

Celebrating Community Living Toronto Volunteers!

By: Sarah Winter



This time of year marks when we celebrate our volunteers not only for all that they do within Community Living Toronto, but also for our communities as a whole!

On April 16, 2014, we will be celebrating our volunteers at the annual Community Living Toronto Volunteer Recognition dinner at the Montecassino Hotel and Event Venue. This year, award recipients being honored have committed years of dedication to Community Living Toronto and we are looking forward to celebrating these very deserving volunteers.

We are grateful to all of our wonderful volunteers who collectively contributed over 33,300 hours of volunteer service this year alone. From providing administrative support to visiting individuals supported by Community Living Toronto, to serving as our Board of Directors and various committees, this month (and every month) we would like to salute you and say “Thank You” for all that you do!

While we look back on 2013 as year of tremendous volunteerism within our organization, we also look forward to 2014 and the years ahead with excitement and optimism for the future at Community Living Toronto. With a focus on youth and senior volunteerism, we see the volunteer landscape at

Community Living Toronto continue to be innovative and creative for all involved!

If you have any ideas, talents or gifts you would like to share, please do not hesitate to contact your regional volunteer coordinator, as we are always open to hearing new ideas. In 2013, volunteers created activities such as music classes, dance instruction, and specialty art classes, all of which have been warmly received by the people we support and Community Living Toronto staff. If you want to get involved, meet amazing people and give back to your community, please contact: Matthew Poirier (matthew.poirier@cltoronto.ca) for Central Region, Jacqueline Fisher (jacqueline.fisher@cltoronto.ca) for North York/Etobicoke Regions or Sarah Winter (swinter@cltoronto.ca) for Scarborough Region.

In addition to our volunteer dinner, we are happy to announce Volunteer Canada’s Volunteer Hotline for National Volunteer Week which takes place April 6-12th. People who know of a volunteer who is making a difference in their community are encouraged to call in and leave a message for this outstanding person to thank them. You can find more information on how to nominate a volunteer on page 13 of this newsletter or visit this website for further information: <https://volunteer.ca/nvw2014> Let us be proud of all the contributions we make as an Association, a Community and as a Country! Thank You Volunteers!



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April 2014

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Spirituality & Volunteering Go Together!

By: Ilaneet Goren



Bill Rolfe— a dedicated volunteer.

Bill Rolfe is known at Community Living Toronto for his dedicated volunteering. He even won an award for it last year from the Self Advocates Council. But not everyone knows about Bill's Native heritage, of which he is deeply proud.

Recently, on a sunny March morning, I had the chance to meet Bill at the Foster's Club House where he volunteers and spends time with friends, making everyone feel included and teaching people how to shoot decent pool. He also volunteers at the Adult Day Program supper club next door, and holds a part time job with Sunrise Cleaners.

I asked Bill about his personal connection to the Native culture and its traditions.

"My mother is Native, my father is French. I was adopted by a German family." Bill told me that his ancestors were from the Mohawk nation, known as the Aboriginal peoples of North America. Bill is originally from North

Bay, Ontario, which is home to some of Canada's First Nations, Metis and Inuit communities. Here in Toronto, Bill is involved with the Native Canadian Centre on Spadina Road where he has been attending various cultural events like community meals and drumming circles.

For Bill, hearing the drum is "sort of like a spiritual type thing. I feel happiness as well," he says. He has also attended a few pow-wows, which are gatherings celebrating Aboriginal culture and spirituality.

"Do you dance?" I asked curiously. "I just watch," he said smiling, "my knees are not that great." He said he drums a little bit and that his daughter Christine is really into the native traditions, especially the pow-wows. "She knows all the Native dances better than I do!" he joked. Bill also has a son, David. Bill likes to spend time with his children and talk to them about the Native culture.

Being able to fully express all parts of his identity helps Bill to stay positive every day. "I do get happy a lot," he said. "I'm always having fun and joking around. There is the happy part of me and the sad part of me, two Bills!" he said smiling.

For Bill, there is also a connection between being part of the Native community and the Self Advocates Council. That connection is about rights. "Native people are always fighting for their rights all the time and don't give up."

Amalgamated Zoning By-Law

We need your help!

