

### **A Word from the Editor by R.B. Fleming**

Once again it is my pleasure to help bring you news of the busy Friends of The OPP Museum. The many activities of the organization continue to amaze and sometimes exhaust me. I want to thank all contributors, as well as Angie Howe, who gathered the articles, and Dave Lees, who laid out this newsletter. I trust that readers will be inspired to join or to renew membership in the Friends.

### **Latest News from The OPP Museum by Jeanie Tummon**

As we head into the autumn of 2009, let me welcome new and renewing "Friends." Thank you for your commitment to our organization and to The OPP Museum. Your support is much appreciated. Since the spring newsletter, the OPP and its museum have been busy at signature events in communities across Ontario. At the **Black & White Gala** in May, more than 1,600 supporters came out to be part of a memorable evening. Some of the funds raised at this evening will be earmarked for Friends activities.

Thank you to volunteering Friends who have been with museum and OPP staff at Niagara Falls in May, Caledon in June, at the OPP Pow Wow and Kenora, both in July, at Maxville on 31 July to 1 August, and London in early September. Upcoming is the **Centennial Tattoo** in Oshawa on 12 September, Cobalt on 21 September and the **Grand Celebration** at General Headquarters in Orillia on 13 October, which is the actual birthday of the OPP. During all 100th events, the museum's outreach has been extended in ways we have never achieved before. Thank you to the Friends for being an important part of this effort.

There is even more joint outreach with the Friends coming up. Constable **Guy Higgott** and Collections Coordinator **Chris Johnstone** will be speaking about the **Commemorative Patrol** on 15 September at the Simcoe County Museum, with refreshments provided by the indefatigable **Dorothy Duncan**, using recipes from her book MUSH. On 17 October, the **Voyageur Heritage Network** is co-hosting a half-day workshop with the **Ontario Historical Society** in honour of the OPP's 100th anniversary. Friends and museum staff members will be present.

We look forward to a busy and rewarding fall. See you at one event or another!

## President's Message by Doug Cole

Our "Friends of The OPP Museum" Association is just over one year old. In this first year, the "Friends" have commenced numerous events and exhibits that have assisted the Museum with its outreach projects. We have made special efforts to recognize the OPP's heritage through the 100th Anniversary events and programs. We have started the process of fundraising for future museum projects. Time consuming work has also gone into preparation for the application for Federal charitable status for "Friends."

All these tasks emerged from the eagerness of board members, museum staff, current and retired members of the OPP, as well as members of the general public. In total, thousands of hours have been volunteered. Currently we have over 200 individuals and organizations as members. Because of this support, we have taken the first steps in building our volunteer-based co-operating association for The OPP Museum.

Many of us were initially persuaded by friends and colleagues to help found a new association. As I see it, there are three reasons why people are volunteering. First, the inspiring work of The OPP Museum reveals stories of members of the OPP, past and present, who appreciate seeing themselves in stories, photographs and artifacts. Second, the high quality of The OPP Museum's collection, displays, and exhibits motivates people to discover and learn more about the OPP's development over the last 100 years. Third, people, both locally and from away, have joined to give something back, so that The OPP Museum and its compelling stories can be better known throughout the Province.

To all those who have helped to get us started we say thank you. We look forward to working with you to help build our association so that we can be of even more help to the The OPP Museum in the future.

## Arresting Images Update by Jeanie Tummon

Launched during the OPP's 100th Anniversary at the Art Gallery of Peel on 31 May 2009, **Arresting Images** continues to travel across the province. **Arresting Images** is currently featured at Simcoe County Museum until 14 September, and it will be at Guelph Civic Museum from 8 October until 10 December 2009.

**Arresting Images** features 100 historic mug shots from The OPP Museum's permanent collection, dating from 1886 to 1908. This is the first time that these images have been presented for public display since first collected by the Ontario Police, precursors of today's Ontario Provincial Police, at Niagara Falls.

Visitors to **Arresting Images** have the rare opportunity to gaze directly into the eyes of people arrested over 100 years ago - pickpockets, confidence men, escaped fugitives, shoplifters, horse thieves and even murderers, all compelling, fascinating and thought-provoking images. The stories of the individuals arrested, the officers who arrested them, and the period in which they lived are all part of the rich heritage of the Ontario Provincial Police. **Arresting Images** is one of a number of innovative OPP Museum 100th Anniversary projects. For more information about other OPP 100th anniversary events, projects and the history of the Ontario Provincial Police, visit [www.opp100.ca](http://www.opp100.ca).

