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Joke of the month

A woman called our airline customer-service desk asking if she could take her dog on board.

“Sure,” I said, “as long as you provide your own kennel.” I further explained that the kennel needed to be large enough for the dog to stand up, sit down, turn around, and roll over.

The customer was flummoxed: “I’ll never be able to teach him all of that by tomorrow!”



Mission Statement

Moncton Community Residences Incorporated is a non-profit organization that provides residential options and support for individuals with developmental challenges in the various aspects of their progressing lives.



Message of the CEO

On Friday December 9th MCRI held it's annual Christmas Social. This event is always very popular among our members and this year was no different. Everyone looks forward to the great food, renewed friendships and dancing fun. This year's event was another great success thanks to the organizing committee and the decorating team that puts the event together every year, all your efforts are certainly appreciated by the entire organization and our Board of Directors.

A special thank you also goes out to all our hard working staff who make it possible for all our members to have an opportunity to attend this event, especially on a extra cold night where it could be just as easy to stay home. It is effort like this from dedicated staff that make our organization what it is.

This event also allows MCRI to recognize some of our most impressive staff members by presenting some important organizational awards. First place for the annual Board of Directors award this year is an inspirational member who has dedicated her time to providing excellent support for our kids, congratulations to Lori Allain. The two runners up for this award were Linda Johnson who works in our SILP program and Janice and Bob Breau some of our excellent AFLA providers. All these persons are certainly deserving of the recognition and congratulations.

Tracy LeBlanc was this years recipient of the Orris Garland Humanitarian award and a Board of Directors winner from last year. Tracy is currently out on maternity leave but will be back to work in our SILP program soon. Congratulations Tracy.

Finally the winner of the Rita Agnew achievement award was Matt Tingley one of our members in SILP who helps with cleaning duties at one of our community residences and is an active member of Special Olympics. Congratulations Matt!

As another year draws to a close on behalf of MCRI I would like to wish everyone and their families a happy holiday season and a prosperous 2017.

Have Fun

Greg





MEMBER NOMINATIONS

KELLY GLENCROSS – FOR THE EXCELLENT CARE SHE GAVE LINDA WHEN SHE WAS RECOVERING FROM HER FRACTURE.

KARI CUNNINGHAM – FOR ALWAYS GOING OUT OF HER WAY TO HELP CLIENTS IN NEED AND BEING KIND HEARTED, SPREADING JOY AND NOT DISCRIMINATING.

THERESA KENNEDY – PROVIDING NORMAND WITH A WONDERFUL HOME AND HAVING HIS BEST INTEREST AT HEART.

JACQUES BERNARD – HE HAS A POSITIVE ATTITUDE EVEN WHEN IN PAIN, ALWAYS HAS A SMILE AND A KIND WORD FOR PEOPLE.

BECKY LeBLANC – KEEPS UP WITH WORLD EVENTS, FOLLOWS COACHING AND ALWAYS WILLING TO GIVE A HELPING HAND.

Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending.

-Maria Robinson

OTHER NOMINATIONS:

JESSICA LANE	TAKIEU KEMOKAI	ALLAN DESPRES	DARREN GAUVIN
JACQUELINE LeBLANC	NINA LeBLANC x2	SUSAN WILE	MASSA KEMOKAI
PATRICIA HANRAHAN	RASHIDATU NYEI	JODY NIELSON	NATALIE LUTES x2
KELSIE DIXSON x3	LORI ALLAIN x2	LUCY WILSON	SHAWNA WARMAN
SCOTT DONOVAN	TERRY LeBLANC	TERI TOBIN	MIKE GORMLEY
BRIAN & LILA CUNNINGHAM	CHRISTINA HILL	CHAD BURGESS	DONNA & AL DUGAY
COMFORT OBANIYI x2	PAULINE GOGUEN	ALISON CAISSIE	KEITH COMPTON
CASSANDRA DOUCETTE	MILA INGALLS	ANNIE BOUCHARD	MARIE ANNE CORMIER
ROSE CORMIER x2	MARCEL LeBLANC	JANE UMUTONI	LOGAN TURNER x2
ALVERA BANYIYEZAKO x2	JOSE SERUNGENDO	TANUS LeBLANC	JACKIE McALLISTER
GERALDINE & SHELDON HOPPER	JOANNE MALLET	JANICE CARTER	

Promoting Harmony Award

We would like to congratulate the Susan Wile from SILP and Comfort Obaniyi from West Lane for receiving the Promoting Harmony Award. Your consistent work and respect for others is an example for us! Thank you!!



