

# The Patron News

A "MARINERS' HOUSE OF MONTREAL" NEWSLETTER

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April/May/June 2014

		Apr/May/Jun 2014	2014 -To Date	2013 -To Date	
<b>Service Operations</b>					
Ship visits by chaplains and staff		482	847	755	
Ships serviced by vans		360	608	671	
Seaman transported		3,625	5,825	5,897	
Prayer services held (attendance)		38 (266)	61 (416)	79 (399)	
No. of long-distance calls placed for seaman (direct dial & phone cards) :		797	1,153	1,477	
Hours of internet time provided (not including Wifi)		98	179	306	
<b>Attendance</b>					
-Daytime		1,119			
-Evenings		<u>1,784</u>			
-Total		<u>2,903</u>	4,359	4,464	
<b>Nationality Breakdown</b>					
Filipino	866	Burmese	18	Bahamian	3
Indian	788	Croatian	16	Honduran	3
Canadian	195	Dutch	15	Serbian	3
Ukrainian	131	British & Irish	12	Algerian	1
Indonesian	70	Greek	12	Balearic	1
Russian	50	Madagascan	12	Bulgarian	1
Chinese	44	Turkish	8	Peruvian	1
Romanian	34	Italian	7	Singaporean	1
Thai	31	Latvian	5	Vietnamese	1
German	24	Polish	5	Cruise Ships (unclassified)	
Montenegrin	24	Samoan	4		517

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## **WE RECEIVED:**

- ⚓ two bags of clothes and videos from **Mr. Hardy Bochnig**;
- ⚓ pizza and bread rolls from **the Chief Cook** on the **M/V Algosoo**;
- ⚓ four bags of clothes and jackets from Club Assistant/Driver, **Ms. Mei Mendoza**;
- ⚓ five boxes of calendars, a camera and miscellaneous items from **Ms. Katie Jones** and **Fednav**;
- ⚓ a pair of boots, a jacket, six bags of clothes and miscellaneous items from **Capt. Reuben Santos** and his neighbour;
- ⚓ a bag of shirts from **Ms. Theresa Cardinal**;
- ⚓ six trays of food from **Mr. Stephen Masters**;
- ⚓ a bag of clothes from **Mr. German Najarro**;
- ⚓ two boxes of books from **Mr. Mario Rimbao** on behalf of **Fednav**;
- ⚓ seven bags of clothes and a bag of jigsaw puzzles from the **Anglican Church of St. James, Bedford**, brought by **Rev. Andy O'Donnell**;
- ⚓ magazines and CDs from **Ms. Shiellah Quintos**;
- ⚓ three packages of paper serviettes from **Ms. Anna Kargalskaia**;
- ⚓ two pairs of pants and two shirts from **Mr. Steve Fisher**;
- ⚓ four bags of clothes and books from **Mr. David Allin**.

Thank you everyone!

## **WE GAVE:**

- ⚓ clothes to crew members of M/V Diamantis P, M/V Stena Progress, M/V BBC Skysails, S/S Maasdam, M/V OOCL Montreal, M/V Star Merlin and M/V Majesty;
- ⚓ jigsaw puzzles to the crew from M/V Maersk Palermo and M/V Stena Progress;
- ⚓ a camera to M/V Federal Mattawa;
- ⚓ a printer and calendars to M/V Q Keen;
- ⚓ CDs to crew from M/V NBP Island and M/V Claude A. Desgagnés;
- ⚓ Cookbooks to seafarers from the M/V Majesty and S/S Maasdam;
- ⚓ jigsaws, clothes, food, books and magazines to various seafarers.

## **GRUNT CLUB NEWS:**

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

This year, for the first time, the Grunt Club will be holding a cruise of the Port of Montreal on board the AML Cavalier Maxim, casting off at 1130 hours on August 27<sup>th</sup> and returning at 1300 hours. The Port of Montreal will host a cocktail reception on the upper deck and a three course lunch will be served during the cruise.

