



COMMITTEES FOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

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June 6/06 marks the 50th anniversary for Community Living Ajax-Pickering and Whitby. The time to plan is upon us and we need your support.

Planning events and the Gala will be the focus, so come and join a committee or two and be part of this historical event. Please fill in the attached form and send / drop off at 36 Emperor St., Ajax.

We also need quality / new donations for fundraising activities i.e. certificates, paintings, sport memorabilia, event tickets, etc. All donations to be dropped off at 36 Emperor St.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Wendy Holliday at (905) 427-3300 ext 228.

The committees to volunteer for are as follows:

A. Mailing Committee:

To I.D. past board members, staff and Association members and to manage mail out of invitations and record RSVP'S.

B. Special Guest List and Recognition Committee:

To I.D. special guests and to liaise with government at all levels to ensure that the Association is recognized.

C. Memorabilia Committee:

To prepare scrapbooks, locate pictures, etc. for events.

D. Fundraising Committee:

To plan fundraising events throughout the next year and one main event for the gala.

E. Silent Auction Committee:

To plan and organize the Internet Silent Auction.

Our VISION

All persons who live with a developmental disability have a right to dignity, inclusion and participation in a safe community environment.

F. Tickets and Brochure Committee:
To design and ensure printing of tickets, brochures, posters, etc.

G. Public Media Event Committee:
To be responsible to get the information to the public i.e. website, newspapers, T.V. etc.

H. Decorating Committee:
To plan and organize centerpieces, etc. for the gala.

SUMMER ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH PROJECT

Once again, the Summer Environmental Youth Project has started for another season. The crew is made up of 10 young people from the Ajax-Pickering and Whitby area. As always the crew is quite diverse in many aspects, including 7 individuals who have a disability. The program started July 4/05 and will run for 8 weeks.

The 10 member crew will be busy planting, mulching, weeding, fertilizing and generally keeping D'Hiller Park, Whitby Greenland and Heber Downs beautiful. In addition to the park's beautification, the crew will be organizing and running a Thursday morning drop-in day camp for children at Heyden Shore Park.

If you are in any of these areas, please drop by and say hello to our guys.

Our many thanks go out to the town of Whitby and the Toronto Fresh Air Fund for their annual support of this project.

Bernie Cork

TAI CHI

How would you like to live a healthy balanced lifestyle – physically, mentally and spiritually? If yes, then please join the Tai Chi class.



The class is taught by Eric Chhou who, as a member of our Association has generously volunteered his time to teach Tai Chi.

As a participant of the last two sessions, I can promise you a revitalizing experience. Thank you Eric for all your time and patience.

The cost is \$40.00 and all proceeds are donated to C.L.A.P.W. Hope to see you in September, 2005 (location to be announced).

If you are interested in attending the next 12 week session in September, please contact Wendy Holliday at (905) 427-3300 ext. 228.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

Please welcome Chris Bennett as the Community Participation counsellor. Chris has been an active employee with CLAPW for almost 20 years. Chris' years of experience, knowledge, motivation and dedication will have a positive impact with our many initiatives, including the Foundations initiative and future community partnerships.

We continue to proactively establish and develop community partnerships and create more opportunities for the individuals we support.

CLAPW has developed a positive image in our community and to reflect this we have received many awards including:

- Girls Inc.
- Durham Catholic School Board (continued education)
- Durham District School Board (continued education)
- Ajax High School
- United Way

The Association, we are proud to state, recognized as a valuable partner in our community.

The Blue Jays Day on May 22/05 was attended by many of our Association members. Everyone enjoyed the day even though the Blue Jays lost.

The Big Bike event on June 13/05 was a great success! The riders had a great time, even a little rain didn't slow us down. The team name was "Community Living In Aktion".

Thank you to everyone who collected pledges for the Heart and Stroke. Also thank you to Summerwood Products for being our corporate sponsor. Their generous support allowed us to participate in the Big Bike Event.

