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We had 32 of our members present.  It was our first get together in over 9 months. The event was hosted by Tim and Gail Thompson, in their lovely back yard. We had plenty of shelters so that nobody got wet. We were entertained by our own Ron Kemperman who played his guitar and sang many of our favourite songs. The cooking was done by our food safe chefs, Al Beeson, Tim Thompson and Rudy Zellman. Terry Receveur was presented with a special prize (Donkey of the Year award) for the most unique dietary request (black forest cake). Many thanks to Tim and Gail for all your hard work and hosting us. | | | |      |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | **2021 NORTHERN BRANCH - COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD** Recipient is **Kurstann Mast, a** grade 12 graduate from Fort St John.  Shown here receiving a  framed certificate, a $500 cheque and a Power Pioneers book, entitled "Voices from Two Rivers", from **Fay MacQuarrie**(Fort St John Power Pioneer member).   **The Northern Branch Community Service Award Chairman, Tim Thompson, reports the following:**  The Northern Branch has picked a winner of the Community Service Award.  We had five applications from candidates within the Northern Area that volunteered personal hours to the community that they live in.  It is nice to see these students demonstrate their leadership and take the time to help many people from young to the elderly and also assist in various community activities.  The committee felt each application was exceptional and deserving of our award.  In our last newsletter we reported the Prince George winner, **Sophia Mahmoud**.  During the review process of the applications we also found another exceptional candidate for the Community service Award.  **Kurstann Mast** is a grade twelve student from Fort St John who volunteered in many activities within her community from helping in the Public Library, community clean-ups, food drives and visiting seniors at the local seniors home.  She also helped and Volunteered with the Youth Advisory Council in which she helped address a safety risk by having a crosswalk built for a local middle school.  **Kurstann** volunteered as a photographer at the 2020 BC Winter Games; she assisted professional photographers at the games in which she photographed and interviewed the athletes.   **Kurstann** uploaded and shared her photos with the athletes for them to remember their time at the Winter Games and her community.   In **Kurstann's** essay, she acknowledged the Covid Pandemic drew challenges for her to volunteer in events within her community.  During last year's summer vacation she wrote 30 letters to seniors that were confined and isolated in their extended care home.  She reminded the seniors that they are part of her community, even when outside influences do not allow as much interaction.   We felt this student, **Kurstann Mast,** should also receive a Recognition award.  The Northern Branch executive unanimously voted to give her a $500 award for her volunteerism within her community. | | | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **UPCOMING EVENTS**  September  6 - Labour Day September 20 - Federal Election Day September 22 - First Day of Autumn | | | |      |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **SmugMug**  SmugMug is a collection of photos on the Power Pioneers website. Have a look at the photos we have in there. If you have some photos, please forward them to Rudy Zellman [rzellman@telus.net](mailto:rzellman@telus.net)  Click on this link to SmugMug.  [https://powerpioneers.smugmug.com/PGbranch](https://powerpioneers.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7336b877b2f55e7ce5f03d23&id=3ba8e920fc&e=41cc8a0b50) | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **September Birthdays**  September      1     Don Ferrey                            September      2     Dan Krys        September      3     Nick Chapman                       September      3     Mike Smith September      4     Nora Martin                            September      6     Renate Dorschner September      7     Patricia Chapman                  September     11     Wayne Clarke September     11     Barb Saunders                      September     14     Karen Beeson September     20     Nancy Thurier      September     21  Annette Hamilton  **September Anniversaries**  September      1     Neil & Barbara Weller - 1973 September      9     Nick & Patricia Champman - 1980 September     13     Jim & Helen Owen  Have we missed your birthday or anniversary? If you would like yours included, please send your information to Maggie Stoner [maggie.stoner@gmail.com](https://powerpioneers.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7336b877b2f55e7ce5f03d23&id=7576026926&e=41cc8a0b50) | | | |      |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **William Maxwell "Max" Munro** **March 14, 1928 - July 24, 2021**  Max will be missed by all of us.  He was one of the founding members of the Northern Branch of the Power Pioneers.  His dedication to our group was unending. May he rest in peace.  Click on the link below.  [https://mcusercontent.com/f7336b877b2f55e7ce5f03d23/files/c6d6db21-f454-c6b6-0c91-835577dd812b/MaxMunroObituary\_1\_.pdf](https://powerpioneers.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7336b877b2f55e7ce5f03d23&id=3dc8fb19fa&e=41cc8a0b50) | | | |      |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Membership Information**  To renew your annual membership: $10 per person  You can pay Maggie at our monthly luncheon meeting, or You can renew your membership and pay by credit card online at [www.powerpioneers.com](https://powerpioneers.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f7336b877b2f55e7ce5f03d23&id=6181153147&e=41cc8a0b50)  If you prefer to pay by cheque, these can be mailed to our Membership Chair: Maggie Stoner  | 28670 Red Rock Rd West, Prince George V2N 6A1 | | | |      |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | If you require more information or would like to comment, please do so to [rzellman@telus.net](mailto:rzellman@telus.net) | | | | | |  | | |