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a North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation

**NEWSLETTER** 

Winter 2008

## **MacGregor Nursery School Update**

The MacGregor Day Nursery School is happy to announce that they are in their new location, 110 Hampton St. E, the building formerly known as the Clock Shop.

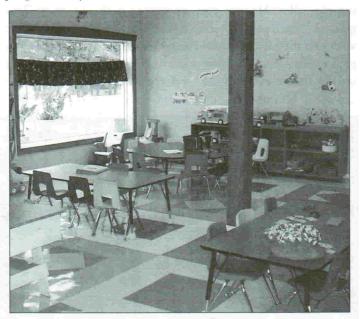
With the help of many local businesses and organizations coupled with some hard working volunteers the school was able to open for the 2008/09 school year with only a week delay.

A big thank you goes to the North Norfolk MacGregor Foundation for their donation of \$3000.00. That money was put towards the tile flooring that is throughout the school as well as in the hallway to the bathrooms. The remainder was put towards the finishing and waxing of the floor. It looks wonderful, thanks again.

Our program runs 3 mornings a week. Tuesday we have 17 four year olds, Wednesday we have 14 three year olds and Thursday we have 16 four year olds. Our staff consists of director Melodie Wieler, assistant Jennifer Giesbrecht, and special needs assistant, Dorothy Hill.

Our program operates with many volunteers including those parents who come in to help in the classroom, those who sit on the board and those who help in less obvious ways. It takes the dedication and commitment from these volunteers to make the Nursery School a success.

The program has been running for a month now and things are going well. With the support of our community and a newly renovated space, we'll have a Nursery School program for years to come.





Looking for that unique gift idea for Christmas?

A gift to your community foundation is a gift that keeps growing.

May Christmas bring you the blessing of Peace, Hope, and Joy



From the Board of Directors of the North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation, our warmest holiday wishes and thanks to all for your support and generosity. Vivian McGregor – Chair Arlene Jarema – Treasurer Doris Moore – Secretary Danny Rintoul, Janice Kelly, Antoinette Blankvoort, & Malcolm Burt

YOUR GIFT IS AN EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION TO OUR COMMUNITY AND YOUR DESIRE TO SUPPORT THE NEEDS OF FUTURE GENERATIONS.

## The Tile Mural

The day a bench was placed along the walkway between South Central Plumbing and Heating and the Hub I thought that it begged a work of art to gaze at, while sitting on the bench. Thus began the idea of a clay tile mural.

Thanks to the generous grants of the North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation, the Manitoba Arts Council and funds from our two schools we were able to realize the project. We are also grateful to South Central Plumbing and Heating for allowing us to use the space on their wall.

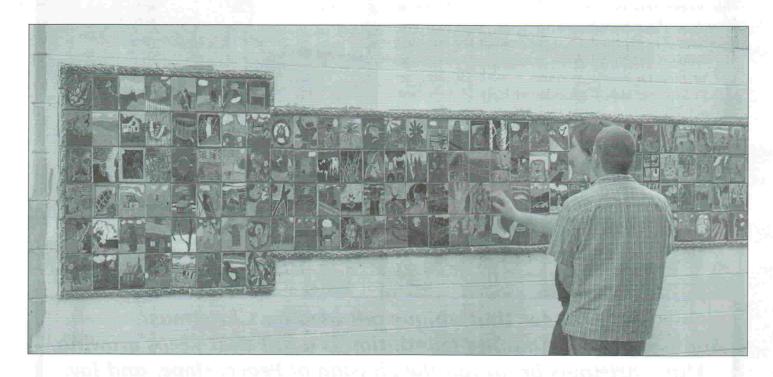
In May of 2008 the funds allowed us to invite Bud Gilles from the Artist in the Schools program to come out to MacGregor and offer us his expertise in the art of making clay tiles. He was very impressed with our grade 7 to grade 12 students. Not only were they wonderful to work with but they had prepared some excellent art work for the project. Students had been working on ideas since March on the theme of North Norfolk pre-history to the present.

