

RALU News



The Retirees’ Association of Lakehead University (RALU) was formed in 2007 to give a unified voice to retirees, their spouses or partners; to provide social and creative interaction and debate; to be a forum for discussion of matters of common interest; to provide contact with similar associations, monitoring retiree activity; to pursue benefits and considerations from the University that match the best practices of other institutions.

There are eight meetings of the full membership per year; September (AGM) to April. A field trip is organized in the Fall.

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

CURAC requests our help with this survey on services offered to members.

As many of you will know we belong to CURAC, which is a national organization representing retirees' associations of universities and colleges across the country. In order to better represent us, Sandra Pyke, the President of CURAC has asked member associations to provide her with the following information.

- 1) What additional services might CURAC provide to member associations?
- 2) What are the major issues, concerns or problems currently confronting the association?
- 3) What advice does the association have regarding the issues CURAC might profitably address?
- 4) Are there individuals within the association who might be interested in

volunteering to serve on the CURAC Board or one of its committees?

5) Other thoughts, comments, etc.?

I would be happy to receive any comments you might have on these issues. From your comments, with the help of the executive I will produce an association response which I can send to CURAC.

Dave Kemp

Communications News

We are hoping a new era of co-operation is in the works!!

Recently Margot and Kathy (co-chairs of your Communications Committee) met with Meghan Hanbury at the Alumni Office on LU campus. Meghan is Alumni and Community Relations Associate. Our discussion centered on how to build a closer relationship with the Alumni Association.

We are interested in your thoughts as to how this could be accomplished.

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Genealogy Information from Dave Nicholson

Excerpts from Dave's January presentation "**Genealogy in the 21st century**".

David Nicholson is a genealogist, historian and writer here in Thunder Bay. He contributed chapters for the recently

released A Century Of Sport in the Finnish Community of Thunder Bay, and his last solo book was in 2011, Gamble in Goal: Bruce Gamble's Life in Hockey. For 10 years he created questions for the annual Thunder Bay Local History Quiz in The Chronicle-Journal, many of which were included in the first Thunder Bay Quiz Book. He also produced a regular local history feature called Blast From The Past on CBC Radio's Voyage North program in 2009-2010. Over the past decade he has scrolled hundreds of reels of microfilm to create local history indexes, such as the Thunder Bay 20th Century Obituary Indexing Project, in an effort to help others save time during the research process. Besides providing research services, he also works for the Scheduling Department in the Office of the Registrar (now Enrolment Services) at Lakehead University.

Genealogy websites recommended by Dave

David Nicholson's Thunder Bay Genealogical and Historical Research:
<http://my.tbaytel.net/pafwinfo/>

Thunder Bay obituaries, social notices, news and biographical indexes from local newspapers on the Thunder Bay Public Library website:
<http://www.tbpl.ca/article/collections-352.asp>

Bill Martin's Thunder Bay and Ontario Genealogy page:
<http://my.tbaytel.net/bmartin/sitemap.htm>

The Northern Ontario Gravemarker Gallery:
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~murrayp/index.htm>

The Latter Day Saints Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah (The largest genealogical collection in the world):

<https://familysearch.org/>

Annual Rootstech Technology and Family History Conference

(Informative videos of previous presentations posted on the site):

<https://rootstech.org/>

A Canadian genealogy blog with useful and current topics updated daily:

<http://genealogycanada.blogspot.ca/>

A Canadian store for genealogical software, supplies and updated genealogy articles in the Global Gazette:

<http://globalgenealogy.com/news/index.htm>

Family Tree DNA services (U.S. company):

<http://www.familytreedna.com/>

Free, printable fan, bowtie and multi-generation pedigree charts in various styles for adults and children:

http://obituarieshelp.org/free_printable_blank_family_tree.html

Members' Articles

Brian Phillips runs a blog for his Russian students in which he addresses various English words and answer their questions. It occurs to him that a short article on the word "Conundrum" might appeal to a broader audience.

Conundrum

The word has a Latin sound, but has a much more recent history. It is first recorded in the hallowed halls of Oxford University in the 1590's, being used as a

slang word for a "whim" or "pedant". In the subsequent two hundred years, the word became applied more specifically to a word "riddle" or "puzzle". At an earlier point spelled "quonundrum", the word is characteristic of the affected pseudo-Latin used in humourous talk in the learned circles of Oxford students and faculty.

