

The Patron News

A "MARINERS' HOUSE OF MONTREAL" NEWSLETTER

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July/August/September 2018

		Jul/Aug/Sep 2018	2018 -To Date	2017 -To Date	
Service Operations					
Ship visits by chaplains and staff		385	1,140	923	
Ships serviced by vans		393	1,064	685	
Seaman transported		3,366	8,787	5,532	
Prayer services held (attendance)		25 (218)	67 (654)	45 (321)	
Attendance					
-Daytime		3,026			
-Evenings		<u>2,839</u>			
-Total		5,865	10,030	3,452	
Nationality Breakdown					
Filipino	821	Greek	20	Dutch	5
Indian	784	Panamanian	15	Georgian	5
Canadian	413	Croatian	13	Bangladeshi	4
Ukrainian	104	Honduran	13	Jamaican	4
Peruvian	127	German	12	Portuguese	4
Chinese	86	Montenegrin	12	Egyptian	3
Russian	72	Nicaraguan	11	Madagascan	2
Romanian	44	Turkish	10	Malaysian	2
Polish	38	Indonesian	9	Armenian	1
Cuban	30	Korean	8	Guatemalan	1
American	27	Latvian	8	Swedish	1
Burmese	25	Sri Lankan	7	Cruise Ships (unclassified)	3,123

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NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

- ✦ Mr. & Mrs. Mario and Wendy Pinto from Ontario were as efficient and helpful as ever when they volunteered for two weeks from August to September, while Mr. & Mrs. Herman and Levina Luymes from PEI kindly proffered their services for a week at the end of September.
- ✦ As the figures testify, our new premises are very popular with the seafarers we serve. Not only are the facilities superb (see picture below), the location is convenient for the crews of both the merchant and cruise ships.



CASH CALENDAR WINNERS:

The following persons and companies are the lucky winners of \$100 (unless otherwise specified) for the months of:

July	August	September
Susie Commodari	Louis Martel	Josée Bergeron (\$500)
Jacquie Rose	Éric Sarraillon	Tony Porraccio
Jim Cobb	Billy Smyth	Mrs. Pesel Hornstein
Terry Elvidge	Fondation de l'Institut maritime	Frankie Pan
Jean-François Thibault	du Québec	Denise Caron



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WE RECEIVED:

- ⚓ a large bucket of candy from **Ms. Krystal Rowley**;
- ⚓ 8 bags of blankets from **Bota Bota Spa**;
- ⚓ scarves and shorts from **Capt. Reuben Santos**;
- ⚓ 24 stainless steel water bottles from **CI Investments** (Toronto), sent by **Marchand, Fairchild, Blais Inc.**
- ⚓ a 55" television from **Mr. Scott Piché**;
- ⚓ three boxes of new sunglasses from **Fletcher Ship Services**;
- ⚓ trays of food from the **Port of Montreal** and **Logistec**;
- ⚓ three boxes of *National Geographic* and *Smithsonian* magazines from **Wyman Memorial United Church** in Hudson, brought to us by **Mr. John Pichovich**;
- ⚓ many clothes including winter coats and shoes from **M. André Duquenne**;
- ⚓ thirteen boxes of *National Geographic* magazines from the **South Shore University Women's Club** and **Mr. Steve Fisher**;
- ⚓ a box of books from the **S/S Crystal Symphony**;
- ⚓ many jigsaw puzzles from **Reverend Andy O'Donnell** and the **St. James Anglican Church**.

Thank you everyone!

Another cold winter is upon us and seafarers very often arrive wearing flimsy clothing and feeling the icy Canadian chill. We would appreciate receiving men's warm winter clothing, especially coats and jackets.

WE GAVE:

- ⚓ clothes and miscellaneous items to the crews of S/S Aidavita, S/S Amadea, S/S Crystal Symphony, S/S Veendam and M/V Beryl;
- ⚓ blankets to crew of M/V Arica, M/V OOCL Belgium, M/V Genoa Express, M/V IT Intrepid, M/V Berge Asahidake and S/S Veendam;
- ⚓ a spider plant to Capt. Singh of the M/V Genoa Express
- ⚓ jigsaw puzzles to crew members of M/V Ottawa Express, S/S Rotterdam and M/V Beryl;
- ⚓ books to crew of the M/V Beryl and S/S Viking Sea
- ⚓ jigsaws, clothes, food, books and magazines to various seafarers.

IT BEARS REPEATING:

ISWAN (international Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network) is an organisation providing services to seafarers throughout the world and supporting other welfare organisations.

ISWAN presents its 'International Seafarers' Welfare Awards' annually and, this year, the Port of Montreal, Mariners' House and David Rozeboom, assistant port chaplain, Ministry to Seafarers, were all shortlisted in three of four categories. While Montreal took no first prizes, the article below featured in the ISWAN publication covering the 2018 awards.



Seafarer Centre of the Year (continued)

Mariners' House of Montreal

The centre was recently rebuilt and operates under the care of an ecumenical team of welfare organisations, all working cooperatively to meet the needs of seafarers. The staff are experienced and trained to respond to a wide range of seafarers' needs, and collectively speak over ten languages.

Four vehicles are available every day to transport seafarers from their ships to the seafarers' centre and local shopping centres. The centre is open seven days a week and operates longer hours during cruise ship season. Facilities include free WiFi, four phone booths and two computers for communication with home, as well as a karaoke/TV room, musical instruments, pool, snooker, ping-pong, table football and library. Seafarers can purchase items such as phone cards, souvenirs, toiletries and snacks, take advantage of currency exchange and money remittance services, and have their hair cut for a small fee. The centre offers evening chapel services and holds regular events such as pumpkin carving and a Christmas Eve party.

For those seafarers unable to leave their ship, the chaplains carry out daily ship visits, bringing phone cards and reading materials and offering prayer, advocacy and religious services. They also deliver mail that seafarers have purchased online and had shipped to the centre. At Christmas, the chaplains deliver Christmas parcels to every seafarer on every ship in port, approximately 1,500 in total.

The centre always takes into account comments and suggestions from seafarers to help inform how services and practices are developed.



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