Mr. Gilles was with the students for two days drawing the tiles. He took the tiles back to his studio to fire, and returned a week later. Students then dipped into hundreds of different glazes and colored their carved tiles. Mr. Gilles took the tiles back again and fired them for the final time.

Leo Rempel and I then cemented and grouted the tiles to the wall in mid-summer. It was very rewarding to hear the spontaneous and enthusiastic responses from the community as they saw the wall go up. As I told the students, I hope that it will be a wall that will be admired for many years to come and a place where they will come back to ...maybe even with their own children!

I am very grateful to all the groups that made this project possible.

- Heather Martens Rempel



Many persons have a wrong idea of what constitutes true happiness. It is not attained through self-gratification but through fidelity to a worthy purpose.

Helen Keller

## North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation Inc.

From the Chair of the Board - Annual Meeting - Thursday, June 12, 2008

This year's message is simple; it consists of two words – THANK YOU.

Thank you for embarking on a new journey with the North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation. When the Board decided to explore the possibility of becoming involved, with the offer of financial support from the Thomas Sill Foundation, with the new initiative to involve our high school students in philanthropy, we knew we would need the cooperation of students and staff at MacGregor Collegiate. After consideration of the Youth in Philanthropy (YIP) program, there was contact made with the school. A partnership with the school and the Foundation would mean a huge commitment of time and energy on the part of students and staff at the school. Under the dedicated leadership of principal, Bruce McKinnon, and staff advisors, Elspeth Finch-Chambers and Heather Martens-Rempel, these young people that you see here tonight, and others who couldn't be here, ran with the idea. We're so proud of each of them. We hope their experience was so positive that some of them will seek out other charitable pursuits as they move along in their adult years. Board members of our foundation some day??

Thank you to Hugh Arklie, Executive Director for the Thomas Sill Foundation, for his support in moving forward with the YIP program. The support of the Thomas Sill Foundation of \$3000 per year for 3 years made this venture possible.

Thank you for the people and organizations involved in the scholarship program. That fund currently sits at over \$100,000 thanks to the commitment of several community residents and groups. The strong community commitment to the program enable the foundation to get more provincial matching money in our first year than any other foundation in the province. The opportunity to contribute in order to build the scholarship fund still exists. Any new donations qualify for provincial matching dollars. If interested, see any member of the Board..

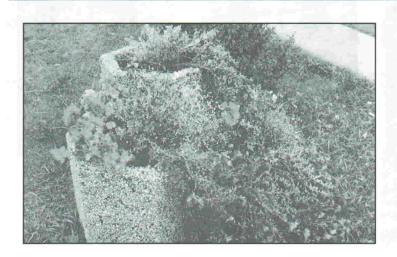
Thank you to Darwin Crabbe who has served as a Board member representing joint councils. Darwin has served faithfully since the revival of the foundation. What a commitment of time and energy! Thanks to Mayor Doris Moore who has come to the Board as the representative of joint councils. She has accepted the pen to serve as secretary and we look forward to working with Doris in her new role.

Thank you to the community for coming along, step by step, to bring the North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation's assets, counting the market value of the scholarship fund, to more than \$1 MILLION DOLLARS. Not bad for a foundation that started with an initial investment of some \$13,000. It has been a remarkable journey. The grants made possible through the interest on that endowment help our community thrive by supporting community-enhancing projects.

Thank you to the North Norfolk MacGregor Library for the use of library facilities to conduct meetings of the Board of the Foundation.

Lastly, thank you to the volunteer Board members who spend hours in deliberating grant applications, writing newsletters, .........

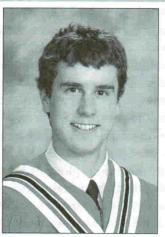
Our next destination as we move along the road – who knows? There is no limit. Just imagine the possibilities – share your ideas with any Board member.