Two definitions can be given.

1.) A conundrum is a logical postulation that evades resolution, and as such, is an intricate and difficult problem.

Three examples illustrate this use:-

"The *conundrum* of how an ancient people were able to build such massive structures without the benefit of today's knowledge and technology."

"In this case, the *conundrum* is how to keep your water from freezing in the narrow tube between your pack and the mouthpiece."

"Whether talking about addiction, taxation on cigarettes, or education about smoking, there is always at the center of the conversation an essential *conundrum*: How come we are selling this dangerous stuff, in the first place?"

2.) A second use of the word defines it as "A riddle whose answer is or involves a pun or an unexpected twist."

Examples of this use are many:-

One form is that of a Question and Answer,

Q: What is it that leaps and runs and has no feet?

A: A ball.

Q: What is round, hard, and sticks so far out of a man's pajamas that you can hang a hat on it?

A: His head.

Q: What four-letter word ending in K means "intercourse"?

A: The word "Talk".

Q: What is it that a man can do standing up, a woman sitting down, and a dog on three legs?

A: Shake hands.

Q: What is it that a cow has four of and a woman has only two of?

A: Legs.

Another form uses the sound of words to create the pun,

Q: "Why do the French only have one egg for breakfast?"

A: "Because one egg is un oeuf." (enough).

Q: "Why can't one starve in the desert?"

A: "Because of all the sand which is there." (sandwiches)

Q: "How much does a pirate pay to get his ears pierced?"

A: "A buck an ear." (buccaneer).

One of the most famous conundrum riddles was that of the Mad Hatter in Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland" (1865). Q: "Why is a raven like a writing desk?" The riddle is not answered, and years later, in the 1896 edition, Lewis Carroll says in the preface, "*Enquiries have been so often addressed to me, as to whether any answer to the Hatter's riddle can be imagined, that I may as well put on record here what seems to be a fairly appropriate answer, viz: 'Because it can produce few notes, tho [sic] they are very flat; and it is*

never put with the wrong end in front!' This, however, is merely an afterthought; the Riddle, as originally invented, had no answer at all." The early issues of the revision spell "never" as "nevar", ie "raven" with the wrong end in front.

The unanswered riddle has since been the topic of much discussion and competitions have been held to find answers. In 1991, The Spectator held a competition for new answers, among the prize winners were:

A: "Because one has flapping fits and the other fitting flaps"; A: "Because one is good for writing books and the other better for biting rooks"; and A: "Because a writing desk is a rest for pens and a raven is a pest for wrens".

Brian Phillips

TRAVELLIN' GOES TO BOSTON PART TWO: A HABS GAME AND MORE MYSTERIES

This is part two of a journey to historic Boston, featuring library tours, a Hab's game and more mysteries.

Braintree: Coming Up for Air

Next day, following the Leafs game, was a kind-of lost day. Our plan is find a ferry to communities around the bay, like Salem. Our map shows ferries to coastal communities around the bay, like Charlestown, Quincy and Salem. We are told that it is better to visit Salem at this time of the year... we stare at the website some more. Before the planned march to the Long Wharf begins, I phone them but get lost in the phone maze. It is not clear whether there are ferries running. The map of the city shows that we will encounter the MBTA ferry system at the Long Wharf. The map also sort of indicates

that the ferries only run in summertime...We decide to visit in person, which usually resolves all problems.

Before leaving, we check our map once more and set off toward the financial district, which we must cross to reach the Long Wharf. The Long Wharf is the spot from which the historic tea was dumped in 1770 by locals wearing "Mohawk" disguise to protest tax. Almost like a premonition, across the sky as we are walking through the financial district toward the wharf we see and hear a noisy single-engine aircraft flying low and slow. It travels close to the towers of the financial district pulling a banner that reads. "Stephen Lynch says "Go Habs Go!" Stop Dirty Canadian Oil!" This bizarre event shows the deeply entwined nature of hockey and politics here. This is hockey country. And how!