Do you have a coworker that makes a difference in the workplace? Someone that has the ability to change the day around and always see the positive side of the picture? Someone who always treats others with dignity and respect? You can nominate them for any of the recognition programs we have! Either through the member's nominations, the Promoting Harmony Award or the annual Board of Directors Award. Your team works hard! Let's give them the credit they deserve!!

We all have ability. The difference is how we use it. -Stevie Wonder



Lori Allain Board of Directors
Award winner 2016



Mathew Tingley Rita Agnew
Award winner 2016



Tracy LeBlanc Orris Galland
Award winner 2016

MCRI 2016 Annual Awards



Janice and Bob Runners up for
the Board of Directors Award

What a great honor and pleasure to
work with these folks!! You guys make
our organization strong and great!
Thank you so much for all your efforts,
hard work and enthusiasm!!



Linda Johnson Runner up for the
Board of Directors Award 2016

Every successful individual knows that his or her achievement depends on a community
of persons working together. -Paul Ryan

Training Schedule Mandt Schedule

Classes are held at the Club
beginning at 9:15am until 1:15pm
Call Melanie (859-1829) or Jennifer
(859-1827) to register

Jan -10, 17, 24 Alison (full)
Mar -7, 14, 21 Stephanie
May -2,9,16 Andrea

STAFF MEETINGS

West Lane - November 10 (team), December 15,
January 19

AFLA - November 17, December 22, January 26

Dominion -November 24 (team), December 29,
February 2,

SILP - December 1, January 5 (team), February 9,

Railway - November 3, December 8, January 12,
February 16

The nice thing about team work is that you always have others on your side.

YEARS OF SERVICE

5 years – February - Shawn Lemaire
10 years – January - Robert McCoubrey
February - Jeremy Hudson
15 years –February - Lynn LeGresley
20 years –February - Brenda Gould
25 years –February - Thelma Cormier



Bernice Daigle 30 years
with MCRI last July!!



Lucy Wilson 25 years
with MCRI last July!!

Birthdays

December

Joanne Landry, Courtney Hicks, Maurice Benard, Paul Robichaud, David Buckler, Richard Power, Marcel Goguen, Richard Leblanc, Linda Evans, Melanie Richards, Jim Hearnshaw, Jose Serugendo, Darlene Turcotte, Kayla MacIntosh, Ashley Rector, Gerarda Robichaud, Theresa Kennedy, Monica-Dawn Penney, Bertha Bisanti, Colette Lacroix, Janice Breau, Julie Bannister

January

Henry Cormier, Bruce Bishop, Claire Ayles, Kim Cormier, Thelma Cormier, Alice Collicott, Derek Allan, Becky LeBlanc, Normand Joanis, Chris Briggs, Chelsea Hazlett, Carine Minani, Jonathan Nielsen, Takieu Kemokai, Melissa Roberts, Moise Safari, Jennifer Cyr, Massa Kemokai, Melinda Mucci, Rebecca Law, Lori Allain, Alison Caissie, Ryan Courchesne-Richard, Lindsey Thynne, Geraldine Hopper, Therese Mercure, Roberta Rain, Sonja LeBreton, Amanda Phillips, Tony Leblanc,

February

Rose Leger, Jhon Wells, Frank Ayles, Omer Leger, Jessica Lane, Craig Lamb, Tom Belliveau, Stephanie Losier, John McMahon, Vicky Bordage, Drew Blight, Cassandra Doucette, Merie-Jeanne Carter, Rashidatu Nyei, Luanne Rafferty, Jessica Gouchie, Nicole MacKenzie, Assia Hussein, Christy Lewis, Nicholas MacDonald, Marlene Harrity, Lucy Wilson, Greg Blizzard, Melanie Martin, Robert Breau, Rosa LeBlanc

Happy
Valentine's
Day

How old are you?