New flower pots overflowing with blossoms added beauty to Austin's streets. Alf & Allison Graham Memorial Bursary and Derek Bomak Memorial Bursary (Tanner Nicoll)

Wilfred Alton Memorial Award (Joe Leslie) First Timothy Award and North Norfold-MacGregor Foundation Community Education Bursary (Rachel Doerksen)

MacGregor Emergency Services Award (LaDawn Wieler)



Tanner is attending the University of Manitoba. He is taking science courses with the intention of entering Pharmacy or Physio-therapy.



Joe is attending Red River Community College. He is enrolled in Civil Engineering Technology.



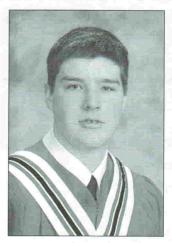
Rachel is enrolled in introductory studies courses at Miller Colled of the Bible in Pambrun, Saskatchewan.



LaDawn is attending Assisboine Community College. She is enrolled in the Licensed Practical Nursing Program.

Gordon Purkess Memorial Award (Jackson Burke) Gothic Temple Lodge Memorial Bursary (Teckla Ward)

Haley Stewart Memorial Award (Alisha McCulloch) Rumancik Memorial Award (Casey Ritzer)



Jackson will be attending Assiniboine Community College in September, 2009. He is enrolled in Carpentry and Woodworking.



Teckla is attending Assiniboine Community College. She is enrolled in the Educational Assistant Program.



Alisha is attending University of Manitoba. She is enrolled in science courses with intentions to enter Pharmacy.



Casey is attending Minot State University in Minot, North Dakota. She is studying Communication Disorders.

### Report Given to NNMF AGM

Starting this program at MCI was a learning experience for all involved.

The very first thing concerned the name of the group. After the first meeting it was decided that something had to change. It just wouldn't do to hear once a week — "A reminder to the Y I P (why I pee) group, you are meeting in the Art room today at noon." Henceforth we became the YIP group.

We had a dedicated group of students who stuck with it through the ground – breaking beginnings of a philanthropy club. As teachers we sometimes worried they'd lose interest as we found our way through laying the foundations of this group, but most of the original twenty stayed to the point where things began to unfold.

Once interviews of organizations were completed, students passionately presented the needs of their respective groups. The consensus method for allotting funds was par-

ticularly challenging and an eye opening experience for all.

The other significant thing to come out of our experience was the awareness that there are local needs for philanthropy. Traditionally we see it as a need beyond our borders, but thanks to the Thomas Sill Foundation's generous offer we were able to become more aware of needs in our own backyard. Students wholeheartedly supported the local programs. At the same time they expressed a hope that they could extend their support to ever widening circles of causes.

For our first time I'd say it was a great success. A big thank you to the Thomas Sill Foundation and the North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation for giving us the opportunity to do this and to the students who made it happen.

- Heather Martens Rempel

I don't think you ever stop giving. I really don't.

I think it's an on-going process. And it's not just about being able to write a check.

It's being able to touch somebody's life.

Oprah Winfrey

# North Norfolk Agricultural Society

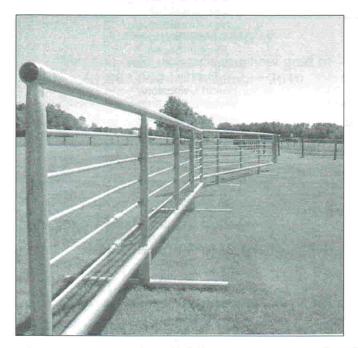
The North Norfolk Agricultural Society know the importance of Agriculture in our area.

We received a much appreciated grant from the foundation to assist with the new Cattle Ring at the fair grounds.

These facilities give the 4-H Beef Club and cattle producers a much needed safer place to showcase their animals.

The photo was taken on painting day prior to setting up the ring and we think it looks fabulous.

Our thanks to all involved.