Janene Vanderwerff and Kristina McBride – students of Ajax High school held a BBQ at their school on June 14/05. All proceeds raised were donated to the Community Participation Program.

Thank you Janene and Kristina for organizing the event. Also, thank you to Peter Robertson, Richard Burry, Peter Dowsley, Dawn McDowell and Stephanie Warren for volunteering your time to cook and serve at the school event. Everyone enjoyed the food!

Have a great summer!!

For information on the Community Participation Program please contact Chris Bennett at 905-427-3300 ext. 224 and Wendy Holliday at 904-427-3300 ext. 228.



**PARTICIPANTS
FROM C.L.A.P.W.
AT THE BIG BIKE EVENT!**

Monday, June, 20, 2005

Nikki Sutherland



Community Living
Ajax - Pickering Whitby.



Hi My name is Nikki Sutherland.

I was not doing nothing before

Now I ^{am} with the ^{Don Albert} ~~Kiwans~~ Akton club I like the Akton club

because I get to do every thing like go to Bowling
and go to meetings have fun with your friends.
on Mondays I go to Baking class.

On Thursdays I go to the Ajax community center.
I go swimming and Play Bings.

On Fridays I go to cook,

I have meet friend at the Tai Chi

I am happy that I am doing what

I enjoy.



personal Updates

Roland Rutland left his employment with our Association in April of this year after almost 15 years of work. Roland has accepted a position with Kinark Child and Family Services. Roland worked almost exclusively at Willows Lane and will be missed by Frank and Mario. Roland's co-workers and the individuals that he supported organized a good bye party for him in April. The staff and residents from Willows wished him many successes in his new assignment.



Millie Parsons recently retired after over 10 years of dedicated work. Millie will be enjoying retirement in her native Newfoundland. Over the years Millie worked in various locations including Bashford, Dreyer and Falby. We all said good bye and wished Millie all the best during a celebration that took place at Head Office on May 13, 2005. At the same time we also said farewell to Marilyn Parsons, Millie's daughter who will be relocating to Newfoundland as well.



Welkom

The Applewood team welcomed back Shannon Goddard who returned from maternity leave on July 2/05. Denise, Gail, Steven and Donald are all happy about this reunion as Shannon has been positively involved with Applewood since May 1996.



Maternity

Colleen Bakermans has started her maternity leave as of the end of June



Birthdays

Rocca Parissi celebrated her 85th birthday on May 24/05. She had a lovely celebration with her family and friends at her home.

Best wishes to you and good health Rocca!

Also Arthur Fawcett celebrated his 65th birthday on April 3/05. We wish Arthur all the best and good health for the future.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Friends,

I am pleased to report that our Association continues to make advances in the community and is being recognized as a professional and effective agency. As many of you may already be aware of, we have had exciting development in our residential system. We purchased a new home in Whitby and acquired, from a generous benefactor, another home in Ajax. These two changes have allowed us to better support the individual needs of many of our residents. Please feel free to visit any of our homes if you are interested in doing so.

We continue to push ahead with quality management initiatives that include an emphasis on personal outcomes for the individuals we support, and with enhanced professional development for our staff.

The Board of Directors continue to act effectively on behalf of the Association membership and their focus on funding, improved services, and strategic planning will ensure that the Association thrives in the future.

I continue to be very proud of the efforts of our front-line workers. They continue to inspire me with their passion and commitment. It is their hard work and dedication that is earning our agency its positive reputation.

On the administrative front, we are proceeding to establish a dedicated human resources position at Emperor St. Mrs. Gilmour will take on the human resources duties and Mrs. Caughey will manage our financial and payroll responsibilities.

Over the next year, you will hear and read about various provincial initiatives that will overhaul the provision of developmental services across the province. Some initiatives have started such as the final “Deinstitutionalization” exercise, and others will be commented on in the coming months such as the province’s “Transformations” review. Your Association will do its best to keep you abreast of any changes or announcements that will be of relevance to our membership.

