer couldn't resist gloating over his success and telling the rancher, "You know I hate to tell you this, old man, but I put one over on you in there. I couldn't have won the case. The engineer was asleep and the fireman was in the caboose when the train went through your ranch. I didn't have one witness to put on the stand. I fluffed you."

The old rancher replied, "Well, I'll tell you, young feller, I was a little worried about winning that case myself, because that durned bull came home in the morning."

Some first graders were asked to complete these proverbs:

- ◆ Don't change horses until they stop running
- ◆ Don't bite the hand that ... looks dirty.
- ◆ A miss is as good as a ... Mr.
- ◆ If you lie down with dogs You'll stink in the morning.
- ◆ An idle mind is ... the best way to relax.
- ◆ Where there's smoke...there's pollution.
- ◆ Happy the bride who Gets all the presents.

Curious when she found two old black and white negatives in a drawer, a woman had them made into prints. She was pleasantly surprised to see that they were of a younger, slimmer version of her taken on one of her first dates with her husband.

When she showed him the photos, his face lit up. "Wow, Look at that," he said with appreciation, "It's my old Plymouth!"

While on a car trip, the old couple stopped at a restaurant for lunch. The old woman left her glasses on the table, but didn't miss them until they had travelled quite a distance.

After turning around to go back, the old man fussed and complained all the way.

When they finally arrived and the woman went to retrieve her glasses, her husband said, "While you're there, you may as well get my hat, too."

Exit lines:

- ◆ *I couldn't quite remember how to throw a boomerang, but eventually it came back to me.*
- ◆ *Live a good and honourable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.*



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The English Language

By George Underhill

It is increasingly common for people, especially those in power, to speak in ways that obfuscate the topic in question. During an election, and during the debates, it is common for a politician to answer a question that was not asked rather than to answer, straightforwardly, the question that *was* asked. This is not limited to the U.S. presidential debates. We're no better. During the debates for the Canadian head poo-bah, the same thing happened. Ask a question about immigration and get a response addressing the weakness of the opponent's strategy on the strength of the dollar. I did hear of one straightforward politician, when confronted with an electorate that wanted all kinds of benefits and services but wanted no increase in taxes, say, "They all went to go to heaven, but none of them wants to die."

A few months back, when high winds felled trees and caused thousands of homeowners in the Ottawa area to lose power, their customers phoned Ottawa Hydro because it had a telephone number which was updated hourly and would estimate when power would resume. Well, it wasn't updated hourly. Not even daily. It just wasn't updated. A spokesman was quoted as saying, "The service may not have been accurate and current." He said "may not," when he should have said the service broke down and was of no value. Ignoring the fact that it was neither accurate or current, the phrase "may not" sounds better.

I belong to an organization which recently received guidance from the Provincial Government. Among other things it said, "TP agreements will be required for those that implement the transition of their business model." And, "Role will transition away from providing administrative functions." There was a lot more of this government double talk, meant primarily to make them sound like they know what they're doing and to disguise their true objectives.

How about the Windsor-Essex Catholic School Board and their "learning common areas." Apparently, that's a term they use to describe libraries.

The poet Shelley said of his mother-in-law,

"She has lost the power of communication but, sadly, not the power of speech." This is true, not only of politicians, but of most people who would rather not tell us the truth.

It's bad enough when speakers use bewildering language, but when you are half deaf like me (my wife would claim I'm almost totally deaf), you further confuse what is already confusing. My sister, who lives outside of Boston, introduced me to the Associate Pastor of her church, a big church, needless to say, with more than one pastor. Here in Milford, we share a pastor with another church. Anyway, she said, "This is our Associate Pastor." Shocked, I exclaimed, "A Sociopath?" This shocked both my sister and the Pastor. Well, it sounded like sociopath to me, and I was surprised because while any given church may have a number of sociopaths, they are rarely the worship leader. Then again....

Anyway, I shouldn't critique others in their use of the language, because mine is as lousy as a dog infested with fleas.

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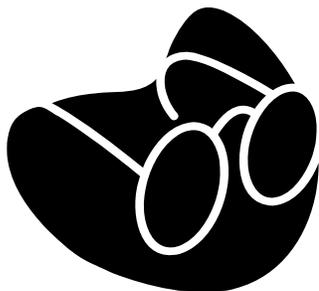
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Milford Friendship Circle

Alice Miller hosted the Thursday, October 4th meeting at 1:30 p.m.

President Marg Crouse opened with this gem: Don't waste time learning the tricks of the trade. Instead, learn the trade.

Alice's Thought for the Day was concerning the origins of different sayings. e.g., Why is the spot on our elbow called a 'funny bone'? A: It gives us a 'funny feeling' when we hit it, and it's located at the end of a bone known to medical science as the 'humerus'.

Barb read the minutes of our September meeting in the absence of secretary Marge.

Five members answered roll call by answering questions prepared by Alice.

Card secretary Mary sent two sympathy cards to members of our community.

Collection was taken and our financial report presented by treasurer Wilma.

Jean read an interesting article explaining why the roads and railway tracks are measured according to a horse's rear end.

Marg closed with a reading entitled, *The Post Turtle*.

The ladies enjoyed a social time over lunch and the hostess was thanked by Barb.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, November 1st: Milford Friendship Circle will meet at the home of Marg Crouse at 1:30 p.m. Alice has Thought for the Day; Roll Call - What Remembrance Day means to you; Program - Show and Tell.

Wednesday, November 14th: South Bay U.C.W. will meet at South Bay United Church hall at 1:30 p.m. Devotional - Carolyn Barnes; Roll Call - Show and Tell; Program - Irene Robb; Lunch - Sky and Helen; Objective - get Shoe Boxes.

Saturday, November 17th: South Bay United Church luncheon, craft sale and bake sale will be held in the church hall from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Luncheon is \$8.00 each for homemade soup, sandwiches and dessert.

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Our 2012 regular season is now over.

Thank you to everyone who visited the Bistro and Burger Bar, or participated in our special events. You made 2012 another great year!

I am now closed and off for a brief holiday.

Watch the December *Mirror* for details about

A Swedish Christmas Buffet!
&
The New Year's Gala Evening!

Thank you again,

Chris and Staff



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