When we reached the Wharf, there were no signs and nobody in evidence to ask. A vessel appeared but it proved to be the *Rita* and is clearly not a MBTA craft. The information we had sought earlier from the website is still elusive. Is there a ferry and where do we catch it? At noon we were within a couple of hundred metres without knowing it of a statue of Christopher Columbus. Like most explorers we only cover as much ground as we are standing on. We were pressed for time anyway. I make a five cent bet with myself and a mental note to visit as soon as I can to discover whether there is a statue of the man larger than life in bronze at the entrance. The rest of the story is another Bugs Bunny cartoon. "Say Chris. Chomp chomp chomp. What're you doin' this far north? Ain't you a little off-course?" We mill around and rather than ask for directions, simply retreat and after a brief conference decide to find the ferry by going to one of the outposts around the bay, which is close to the Red Line.

Above ground in South Boston, it is a long, mundane route on a progressively

dull afternoon. I am still feeling like a ghost; washed out from the after-effects of the Leafs game. I register only dully that this is the home turf of Whitey Bulger and a whole hidden history. At Braintree we alight but after walking less than 100 metres from the station entrance surrounded by concrete slabs and blocks, we turn and walk back to the station.

More Library Tours

Next day my lack of planning runs head on into a major incorrect assumption in our first foray to Harvard University, which was to be our next port of call. I am expecting to find an archival collection from Northwest Ontario somewhere here. We plan to start at the Widener Library, the biggest library at Harvard according to our map, a few blocks from Harvard Square Station. Racing up the steps I am greeted by a red sign: "You must present a Harvard ID to enter the building". No dice. I am hardly disappointed because there is so much to see. There are two bookstores, three and four floors each, with books and magazines on every topic under the sun, so we are lost for a couple of hours and then back out into the riot of humanity and erudite conversation that is Harvard. We drink it all in.

From there a logistical pirouette to Boston Public Library on the outbound Green Line, changing from Inbound Red Line at the Downtown Crossing Station. It's easy when you get the hang of it. Get off the train at Copley Station and the library building is across the street. (When you want to go back downtown, catch the train on the Inbound side!)



The Social Sciences Reading Room

The building may be old but, the bright light of librarianship burns bright at the reference desk in the Social Sciences Reading Room. A librarian goes a long way out of her way to help me although I am clearly a hayseed from elsewhere. My librarian nature wanted to give her a hug, but all I can say is a heartfelt “Thank you”.

Whether this is great librarianship or customer service I say “Thank you!” Librarians can visit and take notes on the efficiency and beyond, care and consideration, for literally anybody. We are soon out of time and only hopeful that this is not just the lamp going out. Librarians can take a soaring lesson in hope. Ranganathan lives on here!

The library has many statues and busts of important people. Prowling around the dark back rooms looking for more treasure, I am delirious to come upon Mark Twain. I do hug him and insist on having my photo taken.

My ancient Canon Sure-shot Camera indicates dully” “Change the battery pack”. Thank the gods that phones these days are cameras too. It was so dark that the photo is blurry.



Your editor With Mark Twain

This library may be the single factor underlying the educational prowess of the region. The librarians in their position are still in there doing everything to help. Bravo!! Ranganathan lives!! Well played!!! Thank you! There is reason for hope although everyone nowadays is sure that libraries are a thing of the past.

Another Bruins Game: The Big Break in my Career as a Hockey Sleuth.

When the Habs come to town, you know it’s going to be war. This is the biggest rivalry bar none in the NHL that is part of a longstanding unpleasantness that stretches back at least to the first capture of Louisbourg in 1744. Witness the 1968 final, where Ken Dryden held off the horde single-handed. This astounding performance was only to be topped by the

1969 final series, where Jacques Lemaire and the others walked on water. Amazing performances! The game against Montreal Canadiens on Wednesday March 26, 2013 is anticipated for days before with some trepidation.

