

Royal St. George's Society of Halifax



New President

From Alan Williams

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Executive for their very kind invitation to act as your President for an interim period until our next Annual General Meeting. I am very honoured. I enjoyed my time as Vice President under Dr. Grogono, and I know this will be a rewarding experience. Thank you for your trust in me.



Our New President served in the Canadian Navy for 20 years and retired as Lieutenant Commander. Whereupon he established a Project Management Consulting Company. His latest work involved equipment installation aboard Canadian submarines in Halifax. He also provides training in Project Management at various Universities in North America. He is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario. He acted as a Director on a number of Boards in HRM including the Canadian Paraplegic Association and the St John Ambulance Boards. He acted as the Aide de Camp to the Lieutenant Governors of both Newfoundland and Nova Scotia. He was the Liaison Officer to HMY Britannia on two Royal Visits to Canada of the Prince and Princess of Wales. He was invested by the Governor General into the Order of St John's of Jerusalem. He was also invested into The Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem and The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem. His parents came to Canada sailing from Liverpool in 1952 aboard the Empress of Canada. Upon the ship's return to UK the Empress caught fire alongside the dock and sank. His mother always commented that this was a sign that they were to remain in Canada.

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Special points of interest:

- The Executive will be working towards bringing a closer relationship with the Commonwealth Society
- Membership in RSGS is an ongoing effort by all members. If you have the name of an interested person please refer them to the Executive.
- Please do your best to attend the Wine and Cheese October 30th 2-4 pm



60th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Dr Basil and Sonia on their sixtieth Wedding Anniversary this week. They were married in Northwood Middlesex UK in 1950 and came to Canada in 1959. They have four children, nineteen grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Basil served the RSGS for many years culminating in his two year term as our President. Congratulations to both of you and we all wish you many more years of happiness together.

Wine and Cheese Reception Saturday October 30th



Welcome Back After The Summer”... Greg and Donna-Lynne King have graciously offered to host our first Wine and Cheese at their home in Lake Fletcher.

2-4 PM, Saturday 30th of October 2010, This event is courtesy of the Kings offering assorted NS valley wines, and cheeses

42 Behrent Ct. Lake Fletcher Halifax County
There is no need to bring anything as the Kings would like to offer the RSGS members a selection of their Nova Scotia Valley wines to enjoy with cheeses and munchies, followed by Tea and coffee. Perhaps we can share a short essay on the Battle of Trafalgar 1805, And of course some

appropriate Toasts

RSVP to Donna 222-4937 or E-Mail dmcneil.home@gmail.com

Directions: 102 East to exit 5,(Inn on The Lake) left at lights towards Fall River 3.8 Km, keep right on Holland Rd. 1 Km, left on Brook St.½ Km, then left on Behrent Ct. ½ km to# 42 Behrent at the end of the road. House is the last on the left, lots of parking.

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH 1130 DECEMBER 5TH



Christmas Brunch - 1130 pm Armdale Yacht club. December 5, 2010 Peter has made preliminary arrangement for the Society to hold a Christmas brunch at the Armdale Yacht Club. Date for Brunch Sunday, December 05, 2010. The cost of \$22.50 which will provide

a small RSGS profit. Cost for children will be \$11.25 under 12, and under five free. Attendance is limited to 80. Parking will be at the bottom of the hill . Please join us for some Christmas Cheer and socializing amongst our membership.

The Armdale Yacht club is a wonderful setting within our City. Reservations by December 2nd 2pm please

Theatre Arts Guild Canada's oldest continually operating community theatre



YMCA Pantomime Beauty and the Beast 2005

Following the Christmas Brunch at the Armdale Yacht Club, December 5 RSGS members are invited to attend the Theatre Arts Guild Pantomime Presentation of Beauty and the Beast at 2 pm at Frog Pond 6 Parkhill Drive Halifax.

Beauty and the Beast
All the best family pantomime traditions, music, laughter, a Dame (even a

**December 5 2010
2 PM**

horse!) are nicely wrapped up for the holiday season. Written by James Barry and directed by Angela Butler.
General Admission \$16, Seniors/Students \$13. As the tickets go on sale Friday, Nov. 12, 2010, 11AM we would like to receive your confirmed reservation no later than 12 noon November 10th please. At that time a member of the Executive will purchase the

Beauty and the Beast

Pantomime

tickets for members. Contact Vera Swartz 455 4044. We felt this might make a wonderful family day event following the Christmas Brunch, where we also hope to see members bringing their children.

So right after our Christmas brunch take in a Pantomime December 5th 2 pm

'Til We Meet Again' Stadacona Band Concert

Wednesday Nov 3, 2010 7 pm
Til We Meet Again with the

Stadacona band and Friends Rebecca Cohn . Tickets \$15 contact Donna McNeil 835 1057 by November 1st.

RSGS will meet at the Dalhousie University Club at 5:30 to 6 30 pm for refreshments. Walk over to Cohn 630 pm.

Sunday Night at the Opera: *CaДko/Sadko*

Sunday, November 7, 2010,
6:00-10:00 p.m.

Potter Family Auditorium,
 Kenneth C. Rowe Building
 6100 University Ave. Dalhousie University Admission is free, but seating is limited, so please reserve a seat by emailing michael.parker@dal.ca

Join us for the 2010-2011 season of "Sunday Night at the Opera"; a screening on DVD of eight of the best operas in the repertoire. A brief historical and musical introduction to the works will be given by Dr. Michael Parker. All operas will be presented with English subtitles.