We have a lot to be proud about and I hope you will continue to support the Association through your volunteer efforts, your comments, and your interest in our everyday activities.

As always, feel free to call upon me at any time.

PAUL ROSEBUSH

OUR NEW WEBSITE

Thanks to the incredible work of Board member Donna Edwards our Association now has a web-site. Donna did a great job and now we have a new way to connect to the community. Please visit our web-site at www.cl-apw.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

CORN ROAST

In September the Association will again be hosting a corn roast / bazaar at Emperor St. Date to be announced. This event also marks the official start of our United Way AGM fundraising drive.



AGM MEETING

The Association AGM will be held on September 22/05 at HMCS Meeting Room at Ajax Recreation Centre at 7:00 pm

AGM Thursday, September 22/05

Watch your mail for the official notice of the upcoming AGM.

We promise to have a great speaker and it will also serve to kick-off the count-down to our 50th Anniversary Year which we will celebrate in June 2006.

Members interested in serving on the Board please contact Sandy Dorsett at the Association.

NEW BEGINNINGS

June 15/05 was the last day for Rose, Peter and Steve to call 59 Pittmann their home. They were off to somewhere new and, for the first time, away from Ajax.

Rose was very curious about all the activity going on around her, but Peter and Steve were excited at the change and eager to go. Once the transport had arrived to move Rose, we followed to 90 Kirby Crescent, Whitby.

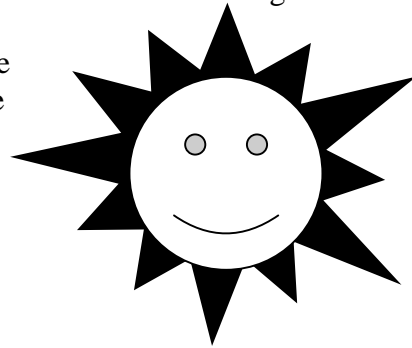
The house is smaller than Pittmann but has an elevator which allows Rose to move from her bedroom and become an active member of the house, getting out onto the spacious deck and enjoying the sun, or sitting by the kitchen and talking with Ena as she moves about her activities, or just watching television with Peter and Steve.

Eventually she will be able to go out into the community in her

wheelchair and see what lies outside her new home.

Steve and Peter adjusted to their new surroundings quickly and are gradually learning about the nearby parks and shopping centre and have already been walking in the area.

Good things lie ahead!



June 27/05 was an exciting day for Gayle Russell, Laurie McInnis and Jim Armstrong. They moved from Dreyer to 22 Clark Road. It was a long tiring day, but they all got moved safely. Gayle was very excited about having a new room, she was happy with the bright clean colour it was painted.

Jim loved going to stay with his dad the night before the move but was happy to get back and see his new home.

Laurie of course took the entire move in stride. She and Gayle spent the day with Olive as the movers packed up the furniture and boxes.

Everyone is happy in their new home!

On June 20/05 Sheila Conkey returned to her family home at Windsor Ave.
Mario Simon and Joan Budd joined her there.

Mario and Joan are thankful to Reverend Conkey for his generosity and to the Association staff for their support and patronage. They say that the house is much better than the old place.

Mario has expressed “It’s the best place for me ever.”



THE 3 ROOMMATES ENJOYING A HEARTY MEAL AT THEIR NEW HOME!

news letter about
Our Group Home is
wonderful and lovely
comfortable warm
we are very happy and
enjoy to live here in
aid Ontario forever forever
more. I am so feel so
happy and enjoyable. Come
back Home Sweet Home.
how I feel about my
roommates name Joned. Budd
and Mario Simson, I very
lucky to have Mario he is
very young man and I hope
you like my handwriting
and nice and Peace & Quiet
I hope you like my new
letter from Sheila Conkey

Sheila's reflections are expressed
above in her own words.

Thank you for taking the time to read
about your Association.
Enjoy the rest of your summer!