The TD Garden is packed when we take our seats high up in the end zone. The jumbo tron features rapid fire shots of Rock `em Sock `em hockey. The music is cranked up again with the noise meter going from Loud to Louder and almost all the way to the red Cranked zone. The crowd is a sea of gold and black. There is here and there a red jersey or two scattered in the black and gold tide, looking beleaguered. They are the flags of the Habs, the Club de Hockey Canadien that I have followed since 1957 when I became an immigrant at Windsor station in Montreal. I am wearing a bright red winter coat that is not quite a defiant red jersey bearing the proud CHC crest. In the stands, the noise is deafening, but this time I have brought the antidote. Ear plugs. In front of me comes to sit the biggest man in the whole arena, covered in tattoos. The anthems are sung by a passionate man wearing a tux with dyed hair and fraying makeup, whose voice is just a shade off the Lion's song for vibrato in the original *Wizard of Oz*. I keep a straight face but I can't bring myself to sing. A small man on my right does not remove his hat during the Canadian anthem.

Mercifully the game gets under way. Play is good, rough, fast hockey — mostly controlled with some unpredictably bad calls and even more predictable lack of calls for thuggism. It is a long way from the athleticism of college hockey. With every body check and crash of armour on bone, the crowd goes wild. The Habs pull into the lead with smooth combinations and finesse. After the first period it was 2 zip for the Habs. During the first

intermission, the ice is quickly resurfaced by two Zamboni machines with an excess of water, which forms ridges of ice that are approximately dissipated as they are freezing by attendants with shovels and large squeegees.

Period two features some more gratifyingly organized play on the part of the Habs and some spectacular smash and grab assaults whereby the Bruins crash the net. The Bruins score. As at Jericho the whole place erupts. When Stompin' Tom wrote "They storm the crease like bumble bees," he was surely talking about the Bruins. The routine mayhem is ignored by the referee so that there is another crash and a Bruins goal. Again the crowd blasts forth a victory ROAR!

We go for beer so we make an early foray scaling down the steps in the stands and out through the tunnel, to where there are vendors with beer, pretzels, sausages, and more beer. We mill about and finally settle on a glass of beer. We require picture ID to purchase a plastic glass. I laugh at the man, "You Americans are serious about security. Do I look like a terrorist to you?" The man shrinks almost under the counter with discomfort at the onslaught of words. There is a roar from the arena. And so the lead is gone. And then as we are negotiating for a big pretzel at another stand, there is another blast of the air horn and following shockwave, ROAR... We are stunned. Two down!

Third period. As predicted by Stompin' Tom, the home team has it all their own way, but the Canadiens don't give up. Again and again they make organized counterattacks. The comeback is a trademark of the Habs of the fire wagon days. They score. I cheer and whistle. With 8 seconds and change the Canadiens tie it up. It was though the puck flew into a complete vacuum: there was perfect silence as the red light went on and the few red shirts start to cheer. Le

but! Goal!! After full time it was 5-5. After overtime it was 5-5. Nobody, but nobody has left the building.

This means a shoot out. The two Zamboni machines appear, each with a co-driver seated to the left of the driver as in some precise military drill, and proceed to smooth and resurface the shooting lane down mid ice using more water than would be usual at Fort William Gardens, home of our beloved Wolves. There are three more assistants at each end completing the job of spreading the water. Or do they?

In front of the Bruins goal the Zamboni goes over the lane cross-wise several times. There are rink rats cleaning as before but now even less assiduously with the result that the ridges are not actually smoothed out but rapidly sculpted into a perfect though slight bastion of ice and snow. This performance is not duplicated before the Habs' net. I take a picture with my ancient Canon 2.1 megapixel Sureshot from when mass made digital cameras were brand new in 2000. So what do you make of it?

Larceny at TD Garden

I crank up the zoom to 4x and take another shot, which I know will be so dark that you can hardly see anything. So it's hardly conclusive evidence. The result is that out in front of the goalie is a perfect cross, as in anyone's high school geometry text. It's not just my eyes or is it my overheated imagination? Maybe it is a religious symbol that gives power and significance and not the few millimetres of ice. What do you think?

Not even the referee and linesmen with orders from the NHL marketing department for a home town win in their back pockets could deny the Habs tonight. Is this an unworthy thought on my part or is it just another shot at changing the outcome honed and perfected; handed down to generation after generation of rink

rats? The shootout is long: showing the talents of the best on each side. Each disappointed Bruins' shooter is met with a



Does he or doesn't he?

groan until, a worthy result and a maybe a portent of things to come for Habs fans who have seen a drought recently. Gallagher, the rookie who has already scored twice in this game gets one behind Tukka Rask. Hope springs eternal. There are sweet echoes of that perfect time when the Habs were at their apogee in 1974.

