

The Patron News

A "MARINERS' HOUSE OF MONTREAL" NEWSLETTER

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October/November/December 2014

		Oct/Nov/Dec 2014	2014 -To Date	2013 -To Date	
Service Operations					
Ship visits by chaplains and staff		367	1,618	1,902	
Ships serviced by vans		323	1,233	1,254	
Seaman transported		2,769	11,341	10,938	
Prayer services held (attendance)		42 (395)	124 (937)	133 (807)	
No. of phone calls placed for seaman		886	2,039	4,045	
Hours of internet time provided (not including Wifi)		60	239	642	
Attendance					
-Daytime		1,979			
-Evenings		<u>2,133</u>			
-Total		<u>4,112</u>	12,221	11,760	
Nationality Breakdown					
Filipino	668	Malaysian	11	Algerian	2
Indian	583	Ukrainian	9	Belgian	2
Canadian	356	Latvian	8	Cuban	2
Croatian	46	Sri Lankan	7	Portuguese	2
Russian	46	Greek	6	Serbian	2
Montenegrin	27	Australian	4	American	1
Indonesian	25	Turkish	4	Bangladeshi	1
British & Irish	22	Bulgarian	3	Italian	1
German	21	Ethiopian	3	Madagascan	1
Georgian	20	Polish	3	Mexican	1
Romanian	19	Swedish	3	Pakistani	1
Chinese	15	Vietnamese	3	Cruise Ships (unclassified)	
Dutch	12			2,091	

WE RECEIVED:

- ✚ a printer, monitor and fax from **Mr. Eric Godolphin**, a river pilot;
- ✚ thirty coats brought by **The Rev'd Dr. Brian Evans** from **St. John's Church, Huntingdon**;
- ✚ two bags of books and magazines, plus notebooks, pens and markers from **Mr. Brian Kimber**;
- ✚ clothes from Club Assistant/Driver, **Ms. Marina Kargalskaia**;
- ✚ clothes, books and winter jackets from Club Assistant/Driver, **Ms. Mei Mendoza**;
- ✚ magazines and a bag of Christmas cards from **Capt. Reuben Santos**;
- ✚ a model of the S/S Aida Bella logo from the **Deck Department**;
- ✚ three bags of clothes from **Mr. Chris Dolla**;
- ✚ jigsaw puzzles and cookbooks from Club Assistant/Driver and Volunteer, **Mr. Dennis Dubinsky**;
- ✚ three boxes of books, a puzzle and a case of Girl Guide cookies from **Mr. and Mrs. Graham and Margaret Martin**;
- ✚ three boxes of magazines from **Fednav**;
- ✚ two bags and three boxes of clothes, shoes and sweaters from **Mme Thérèse Levac**, and a big bag of hand-knitted scarves and tuques from **Mme Levac and her friends**;
- ✚ four bags of clothes from **Ms. Paula Milloy** and **Mr. and Mrs. Walter and Lorna Kane**, brought by **Ms. Honor Bolger**;
- ✚ three boxes of books, a bag of clothes and a box of miscellaneous items from **Capt. John Spencer**;
- ✚ a box of National Geographic magazines from the **Outreach Committee** of the **Wyman Memorial United Church**;
- ✚ books and miscellaneous items from **Mr. & Mrs. Robert and Maura Wilkins**;
- ✚ a bag of coats and clothes from Club Assistant/Driver, **Ms. Cindy Fairhurst**;
- ✚ two brand new winter jackets from **Mr. Craig Robinson, Rigel Shipping**;
- ✚ four boxes of books from **M/V British Courtesy**;
- ✚ two pairs of boots, a bag of books and two boxes of pens from **Mr. Steve Masters**;
- ✚ a bag of puzzles and three bags of clothes and jackets from **Rev. Andy O'Donnell** and the **St. James Church, Bedford**;
- ✚ three boxes of books, four boxes of National Geographic magazines and three bags of clothes from **Mr. Tom Brodeur**;
- ✚ magazines and a book from **Ms. Gloria Harding**;
- ✚ a box of clothes from **Seagulf Marine Industries Inc.**;
- ✚ magazines from **Mr. Stephen Wray**;
- ✚ clothes and a fax machine from **Mr. Roland Bebilone**;
- ✚ a bag of winter jackets from **Mr. Paul Delisle**;
- ✚ a box of National Geographic magazines from **Mr. Ralph Norg**;
- ✚ nine boxes of clothes, jackets and books from **Mr. Chad Allen**;
- ✚ legal pads from **Mr. Emile Beaulieu**;
- ✚ six bottles of Coca-Cola from **Mr. Peter Grayton**;
- ✚ a bag of clothes from **Mr. Terry Elvidge**;
- ✚ a bag of clothes and two jackets from **Mr. Jason Delisle**;
- ✚ a bag of clothes from **Mr. Jeremy Bolger**;
- ✚ a bag of books from **Mr. Dirk Peters**;
- ✚ three big bags of clothes from **Mr. Vincent Prager**;
- ✚ a 32" Smart TV from **Mr. Paul Marchand** (see picture).