*You are as young as your faith,
As old as your doubt;
As young as your self-confidence,
As old as your fear;
As young as your hope,
As old as your despair.
When...your heart is covered with
The snows of pessimism and the ice
Of cynicism, then and only then
Are you grown old!*

Adapted from the poem "Youth"
by Samuel Ullman

Dominion

Hard to believe it's that time of year again to get the snow shovels out, salt ready and to bundle up for the winter. Some of the youth have written letters to Santa and enjoyed going to the Santa Claus Parade this past weekend. The youth are looking forward to their break for Christmas and having some extra goodies over the Holidays.

We would like to welcome Pinkie, Lindsey, Sarah O, Jacqueline, Jackie, and Annie to the Dominion Street team.

We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Holiday season and a great New Year in 2017.



Noella and one of our residents had lots of fun building the first snowman of the season!!



A very special thank you to Janice Breau for making these super cute stockings for us!! Janice is always doing extras for others and expecting no recognition for it. This time she made enough stockings for all our clients and kids at the social. That is more than 150 of them!! All hand made with a unique design! These stockings are adorable!!! Thanks again!!





West Lane News



December, 2016, January, February, 2017

All is well at West Lane. The Christmas season is upon us and everyone is looking forward to it. We have said goodbye to Linda Lee and wish her the very best in her retirement. A get well wish goes out to Lucy Wilson. Hurry back! Everyone is doing a good job and always keep the residents' best interests at heart. Keep up the good work! Wishing everyone a very merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.



When writing the story of your life, don't let anyone else hold the pen.





AFLA NEWS



December, 2016, January and February, 2017

We have had a good fall. The weather until recently was fabulous. Things have been quiet in the AFLA world. I wish to apologize for an oversight in our last newsletter and wish to welcome our new member Marie-Claire Richard who moved in with Sonja and René LeBreton and their boys in July. Marie-Claire is a wonderful addition to our MCRI family. I hope everyone enjoys the Holiday Season and have a wonderful New Year. Until next time, stay safe.



It is impossible to live without failing at something unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all- in which case, you fail by default.





SILP NEWS



It's that time of year again!! We hope everyone has been behaving and avoids the naughty list! SILP would like to welcome Melissa R., Gerry P., and Meaghan Robins to our program. We would also like to welcome Brittany W. back and thank her for helping us through the holidays.



We would like to recognize Maxime Maisonneuve and Meghan Bourgue for completing a Skills Course through CEA. Also, congratulations to Meghan B on her new job at the casino. Congratulations to Matthew Tingley for being the recipient of the 2016 Rita Agnew Achievement award! We would also like to congratulate Jeannie Hatton on her new big move. Best wishes to all of you!



Congratulations to Susan W for receiving this newsletters "Promoting Harmony Award"! Keep up the great work Susan!



We had our annual MCRI Xmas Social & Dinner on December 9th at the Wedgewood Hall. We had a great time, great food and music as usually!!

SILP would like to wish everyone a safe and very Happy Holidays!!



Boy: Do you have a date for Valentine's Day?

Girl: Yes, February 14th.

Valentine's Day is one big scam. If someone loves you they should show you every day!



RAILWAY



HI FROM ALL OF US AT RAILWAY! WE HAD A GREAT FALL. ONE OF THE BOYS STARTED HIGH SCHOOL AND IS REALLY ENJOYING IT. HE ALSO PLAYED FOOTBALL THIS FALL. WE HAD A FUN HALLOWEEN NIGHT, THANKS TO ALL THE STAFF WHO HELPED MAKE THIS SPECIAL FOR THE KIDS. THANKS TO RYAN AND BERNARD FOR HELPING CLEAN UP THE LEAVES IN THE YARD, ONLY HALF DONE AND 14 BAGS ALREADY! RYAN HAS ALSO BEEN PAINTING THE LIVING ROOM. BRING ON WINTER!



