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Newsletter #3-09     *UCT - "People Helping People"*     Sept – Dec 2009

**Blomidon  
Council #918**

**Wins Gold  
Medal of Honour  
2008/09**



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**Wins Atlantic  
Grand Chairman's  
Trophy for lowest  
% of lapsation in  
membership.  
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Atlantic Grand Convention 28/29 May 2009

## *Senior Counselor's Message*

Hi Sisters and Brothers:

As your new Senior Counselor, I would like to extend my hand to all UCT members, both new and old. In May of this year, I attended the Atlantic Grand Convention at the Holiday Inn, Dartmouth where I really learned so much.

I am looking forward to working with ALL members in achieving our Gold Medal of Honour again this year. During my year in office, my goals are to increase our membership by at least 10-15 % and to improve upon our fundraising events. Hope everyone is enjoying their summer and I look forward to seeing you at the corn boil at Don and Marj Harris on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug. 3:30 for 4:00. (4 St. Mary's Court, Kentville).

Fraternally Yours

Sister Beverley Parsons.

## *UCT - Calendar of Events*



*D.A.R.E.* is a comprehensive prevention education program designed to equip school children with the skills necessary to recognize and resist social pressures to experiment with tobacco, alcohol, other drugs and violence.

This unique program sees specially trained officers deliver school presentations to youth in grades five and six across Nova Scotia in order to prepare them for entry into junior and senior high schools where they are most likely to encounter pressure to use drugs.

Const. Langille (R.C.M.P.) will address our Council on 28<sup>th</sup> of Sept.

### SEPTEMBER 2009:

**9<sup>th</sup> - Executive Meeting**

**Time: 7:30 Place: Beverley & Dave Parson's**

**28<sup>th</sup> - Regular Meeting**

**Time: 7:30 Place: Canard Church**

Initiation for Roy & Kris Martin

Guest Speaker – Const. Langille

D.A.R.E. (*Drug Abuse Resistance Educ.*)

Digging Up Glad Bulbs will take place this fall, at Marg's Glad Garden located at: 5387 Brooklyn St. in Grafton NS. It is still too early to predict a date & time, but it will be announced at a later meeting.

### NOVEMBER 2009:

**23<sup>rd</sup> - Regular Meeting**

**Time: 7:30 Place: Canard Church**

Christmas Gift Wrapping & Tree Decorating  
Evergreen Nursing Home **Date & Time: TBA**

### OCTOBER 2009:

**26<sup>th</sup> - Regular Meeting**

**Time: 7:30 Place: Canard Church**

**27<sup>th</sup> - Monthly Birthday Celebrations**

Sponsored by UCT Blomidon Council

**Time: 6:30 for 7:00 Place: Dykeland Lodge**

### DECEMBER 2009

Our December Meeting will be incorporated into our Annual Christmas Party. The Date and Place TBD. Remember to bring a non perishable food item for the Kentville/New Minas Food Banks.

Starting next year, there will be 4 issues of our newsletter per year. The next issue will cover Jan/Feb/Mar 2010.

**Blomidon #918 Web Site**

<http://www.uct918.org>

*Please fwd any news and pictures to Frank Reinhardt*

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#### Note

*UCT Web Sites were created by "Atlantic Grand", and are still under their control for updates. However, this will change as individual webmasters will soon be able to access their own sites and provide updates.*

# UCT - "People Helping People"



New Members Darrell and Myra Spurr



Officer Installations 25 Apr 09



Blomidon Council 20 Years Young



Blomidon Council Charter Members



BBQ - Meeting - Anniversary at Stuart & Carol Beck's



Glad of Hope bulb planting 9 May 09

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**BLOMIDON COUNCIL #918**  
**ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2009-2010**

**Senior Counselor:** Beverley Anne Parsons      **Past Senior Counselor:** Isabel Tait  
**Junior Counselor:** Murray Salsman      **Secretary/Treasurer:** Carol Beck  
**Page:** John Newcombe      **Conductor:** David Parsons  
**Chaplain:** Robert Parks (5<sup>th</sup> Year as Chaplin)  
**Executive Committee:** Joan White (Chairperson) , Beverley Parsons, Isabel Tait,  
Carol Beck, Wayne Graves, Murray Salsman

*Medal of Honour Program*

Since 1994, UCT's **Medal of Honour Program** has been instrumental in providing councils with incentive to increase fraternal functions and become active in local communities. The program ties membership growth and member retention together with internal local council business functions. Thus motivating councils to get involved in social, fraternal, and ritual functions; plus maintain their community service projects. The program, which runs from April 1 to March 31 each year, gives councils set requirements to achieve three award levels – gold, silver and bronze; each providing monetary awards and a Certificate of Achievement. \$750 is awarded for a GOLD Medal of Honour; \$400 for SILVER and \$200 for BRONZE. Councils may use the award money however the members wish. Most councils however, use the monetary award to support their council activities and local community projects while the Certificate of Achievement can be used to promote community recognition

We are pleased to announce that **Blomidon Council #918** has again this year been awarded the Gold Medal of Honour and Certificate of Achievement. Well done to each and every member for the support and hard work that went into the success of this accomplishment.

*In Memoriam*



*Beloved wife of Albert "Allie" Craswell.*  
*It is with sincere sadness, we announce the passing of*  
*Mary Elizabeth "Beth" Craswell - 59, of New Minas on*  
*Monday, May 11, 2009.*  
*All members of Blomidon Council 918 share in the*  
*family sorrow.*

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*Regular Meetings – 4th Monday of each month*  
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