Alf Graham

Mabel Butterfield

Lyla Lamb (Marcia)

Audrey Hay (Betty Jean)

Margaret Irwin (Glenna Cobbe)

Harvey Gilbert

Ethel Lintott

Phyllis Pennell

Fred Snaith



# North Norfolk-MacG Donations to

Hope Collier

Bob McKelvy

Florence Hay

Doug Lamb

Clare Tarr

Fern Catt

Herma Kelly

Colin Pennell

Robert Sims

Keith & Joyce Thompson Brent & Shelley Zander Wayne & Audrey Klippensteiin Brochures – Austin Credit Union

FRIENDS IN MEMORY - \$100 - \$999

Bob & Anne Barber (Don Barber)

Sheryl Beasly (Denver & Anne Collins)

Derek Bomak (Meagan Stewart, Kerry & Dixie Tomchuk)

Herb & Louise Borton (Marion & Elaine)

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Carrothers (King T. Enta)

Ed & Mamie Chant (Marion McGregor)

Ed & Mamie Chant (Muriel & Fred Snaith)

Roy & Lil Glover (Bev & Don MacDonald)

George & Janet Hay (Ted Hay)

Sid Hay (Shirley Lowe)

Russell & Martha Hay (Ken & Marjorie Hay)

Dan & Nellie McDougall (Viola Beach)

Doug McGregor (Marion McGregor)

Joe & Annie Morris (Glenn & Donna Morris)

Joe & Mae Nelson (The Family)

Martha McKelvey Scott (Winnifred Gordon)

Lawrence Smith (Audrey Smith)

Maley Stewart (Kerry & Dixie Tomchuk)

Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Turner (David Turner)

John P. & Margaret Wiebe (J. P. Wiebe & Sons)

Mr. & Mrs. J. Willot (David Turner)

FOUNDERS - \$1,000 - \$4,999

#### FRIENDS - \$100 - \$999

Elsmith School Historical Group MacGregor Collegiate Graduating Class of 2001 MacGregor and District Rodeo

Women and Wellness

Annie Thompson

Elsie Sims

Netta Butterfield

MacGregor-Austin Cubs

MacGregor Jr. Rifle Club

Manitoba Pool Elevator (Austin/MacGregor)

Inez Ardagh

Harry & Antoinette Blankvoort

Jay & Millie Boschman

Leonard & Melissa Boschman

Louise Bovet

Mabel Butterfield

Mildred Cairns

Robert & Lorraine Chant

Clarke's Funeral Services

Denver & Anne Collins

Community Insurance

Lucille Cox

Galloway, Lapchuk, Nicoll

Stacey & Sherry Giesbrecht

Lillian Gilbert

Ted Hay

Florence Hay

Bruce N. Hay

Allison Hodge

Mr. & Mrs. Jake Hoeppner MP

James Houston

J&J Consumers Ltd.

Arlene Jarema

Ralph & Margaret Jonasson

Ronald & Mary Kalberg

Ella Kowalchuk

Nick Kowalchuk

Ben & Marjorie Lapchuk

Eleanor Leckie

George & Ethel Lintott

Stan Lintott

Harold Livingstone

Walter Livingstone

Jolene MacDonald

MacGregor Chamber of Commerce

MacGregor Collegiate Graduating Class of 1998

MacGregor Men's Fastball Club

Glenn & Donna Morris

Miriam Nichol

Omega Funeral Home

Portage Co-op

Portage Delta Broadcasting Ltd.

Portage la Prairie Mutual Ins. Co.

