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Well Known Ottawa Personalities from the Past.

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From her Ottawa base, Valerie Knowles continues to write independent non-fiction books and to accept commissioned writing work. Her focus remains on Canadian and Ottawa political and social history. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her husband and two dogs, Katie (on the left) and Robbie (right).

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The Meaning of Christmas

Far away in Bethlehem, a baby Boy was born;
Born with neither riches, nor fame,
Yet Wise Men came from all around to bring Him their gifts,
And peace was felt by all who heard his name.
Angels watched Him as He slept, and gently rocked His bed;
Their voices singing softly in His ear;
His Mother and His Father both gave thanks to God above,
For the greatest gift of all, their Son, so dear.
They knew His life upon this earth would not be filled with wealth;
They also knew that he would encounter strife;
But most of all, they knew that he would be a loving Child,
And teach the love of God throughout His life.
At Christmas, as we celebrate this Birth of Jesus Christ;
Let's keep in mind the truth of Christmas Day;
For it's not the Christmas wrappings, nor the gifts that lie within,
But our gift of love to others in every way.