

ALL ABOARD THE ARK

Week of Monday, January 21, 2013
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THIS WEEK AT L'ARCHE SUDBURY



Weekend January 19 & 20:

Carolyn on call
Growing in the Mission 20-25

Monday January 21:

Leadership meeting 1:30-4

Tuesday January 22:

9:00 Team Meeting
11 Assistants Meeting
4:30 Prayer Night

Weekend January 26 & 27:

Jen on call



Abhilash and Ray

What's happening?

Emmaus:

- Paulette now has a walking cast and only uses the wheelchair outside. Another 6 weeks until we are cast free.
- Alain is going to his dad's for the weekend.
- Tim went swimming with Ray.
- Eddy is hoping to go bowling this weekend.
- Roma is anxious for winter to be over and for Easter to come so she can visit with Lynn.
- The new couch has arrived and we had a big party on Saturday night to celebrate

Bethany:

As people are aware Mary Claire passed away on January 4. There is quietness about the house as we continue our daily living. No longer do we hear Marie Clare asking for my pop, my junk and gently telling us to go home. Although Marie Clare has been ill for the last two years, it seems her death came suddenly and as friends of Marie Clare the reality has not fully set in. We celebrated Mary Claire's life with her friends and family; we shared stories about Marie Clare and shared our profound loss with each other. We looked at pictures of Marie Claire, we shared our tears for Marie Claire, and we mourned and gave thanks for the life of Marie Claire.

We continue to journey with Lori and her family, as she journeys with her brain tumor. There is sadness as we watch Lori physically

deteriorating and there is joy and laughter as Lori is Lori in this journey to death. Or maybe I should say there is joy and laughter as Lori lives her life with her friends and family. When we let go the reality that Lori is dying, we can embrace Lori as she lives her life now. Lori loves life, she loves people and she loves the people like her mom and her brother who will greet her into heaven.

Lori would also love people to visit. Just come on over and pop on in.

And life goes on, on 12 January we celebrated Rob's 60th birthday. We celebrated his life and we gave thanks for his good health and we prayed that it would continue to improve. Rob had what he loved around him, old friends, new friends, good food, unexpected gifts, dogs to pat, and the promise of friends with kids to come and visit.

Bethany house also welcomed Tricia Scott as our new house leader, plus Helen, Lily and Abhilash?



Galilee:

- Tasha leaves for Growing in the Mission. We wish her safe travels and a nice relaxing, reflective week.
- Everyone went shopping on Saturday to stock up on supplies.



- We are said to say that we are saying Good-bye to Henning this week. We wish him all the best in his studies and hope he comes back soon.
- Gary came for supper on Sunday. It was nice to see him, and catch up.
- With the nice weather that we have been having, interesting things have happen at Galilee. We have a leak in the office.
- Audrey is going back to VON on Wednesday and enjoys playing cards with everyone one.
- Audrey has need fish, their names are Happy and Cheerful.

Upcoming Events:

Mark your Calendars



January Birthday's

- Suzanne 1
- Maggie C 4
- Robert 10
- Carolyn 12
- Seamus 17
- Trudy 19
- Brian 22
- Renee 25



Helen and Audrey



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PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

**** For all those grieving someone they love... for Bethany house and Marie Claire's family as we grieve the loss of Marie Claire**

*****For all those who are Sick ***
Lorrie**

**** For those who have asked for our prayers*****

*****For all our Blessings ***
*** We pray in Gratitude *****

Welcome All News Items, Pictures or Articles Written By Community Members, Especially Core Members.

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Justin, Tim, Taylor and Paulette



Eden and Tim

A note from the people we helped with our outreach this year.

Hello Anne,
What a day! Everything was so wonderful. A teacher and student took pictures; I will retrieve them tomorrow and share with the churches. All of the students did receive a gift; we have a total of 5 left, 4 girls and 1 boy. I will give them to students tomorrow that were not present today. We also have a number of baby gifts left but this is expected. Our mothers trickle in on an irregular basis. Myself and the staff will delivery some of the gifts tomorrow and Friday and some students will get an "after" Christmas present.

The day was very moving. Before we shared dinner I spoke about Newtown, Connecticut, honoring the lives of children and adults. Following a moment of silence, we then brought students up to receive a gift. They were all so grateful and we heard enormous appreciation for all the support they are receiving. To me, this is huge. They are comfortable receiving, and most importantly comfortable in taking part of a group and school community that for so many years they felt isolated from. It was a really special day and we all felt part of something so much bigger than ourselves.