Reunion Community Church Service

**Dorothy Rodgers** 

W. J. Saunders

Ron & Charlene Sawatzky

George & Florence Snaith

Lyn & Linda Snaith

Bryan & Georgette Stewart Clare Tarr

Lapchuk ckie

ABJO Trucking – Abe & Pearl Thiessen Austin & Area Lions Club

Carl & Gladys Bergquist

Arthur Butterfield

Robert & Lorraine Chant

Christianson & Christianson

Joyce Clark

Jack Clark

Hope Collier

Darwin & Arlene Crabbe

Alda Critchlow

Olive & The Late Robert Edgar

Sandi Gilbert

Audrey Hay

Eadie Henderson

Albert & Joyce Jaeger

Doug & Dorothy Lamb

Roy & Annie Leckie

Keith & Kathy Lloyd

MacGregor & District Kinsmen

MacGregor Collegiate Founders Club

MacGregor & District Lions Club

Vivian McGregor

Bob & Donna McKelvy

Vernon & Margaret McKelvy

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Munro Farm Supply Ltd. Norfolk Transport Ltd. Edith Peck Ed & Helena Penner Pine Creek Farms - John & Sally Letkeman R.M. of North Norfolk Danny & Louise Rintoul Henry & Gertrude Sawatzky Glen & Tena Sawatzky Sawatzky Enterprises Ltd. Grace Scora Bob & Florence Sims Elsie Sims Laurie Smith Village of MacGregor Jacob & Susie Wiebe REDI Grand - Province of Manitoba

#### FOUNDERS – IN MEMORY – \$1,000 - \$4,999

Peter & Lilian Pearson
Nelson & Jessie Smith
George Ardagh (Inez Ardagh)
John & Jean Gilmour (Barbara & Don Craig)
Lyle Kelly (Tom & Janice Kelly)
Keith Lamb (H. Joy Lamb)
Keith Lamb (Merlin & Audrey Lamb)
Mr. & Mrs. G. Peter (David Turner)
Mr. & Mrs. D. B. Turner (David Turner)

#### BENEFACTORS - \$1,000 - \$4,999

Elsie Shaw
E. & H. Wiebe
Dunc & Bev Lamb
Robert Murray Estate
Doug Lamb Estate
Alf Graham (100th Birthday)
Bagot Community Club
North Norfolk-MacGregor History Book
Anonymous
Dorothy Birkett
Ron & Mary Kalberg
Portage la Prairie Consumers' Co-op
Aron & Trudy Hiebert

#### BENEFACTORS – IN MEMORY – \$1,000 - \$4,999

Dorothy Rodgers Harry & Helen Dankesreiter (Donna & Carol) Garth Anderson (The Family)

#### BUILDERS - \$5,000 - \$9,999

Don & Isobelle Wright
Carl Bergquist
Bob & Donna McKelvy
Tom & Janice Kelly
MacGregor Fire Brigade
North Norfolk-MacGregor History Book Committee
In Memory of Ralph & Kathleen Lye – The Family



#### PATRONS - \$10,000 +

Carl McGregor
James Price Estate
Carl McGregor Estate
MacGregor and District Centennial Foundation
Don & Isobelle Wright
In Memory of Bob & Donna McKelvy – The Family

#### **DESIGNATED FUNDS**

MacGregor Cemetery Fund – for MacGregor Cemetery Upkeep

#### SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Gothic Temple Lodge #49 – MCI Bursary
Derek Bomak Memorial Fund
Haley Stewart Memorial
MacGregor Emergency Services Fund
Rumanick Memorial Scholarship Fund
Alf & Allison Graham Memorial Bursary
Gordon Purkess Memorial Award
"First Timothy" Award
Wilfred Alton Memorial Award

# NNMF Community Education Fund - contains contributions from:

NNM Foundation, Legion Award
Sir Walter Clifford Award
North Norfolk-MacGregor Archives
North Norfolk-MacGregor Library
MacGregor & District Lions
Homecoming 2006
Leo Rempel Carpentry
"Birthday Club"
MacGregor & Area Kinsmen

# Legacy Clubs

You can help us reach our new goal of \$1,000,000 by December 2010.

Three categories – Friends, Builders and Patrons – will continue.

Founder has been replaced by Benefactor. You can be a member of the new Benefactor category by donating a gift of \$1,000 or more.

If you are a member of one of the standing clubs, you can change category by adding to your previous gift.

Your gift can be made a part of the new scholarship program.



