

The Patron News

A "MARINERS' HOUSE OF MONTREAL" NEWSLETTER

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April/May/June 2015

| | | Apr/May/Jun 2015 | 2015 -To Date | 2014 -To Date | |
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| Service Operations | | | | | |
| Ship visits by chaplains and staff | | 452 | 844 | 847 | |
| Ships serviced by vans | | 381 | 656 | 608 | |
| Seaman transported | | 3,668 | 5,972 | 5,825 | |
| Prayer services held (attendance) | | 48 (346) | 97 (593) | 61 (416) | |
| No. of long-distance calls placed for seaman (direct dial & phone cards) : | | 714 | 1,268 | 1,153 | |
| Hours of internet time provided (not including Wifi) | | 27 | 61 | 179 | |
| Attendance | | | | | |
| -Daytime | | 1,360 | | | |
| -Evenings | | <u>2,076</u> | | | |
| -Total | | <u>3,436</u> | 4,929 | 4,359 | |
| Nationality Breakdown | | | | | |
| Indian | 907 | Dutch | 16 | German | 2 |
| Filipino | 854 | British & Irish | 14 | Guatemalan | 2 |
| Canadian | 174 | Burmese | 12 | Bangladeshi | 1 |
| Ukrainian | 99 | Serbian | 7 | Cuban | 1 |
| Chinese | 91 | Vietnamese | 7 | Colombian | 1 |
| Russian | 65 | Mexican | 5 | French | 1 |
| Montenegrin | 45 | Georgian | 4 | Italian | 1 |
| Indonesian | 28 | Latvian | 4 | Lithuanian | 1 |
| Polish | 28 | Slovakian | 4 | Pakistani | 1 |
| Romanian | 28 | American | 3 | Sri Lankan | 1 |
| Croatian | 25 | Madagascan | 3 | Cruise Ships (unclassified) | |
| Greek | 24 | South African | 3 | | 971 |

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WE RECEIVED:

- ⚓ a bag of clothes, books and hangers from **Mr. Goran Bosnjak**;
- ⚓ jackets from **Mr. Roland Bebilone**;
- ⚓ a box of baseball caps from **Fednav employees**, organised by **Ms. Florence Modeste** and delivered by **Mr. Marc Latour**;
- ⚓ clothes and electrical appliances from Club Assistant/Driver, **Ms. Marina Kargalskaia**;
- ⚓ a T-shirt from **Ms. Roz Schwartz**;
- ⚓ seven cookbooks (very popular!) and eighteen jigsaw puzzles from Club Assistant/Volunteer and now emigrant to Victoria, BC, **Mr. Dennis Dubinsky**;
- ⚓ three bags of clothes from **Mr. Jason Delisle**;
- ⚓ eight bags of clothes and jigsaw puzzles from the **Anglican Church of St. James**, Bedford, brought by **Rev. Andrew O'Donnell**;
- ⚓ bags of clothes from **Ms. Deepi Sandhu**;
- ⚓ a bag of books and magazines from **Capt. Dejan Mitrasovic**;
- ⚓ clothes and jackets, books, games and miscellaneous items from **Ms. Cheryl Kulagowski**;
- ⚓ magazines from **Capt. Reuben Santos**;
- ⚓ magazines from Dutchie's friend, **Kamla**;
- ⚓ briefcases from the **Port of Montreal**, with delivery arranged by **Mme Linda Trudeau**.

Thank you everyone!

WE GAVE:

- ⚓ books to M/V MSC Regina;
- ⚓ *National Geographic* magazines to M/V Thorco Africa;
- ⚓ jigsaw puzzles and clothes to M/V Maersk Pembroke;
- ⚓ jigsaw puzzles to M/V Socratis;
- ⚓ clothes to M/V Marina, M/V Avonborg and M/V Wigeon;
- ⚓ clothes and miscellaneous articles to crew from S/S Saint-Laurent;
- ⚓ jigsaws, clothes, food, books and magazines to various seafarers.

