
PRITCHARD NEWS

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2003 CEMETERY CLEANUP

The 2003 cleanup of the Pritchard family cemetery was a somewhat wet affair, but that didn't deter the work crew from getting lots done this year. Kevin Easey brought along a wood chipper so we had a chance to remove some of the heavier brush and wood.

As the day progressed we became more brave and eventually discovered that the wood chipper could turn a pretty large chunk of wood into a small pile of wood chips. Many thanks to Kevin Easey. This year's work crew included Kevin Easey, Earl MacEachern, Cheryl, Barbara and Ethan Layer, Derlin, Sondra, and Craig Dillabaugh.



Photograph taken at the 2003 Pritchard Reunion held at the home of Ruggles and Marika Pritchard.

2003 REUNION A HUGE SUCCESS

The 72nd Pritchard Reunion was a big success. Held at the home of Ruggles and Marika Pritchard in Greely, Ontario this years reunion had more than 50 attendees of all ages. As usual the weather was superb and the food was fantastic. At the business meeting chaired by current president Victor Dillabaugh no changes were made to the existing executive. Secretary Craig Dillabaugh once again took poor, illegible notes, so there isn't much to report on the business meeting portion of this year's reunion. However, there were some further suggestions made as to how some of the excess money (see Business Section) could be spent at the cemetery clean up.

Games were held and the younger Pritchard descendants had lots of fun participating. For the older folks the traditional egg toss competition was also held – a memory game was also held, but for the life of us we can't remember who won :o)

Our most far travelled attendees this year were Jean Laforge from Lake Cowichan, British Columbia and Mary Gavin and Margaret Ramsdale from Emo, Ontario. For those of you who don't know where Emo is, it is north west of Thunder Bay near the Manitoba border, so it is a long trip to Ottawa! Also of note Nancy and John Buchanan flew in from Oakville, Ontario just for the reunion, thanks for your dedication!

BUSINESS

Sondra Dillabaugh presented the treasury report at the Reunion business meeting. From last year the family had a balance of \$534 dollars, with \$236 in donations being received throughout the year and reunion collection brought in \$396 and book sales were \$20.

Expenses included \$176 in reunion related expenses and \$133 in newsletter mailing costs.

WEATHER



Weather for the upcoming 2004 reunion is once again predicted to be just about perfect. Sunny and 27° C.

IT NEVER RAINS
AT A PRITCHARD
FAMILY PICNIC.

2004 CEMETERY CLEAN UP

This years Cemetery clean up will be held on Saturday, May 29th, the weekend following Victoria Day. If you have never been to the clean up before it is a beautiful place and the work isn't really that hard (we are usually all done if a few hours or so). If you have questions about the location please feel free to contact Craig Dillabaugh at (819) 827-8215.

2004 REUNION

For the first time in quite a while the Pritchard reunion is on the move, to the home of Dave and Wendy Gurney in Richmond, Ontario, just west of Ottawa. Come out and see Dave and Wendy's beautiful gardens and fancy new swimming pool! You may want to bring your swim trunks since the weather will be perfect of course. The reunion starts at 12 noon, Sunday July 11th, please bring one of your favourite dishes along to eat, and yourself of course.

TRAVEL

From East:

1. Take Queensway (417) east to Moodie Drive, head south on Moodie Drive.
2. Keep right on Richmond Rd. (Hwy 59) where Richmond & Moodie Drive (Hwy 11) split. Continue on Richmond Rd. for approx. 10 km. while crossing Fallowfield Rd, and follow the river, to the lights at Eagleson Rd.
3. Continue into Richmond, passing the Richmond nursery on your left, until you come to the next stoplight, with the Arena and Bakery on your right. At the light turn left onto McBean St.
4. Head three blocks south on McBean passing through the light at the Public school. Just before the bridge turn right on Strachan St.
5. Dave and Wendy are at 108 Strachan, the last house on the left. There is an empty lot across the street from their home, please feel free to park there.

From West:

1. Take Queensway (417) west to Eagleson Rd. Head south on Eagleson, through Kanata, and continue south until you reach the lights at the Richmond nursery. Turn right into Richmond. From here the directions are the same starting at #3 above.

EDITORIAL

This is now my third year writing the Pritchard Family news and I have had a great deal of fun preparing the family newsletters. Since the family is so widely spread out many of you are not able to attend the annual reunions but I hope that the newsletters help you feel connected to the family. If anyone has ideas for additions to the newsletter or knows of something that might be of interest to the family please feel free to contact me by email (craig_dillabaugh@operamail.com) or by phone (819-827-8215).

PRITCHARD FAMILY WEBSITE

If you are interested you can visit the Pritchard family website which is kindly maintained by Rick Johannsen: www.magma.ca/~ericpam