Mr. Daniel Dagenais, VP Operations at The Port of Montreal, will provide passengers with a descriptive tour of the port. Members and non-members are welcome to attend this event. For further information, contact Ms. Sandi Annett at 514-931-0306 or e-mail: sandi@seamontbt.com.

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## **CASH CALENDAR WINNERS:**

The following persons and companies are the lucky winners for the month of **April:**

Canadian Maritime Union	Frederick Tombs	David Eng
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Stewart	Jeff Craig	Jonathan Brooks
Canadian Shipowners Ass.	Lucy Regan	Adam Rolland
Daniel Paquette	Dennis Baird	Amanda Nicol
Natalie Vieira		

### **May:**

Ash-Lee Maritime Inc.	Gayle Lewis	May Jensen
Elsa Nunes	Kathryn Hejnar	Jack Hadley
Lara De Garie	Lorraine Keays	Rigel Shipping Canada Inc.
Ismail Shaikh	Linda Springs	Philip Chan
Robert Hartle		

### **and June:**

Tanya Reus (\$500)	Louise Matteau	Coddy Delorme
Robert Sauvé	Kurt Diachun	David Kent
Julie Trubiano	Vincenzo Minotti	Lenard Coull
Jeffrey Cummings	MK Steamship Agency	Judy Lilly
Tony Brain	Nicole Brown	

## **NEWS & ACTIVITIES:**

- ✠ Montreal Gateway Terminals (MGT) held their 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Truckers' Appreciation Day on June 4<sup>th</sup> and, once again, set up a donations box for Mariners' House. MGT generously matched the donations collected during the day.
- ✠ As well as the Canadian Institute of Marine Engineering and the Naval Association of Canada, directors of the Grunt Club also held some of their meetings at Mariners' House during May and June.
- ✠ Two groups of students from Christian Reformed Schools visited the centre, one group from Kitchener and the other from Niagara Falls.
- ✠ Mr. and Mrs. George and Grace Couperus volunteered for more than two weeks in April and then Mr. Harmen Vandermeulen helped out until May 4<sup>th</sup>. Two days later, Mr. Winston Vissser returned for a week. Ms. Ellen Visser (no relation) grasped the baton until June 7<sup>th</sup> when seasoned volunteers, Mr. and Mrs. Peter and Betty Mostert, covered us until the end of June.

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## ***ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN DAVID ROZEBOOM:***

David Rozeboom grew up in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He came to Montreal in 2004 to study in the Reformed Seminary where one of his teachers was Dr. Jason Zuidema, a former chaplain for the Ministry to Seafarers and now Executive Director of the North American Maritime Ministry Association (NAMMA). After volunteering at Mariners' House for nine months, David became a full-time port chaplain.

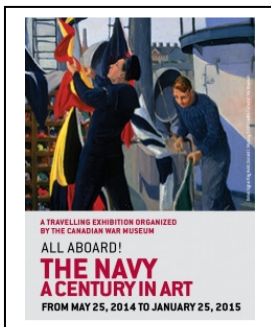
Check out this video of David on the NAMMA YouTube channel, in which he gives an insightful explanation of the joys of visiting ships and serving seafarers; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xT8YRKPQ-5E&feature=youtu.be>



(l to r) David Rozeboom, Marc Garneau, Jason Zuidema

In June, David and Jason were invited to lunch with Marc Garneau at the restaurant on top of the parliament building in Ottawa. "He is now a federal politician", writes Jason, "but was in the Navy and was Canada's first astronaut in space (and went three times!) A seafarer and a spacefarer!"

## ***STEWART MUSEUM***



Mr. Dennis Baird, President of the Montreal Branch of the Naval Association of Canada, recommends a visit to the Stewart Museum, which he says is full of great historical material and, until January 25, 2015, is hosting *The Navy – A Century in Art*, a travelling exhibition of 45 paintings organized by the Canadian War Museum. The Stewart Museum is on Île Sainte-Hélène, easily accessible from the Jacques Cartier Bridge with plenty of parking. The internet address is: [www.stewart-museum.org](http://www.stewart-museum.org).