

The Patron News

A "MARINERS' HOUSE OF MONTREAL" NEWSLETTER

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October/November/December 2015

		Oct/Nov/Dec 2015	2015 -To Date	2014 -To Date	
Service Operations					
Ship visits by chaplains		402	1,602	1,618	
Ships serviced by vans		308	1,292	1,233	
Seaman transported		2,568	11,325	11,341	
Prayer services held (attendance)		28 (179)	157 (1,006)	124 (937)	
No. of long-distance calls placed for seaman (direct dial & phone cards) :		771	2,910	2,039	
Hours of internet time provided (not including Wifi)		32	135	239	
Attendance					
-Daytime		2,388			
-Evenings		<u>2,216</u>			
-Total		4,604	14,733	12,221	
Nationality Breakdown					
Indian	654	Bulgarian	11	Polish	3
Filipino	585	British & Irish	9	Georgian	2
Canadian	298	Greek	9	Korean	2
Ukrainian	102	Latvian	9	Lithuanian	2
Chinese	136	Dutch	8	Austrian	1
Russian	37	American	7	Bangladeshi	1
Indonesian	34	Croatian	7	Estonian	1
Burmese	23	Montenegrin	6	Slovakian	1
Romanian	23	Cuban	3	Cruise Ships	2,618
German	12			(unclassified)	

WE RECEIVED:

- ✦ two books from **Mr. and Mrs. Bill and José Campbell**;
 - ✦ a magazine and tuques from **Mr. Charles Aubry** of the **Seafarers' International Union**;
 - ✦ blankets from **Mme Geneviève Emond**, owner of the **Bota Bota Spa**;
 - ✦ a bag of apples from **Insuk and Yeong**, proprietors of **Van Winkles Restaurant**;
 - ✦ a box of books and a chess board from **Mr. P.J. Olsen**;
 - ✦ clothes and books from **Mr. Aldo Rosito**;
 - ✦ clothes from **Mr. Murray Millett**;
 - ✦ shoes and clothes from **Seamont Brokerage & Transport Ltd**;
 - ✦ books from **Ms. Jo-Ann Mumford**;
 - ✦ two boxes of books from the **Outreach Committee** of the **Wyman Memorial United Church** in Hudson, brought to us by **Ms. Ann Keough**;
 - ✦ five bags of clothing and two bags of jigsaws from the **Anglican Church of St. James**, Bedford, transported by **Rev. Andy O'Donnell**;
 - ✦ two boxes of apples, five boxes of clementines, shoes, magazines and plastic bags from **Mr. Hardy Bochnig**;
 - ✦ a bag of clothes from **Dutchie**;
 - ✦ a bag of clothes and a bag of handmade scarves and tuques from **Mme Thérèse Levac and friends**;
 - ✦ nine big bags of books from **Ms. Debbie St-Onge** and **Mr. Denis Lefebvre**;
 - ✦ 2016 calendars from **Mr. Robert Walker** and **Carson International**;
 - ✦ a winter coat and pyjamas from **Mr. Brandon Rowley**;
 - ✦ two lamps, two framed pictures and magazines from **Capt. Reuben Santos**;
 - ✦ a bag of books and clothes from **Mr. Paul Delisle**;
 - ✦ a practically new winter jacket from **Mr. Dennis Baird**;
 - ✦ two boxes of books and miscellaneous items from **Mr. Robert Wilkins**;
 - ✦ *National Geographic* and *Readers' Digest* magazines from the **Christian Reformed Church, Williamsburg**;
 - ✦ a jacket from **Mr. Marc Bessette**;
 - ✦ a bag of sweaters from **Mr. Jason Delisle**;
 - ✦ a very kind lady called **Harriet** brought clothes all the way from Ottawa;
 - ✦ magazines from **Mr. Michael Hagn** of Canfornav;
 - ✦ ten bags of clothes and toys from **Mr. Vincent Prager**;
 - ✦ a bag of miscellaneous items and VHS tapes from **Mr. Martin Vachon** of the **Algoma Navigator**.
- Thank you everyone!**

Now that the full force of winter is upon us, we would ask you once again to help clothe shivering seafarers who are still arriving wearing inadequate, flimsy clothing. Men's warm winter clothing, in particular coats and jackets, would be especially appreciated.

WE GAVE:

- ✦ miscellaneous articles to crew members of the S/S Crystal Symphony and the M/V MSC Ermina;
- ✦ magazines, children's books and a shirt to crew of the S/S Silver Whisper;
- ✦ clothes, coats, jackets, scarves and tuques to crew from M/V Pyxis Theta, M/V MSC Nilgun, M/V Federal Leda, M/V Atlantic Patriot, M/V UBC Seattle, M/V Swan Baltic, M/V Maroudio, M/V Federal Weser, M/V BBC Maple Lea, M/V Nord Optimizer, M/V Gotland Marieann, M/V Nave Equinox, M/V Active and M/V MSC Ermina;
- ✦ jigsaw puzzles to crew from the M/V Toronto Express, M/V Federal Weser, M/V BBC Maple Lea, M/V Gotland Marieann;
- ✦ jigsaws, clothes, food, books and magazines to various seafarers.

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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 their activities are generously donated to us.

On Thursday, February 18th, the Grunt Club will be hosting a '5 to 7' cocktail party at Taverne Gaspar, 89 rue de la Commune East, and all members and potential members are invited to socialise and enjoy some snacks and a couple of drinks on the Club!

The Grunt Club's annual St. Patrick's curling luncheon will be taking place on Wednesday, March 16th, at the Montreal West Curling Club, 17 Ainslie Street, Montreal West, where there is ample free parking. For further information, contact the Director in Charge, Mr. Theodore Blaize, at 514-756-5168 or the Chairperson, Mr. Adam Rolland, at 514-842-9060.

