

The Patron News

A "MARINERS' HOUSE OF MONTREAL" NEWSLETTER

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July – December 2017

		July-Dec. 2017	2017 -To Date	2016 -To Date	
Service Operations					
Ship visits by chaplains and staff		639	1,294	1,439	
Ships serviced by vans		532	975	1,090	
Seafarers transported		4,293	7,804	11,738	
Prayer services held (attendance)		44 (289)	76 (493)	89 (574)	
Attendance					
-Daytime		1,244			
-Evenings		<u>2,290</u>			
-Total		3,534	5,806	6,151	
Nationality Breakdown					
Filipino	1088	Madagascan	13	Moldovan	2
Indian	792	Romanian	12	Polish	2
Canadian	208	American	8	Bangladeshi	1
Ukrainian	135	Italian	5	Belarusian	1
Russian	53	Lithuanian	5	Dutch	1
Sri Lankan	44	Croatian	4	Estonian	1
Chinese	30	Greek	4	Honduran	1
Montenegrin	21	Georgian	3	Hong Kongese	1
Indonesian	20	Serbian	3	Malaysian	1
Korean	20	Danish	2	Pakistani	1
Turkish	20	Egyptian	2	Cruise Ships	
Burmese	17	German	2	(unclassified)	993
Latvian	16	Japanese	2		

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CASH CALENDAR WINNERS:

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

Florence Ide	Alain Nadeau	Adam Vespoli
Étienne Mignault	Marco Reyes	Michael Sellitto
Matthieu Storme	Pascal Bonischot	Suzanne Ozorak
Sheila Richardson	Geet Kukkar	David Mains
Richard Hollobon		

August,

Rick Dixon	Cara Sams	Sandi Annett
Rita Kennedy	Ida Mastracchio	Maurice Vezina
Pamela Gareau	Hugo Lima Barreto Guimaraes	Antoine Gascon
Marie José Moo-Sang	Cameron Nolan	Iain Bell
Lynda Ouimet		

September,

LCL Navigation (\$500)	Giovanna Gitto	Rita & Robert Lessard
Gregorio Lagana	Thérèse G. Bélanger	Stephanie Howell
Marcel Brien	Corp. des pilotes du St-L. Central	David Greco
Jeffrey Alcorn	Luc Lachal	Thérèse Horvath
Steve Richard		

October,

P.J. Olsen	David Grenier	Lori Newell
Oliver Delplace	Cagney Dickson	Robert Desrochers
Corp. des pilotes du Bas St-L.	Pamela Marchand	Paul Sylvester
Andrew Chodos	Rigel Shipping Canada	Logistique BNSF Canada
Susanna Commodari		

November and

Kathleen McNally	Julien Dubreuil	Suzanne Hurst
Susan O'Sullivan	Jacques Légaré	Katya Gorodensky
R. Sharits	Marc Chénier	Canadian Maritime Union
Jacquie Rose	Sean Rozum	Sonia Kimber
Mary Ann Digby		

December:

Steve Richard (\$500)	Sheila Richardson	Nicole Pelletier
Philip Chan	Sorel-Tracy Mariners' Club	Martine Fournier
Jean-Christophe Pépin	John Peters	Pina Gareffa
Skye Haughton	Marius Pépin-Krause	Nicola Dolbec
Kathleen Broad		

WE RECEIVED:

- ⚓ a DVD player from the **Rowley family**;
- ⚓ four boxes of new clothes from the **S/S Europa**;
- ⚓ a baseball cap from **Mr. Bob Zeagman**;
- ⚓ five bags of clothing from **Michel**, Bickerdike Terminal;
- ⚓ a bottle of spiced rum from **Mr. Jim Schubert**, visiting from Staten Island;
- ⚓ a bicycle helmet, a bag of clothes and a bag of books from **Mr. Paul Delisle**;
- ⚓ two bags of clothes, two suits and a bag of magazines from **Mr. Jason Delisle**;
- ⚓ a bag of clothes from **Mr. Tomasz Wydrych**;
- ⚓ several pairs of brand new socks from **Mr. Donsavio Francis**;
- ⚓ a box of books, three bags and four boxes of *National Geographic* magazines from **Mr. Steve Fisher**;
- ⚓ clothes from **Mr. Eric Handa**;
- ⚓ two large plants from **Andrei and Roza**, friends of Club Assistant/Driver, Marina Kargalskaia;
- ⚓ food and winter clothes from the **Port of Montreal**;
- ⚓ two cushions and a sweater from **Ms. Irina Permiakova**;
- ⚓ cards, calendars and three suitcases from **Capt. Reuben Santos**;
- ⚓ a printer and miscellaneous computer-related items from **Mr. Richard Merti**;
- ⚓ a bag of clothes from **Mr. Terry Elvidge**;
- ⚓ a large model ship in wood from **Mrs. Maura Wilkins** and miscellaneous items from Mrs. Wilkins and her husband, **Robert**;
- ⚓ two bags of coats and calendars from **Mr. Tim McBoyle**;
- ⚓ a bag of clothes from **Petty Officer K. Goral**;
- ⚓ a box of apples, a box of pears, twelve cases of clementines, calendars, magazines and plastic bags from **Mr. Hardy Bochnig**;
- ⚓ a beautiful poinsettia from **Fednav**, brought by Mme Suzanne Bleau-Myrand;
- ⚓ food for the Inauguration Party in November – 150 Shanghai rolls plus 100 'Puto' rice and cheese balls from Club Assistant/Driver, **Mei Mendoza**, and 546 hand made and decorated cookies from **Chaplain Michelle DePooter**;
- ⚓ a bag of clothes from **Fednav** and **Mme Suzanne Bleau-Myrand**;
- ⚓ three jigsaw puzzles and a case of Girl Guide cookies from **Mrs. Margaret Martin**;
- ⚓ two bags of books from **Mr. and Mrs. Curtis** and **Maureen Fowler**;
- ⚓ a bag of jackets from **Mr. Angelo Santos**;
- ⚓ thirty-five stamps, international and to the USA, from **M. Jean-Maurice Deveault**;
- ⚓ three boxes of clothes and calendars from **OOCL**, brought by **Capt. Brian Keegan**;
- ⚓ loads of clothes from **HMCS Donnacona**;
- ⚓ four brand new pairs of pants from **Mr. Charles O'Leary**;
- ⚓ two bags of clothes from **Ms. Helen Pellerin**, Diocesan President of the Catholic Women's League;

Thank you everyone!

Many seafarers arrive ill-equipped for our sub-zero temperatures – if you have coats, jackets or boots that you are no longer wearing, please give them to us so we can distribute them to cold seafarers!

Please also send us magazines that are less than 10 years old – seafarers enjoy reading about many topics, including sports, nature, news, cooking and mechanics.

WE GAVE:

- ☼ clothing to crew members of S/S Europa, M/V Turquoise, M/V Asturcon, M/V NCC Noor, M/V BBC Elbe, M/V Ariadne, M/V Glafkos, M/V OOCL Montreal, M/V Sedna Desgagnés, M/V STI Texas City, M/V Industrial Ruby, M/V Alkyonis, M/V Guardianship, M/V Giorgos Dracopoulos;
- ☼ food to crew of M/V BBC Elbe, M/V Hector N and M/V Cenito;
- ☼ ping-pong table to M/V Montreal Express;
- ☼ jigsaw puzzles to crew of the M/V Federal Katsura;
- ☼ jackets and coats to crew of M/V BBC Nevada, M/V Archangelos Gabriel, M/V Lefkara, M/V Scarabe, M/V Toronto Express, M/V Nord Auckland, M/V Industrial Ruby, M/V Montreal Express, M/V Baie Comeau and M/V Elkeborg;
- ☼ tuques to crew of M/V Scarabe, M/V Federal Cardinal, M/V Toronto Express, M/V Maersk Barry, M/V Nord Auckland, M/V Industrial Ruby, M/V Montreal Express and M/V Baie Comeau;
- ☼ jigsaws, clothes, food, books and magazines to various seafarers.

NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

- ☼ Ten members of the Catholic Women's League held a meeting with Fr. Andrew Tavam in August;
- ☼ In September, we were visited by Dr. Desai Shan, a post-doctoral researcher at the University of Ottawa, involved in a new research project to study accidents and compensation claims among seafarers on Canadian ships.
- ☼ Approximately forty persons attended The Grunt Club's '5 à 7' in November – the first party to be held on the premises!
- ☼ Over seventy guests attended our Grand Opening on November 23.
- ☼ Our buoy, beautifully decorated with a welcoming message to seafarers by Ms. Nancy Roach Parr, has been placed at the front door.
- ☼ Once again this year, we were able to host the Grunt Club children's Christmas party, attended by 140 persons and three pigs!
- ☼ The Canadian Institute of Marine Engineers (CIMarE) held a well-attended meeting in December
- ☼ and the Naval Association of Canada celebrated Christmas with a potluck meal and seasonal music.
- ☼ Kind volunteers provided invaluable support for many weeks: Mr. and Mrs. Tony and Mary DeKoter from Chatham, Ontario, volunteered for two weeks in August and returned to Montreal for three weeks in December. Mr. and Mrs. Mario and Wendy Pinto from Toronto covered two weeks in August while Mr. Dennis Dubinsky came all the way from Langford, BC, to help us throughout the month of September. In November, Mr. Gerard Bondt from Cardinal, Ontario, came for a fortnight and newcomers, Mr. and Mrs. Hans and Cathy Vink, hailing from Selwyn, Ontario, completed the month by volunteering until December 1st.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS:



Thanks to all the generous supporters of Mariners' House and the Ministry to Seafarers, who donated shoeboxes and gifts, 1,430 parcels were given to grateful seafarers over the holiday season.

The following persons and companies donated an outstanding variety of 'stocking fillers':

Mr. John Gareau and Seamont Brokerage & Transport, Ms. Marissa Hernando and her colleagues at Fednav, Dr. Kim and his friends, the Port of Montreal, Mr. Bob Zeagman of Seagulf Marine Industries, Mr. Christopher Gillespie of Gillespie-Munro, Mr. Michael Hagn of Canfornav, Mr. Mark Bishop and Clipper Ship Supply, the Maritime Employers' Association, l'Institut Maritime du Québec, Termont Montreal, the Catholic Women's League, Mr. John Neysmith, Mr. Luc Sauvé and Ms. Gini Furman.



The Port of Montreal donated 500 stylish, warm tuques which were distributed to delighted seafarers.

Sixty persons came to our open house celebrations on the 24th December. In the evening, **Chaplain Michelle DePooter** (who had also baked 749 assorted cookies!) led a Protestant mass with carol-singing.

We were able to offer the best of Christmas fare on the Eve and for several days before and after, thanks to the **Canadian Shippersupply & Services Association (CSSA)**. Delicious vittles were also donated by **Mr. & Mrs. Paul and Debbie Harman, Mr. Michael Fratianni of Montreal Gateway Terminals Partnership and Mr. Ramy Rasmy**. **Mrs. Brennan Huard-Rozeboom** cooked two turkeys for us, while Club Assistant/Driver, **Ms. Mei Mendoza** brought a fish fillet dish. Club Assistants/Drivers, **Ms. Cindy Fairhurst and Ms. Marina Kargalskaia** cooked up a storm and created a beautiful, appetizing spread.

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.

Ski Day will take place on Thursday, February 22nd at Bromont in the Eastern Townships. The outing is a great opportunity to get friends, family, colleagues and clients together to enjoy the outdoors on what is sure to be a wonderful, winter day. The **St. Patrick's Day Curling Luncheon** will be a fun-filled afternoon at the Montreal West Curling Club on March 14, with the traditional corned beef and cabbage luncheon.

Visit the Grunt Club's website (<http://www.gruntclub.org>) for further information on either event.