### **Report on the AGM by Paul Delaney**

The first Annual General Meeting of the Friends of The OPP Museum took place the evening of 11 June 2009 in the auditorium of OPP HQ in Orillia with more than thirty members, guests and museum staff present. The meeting was chaired by **Bruce Waite**, and **Doug Cole** acted as recording secretary. **Angie Howe** brought greetings from Commissioner **Julian Fantino**; **Dorothy Duncan** presented her President's report; and **Terry Hehn** his Treasurer's report. Three new board members, **Sandy Thomas**, **Rae Fleming** and **Patricia Bromley** were duly elected to replace retiring board members **Rod Williams**, **Paul Laing** and **Paul Delaney**.

The highlight of the evening was a fascinating and intensely personal illustrated presentation by Constable **Guy Higgott** on his three-week Commemorative Patrol, along with Constable **Eric Howells**, last February, by dogsled, snowshoe and train from Hearst to Moosonee and Moose Factory. **Paul Delaney** introduced Guy, and Angie Howe thanked him. Angie spoke about the extensive year-long OPP Centennial celebrations and encouraged all friends of The OPP Museum to take part in upcoming events. Museum Curator **Jeanie Tummon** reported on the Museum's initiatives, events and activities over the past year. She credited her excellent staff for their efforts during a particularly busy year and invited all present to visit the museum to view their new exhibit, "Frontiers: A Century of Policing".

The meeting was adjourned just before 9:00 p.m. and everyone enjoyed refreshments provided by our own renowned food historian, **Dorothy Duncan**. The delicious food, historical, though certainly not old, provided a fitting conclusion to an auspicious event.

## Successful Book Sale! By Dorothy Duncan

The **Three Museums Book Sale**, co-sponsored by Friends of The OPP Museum, the Stephen Leacock Museum and the Museum of Art and History on May 23 and 24 was an unqualified success. The foundation of the sale was the donation of several hundred books by **Rosella and Grant Thompson** of Sundridge when they moved to their new home in Belleville. The Museum of Art and History hosted the event, and books flowed in from across the area to augment the Thompson donation. **Fred Addis** of the Stephen Leacock Museum, **Gloria Taylor** of the Museum of Art and History and **Rod Williams**, representing the Friends, decided that, except for the valuable antiquarian books, books would not be priced. Instead, they requested a donation to the three organizations.

On the same weekend, we celebrated **Doors Open Orillia** and our Sale attracted buyers and browsers from a wide area. When the Sale closed on Sunday afternoon, we were pleased that book sales had resulted in donations of close to \$3,000, to be divided among the three organizations. Thanks are due to many individuals and organizations: to Rod, Gloria and Fred for their hard work, to the Museum of Art and History for hosting the event, to MP **Bruce Stanton** and MPP **Garfield Dunlop** for receiving and storing the flood of donated books at their Constituency Offices, to the volunteers who staffed the Sale over the two days, and to all of you, who donated, and came to find new treasures for your collections. This first co-operative project of the three museums in Orillia proved that there is strength in numbers!

## Lakehead University Group by Carolyn Bowman

When offered a chance to work on a collaborative project for the OPP and the OPP Museum, Sean Hogan, Stephanie Haslehurst, Jeff Scott, Travis Grant and I were eager to contribute. We worked with museum staff on an educational makeover. In order to fulfill our task, that of giving stories and lessons from the museum an innovative perspective and application, we integrated scientific experiments, finger print analysis, story writing, dramatic techniques, artistic angles, and a community connection. Professor Don Napierala has given us, his students, a solid base from which to draw ideas about creating lessons that will appeal to our future students. If they can learn and experience while they are having fun, this really makes the difference.

## **Cook Book Caper Coming! By Dorothy Duncan**

Mark your calendar for the next book sale, co-sponsored by the Friends of The OPP Museum, the Stephen Leacock Museum and the Museum of Art and History. The sale will be on Friday and Saturday, 20 and 21 November, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Stephen Leacock Museum. This sale will feature food and beverage books, so if you have something to donate from your collection, please leave a message at 329-3084.

## **Board of Directors 2009-2010**

Before introducing the three new board members, we would like to thank the three departing members, **Rod Williams**, **Paul Laing** and **Paul Delaney**, for their considerable and much appreciated work over the last year.

**Rod Williams** was a member of the founding group which led to incorporation, and to the recruitment of members and establishment of the first full Board of Directors. He served a half term as vice president. He also served as chair of the nomination committee; as a member of the audit committee; as Board liaison to the newsletter, where his work was much appreciated by the editor; as member of the outreach committee; as chair of the Gala's silent auction gift procurement group; and as chair of the Friends role in the Three Museums book sale.

**Paul Laing** was honoured to represent the Commissioned Officers Association, which had made a commitment to support the museum, on the first Friends Board. Along with the rest of the board, he participated in the challenging work of drawing up a constitution that would lend itself to the future needs of the Museum. He worked hard to help to raise awareness of the Friends of The OPP Museum and to develop a vibrant membership. He also contributed to the OPP's 100th anniversary events.