We need our members to tell your municipal councillor, particularly those on the Planning & Growth Committee, that distancing requirements for group homes contravene Human Rights! Please tell your councillor that:

- People with an intellectual disability have a right to live in the communities of their choosing, in the neighbourhoods they want and with the people they want.
- People with disabilities have been living, as of right, in communities all across Toronto since the 1970's, without incident, without objection from their neighbours.
- Toronto is one of the most diverse cities in the world, and that is reflected by all people living together in all of Toronto's neighbourhoods.
- By enforcing a distancing requirement, you are creating communities that lack diversity and inclusion.
- Defining a lower threshold of a group home for licensing purposes will further enable people to live with 1-2 roommates in a supported environment privately and independently.

You can find your councillor by clicking [here](#). You can also contact the members of the Planning & Growth Management Committee:

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Thank you!

If you have any questions, you can contact Karen Bell at kbell@cltoronto.ca. We will keep you updated on this important issue.



AIR MILES—a great way to support Community Living Toronto

With an AIR MILES Collector Card, you can turn everyday purchases like gas and groceries into tickets, gadgets, electronics and more for the individuals and families we support and events like the Shadow Lake Golf Tournament.

To request your AIR MILES Collector Card(s) contact Elliott Port 647.729.1255 or email elliott.port@cltoronto.ca. You can also easily transfer AIR MILES from your Account to Community Living Toronto by calling Air Miles on 1-888-AIR MILES (247-6453). A fee of 15¢ plus taxes per Reward Miles is applicable.

Ontario Volunteer Service Awards

Each year, the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration honours volunteers by presenting the Ontario Volunteer Service Awards. This annual award recognizes individuals who have contributed their time and talents for 5, 10 and 15+ years of volunteer service.

Over the years, many Community Living Toronto volunteers have been recognized for their commitment. This year, we are very pleased that Ontario Volunteer Service Awards will be presented to several Community Living Toronto volunteers:

Stephen Andrews

Elizabeth Callaghan

Cindy Coughlin

Beverley Gordon

Nelly Joaquim

Mark Johnson

And three outstanding young people are also being recognized:

Luxi Amirthalingam

Gabriela Osorio

JiaRui Pu

The awards will be presented between March 28 and June 17 at various locations across the GTA.

Congratulations to all of the award winners!

'Celebrating Community' T-Shirt Contest



Community Living Toronto has decided to commemorate this May's Community Living Month by hosting a t-shirt competition where we asked artists from our art programs to create a painting depicting what community means to them.

Submissions will be shared on Community Living Toronto's facebook page as photos and we are asking the public to choose their favourite by 'liking' them.

The winning submission will have their painting made into a Community Living Toronto t-shirt!

Check out <http://www.cltoronto.ca> to be updated on the contest!

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Central Region Meeting:
April 8th, 2014
6:00 pm
20 Spadina Road
Room 2B

Winter Celebrations' Sweet Ending

By: Melanie Hooker

Maple syrup time has arrived! Thank goodness as this is a sure sign that Spring is on the way!

On Friday March 7, the Winter Celebrations group from Community Junction attended the Maple Syrup festivities at the Kortright Centre. It was a beautiful, mild day that turned into a wonderful opportunity to learn about turning sap into maple syrup. Many individuals who attended had the opportunity to gather sap, carry it in buckets, assist with the process of boiling sap, watching it turn into maple syrup and then tasting it (this is by far the most important part!). And to top it all off, the real excitement of the day was eating pancakes with real maple syrup. Yummy!



Hamza carrying buckets of sap the way the pioneers used to do it.



Niki tasting the completed syrup.



Ashley heating stones to boil the sap

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**Next Council Meeting:
Tuesday April 8th,
6:30 pm
295 The West Mall
Suite 204
Boardroom**

CVS Artists: In Demand and on Display!

By: Eric Laimer



Creative Village Studio artists hard at work.

Another successful show just wrapped up for the artists of Creative Village Studio (CVS). "Art From The Heart" featured the works of several CVS artists at the Joshua Creek Heritage Art Centre. One of those artists, Conrod Skyers, had several pieces on display at the show.

Conrod was featured last year in the Connections newsletter when he was relatively new at Creative Village Studio. He initially started visiting CVS to explore and nurture his interest in painting. His colourful and detailed paintings created quite a stir and were an inspiration to everyone at the studio. Since then Conrod has branched out in to photography and theatre arts. Conrod has truly turned in to a multimedia artist!

