

CHRIS HARVEY ENGINEERS TRAIN DEPOT PROJECT

Chris Harvey, Manager of Development and Community Relations, after twelve years of dedicated service to Community Living Chatham-Kent, has accepted the position of Executive Director of a heritage building train depot restoration project in downtown St. Thomas at the *North America Railway Hall of Fame*. Angie Andersch, Phyllis Switzer, and myself visited Chris in mid-October. We enjoyed a tour of the heritage station. This impressive structure is 354 feet in length and 36 feet wide. The historical tour was exciting and fascinating as age-old use of the building was described. The labour for the restoration is being provided by HRDC and the employees are on the job for a minimum of one year. The timeline for completion is open ended but it will



be years in the doing. The revenue source is based on grants so Chris is continually seeking funding. A twenty foot strip of dental fascia cost just under \$40,000 to restore. As a heritage building, the original craftsmanship must be emulated; it cannot be replaced. Hence, much care and talent must be used to return the old to new.

Chris, without question, loved his employment at Community Living. He loved his employer; he loved his team; he loved the people, and he loved what he did. He took a true leap of faith to change locations. That being said, he is the person for this challenge. He will not only work at the maximum but he will see the project through to completion. We miss you Chris, your person and your humour. We wish you every success as you continue to engineer the *North America Railway Hall of Fame*.

Meet Brian Wright

Brian, a Chatham-Kent native, has been married to Jane for 35 years. They have four grown children, Jennifer, Michelle, Tom, and Matthew. Matthew enjoys the Community Living youth activities, and is a proud uncle to Emily, Sebastian, and Andrew. Brian and Jane own and operate Wright's Electric (Kent) Limited. Brian is also active at First Presbyterian Church, Kent County Chapter of the Ontario Electrical League, the Family Resource Network, Maple City Slo-Pitch, the Kent County Conservation Club, and now, serving Community Living Chatham-Kent as our newest Board member.

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INSIDE: Eric Cormier and Randy Renaud's vacation adventure



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On the Road Again

Eric Cormier, Randy Renaud, Dave Murray, (Volunteer) and myself went on a road trip to Tennessee. The four of us visited Nashville and Memphis in the fall of 2005 and really enjoyed ourselves. A couple of months after returning, Eric began talking about going to Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Eric and Randy continued to talk about it until



Pictured from left, Eric Cormier, Dave Murray, Randy Renaud, Brian Kelly

this spring when talk turned into action. Eric and I gathered information about the area on the internet. We decided to go again in the fall of this year.

We left Wednesday, September 19, driving the Community Supports van. We arrived late in the day, unpacked, and explored the area. Thursday, we went to Gatlinburg where Randy and Dave rode the ski lift chairs to the mountain overlooking Gatlinburg while

Eric and I shopped. After lunch, we explored Ripley's Aquarium, one of the largest in the USA. There were over 20,000 sea creatures contained in several large tanks.

Thursday night, we went to the Dixie Stampede dinner show. Entertainment included trick riding, singing and even a buffalo stampede. Everyone enjoyed the show, especially the audience participation.

Friday we went to Dollywood theme park. There were several music shows throughout the park. We went on many rides and particularly enjoyed the water rides as it was over 100 degrees.



Saturday morning was spent shopping at several large flea markets. There were deals to be had. The afternoon was spent on a leisurely drive around the Great Smokey National Park. It was beautiful, as the leaves were just starting to turn. After supper, Randy lived out one of his dreams. He and Dave drove some scaled down NASCARs on a NASCAR track. They tried out three different tracks and Randy enjoyed spinning Dave out several times while passing him.

We left Sunday morning and had a great time talking about the trip on the way home. Fun was had by all.

Submitted by Brian Kelly

A Moment in Hockey History



Lu-Ann Cowell, right, accepts an autographed Bobby Orr print donated by Christine Wood, daughter of Gloria Wood. The print captures Bobby Orr making a winning goal (1978).

Look closely and you will see that the hockey players are not wearing helmets and the goalie has a small face mask for protection. At that time, head and face protection were not prescribed in the hockey rules and regulations.

This print will be used as a fundraiser for Community Living Chatham-Kent.

Thank you Christine for being so generous.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT **Friday, November 23, 2007, 7:00 p.m.**

at St. Paul's Congregational Church
450 Park Avenue West, Chatham ON
Sponsored by

Community Living Chatham-Kent
Coordinated by Christine McMillan

Adults \$7.00, Children \$5.00
(Children under 5 free)

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Children 12 to 5 years, \$3.00

Tickets are on sale now at
650 Riverview Drive, or the evening of the
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