For more information, contact the R.M. of North Norfolk office at 685-2211 for the names and phone numbers of the Board of Directors.

Website:

www.manitobacommunityfoundations.ca/northnorfolk/

## The Path to a Million

Thank you to Friends, Founders, Benefactors, Builders and Patrons who have contributed to the success of the Foundation. Our core function is to connect people who care with causes that matter and good thinks are happening in our community. You have been a part of our path to a million.

Our foundation has benefited greatly from the "In Memory" gifts from families and friends when a loved one dies. We are touched and thankful for that generosity which enables the community work which was important in their lives to continue. Those gifts have been a part of our path to a million.

Through estate planning and will the foundation has grown dramatically. We are thankful for the vision of those who saw the foundation as a way to give back to community – another chance to make a difference. You have been a part of our path to a million.

Making a will gives us a say in a world without us — as hard as that is to imagine. A will is a vehicle that allows us to make a gift to an organization that we believe in and want to be a part of. Thank you for considering the foundation as one of the institutions that you might include in your estate planning. You have been a part of our path to a million.

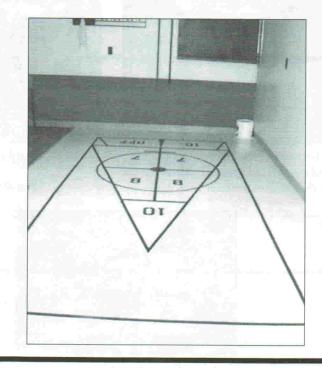
# Austin Leisure Club Games Room 2007

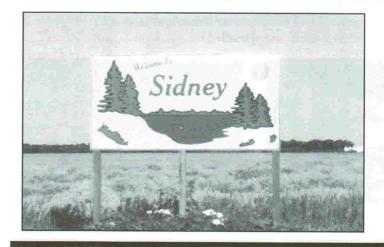
The Floor Curling Project was made possible by grants from the Canada Games Legacy Fund 2006 and the North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation. The real help came from the volunteers who worked endless hours or about three months, moving walls, installing a beam, cleaning off the cement floor, "mudding" the new walls, painting walls and the curling court, marking game lines and installing score boards and a clock.

This is a shining example of community spirit where people recognize a need, make a plan, find committed workers, seek funding and make good things happen. Bravo workers! You've shown what can happen with a little seed money and a lot of sweat!

Games Day is held every Tuesday afternoon from 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. with lunch provided.

On April 1, approximately 25 people from Portage, MacGregor, Austin and Sidney enjoyed a game day hosted by Anne Thiessen, MASSP Coordinator.





Sidney's New Sign Welcomes Visitors to their town.

# North Norfolk-MacGregor Community Foundation AGM & Grant Presentations



Mary Kalberg (Healthy Mondays) receives grant (\$300) from Daniel Vermeulen and Renee Rintoul.



Irene Koldyk (Committees in Bloom) receives grant \$250) from Erin Chambers and Jessica Toews.



Representative from Child and Family Services "Chance to Camp" organization receives grant from Tiffany Williams and Zoe Rempel (\$200)



Lorraine Chant (MacGregor Golf Clubhouse/Hall project) receives grant (\$500) from Jennifer McKinnon.



David Sawatzky and Michael Bergen



Colleen Rintoul (MacGregor Soccer Association) receives grant (\$1400) from Alicia McCulloch.



Melissa Boschman (MacGregor Nursery School) addresses the AGM as Vivian MacGregor looks on.



Karen Guth (MacGregor Kinnettes) receives grant (\$350) from Graeme Unrau and Tanner Nicoll.







Guest at the AGM enjoy supper and presentations

# Report from the Youth in Philanthropy Club of MacGregor Collegiate Institute

This year, MacGregor Collegiate students were invited to take part in a project, financed by the Thomas Sill Foundation, whereby they could learn about endowments, grants and philanthropic endeavors and become involved in the process of supplying grants to a variety of charitable projects in North Norfolk.

