

Newslink

May 2018

Community Living St. Marys and Area
"A community where everyone belongs."



Additional parking and a bike rack will soon be available in the rear of the James Purdue Centre

COMING EVENTS

2018 Annual General Meeting

Monday, June 18

Meeting 5:00

Dinner 6:00

(Invitation enclosed)



Look for information on our Annual Fundraiser "Create A Smile" at the AGM



WANTED

Awesome Board Members!

Interested? Call Marg McLean



Join us on Facebook

John O'Brien visits St. Marys



About six weeks ago in mid-March, John O'Brien spent a week with us in St. Marys. John has visited our community several times in the last thirty years. The purpose of his visit was to provide an opportunity for reflection, a deeper look at our principles and how we move toward our vision and mission. By hosting nine gatherings during the week, John had the opportunity to meet with about 90 people connected to Community Living St. Marys and Area. If you participated in one of the group meetings, thank you!

Your thoughts, opinions and ideas matter. The Board of Directors and members of the Quality Assurance Committee will be forming a small ad-hoc committee to assist in the next steps in developing a strategic plan to guide our work for the coming five years.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Marg McLean at mmclean@clstmarys.ca



RESPECTING Rights



Respecting Rights is a project of ARCH. It is focused on rights for people labelled with intellectual disabilities. Self-advocates, lawyers and advocacy staff work together on rights issues in Ontario.

Respecting Rights is proud to work in partnership with People First of Ontario.

Last month, Respecting Rights made two presentations in St. Marys with over 40 participants. For more information about their sessions, contact Sue Hutton at ARCH Disability Law Centre in Toronto.



What is 211?

211 is the source Canadians trust when seeking information and services to deal with life's challenges.

211's award-winning telephone helpline and website provide a gateway to community, social, non-clinical health and related government services.

211 helps to navigate the complex network of human services quickly and easily, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in over 150 languages.

211 connects people to the right information and services, strengthens Canada's health and human services and helps Canadians to become more engaged with their communities.

When you don't know where to turn, turn to 211.

Central Admin

A reminder to staff to access the **STAFF LOGIN** on our website. Some of the benefits include information on the Family Services Employee Assistance Program and Conversations that Matter as well as multiple downloadable forms including timesheets, staff travel, consent to share, vacation request etc. If you need assistance logging in, please contact Candace O'Hearn or Laura Cannon at cohearn@clstmarys.ca or lcannon@clstmarys.ca respectively.

Youth Engagement

This fall, eight youth from the St. Marys and Stratford area attended the annual Re:Action4Inclusion conference in Orillia hosted by Community Living Ontario. The group of youth made a commitment to continue meeting after this conference and have now established their own group; 'Include2Improve'.

'Include2Improve is a group of youth who are looking to develop ideas in order to promote efforts of inclusion in our society. We take action by making issues involving inclusion in our culture known to all communities and organizations.'

Include2Improve has been very busy! The group collaborated with the St. Marys Youth Centre to host an Easter Egg Hunt and promote their group's mission. The youth met with John O'Brien to share their thoughts and ideas about our community and inclusion. Four of the youth attended the Global Student Leadership Summit in London, ON.

Include2Improve youth who attended the Leadership Summit had this to say, "(It) helped us learn about the type of people we are and what we are capable of doing. At the Global Student Leadership Summit we heard inspiring stories that empowered us to do amazing things and lead change in our communities. Most importantly, we had lots of fun meeting new people and learning new things. Thank you so much for this opportunity."

Follow Include2Improve on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook to find out more and see upcoming events!

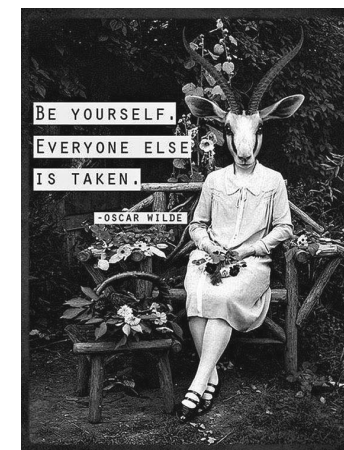
For more information about Youth Engagement contact Stephanie Lee, Youth Facilitator slee@clstmarys.ca or (519) 284-1400 ext 226



Congratulations to Eva and Cameron!

These two local youth have been selected as provincial representatives for the Re:Action4Inclusion Youth Advisory Council 2018.