Railway folks having fun last Halloween!



Reading Suggestions!

Christmas Long Ago 2016

Dear Canada: A season for Miracles Twelve Tales of Christmas.

Stay inside an unexpected gift

Chin Mei Ting goes to Ontario by train for Christmas with Miss MacDonald to see her family. Mei Ting will go to Toronto for a meeting to go to Med School to become a doctor. Mei Ting's gift is a fur collar coat at the MacDonald's for Christmas.

Contribution of Cassandra Doucette

Some people miss the message because they are too busy checking the spelling.



Halloween Club Shades



MCRJ Social 2016



Thank you!!

Thank you to the Team Building committee for organizing another successful social!! You worked really hard before, during and after the social so we could all have fun!!

Thanks also to Sam and Kyle for their live entertainment!!

Thank you to all of you that shared this evening with us! Thank you MCRI for bringing us together!



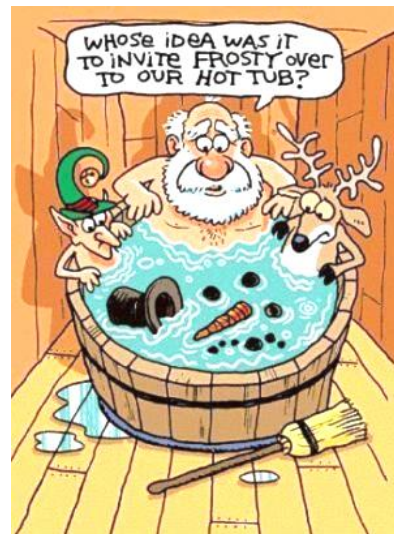


Just for fun



1. 1st grade English: What is the symbol inside the parentheses called? (:) _____
2. 1st Grade US History: Walt Disney invented cartoons True _____ False _____
3. 2nd Grade Spelling: Which words in this sentence are misspelled?
"He was imedietely greatful that the weather was glorious."

4. The outermost layer of the Earth is called the _____.
A. Upper mantle B. Lower mantle C. Soil D. Crust
5. 4th Grade World Geography: Cyprus is an island in what sea? _____



Find the differences



Did you know?

In 1918 and for the past 40 years, the Canadian province of Nova Scotia has sent the city of Boston a giant Christmas tree as a thank you for their support after the 1917 Halifax explosion.



La Recette

This is a Christmas favorite, super yummy recipe for all the chocoholics out there! Enjoy! And share if you can!!

Ingredients

- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup peanut butter chips
- 1 cup chow mein noodles
- 1 cup dry-roasted peanuts
- Add all ingredients to list

Directions:

1. Melt chocolate and peanut butter chips in the top of a double boiler over simmering water, stirring frequently, until smooth.
2. Mix chow mein noodles and peanuts in a large mixing bowl. Pour chocolate mixture over noodles and peanuts and turn to coat.
3. Line a baking sheet with waxed paper. Drop mixture by rounded tablespoonfuls onto prepared sheet. Refrigerate until set, about 2 hours.



Do you know what the library has to offer you?

NB Public libraries offers a wide variety of services. Here are some of them!

With a library card you can borrow material from any library in the province. Place your hold online and select the library where you want to pick it up. You'll receive a notification when your material is ready for pick up!

NB Library also gives free access to Rosetta Stone. Yes, with your library card you can create your account to learn a new language from home (there are more than 30 different languages to choose from).

You can also consult reference database which contains a wide variety of topics (medical, engine repairs, automotive, etc.)

You can receive your books by mail if you have geographical or physical limitations.

Free eBooks and audiobooks that you can borrow and download from your computer at home.



1. 1st grade English: That symbol (:) is a colon.
2. 1st Grade US History: False, but he did make the first feature-length cartoon.
3. Immediately and grateful.
4. The outermost layer of the Earth is called crust.
5. Mediterranean.

Just for Fun Answers:

I can't wait for Valentine's Day because I get to make cupcakes for a special someone and that special someone is me.

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