CASH CALENDAR WINNERS:

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

Nick Fisher	Jayden Hamm	Lee Nicol
Murray Gorodensky	Ross Baldwin	Rigel Shipping Canada
Peter Pamel	Centre des Données Maritimes	Robert Perron
Najim Shaikh	Louis Miguel Riveros Bueno	Karen Sweeney
Domenic Tummillo		

November:

Lynn Belmer	Dana Farhangi	Murray Millett
Jeannine Kruger	Daniel Belleville	Allen Brigden
Marcel Fournier	Nick Fisher	Josée Bergeron
Maersk Canada	Jean-Sébastien Barale	Nicola Dolbec
Meagan Jandron		

and December:

Guillaume Couture (\$500)	Gretel Torres Félix	Robinson Sheppard Shapiro
Maersk Canada	Rita Kennedy	Cécile Poitras
Groupe Desgagnés	Jacques Poirier	David Delorme
Stéphane Demers	Tony Vanderveen	Mia Hamm
Niels Klove	Tony Brain	

There are still one hundred 2016 Cash Calendars available for purchase – please help us sell them all!

Just reserve a calendar and the number will go into the January 31 draw, even if your money has not yet reached us.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS:



350 warm and stylish **Port of Montreal** tuques were donated by **Mme Sylvie Vachon** and **Mr. Tony Boemi** and distributed to grateful seafarers

Thanks to the generous, thoughtful supporters of Mariners' House and the Ministry to Seafarers, who donated shoeboxes and gifts, over 1,400 parcels were distributed to grateful seafarers over the holiday season. The following persons and companies donated an outstanding variety of gifts to seafarers :



Mr. John Gareau and **Seamont Brokerage & Transport**, **Ms. Marissa Hernando**, **Mr. Marc Latour** and their colleagues at **Fednav Limited**, **Dr. Kim**, **Mrs. Kim** and colleagues, **Ms. Gwen Levasseur** and **Canada Steamship Lines**, the **Port of Montreal**, **Mr. Chad Allen** and **OOCL (Canada)**, **Ms. Montana Harman**, **Mr. P. Jeremy Bolger**, **Mr. Bob Zeagman** and **Seagulf Marine Industries**, **Mr. W. Steve Fisher**, **Mme Micheline Morin** on behalf of the **Seafarers' International Union**, **Ms. Krystal Rowley**, **Mr. Dennis Baird**, **Messrs. Franz and Fred Seebacher** and **Hermont Marine**, **Mr. Richard Parent** and the **Traffic Club of Montreal**, **Mr. Chris Gillespie** and **Gillespie-Munro**, **Mme H  l  ne Arcouette** on behalf of the **Laurentian Pilotage Authority**, **Mr. P. J. Olsen** and **Dencan Marine**, **St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation** in Quebec, **Mme Karen Ste-Marie** on behalf of **Logistec Corporation**, **Mr. Wildo Giardini** on behalf of **Osborn & Lange**, **Mr. Mark Bishop** and **Clipper Ship Supply**, **Ms. Lynda Ouimet** and **Mr. Michael Fratianni** for **Montreal Gateway Terminals Partnership**, **Mr. Paul Marchand** and **Marchand, Fairchild, Blais**, **Mr. Michael Hagn** for **Canfornav**, **Mr. Adam Rolland**, **Dr. Jason Zuidema** and **Dora** and her colleagues at **Quality Goods** .

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS (ctd.):

Sixty-five guests celebrated at our 'Reveillon' party on the 24th December, when **Chaplain Michelle DePooter** led a Protestant mass, supported by **Assistant Chaplain David Rozeboom** who accompanied many of the carols on the trumpet. Then **Father Andrew Thavam** held a Catholic service.

The **Canadian Shipyards & Services Association (CSSA)** supplied most of the food that covered our snooker table. Once again, **Mrs. Brennan Huard-Rozeboom** kindly cooked two turkeys for us while Club Assistant/Driver, **Ms. Cindy Fairhurst**, cooked a turkey, a ham and all the trimmings. **Chaplain Michelle DePooter** created precisely 716 perfectly-formed Christmas cookies. **Mrs. Gail Van Eyck**, **Ms. Mei Mendoza** and her family and **Mr. & Mrs. Paul and Debbie Harman** brought other tasty dishes to the table while **Ms. Mura Petrova** carved and created stunning fresh fruit platters.



Mr. Roberto Ozores was again a most entertaining Master of Ceremonies for the now traditional Christmas draw and kept everyone's spirits high.

NEWS & ACTIVITIES:



In October, we said farewell to Ms. Marina Kargalskaia, a Club Assistant/Driver for Mariners' House since 2006. She and her husband, Mr. Charles Allen (pictured left), embarked on a new life together in Nova Scotia. At the same time, we welcomed a new employee, Mr. Iuri Petrov (pictured right).



- ✦ In October, Ms. Cindy Fairhurst was the driver for a tour of the Port in our 25-passenger bus, organised by Mr. Julian Hung on behalf of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers.
- ✦ The Naval Association of Canada held their Christmas party at Mariners' House, with twenty-five celebrants.
- ✦ Mr. Paul Racette, General Manager of the Trois-Rivières Seafarers' Club, visited us in December.
- ✦ Mr. and Mrs. Ron and Rush Ashton from Brantford, Ontario, volunteered for two weeks in October, and then Ms. Patricia Glenn and Ms. Loretta Johnson from the States returned for a second time. In November, Mr. and Mrs. Kees and Ellen Visser from PEI were our helpmates while Mr. Gerard Bondt from Ontario returned for the fourth time this year, and we were introduced to his wife, Hester. Finally Mr. George Couperus, thankfully back on his feet after a health setback, came to help us with our parcel deliveries for a few days in December.