Over forty CVS artists participated in the "From Our Perspective" exhibition at the Etobicoke Civic Centre Art Gallery last summer and it was the largest art show to date for Creative Village Studio. The show was four years in the making and became a

reality through a partnership between Community Living Toronto and City of Toronto's Parks, Forestry and Recreation. In addition to his paintings, Conrod's photography was part of the 140 pieces on display. Sales were brisk as well with fifty-six pieces purchased from CVS artists.

The next major project for the artists of CVS is a mural that will be created in partnership with Lakeshore Arts for the Pan-Am games. It will be yet another great forum to put the work of CVS on display and workshops will start in the summer to prepare for it's creation.

Artists both new and experienced are always welcome at CVS. For more information contact the studio at 647-351-4362 or visit the Association website at: www.cltoronto.ca.



Conrod Skyers, multi-media artist.

RDSP Information Session Rescheduled!

The March 12 RDSP Session for Etobicoke was postponed due to the weather and is now rescheduled for April 23. See page 14 for details.

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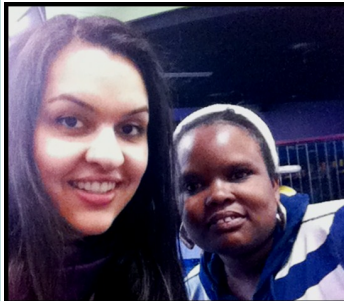
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Next Council Meeting:

April 7, 2014
Employment Training
Services
Boardroom
1122 Finch Avenue W.
Unit 16
1:00 - 3:00 pm

Best Buddies Time of Friendship And Fun

By: Wendy Dyke



Jackie with Buddy Jeneese

The York University Chapter of Best Buddies celebrated an evening of friendship and fun at their annual Pot-Luck Dinner. The buddy pairs had a lot of fun planning what they would contribute to the evening meal. They waited in anticipation for the evening to arrive and then produced a meal that was rife with variety: an oriental party pack, veggie trays, cold cuts, salads, with fruit trays and cake for dessert.

There was lots of catching up with everyone sharing stories about buddy outings. There were also two surprise guests from former peer buddies. One surprise guest, Jackie, is a York University graduate. She has remained in contact with her buddy and sees her often but she wasn't sure that she'd be able to attend the event. Her attendance

was a very pleasant surprise for buddy, Jeneese. Another student, Christine, hasn't been able to connect with her buddy, Sunshine, as often as she would like. Christine heard from a peer buddy about the dinner. It was a rare evening off from her studies and work, so she was able to surprise Sunshine. There was a lot of laughter, hugs and joking. Some of the laughter was due to a pair of heart shaped sunglasses that the buddies took turns modeling for the camera.

The York University students really exemplify Best Buddies: creating lasting friendships between two people who would not normally meet.



Sunshine and Christine



Sunglass models left to right: Natasha, Rachel and Princess

Scarborough News

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Next Council Meeting:
Monday April 7, 2014
6:30 pm
1712 Ellesmere Rd
Boardroom

Ten Years of the Achilles Walk

By: Stacey Bateman



2005 Community Living Toronto Team



2014 Community Living Toronto Team

On March 16th, 2014, I participated in the 15th Annual Achilles St. Patrick's Day 5km Walk/Run. This year, it was held in downtown Toronto at the Steam Whistle Brewing Building. Community Living Toronto had a team of fifteen people and this was our 10th year being involved in this event.

Even with a wind chill factor of -20C, everyone showed up, bundled up in layers, with a smile on their face. We had a great time and the weather reminded me of my first year participating in the walk at Exhibition Place, when it was also -20C. In my 10 years of walking in this event, it doesn't matter to me if it rains or snows because I have always had a great time.

Besides Community Living Toronto, the sold out event has more than 1,500 participants from across Ontario. Some people run and time themselves, while others just enjoy a pleasant walk. Irish stew, beer, and music are provided afterwards inside the Steam Whistle Brewing Building for all participants.