. Thank you everyone!

(We would still appreciate receiving men's warm winter clothing, coats and jackets)



WE GAVE:

- ☼ jackets, clothes, tuques and scarves to crews from the M/V Toronto Express, M/V Pretty Lady, M/V Minerva Emily, M/V Atlantic Horizon, S/S Hamburg, M/V High Nefeli, M/V Mare di Genova, M/V Maersk Pembroke, M/V MSC Alyssa, M/V MSC Regina, M/V Flinterstar, M/V Federal St. Laurent, M/V CMA CGM Montreal, M/V Qamutik, M/V Nord Shanghai, M/V Silverstar, M/V Atlantic Titan, M/V Nord Independence, M/V Eagle Madrid, M/V S.H. Grace, M/V OOCL Montreal, M/V Triton Seagull, M/V Federal Skeena, M/V Bremen, M/V Eagle Melbourne, M/V Lokholmen, M/V OOCL Belgium, M/V MSC Aniello, M/V Star Merlin, M/V Toronto Express, M/V Laurentia Desgagnes, M/V Federal Katsura and M/V Asiaborg;
- ☼ jigsaw puzzles to the M/V Nord Independence and M/V Federal Katsura;
- ☼ miscellaneous items to M/V Maersk Palermo;
- ☼ jigsaws, clothes, food, books and magazines to various seafarers.

CASH CALENDAR WINNERS:

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

Patrick Johnston	Tony Fiorino	Doreen Douglas
Gayle Lewis	Renata Olsen	Carole Bienvenue
Christopher Hayes	Jeanne-Mance Raymond	Sylvie Deutsch
Mason Mallin	Ida Singer	W.R.S. Eakin
Albert & Wilma Mulder	Felipa Verzola	

November,

P.J. Olsen	Lisa Winn	Raquel De Leon
Steve Richard	Simon Lebrun	Yvonne van Eden
Gerald Dubois	Florence & Harold Chankee	Kristine Fiset
Melinda Ley	Amanda Waglay	Connor & Cameron Nolan

and December:

Andrew Park \$500	Marie Tetrault	Fazila Mohammed
Maersk Canada Inc.	Jason Skorski	Ash-Lee Maritime Inc.
Andrew Chodos	Naïla Millar	Canadian Shipowners Ass.
Ann Cronin	Benjamin Fouchard	Rigel Shipping Canada Inc.
Michael H. Milner	François Presseau	

There are still fifty 2015 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:

Thanks to the generous supporters of Mariners' House and the Ministry to Seafarers, who donated shoeboxes and gifts, 1,538 parcels were given to grateful seafarers over the holiday season.



1,500 **Port of Montreal** tuques were donated by **Mme Sylvie Vachon** and **Mr. Tony Boemi** and distributed to seafarers who appreciated their warmth and trendy appearance.

