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# NEWS FOR MONARCHISTS

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## A ROYAL PORTRAIT OF FOUR GENERATIONS

### Message From Your Chairman

Somehow we have found ourselves on the doorstep of another New Year. I'm sure you'll all agree that 2013 rather whizzed by as each passing year does, with increasing speed. In any event, I sincerely hope that 2014 will be kind to each and every one of our members and friends.

There have been two great pieces of Royal news in recent days: the announcement of an upcoming Royal Tour of Canada by TRH The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall, and the birth of the Queen's fourth great-grandchild, a baby girl born to Mike and Zara Tindall. While it is unlikely that we shall have the chance to get to know this little tike very well, it is nevertheless a heart-warming occasion for our Queen and her family. We will certainly be sending our wishes of congratulations to HRH The Princess Royal, now the proud grandmother of three.

You will note details inside of our first event for 2014: our annual Accession Day Brunch at the Crowne Plaza Lord Beaverbrook Hotel. Watch for more details in the future on our Spring Membership Meeting (tentatively scheduled for April 26th), a Victoria Day celebration, and maybe even a bus trip to welcome our Royal Tourists!

Stay tuned, *Barry*

## Challenges for a year without Royal Milestones

### 2011-2013 Milestones



For the last several years, the cause of Monarchism in Canada has been given a great many gifts in the form of Royal occasions and anniversaries, each of which have boosted the interest of the general public in our shared Monarchy. The highlights have been the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge in 2011, the Diamond Jubilee of The Queen in 2012, and the 60th Anniversary of the Queen's Coronation and the Birth of Prince George in 2013.

We have been active during these years recruiting new members and engaging the public through a variety of events and commemorations which have ranged from solemn services of thanksgiving to children's activity days. In all, I estimate that we have recruited about 75 new

members during these three incredible years and have taken part in over 100 television, radio, and newspaper interviews.

There is no doubt that the popularity of the Monarchy in Canada is still on a huge high, for which we are exceedingly thankful. And there will certainly be further Royal milestones and celebrations in the coming years (not least of which will be the homecoming of Charles and Camilla in May).

Nevertheless, the Monarchy is less in the news these days than it was during the periods of intense interest in 2011, 2012, and 2013. For that reason, it is up to you and I to keep the Monarchy on the minds of our fellow New Brunswickers and to continue to promote our work and to recruit new members.

To that end, we hope to leverage the upcoming

Royal Tour and to use the comparative quiet of 2014 to focus on our education projects.

In terms of recruitment particularly, we need your help and participation. Those of you who attended the AGM in October will have received a package of information for the purposes of recruiting a friend, neighbour, or co-worker for membership in the League. We still have many of those recruitment packages available, and will be happy to forward one or more to you any time, free of charge.

Your ideas and other input are also most welcome. In order to continue to thrive (our Dominion Chairman in Toronto is quick to laud our many achievements), the Branch needs to grow and to evolve. Send us your thoughts today!

## Educational Committee Struck; to meet soon

At our Annual General Meeting in October, it was announced that an educational sub-committee will be struck to undertake the important task of outlining how the Branch will move forward towards engaging with the New Brunswick school system in an effort to promote a better understanding

of the role of the Monarchy in New Brunswick. For several years, successive Educational Officers have attempted to go this road alone, and have struggled to generate sufficient interest in the project. We are aware, however, that there is interest from school teachers in supple-

mental curriculum materials. This appointment of a sub-committee will allow this challenging task to be shared by a group of individuals. If you are interested in being a part of this committee (especially if you have experience in the educational world) please email or call Barry.

# You're Invited to our Annual Accession Day Brunch



With Guest Speaker

8 February 2014

11:00AM

Crowne Plaza Lord Beaverbrook Hotel

*RSVP by 5 Feb to [communications@monarchistnb.ca](mailto:communications@monarchistnb.ca) or 454-9589*

## Governor General Announces Royal Tour for 2014

**P R E S S     R E L E A S E**  
OTTAWA—His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, is pleased to announce that a Royal Tour of Canada will take place in the upcoming months. Their Royal Highnesses The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall have accepted the invitation of the Government of Canada to undertake a Royal Tour in May 2014, which will include stops in Manitoba, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. The Royal Tour will be co-ordinated by the Canadian Secretary to The Queen, Mr. Kevin MacLeod, C.V.O., C.D., with a detailed programme to be released at a later date. (Watch for news of a possible bus trip...)



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## **RAFFLE WINNERS**

**Please be advised that the following individuals were the winners of the 2013 Raffle Prizes.**

**1st Prize: Jean Cole, Weststock, NB**

**2nd Prize: Roger Castonguay, Quispamsis, NB**

**3rd Prize: Marilyn Oliver, Nepean, ON**

**Thank you to everyone who supported this important fundraiser. We rely on this annual income to help cover our growing annual running costs.**

## **More Miscellaneous Monarchist Memorandums**

- We were pleased to learn during our Annual General Meeting that the impressive sum of money (\$1500) which was raised at our Royal Baby Celebration in September has been put towards the college education of Marcellin, a resident of the Providence Orphanage in Benin, West Africa. We recently received the following note from the Benin Orphanage Foundation founders:

*"Just a late note to say Thank-You so much for the lovely tea in September. We went to Benin in October and had a wonderful visit. Again lots of positive changes. It's amazing to see the difference in the last 5 years.*

*"Marcellin is in college and is doing great. It's so nice to see his hopes and dreams coming true.*

*"Thank you again and have a very*

*Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year!*

*"The Gambles"*

- Some members have informed us that they have had difficulty in obtaining stamps bearing the im-



**Marcellin**

age of our Queen at their local post office outlets. Additionally, it is no longer possible to purchase the commemorative stamps which were produced in honour of the birth of Prince George of Cambridge. This is due to the plans announced by Canada Post in December to substantially increase the cost of stamps. Permanent rate stamps are therefore currently unavailable. You should still be able to purchase 63 cent Queen stamps at all outlets, though, so do please be persistent!

- This forthcoming increase in the cost of letter mail will mean a not insignificant increase in costs for the Branch. Currently, about 30 of our members receive this newsletter by post. If you are one of them, please do consider receiving future communications by email, if possible. Thanks for your help.