On behalf of myself and the staff at Barrydowne College, mere words cannot express our gratitude in the generosity provided by so many people. The kindness of others have provided hope and joy to our students. Their smiles truly placed a warm enduring smile on all our faces.
Maureen





Making Waves



As the Seasons Change, So Does the Vocational Program...

When we speak of being busy it can be interpreted as a negative thing, not in the vocational program! We've been busy and loving every minute of it!

Welcome

We welcomed Leeland Haslam to the program in June 2012. Leeland is a young man full of energy! He loves music, outdoor activities, working out and hanging with his friends. Leeland wanted to find a job where he could use not only his brains but his muscles. An opportunity at McQueen's Warehouse became available and he jumped at the chance. Tim enjoyed being Leeland's supervisor for the first few weeks. He was able to show him the ropes. Leeland is very strong and always practices safe lifting techniques when moving furniture.



Employment Changes

Chantale Guenette had been our faithful Nazareth housekeeper since 2008 but due to a shoulder injury she had to bid us adieu! Although we do miss seeing Chantale's lovely smile around the office, she still remains an active member in community. Upon her resignation James was looking for something else to keep him busy! He does such a wonderful job cleaning at NISA that he accepted our request that he take over for Chantale! James comes once a week to Nazareth. His work is greatly appreciated and so is his sense of humour!

As we all know the Zellers' stores are now closing, unfortunately for Sylvie LeCoz that means she is no longer working at the restaurant. She was a valued employee. She had worked at the restaurant since 2006. Her coworkers became her dear friends and family. She will miss them greatly. In the meantime Sylvie is waiting for her foot to heal and then will pursue employment in the Springtime.

Travel

A few of our Vocational Program Core Members had the opportunity to travel for L'Arche events.



Chantale Guenette and Jennifer McCauley had the opportunity to travel to Atlanta, Georgia in June for the Federation meeting. Among many exciting things, they had the privilege of meeting members the L'Arche Honduras Communities whom we are in Solidarity with. Chantale and Jennifer presented photos and gifts they brought back with them at a community night in October.

Ian, Chantale, Lorrie, Karen and Latoya were able to attend the Regional Assembly in Waterloo in May. We met people from the Ontario communities. We spoke of and listened to ways in which planting the seed of an idea into the greater community can turn into wonderful things.



Gloria and Sylvie had the great experience of going on a Community Holiday. Gloria went to Montreal and Ottawa. Sylvie went to Orillia. They swam, relaxed and took in the local attractions.

Suzanne, Jeff, Chris and Rob participated in the Community Links weekend with L'Arche Hamilton. They enjoyed a day trip to Niagara Falls.



A few other attractions that we took in over the summer was Canada's Wonderland, The Elvis festival in Collingwood and Killarney. We also had a beautiful sunny day swimming and having lunch at Chris Cassidy's camp!

Sharing Our Good Fortune

Each year we work tirelessly collecting items for our Annual Vocational Yard Sale. Not only does the money raised go towards fun and exciting trips but we also ensure that a portion goes back into the surrounding community.



For Christmas we donated \$50.00 to our local Soup Kitchen in which Paulette has been a volunteer since 1988.

At Cambrian College there is an outreach program for young students with families. We chose to, along with entire L'Arche Community, donate \$150.00 to this program. This money will help purchase clothes, food and basic necessities for their families.



Community Kitchen

We have the great pleasure of hosting a bi monthly life skills cooking experience. Each session we invite a guest chef to teach us a recipe that we can make at home. We have had some delicious meals by some very good cooks. Virginia has come and taught how to make her famous Chicken Pot Pies, Marie prepared her delectable tourtière. We welcome anyone who would like to share their love of cooking.



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I AM

In the spring, Suzanne thought it would be a wonderful idea to create a video that captured the essence of our core members and what our Sudbury community was about. She, with the help of a production team, was able to put together a beautiful video called I AM. If you missed it at our Pasta Supper it is available to view on www.youtube.com-L'Arche Sudbury I AM or our website www.larchesudbury.org.

We can't wait to see what the coming months have to offer! Have a warm, cozy and refreshing winter and spring season. May you be blessed with much happiness and good health!



Birthdays

Suzanne Thibault: January 1st

Chantale Guenette: February 1st

Crystal Gauthier: February 23rd

Karen Andrews: April 15th

Gloria Donato: May 2nd

Tim Yoisten: June 28th

