

---

**Inside:**

---

Calendar ..... 12  
Classifieds .... 15  
Editorial ..... 9  
Interview ..... 8  
Letters ..... 9

---

# Scarborough LEADER

'Follow the Leader for local news, information, activities, and events.'  
www.ScarboroughLeader.com



Free

Vol.13 No. 15

August 3, 2007

282-4337

8,800 Circulation

---

## Guest Editorial

By Sylvia Most  
*Special to the Leader*



### A little history

After joining the 350<sup>th</sup> celebration committee in 2004, I went to the Scarborough Public Library to find books on Scarborough's history. A few familiar books, such as Rodney Laughton's two books with 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century photographs of Scarborough, a copy of Southgate's history of Scarborough that can be found at the Scarborough Historical Society and Libbey's *Scarborough Becomes a Town* were there. What really caught my eye, however, was a nearby book edited by Virginia Spiller entitled *350 Years as York*. I thought about how great would it be to have something similar for Scarborough?

The 350<sup>th</sup> committee thought that a book about Scarborough history was a great idea, so the project began. I called Virginia Spiller to find out more about her book and was a bit overwhelmed to find out that it had taken six years to complete! The challenge was on to find out how we could produce a Scarborough history in half the time, so that it could be ready for the 350<sup>th</sup> celebration year.

Susan Snow joined in the project from the start and together with Carol Rancourt helped to line up Susan Dudley Gold, a fellow Scarborough High School Alum to be the editor. Rodney

Laughton joined the project to become the historical fact checker. By the time the project was fully underway, we had just two years to collect the stories and produce the book!

That was a daunting challenge, but even scarier was the prospect of soliciting money to pay for the project. The book is being self-published by the 350<sup>th</sup> committee, so all bills need to be paid before we have a single book to sell! In an enormous leap of faith, some of our earliest contributors were willing to fund the project a full year and a half before we were projecting to complete it! Len Libby Candies became our lead sponsor, with major contributions by Normand Berube Builders and Bernstein Shur as well. Thirty others made financial and in-kind contributions that enabled us to cover all of the expenses associated with creating the manuscript for *Scarborough at 350: Linking the Past with the Present*.

Our other source of fundraising has been our limited edition book which is being sold to defray publishing costs. Sandra Murray of All Points, Realtors worked on this initiative from the beginning that has so far raised nearly a third of our publishing costs. Russ Burleigh, of Brown Fox Printing is printing the posters and flyers that Karen Vachon has posted all around town announcing that five Scarborough gift shops are now taking orders for the book due out in November.

In all, it is no exaggeration to say that hundreds of people have shared resources to make this project happen. As we work to complete the manuscript over the course of the next few weeks, we hope that members of the community will support us by visiting a favorite gift shop in town and pre-ordering a copy!