The crowd stands and files out at once in silence. Any fears of rowdy behaviour, which is fully expected on the basis of the first game, are dissipated. The stream of pedestrians is orderly and quiet, conducted across the crosswalks by

Boston's finest. There is no need to beat a retreat through the night of hostile territory. No need to worry: other than selling some pretty nasty T-shirts, the crowd river is quiet. Not even sullen... to paraphrase Yosemite Sam, tonight they are "jest Hessians without no aggression" — The crowd ebbs away, just drained. Me too.

Meanwhile in the parkades surrounding the Garden, the wealthier members of the crowd reach for the door handles of their expensive autos simultaneously. Traffic on Causeway and Staniford Streets is a wide, static mass of big cars and SUVs inextricably gridlocked. The drivers vent their rage by leaning on the horn. The night is filled with metallic blaring and red, glaring brake lights. They do not let up. Ignoring the traffic signs we pick our way past the frustrated, disgruntled fans trapped in traffic, suffering the agony of defeat and torment of hundreds of horns sounding at once.

Next day we walk down to the Post Office on Charles Street. The man behind the counter is a little coy when asked the cost of postage for postcards to Canada "Errrrrrr... nowadays it's \$1.10." We regard each other in silence. He didn't sound too sure. Oh well, I heard they are running out of money.

Homeward Bound

Outside it is getting warmer: most of the heaps of snow have disappeared. We walk back to the Esplanade to say farewell to Boston and Arthur Fiedler and on the way home are greeted with a sure sign that spring is here, a crocus amid the retreating snow.

Getting back to the airport is simplicity and costs nothing. Red line to Downtown Crossing and a change to autobus. Soon we were sharing the Silver Line bus on the way back out to Logan Airport with families of people, Koreans

and Scandinavians, and all their children and luggage perfectly; all perfectly efficient. The Silver Line bus provides free service to and from the airport to the Southside and Downtown Crossing on the MBTA.



Headed out of Logan Looking Northeast to Salem

Notes

Travelling home on the airplane is the first chance to slow down and reflect on what I have seen and heard. The mysteries of the early people are larger than ever. The first European settlers here were from the part of England where I was born, but the homecoming I somehow imagined never happened. There were only names: Harwich, Ipswich, Braintree,

Waltham, Dedham, Cambridge, and Sudbury; there was no other trace. As for the first nations, the only representative of the first people I even hear tell of is a “Mohawk disguise” in the commercialized Tea Party re-enactment

*Here's to dear old Boston
The land of the bean and the cod
Where the Lowells speak only to Cabots
And the Cabots speak only to God.*

On the subject of economics it was the outrage over latter day tax imposed on Bostonians, in the form of a 5 cent fare increase on the Subway that galvanized the mayoral campaign in 1949 of Charles O'Brien. Perhaps this is a good time to dust off the piano to sing and remember the words of the organizing song.

*You citizens of Boston
Don't you think it's a scandal
How the people have to pay and pay?
Vote for Walter O'Brien
Fight the fare increase
And help get Charlie get off the MTA*

Chorus

*Or else he'll never return
No he'll never return
And his fate will never be learned
He may ride forever
'Neath the streets of Boston
He'll be the man who never returned.*

The M.T.A. Song by Jacqueline Steiner and Bess Lomax Hawes (1949)

The flight home is a history lesson. Below on the snowy landscape of New York State, rivers are made into straight canals. Soon we are up over Lake Ontario. The flight to Toronto from the Island Airport, now known as Billy Bishop field, is routine and soon we are lining up with the runway. Travelling parallel to the towers of downtown Toronto, the waterfront is a glamour puss. I can't push the shutter to take photographs fast enough.

Our tour of Beantown was



A Map of the City prepared for the Royal Artillery

Shown is a map of the Town of Boston from 1775 which tells us volumes about the place today and gives an artilleryman's concise view of things in the early days.

Later back home, Clem gives me a toast to Boston, which tells me more things I did not know about the place.

accomplished without only passing references to the witches of Salem. The dappled light tells me there are mysteries with the answers hiding in plain sight. Our village was a full of mysteries too. The last of the witches was hanged there in 1588. So what was that all about?

