

Glen Alda Seniors

by Doug Field

A friendly, active and open group.

Everyone I speak to for the last little while is preoccupied with this nasty mid-April snow, ice, rain, sleet, ice pellets, etc., that we have been experiencing for the past five or so days. I suppose that you are expecting me to lament our woes about this bothersome weather, but you would be wrong.

When things seem oppressive is the time to focus on the good things in life. For example, I had one of the best belly laugh experiences of my life during this weather misery. I was filling the bird feeder, rather I was in the process of taking down the feeder to fill it, when I discovered it was occupied by a red squirrel. Laughing already, I dropped it on the ground trapping the nasty little rodent inside, and stomped my foot on the feeder so it could not escape. Now, what am I supposed to do? Having some unpleasant experiences with these little pests in the past, I did not want to let it escape to come back and taunt me another day. These nasty things love to chew the insulation off house wiring as I know from experience. Having been a volunteer firefighter in the past, I know that no insulation on wiring means for certain a house fire is in the making.

Hummm, what to do? I laughed, then I picked up the feeder and shook the blazes out of it until the squirrel fell out, staggering all over the place in a dizzy attempt to run away. This was one of the funniest things I have experienced to date. I still laugh about it. I know, some of you spoilsports out there are thinking animal cruelty, but you would be wrong, it was humorous to say the least, and it was not hurt, just very dizzy. I could have killed it, I could have injured it, I could have taken it miles from its home and released it, but I didn't. I made it dizzy, had a good laugh, and let it go back to its nest, so what's wrong with that? This made my day, and a week later I still get a good chuckle when I think about it. The squirrel hasn't been back by the way.

I had another good laugh the other day, although, it was not funny at the time, and did require a lot of cleanup afterward. Bev and I often take turns making our evening meal, and we help each other if required. This night Bev was doing everything herself. The salad was made, the rice cooked, the fish, almost ready to serve, all that was left was to place some frozen peas in the steamer for a couple of minutes. Out comes a large economy sized bag of peas, and on the floor they all go as the bottom of the bag split from one side to the other. Ever seen how far a frozen pea can roll? You would not believe the mess, and it is not something you can ignore and get to later. Dinner was in fact eaten later that night. Sure it was upsetting, but you have to focus on the lighter side of life if you are

going to enjoy actually living it. We were upset at the time but the supper was good despite the delay, and we still chuckle when we think about that experience. HA, what an experience! Living with Bev is never dull.

April was a good month for our group at Glen Alda. Sure numbers were down, but both the March break and the weather played a factor. That didn't stop the good times though, as Laureen and Colin put on a pasta repast which still has attendees raving about Laureen's home-made meat balls of substantial proportions, and the sauce that covered them and the pasta. Thank you two for that, although Bev and I unfortunately missed it. Penny and Peter were the chef's of choice for the second meeting of the month, and we had a chicken casserole which was simply delightful. As I am writing this ahead of the actual meal I am able to attest to its excellence as I have sampled this particular dish made by Penny on a previous occasion.

May, is next on the agenda with the ladies (Wendy and Catherine), followed by the men (Brian and Tom) cooking up a storm at the second meeting of the month. I am looking forward to both as Bev and I missed one meal last month owing to a medical appointment. The big news for this month (and the year I guess) is the presentation to our President Barry Rand of the "North Kawartha Volunteer of the Year Award", which will be presented to him on May 25th at the County awards recognition ceremony in Keene. Congratulations are certainly in order as I know Barry has been serving this Township well for many years. The number of committees and other activities he and Sally serve on is an attestation to their dedication and commitment to making this a better place to live. My congratulations go out to them.

Remember that this is a friendly, active, and open group. You are welcome to join us *should you dare*.



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