In order to decide which projects ought to receive grants from the group, students researched a number of local charitable organizations. Students conducted interviews with representatives of these groups to ascertain their goals and determine their needs, and met later to assess whether those goals were in concert with the values which students had identified as being important to them and to determine which of the projects they wished to support with a grant. We learned a great deal about the

nature and value of many the charitable organizations in our area and ground the whole process to have been a beneficial experience.

With the continued support of the Thomas Sill Foundation and of the North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation, we hope to participate in the project again next year and, eventually, to broaden our horizons to include a focus on social justice issues as well. We would like to thank the Thomas Sill Foundation and the North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation for their support of our fledgling efforts and for their encouragement of our work.

- Elly Finch-Chambers

When you yawn, chances are someone else will too. Ever notice how the same, for a smile holds true?

- Anonymous

# **Austin Hall Update**

Fundraising for the new Austin Community hall is over the half a million dollar mark.

The site is being prepared for building this fall.

The building committee is optimistic the shell can be erected before freeze up.

The engineered drawings are nearing completion.

The building has been projected to cost \$719,000.00

The ad project was successful this year. It will net about \$24,000.00 with about \$40,000 in crop sales still to be made and added to the balance sheet.

The cash calendar draw was very successful last year. The cash calendars tickets are being printed and will be here this week.

A quiz night will be held early in 2009.

The biggest fundraiser is still ongoing. The hall building fund committee plan to hold a grand opening when the hall is completed.

Anyone making a donation of \$1,500 or more will receive two invitations to attend the event. The plan for the evening is for supper, speeches and entertainment.

This does not mean a \$1,500 supper but is meant as a thank you to everyone who donated to the project with recognition and acknowledgement of people's contribution to our community.

There are still some invitations available. Donations can be made at the Austin Credit Union.

## **Community Spirit Flourishes**

After visiting MacGregor on Judging Day, the Communities in Bloom (CIB) judges were overwhelmed by the depth of community commitment shown by all sectors of the town - council, students, businesses and citizens. The judges written report recognizes "an intoxicating community chemistry must be at work here." Further, they record that "MacGregor is one of the best examples anywhere as to what can be accomplished when there's great cooperation between the various players."

The volunteers of CIB and community stake-holders were recognized for their significant contributions to the town in making MacGregor a great place to live and visit. The CIB started as a tree-planting project with a grant from Manitoba Hydro. Since that time, the community has been transformed by the various community groups and individuals with the addition of floral displays, tree and shrub plantings, pathways, pocket parks, town gazebo, splash park, Heritage House, lamps, benches, cemetery kiosk, etc., etc., As the report

states, "MacGregor has amazing community involvement and the benefits are obvious."

MacGregor's long-term commitment to CIP and the annual recognition of the volunteer effort with 5 Blooms led to the creation of a special category of competition - the Winner's Circle. During the 2 years in that category, MacGregor has been awarded 5 Blooms in recognition of the results of committed, dedicated volunteers. The judges underscored that MacGregor has "methodically and continuously added to the inventory of outdoor community green space and related amenities for the common good. It's an enviable record.."

So what's next for CIB? Improvement and maintenance of the current inventory - absolutely. New projects? That's up to the community; ideas and donations are gratefully received and recognized. For example, a ramp is needed at Henderson House to provide access to that terrific resource for ALL visitors.

# The North Norfolk-MacGregor Foundation 2008 Grants to October 31

MacGregor Multiplex	\$5000
MacGregor Health Foundation	\$5000
Planters in Austin	\$1000
NN Ag Society	\$1250
MacGregor Soccer Association	\$3000
MacGregor & District Nursery School	\$3000
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InterRidge Recreation District	\$2000
Youth in Philanthropy (flow through grants)	\$1800
Austin Cemetery (info sign)	\$1000
MacGregor Seniors Drop-In	\$700
The Hub - Youth Drop In (Wii System)	
MacGregor Cemetery Designated Fund	\$1328.91