Part 1 is found in the previous issue.

This travelogue of Ian Dew's is an extract of *Travellin' Book Three*, to be published in the new year by the Pressed Person Press.

Thunder Bay Reviewing Waste Management Plan

In 1995 reporters in town to cover the Nordic Games from all over the world, especially Japan, were absorbed by the landfill and our profligate use of space. According to the Conference Board of Canada, Canadians produce more solid waste than any developed country in the world at 777 kilograms per year, compared to Norway and Japan with less than half that figure. According to the same Conference Board report, our performance has been getting worse: in 2009 when Canada slipped to last place, compared to the 1990s, when we received a barely passing grade. Against this backdrop, Thunder Bay's approach to solid waste, expressed in diversion from the landfill has been minimalist in the extreme. In the past we recycled less than most communities in Canada, citing costs of recycling, especially the transportation component with immense distances, as one reason for reluctance to recycle.

Reform is coming to the way Ontarians dispose of solid waste. One of the drivers of the reform is new provincial legislation, which is still in draft form before the provincial legislature at Queen's Park. Bill 91, when it is passed, will be

known as *The Waste Reduction Act: An Act to Establish a New Regime for the Reduction, Reuse and Recycling of Waste and Repeal the Waste Diversion Act, 2002*. The new act will bring radical change requiring a major realignment of responsibilities among municipalities and producers; and study and debate on the part of citizens.

Jason Sherband, the co-ordinator for waste diversion for the city, stresses the active process of consultation with citizens and stakeholders by means of public meetings, focus groups, and the use of social media, like Twitter and Facebook. The product of that input is in a draft report produced by Stantec Consulting Ltd., entitled *Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Study – a Draft for Discussion*, which was presented to City Council and citizens on February 3rd, 2014. The participatory process calls for a further round of study and input with a final report to be presented to council in April of this year. Citizens are urged to become engaged; learn the issues and participate in the process. There are model waste systems in communities of a similar size, of which Guelph's waste system is held up as a good example for study.

Jason Sherband stresses that the plan "represents a strategic approach as part of an integrated waste management system" Two areas for improvement are plastics and organics, compost. Of particular interest cited in the report, with 67% in favour of improvement, is composting or source sorted organics (SSO). Citizens are asked to assist with the cost-benefit analysis of the alternatives in order to weigh long-term and short-term costs to arrive at the real costs of a particular measure. Recycled organics in a distributed SSO system, for instance, could be part of the solution to the problem of eutrophication. The draft report is available on the city's website.

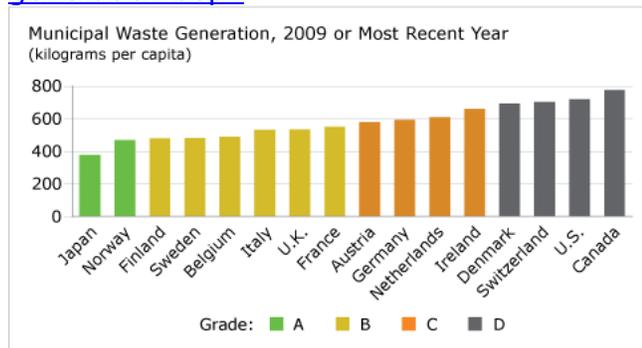
The discussion becomes more important at this time as part of the municipality's budget consideration. Remembering that everything that is discarded, dropped on the ground, leached from landfills, or flushed into the sewage system anywhere in the Thunder Bay area, sooner or later ends up in the Big Lake, the question of solid waste management is a concern to everyone. The report does not touch on the disposal of the major cases of retrospective waste, like the reported dump sites around the city, especially the North Harbour and on the islands in the Kaministiquia River.

February 7th, 2014

Ian Dew

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[Waste Management Strategy.htm](#)

CBC News stories

UPCOMING EVENTS

Join the Group!



Every Tuesday from 1:00 – 2:00 PM those who are 55+ can walk **out of the cold** in the Golf Dome! There were over a hundred people there the few times we have gone. It is also available on Thursdays – February 13, 27 and March 6 at 1:00 PM. This program is coordinated and hosted by the City of Thunder Bay Recreation & Culture Division Older Adult Unit.

