

## Friends of the Salmon River Visit Municipalities

As representatives of the FSR Board, John Liggett and Gray Merriam visited all the Municipal Councils in the Salmon watershed -- January 2 at Stone Mills, January 23 at Central Frontenac, February 5 at Addington Highlands, February 8 at North Frontenac, March 26 at Napanee, and 18 June at Tyendinaga. These Councils all have recently been elected to four-year terms. A meeting with the Mohawk Council of the Bay of Quinte has not yet been possible but may be arranged in future. In addition, although not a municipal group, a similar presentation was made to about 35 members of the Northbrook Lions on April 4.

Each presentation included an introduction to put our freshwater in the perspective of the global water along with information on the use and availability of clean water in Canada and globally. The introduction was followed by a PowerPoint presentation that was customized for each Township. Slides and an oral presentation introduced the watershed and its qualities, FSR and its methods, and the place of each township in the watershed and in its stewardship.

Councilors were interested and asked insightful questions. All were grateful for the information and agreed to keep two-way communications open with FSR. We must do our part.

The exercise should be repeated after the next election.