**Paul Delaney** spent most of his term as a director wishing that he could get a new hip so that he could play a more active role. Now that he has retired from the board and has a new hip he looks forward to being an active member of the Friends of The OPP Museum without having to attend meetings. Paul was a member of the outreach and education committees and played a support role in the Three Museums book sale and the Commemorative Patrol. He was concerned about ways in which the organization could grow beyond the Orillia area, and he is proud of his part in selling the most number of memberships to date.

The three new members are **Sandy Thomas**, **Pat Bromley** and **Rae Fleming**.

Acting Superintendent **Sandy Thomas** is Assistant Deputy Director of the Human Resources Section, Career Development Bureau, of the OPP. Throughout her dedicated twenty-four-year career with the OPP, Sandy has risen through the ranks as a respected leader in the policing field and an active member of her community. She has also received provincial recognition from her policing peers as the recipient of the 2009 Leadership Award from the Ontario Association of Women in Law Enforcement. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from McMaster University, majoring in Political Science. She has also obtained Certificates in General Police Studies and Advanced Police Studies from the University of Western Ontario and a Certificate in Policing and the Law of Human Rights from Dalhousie University. She has served as a member of the Board of Directors for Greenhaven Shelter for Women and currently is a member of the Board of Directors for the OPP Commissioned Officers Association. Sandy likes to think that her most rewarding challenge is being the proud mom to a soon-to-be teenage girl.

Born and raised in the Sudbury area, Staff Sergeant (Retired) **Pat Bromley** joined the OPP in 1974 as one of first twenty-five female Provincial Constables. For thirteen years she did general patrol duties in the Sudbury area, as well as a summer postings at Wasaga Beach. Promoted to Corporal, she transferred to the OPP Academy in Brampton as a Recruit Instructor. She has served as Sergeant, Operation Manager of Security at Queen's Park, Ontario Legislative Building. Later she transferred to the Records and Registration Branch, Firearms Section in Toronto. With the opening of the OPP's new headquarters, she moved to Orillia in 1995. During her last five years of service, she was seconded to the Federal Government Firearms Program.

Before and during her OPP service in Sudbury, she volunteered as a training officer with the Navy League Wrenette Corps and Royal Canadian Air Cadets, 200 Wolf Squadron. She was the Commanding Officer of the Air Cadets when transferred to Brampton. She retired from the OPP in 2004. She has volunteered on the Orillia Curling Club (OCC) Day Ladies Executive and is now serving a three-year term with the OCC Main Executive, as liaison for Ice and House issues with the City of Orillia, Parks and Recreation Department. She has also volunteered with the Orillia Canada Day Committee and Helping Hands. Over the past few years she has donated many career items to the OPP Museum, such as her first uniforms, photos and other memorabilia. She is looking forward to serving and contributing to the Friends of the OPP Museum.

Dr. **Rae Fleming** is completing a biography of Peter Gzowski, due to be published in May 2010. He is also the editor of the Friends Newsletter. On 8 August last, with the help of Rod Williams and Jim McGivern, as well as generous sponsors such as Dorothy Duncan, he raised \$612.00 for Soldiers' Memorial Hospital Foundation by swimming across Lake Couchiching.

## **Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Ontario Provincial Police**

**Saturday, October 17, 2009**  
**YMCA Centre for Life Sudbury**  
**140 Durham Street, Sudbury, Ontario**  
**1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

*This workshop is hosted by The Sudbury Region Police Museum and presented in partnership with The OPP Museum, Friends of The OPP Museum, The Voyageur Heritage Network and The Ontario Historical Society.*

### **Featuring presentations from:**

- **Emile Lavigne**, Chair, The Sudbury Region Police Museum and Retired Superintendent, The Sudbury Regional Police on "Working Together".
- **Jeanie Tummon**, Curator, The OPP Museum on stories behind "Arresting Images: Mug shots from The OPP Museum".
- **Patricia Bromley**, Retired OPP Staff Sergeant, on "New and Uncharted Waters – Reflections on Women Joining the OPP in 1974".
- **Dorothy Duncan**, Vice-President, Friends of The OPP Museum on "MUSH!! Dining on the go in early northern Ontario", social history and recipes collected for the OPP's Commemorative Patrol: by dog sled, snowshoe and rail. Dorothy will bring samples to taste!

**Registration is \$15.00.** You must register as soon as possible as space is limited. Deadline is October 14, 2009. Complete the Registration Form below and mail it with a cheque (payable to Sudbury Region Police Museum) to: **Sudbury Region Police Museum, 190 Brady Street, Sudbury, Ontario P3E 1C7.**

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**OPP 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Workshop, Saturday, October 17, 2009, Sudbury**

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