Wednesday 12 February at 7.00 pm RALU Regular Meeting Fifty Five Plus (55+) Centre, River Street, Thunder Bay. Craft Room 1

You are invited to a talk by members Lucy and Peter Mah on their travels in South America in 2011.

The title of the lecture is "Touring Peru: Machu Picchu and Lake Titicaca"

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH FEBRUARY 2014

History for Lunch is a lecture series sponsored by the Lakehead University [Department of History](#).

The Lakehead University community is invited to attend presentations that take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 1 pm. This is an opportunity to put a bit of History in your diet and members of the Department of History can showcase their research.

Black History Month is the topic being discussed in February. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch. More information about the sessions can be found on [the Department of History website](#) and on our [Facebook page](#).

History For Lunch Schedule

Thursday, February 13

Location: RB3027

Postcolonial Politics in a Neoliberalist Age:
A Comparative Study of Václav Havel and
Nelson Mandela

Dr. Steven Jobbitt

Tuesday, February 25

Location: RB3051

Cooking Up Culture: Food in Black
Canadian History

Prof. Beverly Soloway

Thursday, February 27

Location: RB 3046

'A cruel put-up job?' Race, Sport and the
Mysterious Death of Osborne Taylor

Dr. Charles Nathan Hatton

Questions can be sent to Dr. Ron Harpelle
at ron.harpelle@lakeheadu.ca.

Institute of Italian Studies 2014 Speaker Series



Wednesday 19 February 7.30 pm.

Da Vinci Centre, 340 Waterloo Street
South, Thunder Bay Everyone Welcome!
Free Admission!

***A Country in Evolution: Community,
the Press and Government***

The Honorable Joseph Volpe, PC

Member of Parliament, 1988-2011,
Minister of Citizenship and Immigration,
2003-2006

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Keep up with events at the Institute of
Italian Studies all year long

<http://www.iislu.com/article/events-6.asp>

**OUR
THUNDERWOLVES**



Men's Hockey

With two more games left in the regular
season the Wolves have struggled in this

second half. They have faced the stronger teams since the beginning of January and although they are sitting in second place in the highly competitive West division, they have lost the last six games, earning two points in overtime losses, and are now sporting a 15-8-3 record. The outcome of the final two games next weekend against Waterloo will determine their final standing and their opponents in the first round of the playoffs. All their many fans wish them luck!

There is a spaghetti fundraiser dinner Sunday, February 16, at the DaVinci Centre at 6:00 PM. The meal will be served by the players. Tickets for this popular event may be purchased at the door on the 16th. Hope to see you there!

Men's Basketball

The men's basketball team is experiencing a rebuilding situation after losing several of their top players from last year. At the moment their record stands at 7-13 on the season which puts them in 5th place in their division after a split this past weekend against Laurier. After a 93-88 loss on Friday night they bounced back on Saturday defeating Laurier 76-73. Dwayne Harvey, Henry Tan, Alex Robichaud, Anthony McIntosh and Igor Lebov have all been major contributors to the team this year. They have earned a playoff spot also so fans have some exciting games to look forward to!

Women's Basketball

Currently the women's team is sitting in 6th place with a 10-10 record on the season after defeating Laurier 74-47 this past Saturday, after a 75-65 loss on Friday. The addition of Jylisa Williams, who was not eligible to play until January, has added a tremendous spark to the team. In the last game she scored 21 points and added 21 rebounds to lead the team to a victory,

thus securing a playoff spot for them. In several games she has scored 20+ points and has forced her opponents to concentrate on covering her during games allowing other players like Ayse Kalkan and Essa Jacobsen to contribute in a major way. According to coach Jon Kreiner, this last game they played was their best one this year. They face Guelph here next weekend to finish off the regular season.

Women's Volleyball

The girls finished their final game of the year with a win over the Nipissing Lakers 3-2. It was a heartwarming finish for graduating seniors Jorie Daymond, Sarah Reid and Brittany Macleod, who all contributed in a big way to their win. At the moment the Wolves are in a three way tie for the last playoff berth in the OUA West with Brock and Western. All have 6-13 records. The Wolves appear to have the edge with points for and against but this has not yet been verified by the OUA, so it's a "wait and see" situation for now. Hopefully their playoff hopes will be realized!

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