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NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

- ✦ Meetings of the Grunt Club directors, the Naval Association of Canada and the Master Mariners were all held at the centre during these three months, as well as our own Annual General Meeting in June, attended by 35 patrons, who all assented to the election of a board of directors, which included three new members.

Pictured below seated (from left to right), Mr. Michael Fratianni, ex-officio President, Mr. Mario Minotti, President & Treasurer, Mr. Alan Espey, new director, and standing (from left to right) Mr. Frank Martini, honourable director, Mr. Chris Gillespie, Mr. Bob Zeagman, 2nd Vice-President, Mme Suzanne Bleau-Myrand, new director, Mr. Flavio Tiseo, 1st Vice-President, Ms. Carolyn Osborne, General Manager, Mrs. Joyce Hammock, Mr. P. Jeremy Bolger, Mr. Ross Kennedy and Mr. John Gareau, Secretary. (Photo courtesy of Mr. Bruce Field)



- ✦ The Montreal cruise ship, S/S Saint-Laurent, which had already visited the Port five times this year, was supposed to return on June 26th. However, on the 19th, it collided with a wall on the Eisenhower Lock in Massena, near the Canadian border, injuring 22 people and forcing the partial evacuation of the ship. In this picture, Restaurant Steward, Mr. Jaime Edades, points out the damage caused by the collision.

NEWS & ACTIVITIES (ctd.):

- ♣ On June 4th, we were delighted to meet Mr. Stuart Rivers, CEO of the Sailors' Society located in Southampton, England, who was visiting North America. The Sailors' Society is an organisation whose mission is to enhance the well-being of merchant seafarers worldwide.



Pictured (from left to right): Mr. Stuart Rivers, Ms. Carolyn Osborne, Fr. Andrew Thavam (Stella Maris Port Chaplain) and Dr. Jason Zuidema (Executive Director, North American Maritime Ministry Association).

- ♣ Montreal Gateway Terminals held their 11th Annual Truckers' Appreciation Day on June 3rd and requested donations on behalf of Mariners' House, once again generously matching the funds collected during the day.



- ♣ We had the pleasure of meeting and working with seven new volunteers during these three months. In April, Mr. Gerard Bondt, from Dixon's Corners, Ontario, stayed for a week and then returned for another week in May. Mr. & Mrs. Tony and Mary DeKoter (pictured), from Chatham, Ontario, Mr. & Mrs. Rick and Anne Luymes from Kincardine, Ontario, and Mr. & Mrs. Herman and Levina Luymes of Meadowbanks, PEI, all generously donated two weeks from their busy lives to offer assistance to seafarers.

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CASH CALENDAR WINNERS:

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

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| Josée Rodier | Suzanne Bleau-Myrand | Bonnie Weldrick |
| Pauline Gilligan | Kathleen Wilcox | Codyy Delorme |
| Montreal Gateway Terminals | Frederick Tombs | Michael Jamieson |
| Brian Kimber | Wendy Bolger | Nathan A. Tiseo |
| Luisa Pena | | |

May:

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| Benjamin Fouchard | Julie Willett | Ken Mackey |
| Laden Maritime Inc. | H.W. Hollinger (Canada) Inc. | Kalpna Modi |
| Diane Badeau | Linda Jeannotte | Hermont Marine Inc. |
| Adamo Maruca | Danielle Roy | Monique Arsenault |
| David Fernandes | | |

and June:

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| Evert de Boer (\$500) | Danielle Desjardins | Cathy Bond |
| Richard Piechowiak | Gregorio Lagana | Jason Skorski |
| Scott Porter | Scott Porter (!) | Jim Cobb |
| Maritime Employers' Ass. | Jeffrey Cummings | Real Fortin |
| Phil Oswald | | |

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.

On Thursday, August 27th, the Grunt Club will be organising a luncheon cruise of the Port of Montreal on board the AML Cavalier Maxim. All funds will be for the benefit of Mariners' House.

The Fall Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, September 24th, at The Montreal Country Club in Saint Lambert.

For further information, refer to their website: www.gruntclub.org.