The following persons and companies donated an outstanding variety of gifts to seafarers :

Mr. John Gareau and **Seamont Brokerage & Transport**, **M. Gilles Rémillard** and **Affiliated agents en douane**, **Ms. Marissa Hernando**, **Mr. Marc Latour** and their colleagues at **Fednav Limited**, **Dr. Kim** and his students, **Mr. Bill Gottlieb**, **Mr. Brian Kimber**, **Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Maura Wilkins**, **Ms. Gwen Lévasseur** and **Canada Steamship Lines**, **Mme Evelyne Sévigny** on behalf of the **Port of Montreal**, **Mr. Chad Allen** and **OOCL (Canada)**, **Mr. Dennis Dubinsky** and **Ms. Audrey Phillips**, **Mr. John De Luca**, **Capt. Claude P. Beaubien** and **Sarah**, **Mme Suzanne Paquin** and **Mme Maureen Letourneau** of **Transport Nanuk**, **M. Réjean Brunet** and the **Syndicat des débardeurs**, **Ms. Montana Harman**, **Mr. Andre Neuendorff** and **Protos Shipping**, **Mr. Dirk Peters** of **CMA-CGM Canada**, **Mr. Rodney Morgan** of **Chartwell Shipping**, **Mr. P. Jeremy Bolger**, **Mr. Bob Zeagman** of **Seagulf Marine Industries**, **Mr. Jeffrey Fisher**, the **Corporation des pilotes du Bas St-Laurent**, **Mr. P. J. Olsen** and **M. Patrice Caron** on behalf of the **Seafarers' International Union**.

One hundred guests and seafarers celebrated at our '*Reveillon*' party on the 24th December. **Assistant Chaplain David Rozeboom** led a Protestant mass and carol-singing and then **Father Andrew Thavam** held a well-attended Catholic service.

Our snooker table was covered with a fantastic array of food, mostly supplied by the **Canadian Shippersupply & Services Association (CSSA)**. **Ms. Michelle DePooter** and her sister, **Heidi**, created hundreds of delicious Christmas cookies, while **Mrs. Gail Van Eyck**, **Ms. Mei Mendoza** and her family and **Mr. & Mrs. Paul and Debbie Harman** brought other tasty dishes to the table. **Ms. Cindy Fairhurst** cooked a turkey and a gigantic ham while **Ms. Marina Kargalskaia** carved delightful – edible – decorations (penguins and Christmas trees) to grace the spread. We are especially grateful to **Mrs. Brennan Huard-Rozeboom** who cooked two turkeys for us.

The evening's entertainment and Christmas draw was once again professionally animated by **Mr. Roberto Ozores**, who made the party memorable and fun for every participant.

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 12th, the Grunt Club will be hosting a '5 to 7' cocktail party at "Zibo!", Quartier Dix30, 9370 boul. Leduc, local 5, and all members and potential members are invited to mingle and enjoy some great snacks and a first drink (or two..) at the Club's expense.

NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

👤 All experienced volunteers, Mr. and Mrs. Jon and Andrea Struyk volunteered for the whole month of October while Mr. and Mrs. Peter and Betty Mostert covered half of November.

Newcomers, Mr. and Mrs. Ron and Ruth Ashton, then stayed a week and proved to be made of the same, fine mettle.

Returning for the fourth time, Mr. and Mrs. Pieter and Maria Biemond stayed for two weeks. Maria cleaned the centre from top to bottom – going where no-one has dared to go before! In December, we saw the return of a lively, hard-working group of ladies: Mrs. Aileen Earls, Mrs. Jessica Venema, Mrs. Marg DeBoer and Mrs. Alicia Looyenga.

During the busy Christmas season, when presents are packaged up and distributed to the ships, Mr. George Couperus again stepped and offered us his many talents. All these volunteers, and our year-long, local volunteers - Mme Claude Ouellette, Mr. Joe D'Assis, Mr. Dennis Dubinsky and Mr. Linford Augustus – are indispensable to our operations.

MARINERS' HOUSE WEBSITE:

We can now accept PayPal payments through our website,
<http://www.marinershouse.ca/>
Hopefully, this will be more convenient for those who no longer wish to write out old-fashioned cheques which have to be snail-mailed!