

The Patron News

A "MARINERS' HOUSE OF MONTREAL" NEWSLETTER

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January/February/March 2018

	Jan/Feb/Mar 2018	2018 -To Date	2017 -To Date
Service Operations			
Ship visits by chaplains and staff	336	336	306
Ships serviced by vans	326	326	200
Seaman transported	2,429	2,429	1,201
Prayer services held (attendance)	22 (136)	22 (136)	12 (64)
Attendance			
-Daytime	333		
-Evenings	<u>1,390</u>		
-Total	1,723	1,723	947
Nationality Breakdown			
Indian	555	Croatian	10
Filipino	432	Montenegrin	9
American	431	Polish	8
Ukrainian	81	Danish	4
Russian	71	Mexican	4
Burmese	27	Romanian	4
Chinese	24	Turkish	3
Canadian	19	Egyptian	2
Latvian	15	German	2
Greek	11	Georgian	2
		Madagascan	2
		Honduran	1
		Indonesian	1
		Lithuanian	1
		Malaysian	1
		Peruvian	1
		Sri Lankan	1
		Swiss	1

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WE RECEIVED:

- ⚓ a bag of new pants and shirts from **M. Alain Arseneault**;
- ⚓ clothes from **Mr. Murray Millett**;
- ⚓ boxes of books, shoes and canned food from **Seamont Brokerage & Transport Ltd.**;
- ⚓ monitors and speakers from **Gibson Canadian and Global Ship Brokers Corporation**, arranged by **Mr. Christian Naim**;
- ⚓ winter jackets from **M. Jean-François Landry**;
- ⚓ a thick winter coat and a box of books from **Mr. Steve Masters**;
- ⚓ five boxes of clothes, shoes and jackets and a framed print of the Seamen's Church from **Mr. Bryce Fairhurst**;
- ⚓ five bags of clothes and coats from **Mrs. Eugénie Lewis**, on behalf of her late husband, **Mr. Manny Lewis**;
- ⚓ magazines from **Mr. Stephen Wray**;
- ⚓ eleven computer monitors from **Canfornav**, arranged by **Mr. Niels Lorenzen**;
- ⚓ five boxes of *National Geographic* magazines from **Mr. Jeffrey Fisher**;
- ⚓ two bags of clothes from **Mr. Tyler Rowley** and **Mr. Brandon Rowley**;
- ⚓ a pair of shoes from the **Captain** of **M/V Falcon Nostos**;
- ⚓ a bag of clothes from the **Captain** of **M/V Toronto Express**;

Thank you everyone!

WE GAVE:

- ⚓ clothing, jackets, tuques, scarves and gloves to crew members of the M/V Ottawa Express, M/V Harbour Pioneer, M/V Tai Health, M/V FSL Hamburg, M/V Beatrix, M/V Federal Spruce, M/V Federal Biscay, M/V BBC Oregon, M/V Genoa Express, M/V Stena Penguin, M/V MSC Tamara, M/V Fantasia, M/V Nordika Desgagnés, M/V Stena Premium, M/V Margaretha, M/V Falcon Nostos, M/V Adfines Starm M/V MSC Nerissa, M/V Lumen N, M/V Tasing Swan, M/V Ariadne and M/V Stena Perros;
- ⚓ computer monitors to crew of USS Little Rock and M/V Falcon Nostos;
- ⚓ *National Geographic* magazines to crew of M/V harbour Pioneer;
- ⚓ jigsaws, clothes, food, books and magazines to various seafarers.

MINISTRY TO SEAFARERS – NEW VIDEO:

Our colleagues, the Ministry to Seafarers, have published a new video, describing their work in the Port. It is very professional and well worth seeing. To watch, click on the link:

<https://vimeo.com/257969342>

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GRUNT CLUB NEWS:

As our patrons know, the Grunt Club is a major supporter of Mariners' House and most of the profits generated by its activities are generously donated to us.

The Annual Spring Golf Tournament, open to members and non-members, will be taking place on June 14 at the Club de Golf de l'Ile de Montreal, rain or shine!

The Family Picnic, open to Grunt Club members and their immediate families, will take place on June 16 at Angrignon Park in LaSalle. There will be a complimentary lunch and refreshments while the children will enjoy face painting, traditional games and races, as well as participation surprises for each child.

CASH CALENDAR WINNERS:

The following persons and companies are the lucky winners for the months of

January,

Suzanne Ozorak
Adamo Maruca
John McGlynn
Michael Rusby
Chris Walsh



February,

Unifor Local 4401
Chris Martin
Wendy Richardson
Simon Fullum

and March:

Donna Purchard (\$500)
Mrs. Pesel Hornstein
Simon Poirier
Zhou, Qiang Hua
Christian Ouellet

USS LITTLE ROCK

by David Rozeboom, Assistant Port Chaplain, Ministry to Seafarers:

There is an American saying, "As the days begin to lengthen, the cold begins to strengthen." This was certainly the case this year as Montreal experienced the coldest week on record at the end of 2017.

Extreme cold affects shipping in all sorts of ways from longer transit times to frozen pipes on board. The crews have to wear as many clothes as possible and go inside often to warm up. In spite of all the ice, it is rare for a ship to be immobilized for longer than a few hours as tugs or icebreakers will come to assist. This year was different.

On September 25, 2017, the USS Little Rock was delivered to the US Navy in Marinette, Wisconsin. From there she proceeded to Buffalo, NY, where she was christened next to the original USS Little Rock on December 20. Four days later, the ship arrived in Montreal and was supposed to proceed within a few days with the help of tugboats. However, many ships were still in the St. Lawrence Seaway and they required the assistance of all available tugs. One ship was even frozen in a lock for a week before it could be freed. And so the USS Little Rock did not get out to sea. The ship's hull is not reinforced for ice and the water jet propulsion would be damaged by pieces of ice.

Most of the crew members are from the southern United States and they found it very cold in Montreal. Mariners' House extended a warm welcome to them and you could find a handful of crew here every evening. We hosted a games night, a pancake breakfast and an evening of rest and relaxation for the crew. There were about 80 crew members on the ship and, in all, we had 431 sailor visits at the centre from January to March. The crew volunteered at the Welcome Hall Mission and liked to go out into town but they also enjoyed the free Wi-Fi at the centre and would have pizza delivered while watching television.

During their stay, the ship moved to four different berths because of various concerns and needs. They were finally able to sail at the end of March but not before presenting us with a framed picture of their ship, on which they had all written their thanks for taking care of them, the 'Little Rockers'.



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OPEN HOUSE – JUNE 3, 10.00 a.m.-6p.m.



INVITATION

The Montreal Port Authority invites the public to a big family party on Sunday, June 3, at the public opening of its new cruise terminal, now called the Grand Quai du Port de Montréal.

This event will be a chance to visit the port facilities that welcome cruise passengers and the new public green areas that provide unique views of the St. Lawrence River and the city: *Promenade d'Iberville*, a large green rooftop and *Commencement Square*, a vast lawn area along the river, with a lowered wharf.

Among the activities, you will be able to:

- ❖ Visit the History of Ships exhibition in the Port Centre;
- ❖ Visit the new cruise terminal, usually reserved for cruise passengers;
 - ❖ Play giant games;
 - ❖ Take part in a nautical knots workshop;
 - ❖ Visit an exhibition of maritime photos;
 - ❖ Attend and participate in improv games;
 - ❖ Take part in drawing and makeup workshops
- ❖ **Visit Mariners' House at the end of the pier and enjoy free lemonade and cookies!**