On November 7th, we are pleased to present the third screening in the series: *CaДko/Sadko* by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov. As our first Russian opera presentation, Rimsky-Korsakov's gorgeous score tells the story of Sadko, a *guslyar* or gusli player, who wagers his head against the wealth of the Novgorod merchants that he will catch golden fish in the neighbouring Lake Ilmen. Aided by Volkhova, the Sea-King's daughter, he wins, and embarks upon a voyage on one of the fleet of ships that have become his. Over-taken by a storm, Sadko sacrifices his life to the Sea-King. Entering the Sea-King's domain, he plays his gusli with such power that the monarch weds him to Volkhova. Re-

turning home, Volkhova transforms herself into the river Volkhov thus providing Novgorod with an open passage to the sea. *Sadko* contains the famous and beautiful aria *Song of India*. * Please note RSGS will not be making any formal arrangements to attend this event as a group. We are bringing it to the attention of our members as it is considered a wonderful evening out at the Opera with no entrance fees/costs.

St George's Round Church

Sunday Services

8:00 am Holy Communion
 10:00 am Morning Prayer
 10:30 am Choral Holy Communion followed by coffee and tea in the Church Hall
 5:00 pm Evensong.

Tuesday, October, 26: Book

Talk by Sue Careless
 On Tuesday October 26, Sue Careless will visit St George's to talk about her new book, *Discovering the Book of Common Prayer: A hands on approach, Volume III*.

Monday **November 1st** 7:30 pm All Saints Day Choral Holy

Communion.

November 7th 5:00 pm Choral Evensong for Remembrance Sunday Guest Preacher Father David Curry

The schedule for December Christmas services have not been released yet however we will be advising members of the Christmas program.



St George's Annual Book Sale Nov 26-27

St George's will hold its annual fall sale, which is for books and music, Christmas decorations and pantry, with selling Friday afternoon and evening, and Saturday morning, November 26th and 27th. We need many good books, but please no magazines or computer books (they don't

sell). Also needed are music items (records, CDs, tapes), nice Christmas-crafts and decorations, and assorted Christmas baking, jams, jellies and preserves. We need lots of helping hands to set up on the Thursday evening and Friday day time before the sale, to work at the

sale, and to take down afterwards. Please bring books and decorations to the hall starting now, on Sundays (just set them on the stage), or make arrangements with the office for receiving *423 1059)



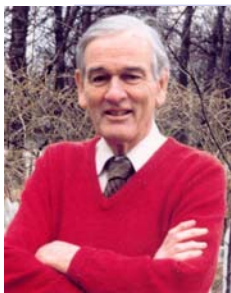
Future Events for your consideration ...

Nov 3, 2010 7 pm **Til We Meet Again** with the Stadacona band and Friends Rebecca Cohn (Tickets \$15 at the door)

Dec 3,4,10,11, 2010 **The Nutcracker** Symphony NS Rebecca Cohn

March 26 2011 Atlantic Ballet Theatre of Canada Phantom of the Opera

January 18 – February 13, 2011 **Blythe Spirit Fountain Hall** Neptune



Doctor Grog's Historical Corner

Outside the Halifax public library in Halifax stands a rugged Statue. Ten feet tall, weighing one and three quarter tons, cast in bronze Winston, Churchill's figure dominates it's surroundings. With his arms flung behind him, one foot thrust forward. He stands facing west in dogged determination. There is no mistaking his ebullient features to those of us who are familiar with the heroes of the Second World War. yet many of the present generation do not recognize the rugged figure.

The statue is the brainchild of Leonard Kitz, lawyer and Mayor of Halifax from 1949 – 1951.



and Harry Jackman. financier and entrepreneur. Leonard had fought in the Italian campaign and was an ardent admirer of Winston Churchill and was determined to place a memorial to him in Halifax. In cooperation with Harry Jackman he set about the task with enthusiasm

They formed a committee in which Leonard was chair and raised \$70,000 from private donations. He chose Oscar Newman, the famous sculptor who had previously crafted the busts of Her Majesty the Queen Mother, General Montgomery and Margaret Thatcher. In June 1979 Oscar Newman visited Halifax to inspect the proposed site and gain inspiration for his Haligonian masterpiece. The Queen Mother subsequently turned the sod in a small ceremony held outside the Halifax Public library. The following January 1980 the complete Statue

arrived in Halifax by containership and was conveyed to it's final destination enshrouded in a blue bag. After the vast structure had been carefully placed on it's foundation, a small group of friends, donors and their relatives combined in arranging the awning which was used to veil the new emblem of Allied Victory and Hope.

After several rehearsals the white shroud was successfully arranged so that on a given signal one tug would unzip to reveal Oscar Newman's masterpiece. On a cold sunny morning in January 1989 some 600 people gathered around the veiled statue Mayor Morris officiated accompanied by VICE-ADMIRAL HARRY DE WOLF who addressed the meeting. The vice Admiral had commanded the destroyer, which participated in the rescue of 859 survivors of the *Andora Star* sunk by Torpedoes which sank in the Bat-

tle of the Atlantic. Sadly Harry Jackman who was co-ordinator of the Halifax Churchill statue project had died. Leonard Kitz, however was in fine form and made a short speech. A student from Truro Colin Clark who had won an oratorical contest spoke and recalled some of the achievements of the Allied Wartime hero affectionately remembered as "Winnie." The veil was lifted to reveal the Statue and at the conclusion of this historic ceremony Halifax was left with a magnificent memorial we can all enjoy. Thank you to Leonard, Harry and all those who donated to this great project



Queen Mother breaking the sod for the Statue in 1979 prior to it's arrival in 1980 In the picture are Her Majesty the Queen Mother Leonard Kitz Mrs Janet Kitz

