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....News from around the Centres

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A Message From the Executive Director

Renovations are about to start! As I reported in the Spring edition, plans are underway to relocate the Goyeau Street Centre to the former Rooney School at 635 McEwan Avenue. DeAngelis Construction has been chosen to complete the renovations to the vacant school - a job that will take about six months.

The Renovation Kick-off was held at the relocation site on October 15, with 130 members and friends of the Centres in attendance. Guest speakers included Mayor Michael Hurst, Ken Lewenza, President CAW Local 444, Mike Scott, Vice President, Credit and Commercial Services, Windsor Family Credit Union, and Willem Bijl, President of the Centres' Board of Directors (photo page 3).

Mayor Hurst commented that although City Councillors may disagree on some issues, their support of Centres for Seniors Windsor is always unanimously favourable. (And we are very grateful for that support.) Referring to the \$37,000 already donated to the Capital Campaign through the efforts of Local 444, Ken Lewenza announced a pledge of a further \$63,000 to bring the total CAW commitment to \$100,000! *We were astounded!* Mr. Lewenza stated that this support from CAW members is in recognition of, and gratitude for, the lifetime of service that seniors have given to the community. Mr. Scott said that Windsor Family Credit Union is dedicated to supporting the community it serves – and commented that they were pleased to be a financial partner on the project. Mr. Bijl took the opportunity to thank Jim Kennedy, Capital Campaign Chair for his volunteer commitment to raise funds for the project. He also thanked Pierre Poirier, President of PPlus Inc. and former Centres board member, for giving us the opportunity to move to this larger, one floor building. Proceeds from the sale of the Goyeau Street Centre plus a very active capital campaign will fund the renovations to the school. Our campaign goal is \$500,000 and to date we have raised nearly \$170,000 including the additional pledge announced by Mr. Lewenza. So we have lots of work to do - and many committed and creative volunteers who are actively developing plans to ensure a successful campaign.

Ellen Hope, Executive Director

Planned Giving

"Planned Giving" is a phrase that our members and volunteers will hear more of in the future. Why? Because the Centres have a need for raising funds in order that our organization may thrive and survive into the future despite shrinking government aid.

As a result, our Board of Directors has taken a forward thinking step by initiating a "Planned Giving" program for Centres for Seniors Windsor. This program is part of the comprehensive Development Program being implemented by the Board of Directors.

Based on demographic trends, the population group most likely to make planned gifts is expanding. Approximately one out of eight persons is now over age 65, and that portion will increase to one out of five by the middle of this century. As a result there will be a huge transfer of wealth from the older to the younger generations. Like any other charity, Centres for Seniors Windsor is hopeful that it will be a recipient of part of this wealth transfer.

So what is "Planned Giving"? "Planned Giving", very simply, is gift planning. It is the process of designing charitable gifts so that the donor realizes philanthropic objectives while maximizing tax and other financial benefits.

There are many different ways to make a planned gift. The most common of which is a charitable bequest through a person's Will. However, more and more Canadians are realizing the benefits of giving through a variety of other methods as well. For example:

- gifts of publicly traded stocks and mutual funds
- life insurance policies, and annuities
- charitable remainder trusts
- gifts of residual interest and real estate.

We will be discussing the many planned giving strategies and how they can benefit you and Centres for Seniors Windsor in future newsletters and seminars. So please stay tuned.

Martin Laforet B.A. Econ P.F.P.
Planned Giving Chairperson

We've been soooooo busy!



Donna Miles emceed the **Spring Fashion Show** in fine style!

Our members took up golf this summer!
Who let the giraffe on the fairway?



SUMMER PICNIC!



Executive Director, Ellen Hope just loved the pie at the **summer picnic!**



Laura Nyholm and Irene Szymanski were each awarded the St. Clair Rotary Club's "**Golden Oldie**" Award for volunteering. Way to go, ladies!



The **Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre** provided our guests with clues along with their hot meal & an additional \$1,300 for our Capital Campaign.

Beach bunny Joyce Turner and Llew "**Muscles**" Webb also enjoyed the day!



JUBILATIONS 2003!

Let's take it from the top!
Dorothy Goodbrand tickled the ivories while Wayne Burnett listened in.



Members' Council representatives put on a lavish **Welcome Back Breakfast** in September. **Yummy!**



Our square dancers should be called the "**Happy Dancers!**"



Comedienne Edna Brown had us rolling in the aisles. Edna was awarded the Centres for Seniors Windsor **Performing Arts Achievement Award** for 2003.

Jim Jutte stopped by for a visit while on his **Air for All of Us** bicycle tour.

He's going how many kilometres?





A Note of Thanks...



A SPECIAL THANK YOU To All of our Volunteers!



Our Annual **Volunteer Recognition Event** was held in May. The theme this year was "**Volunteers are Shining Stars.**" What a party! The entertainment was provided by Nancy Pattison's Dance World Inc. The dancers performed "A Salute to Broadway."

(From Left)
Board members
Stacy Adam,
Kim Luther and
Patrizia La Tona
were in
attendance.
**Board
Members are
volunteers too!**



(From Left) Sheila Wisdom (Executive Director of the United Way) and Chelsea Black (Coordinator of Volunteers for the Centres) each thanked our volunteers for their hours of service and dedication to Centres for Seniors Windsor.