See more at <https://reaction4inclusion.com/about/our-change-makers/>



Upcoming Summer 2018 workshop: Moving On (Location TBA)

Wednesday 9:30am to 12:00pm—Aug 1 to 29th

For more information or to register for workshops please contact Stephanie Lee at slee@clstmarys.ca/519-284-1400 ext 226

We are happy to have Jay DeZwart enhancing his role with us to include maintenance.

Contact Jay at 519-284-1400 x244 or email: maintenance@clstmarys.ca

Check out the inspiring short interviews with leaders in the disability movement at **Conversations That Matter** (link is on our website)

THE GIFT CORNER

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Tricia Bain, Stephanie Lee, Jennifer Leslie, Jill Reeve and Kim Monden

We recently welcomed visitors, Jill Reeve and Tricia Bain, from Community Living Parry Sound. There was a great exchange of information and ideas about housing, employment and community development. The beautiful sculpture of the windswept pine was created by Jill and is an image reflected in their strategic planning. It will be on display at JPC if you want to take a closer look!



The following Milestone Awards will be presented at the AGM:

5 yrs—C Milton & J McLean
10 yrs—L McKay
15 yrs—K Armstrong
20 yrs—M Fox
25 yrs—V Logan
30 yrs—M Rourke

"Strength lies in differences, not in similarities"



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THANKS TO ALL THOSE
WHO SPONSORED AND
PARTICIPATED!
SPIRITS WERE HIGH WITH
23 RIDERS DESPITE THE
HIGH WINDS THAT
REMOVED THE 'G' FROM
OUR SIGN.



Heart&Stroke
BIG BIKE RIDE
A Ride to Remember

Jack Taylor

Sept 1944-April 2018

It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of Jack Taylor on April 3, 2018. Jack took care of maintenance at Community Living St. Marys and Area for over 15 years. His 'Good Morning' greet, baseball recaps and his ability to fix almost anything will surely be missed. Many people came to depend on Jack and he played a big role in the success of our largest annual fundraiser, 'Create A Smile.'

Thanks for all the smiles you gave and created during your time with the Association.



Your presence is missed

Employee Management Relations Committee

Provides a forum for discussion for all staff through their representative for matters of mutual interest and/or concern.

Members include: Becky Huffman, Jen McCauley, Vanessa Martin-Loree, Nicole Zandstra, Connie Seaton, Tamie Robertson-Coward, Carol Ackersviller, Shay Gavin, Marg McLean, Jennifer Leslie & Kim Monden

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A \$5.00 membership entitles you to:

- * vote on policies and bylaw changes at our Annual General Meeting
- * receive newsletters, annual reports, financial statements (on request only)
- * receive invitations to planning retreats and workshops
- * serve on our Board of Directors or one of its committees

If you would prefer to mail in your request please send it to:

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If you would like to be removed from our mailing list, please contact Candace O'Hearn at 519-284-1400 ext 221 or email cohearn@clstmarys.ca

Visit our website: www.communitylivingstmarys.ca

NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

A reminder to all employees that peer nominations are being accepted for the 3rd Annual Core Competency Awards presented at the AGM in June. If you work with a colleague who excels in one of the Core Competencies, please consider nominating him or her! Contact Laura at lcannon@clstmarys.ca for a nomination form.

Competencies to consider are: Advocating For Others * Collaboration * Creative Problem Solving & Decision Making * Fostering Independence in Others * Initiative * Resilience

PLEASE JOIN US!

The Core Gift Club invites you to share ideas, have fun and enjoy some snacks with us on:

WEDNESDAY MAY 30 FROM 6:30—8:00PM
At the James Purdue Centre, 300 Elgin St East, St. Marys

It has been far too long since we have come together, let's regroup! If you still have a copy of your Core Gift statement, please bring it with you. If you can, let Marilyn Haywood (haywoodmarilyn@rogers.com) know if you will be joining us. If not, just show up!

****Be sure to include any allergies you may have in the email, as well as any great ideas that you would like to share.****

For any employee who has not done a Core Gift Interview yet, please contact Laura Cannon (lcannon@clstmarys.ca) or Jen Leslie (jleslie@clstmarys.ca) to arrange to have one completed.

NEW PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!!!



The Joint Health & Safety Committee

Paul Williams, Jackie Haycock, Carol Ackersviller, Linda Pickering, Kim Monden, Marg McLean.

Items of interest, dealings of the Health & Safety Committee and the minutes are posted at JPC in the photocopy room. Any concerns of a health and safety nature can be forwarded to the Chair Paul Williams at pwilliams@clstmarys.ca or (519) 284-3620