**THANK YOU
VOLUNTEERS!**



A SPECIAL THANK YOU To Our Friends!

Thank you to **QUALITY SUITES — DOWNTOWN** Windsor for their generous donation of an overnight stay with breakfast as part of our grand prize "Night on the Town" package at our Murder Mystery Dinner event recently.

And a "**Tip of the Hat**" to **BIG D CHARITY BINGOS** for designating Centres for Seniors Windsor to be the first recipient of their new Pasta Dinner Fundraising event.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT IS WONDERFUL!



A SPECIAL THANK YOU To All of our Staff!



At our **Annual Meeting** held in June, the Centres' Membership Clerk, Nancy Tarcea (far left) was recognized for her 19 years of service. Outgoing Board President Charlie Hotham and Executive Director Ellen Hope extended congratulations.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU To All of our Donors!



The Wall Came Down! Demolition of a portion of Rooney School located at 635 McEwan began in August. The remaining 18,000 sq. ft. will be our new Centre.

Dan Amicone (Architect) opens contract tenders in the presence of Board President Willem Bijl & Executive Director Ellen. (Ellen took the photo).



We have received much input from our membership, staff and Board concerning what the new Centre should include. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, with CAW leading the way, our capital campaign is well underway. Donors, centres' members, civic leaders and members of the community came together recently to celebrate this long held dream becoming an exciting reality.



From Left: Pierre Poirier, Willem Bijl, Ken Lewenza, Ellen Hope, Mayor Michael Hurst & Mike Scott.

OTHER NEWS...

PROGRAMMERS' PERSPECTIVE...

Centres for Seniors Windsor was pleased to join forces with **The Windsor Area Elder Abuse Committee, Kids Alliance and Huron Lodge** for the **Walk of A.G.E.S.** which took place on Sunday, October 5 at Ojibway Park. This proved to be an excellent opportunity for the generations to come together and celebrate. We have also partnered with **The Windsor Public Library** to offer a book club at our Olde Sandwich Towne Centre and were thrilled to offer the **Scotiabank ABCs of Fraud Awareness Program**, sponsored by Scotiabank and presented by the **Volunteer Centre of Toronto** at our Edward Street Centre. We continue to offer the **Women on Weights** program at our Goyeau Street Centre and field requests daily to expand this to our other centres. This very popular program was made possible by a grant from **The Ministry of Tourism and Recreation.**

Patti Funaro, Program Coordinator

VIEWS FROM THE VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT...

My Dear Volunteer...

You are my friend, my neighbour, my confidant
You are from down the street,
across the river and into the next county
You are young and old and in between
You are educated by your past and hopeful for the future
You are all races and beautiful to me
You pray with me and feel my pain
You see my scars but are not afraid
You guide me and move me in so many ways
You inspire those around you to open their eyes
You speak from your heart and listen with your soul
You are dedicated to the sick
You are determined to make a difference
You give all that you have and expect nothing in return
You are kind and caring, even when the world is not
You give me strength to walk on my own
You give me hope to dream about tomorrow
You are a giver, not a taker
You are all that is good in this world.

Written by Jennifer L. Kopar

A special thank you to all of our volunteers here at Centres for Seniors Windsor. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for our organization, please call Chelsea Black at 254-1108. We would love to have you be a part of our special team!

Chelsea Black, Coordinator of Volunteers

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Welcome to our New Foot Care Nurse **Elizabeth Ryan**. Community Support provides all of the following services: **E.S.C.O.R.T.:** Transportation in our agency van or by a volunteer for Windsor residents to Windsor destinations. **FOOTCARE:** Basic Footcare is offered by Registered Nurses. For appointments at the Goyeau Street Centre, Jewish Community Centre and St. John's Parish Hall, call **254-1108**. For an appointment at the Edward Street Centre, call **944-1403**. **FRIENDLY VISITING:** Matches a volunteer with a client for a regular weekly visit. **T.A.P. (TELEPHONE ASSURANCE PROGRAM):** Provides a morning phone call Monday through Friday. **WE C.A.R.E.:** Provides occasional telephone contacts with members who are unable to visit the Centres. Plus **HEARING CLINIC!** Hearing Assessments; Hearing Aid Evaluations; Hearing Aid Rechecks. Done by Alexandra Giordano, Certified CASLPO Audiologist

Edie Curtin, Community Support Coordinator

CREATIVE ARTS CORNER

Centres for Seniors Windsor's Craft and Programming Departments would like to extend a big **thank you to Devonshire and Tecumseh Malls** for their continued support of our Centres. Devonshire Mall is once again generously donating space for our **annual craft bazaar** which will take place November 10th through the 16th. This Bazaar is one of the Centres biggest fundraisers and is run by over 60 volunteers. Thanks to Tecumseh Mall for allowing us to set up a display and showcase our excellent programs during our Open House Month. Thanks also to Peoples Jewellers for putting up with all the noise from our program demonstrations. **Joyce Nixon, Creative Arts Coordinator**

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- I would like more information on becoming a Centres volunteer.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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