My involvement with the walk began in 2005. The fall before, I had started a co-op placement at Gooderham where I primarily helped a gentleman named Tony who loved

to walk, and I always thought it would be nice to participate in something that involved Tony's biggest passion. Around Christmas time I got a newsletter from another organization recruiting people to join their team for the 2005 Achilles St Patrick's Day 5km Run/Walk. I was only a student volunteer and couldn't do the walk by myself with Tony, so I started contacting staff to find out how Tony and I could get involved.. With the support of Judy Endacott, Community Living Toronto decided to enter a team of twenty-two people.

Since the registration fee of all the money raised goes directly to Community Living Toronto, throughout the years, we have raised a lot of money. The first year alone our team raised \$1,400. That day was such a success that every March with the support of the Scarborough Region Council and membership Coordinator Felicita Zanatta, Community Living Toronto gathers a team together to walk/run the 5km.

After 10 wonderful years, I still look forward to heading downtown every March to enjoy a nice morning of walking with Tony and other people from our team! I hope to see you there next year!

Self-Advocates Council Update

Self-Advocates Council Listings

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Next Council Meeting:
May 21, 2014
1—3pm

April SAC Meeting Cancelled!

Due to the Volunteer dinner the April SAC meeting will be cancelled. SAC will meet next on Wed. May 21.

Pat Seth & Marie Slark-Class Action Heroes

By: Sue Hutton



Marie Slark & Pat Seth: Class Action Heroes

Pat Seth and Marie Slark are no ordinary women. They are courageous survivors, and with the support of friends and advocates, have changed history. They are the heroes of the Class Action Law Suit against the government, in the case of Huronia Regional Centre.

Pat and I met for lunch on a sunny March morning close to her home in Toronto. We met to chat about how she's doing since launching the Huronia Regional Centre Class Action Lawsuit. Since Pat and fellow Class Action leader Marie Slark launched the class action suit, thousands of people have been able to also come forward and tell their stories.

Rideau and Southwestern Regional Centres have also settled and are included in the class action. Survivors can be supported to begin filing claims at the beginning of April once claims forms get mailed out. Here's our

conversation from that March morning:

Sue: Pat, you've changed history. I imagine this has been a lot of work for you. How have you been coping?

Pat: I'm trying to rise above it – believe me, it's a lot of blood, sweat and tears. Starting the class action took a lot of guts.

Sue: You're going up against some big systems – it can't be easy. Can you tell me about the most positive moment for you since launching it?

Pat: The most positive moment for me was when I heard there was someone who lived in an institution – someone who didn't talk at all before. After I came forward and told my stories of abuse, and he heard it's safe to talk about it – he actually started speaking again. I think he was holding all the abuse in, and couldn't talk. His sister said to me "You should be proud of yourself for taking it this far." It was the abuse that kept him from talking. That was really positive for me, knowing I helped someone like that.

Marie and I talk to each other to get through it. It wasn't easy at the institution, but our lives could still be better now, too. We both live in run down buildings – we still deserve a better life. I don't have access to a worker these days. They've made the darned system so hard to navigate. The class action was one thing to get through, and that was very hard.

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Class Action Heroes continued

But without Marilyn and Jim Dolmage, we wouldn't have been able to do it. All the work that Marilyn and Jim did to help us is incredible. We owe them our lives.

Marilyn was a social worker at Huronia – I didn't meet her because I was only a little girl at the time. Marilyn remembers seeing me when I was little. Social workers, doctors and the outside workers were kept separate from the wards. They weren't even allowed to go on the wards without permission. A lot of them still say "I didn't see any abuse" – because it was behind the locked doors of the wards. The institution planned it that way – to keep what was happening on the wards secret.

I was in Huronia from when I was 7 until I was 22. I did more time than a criminal did. There's people who did a whole lot more time than I did. It's like we were put in jail for having an intellectual disability.

Sue: You're incredibly resilient. How did you finally get out?

Pat: I was lucky. Mary McDaid, was a psychometrist in the education work. She believed me about how bad the abuse was. So she and her husband Mike took me in as a boarder. Really nice people, I'll never forget that –they got me out of an abusive situation.

Sue: It's really important for people in the community to take the time to listen, isn't it?

Pat: Yes. People with disabilities are poor – and it's hard for us to go through this. Then, and even now. I also think it's tricky when class action lawyers get legal fees paid before the people who suffered the abuse. They could always get half legal fees first, and the other half get paid after the people who were abused, couldn't they? It sort of puts people who lived through the abuse on the back burner. We need equality. We do appreciate the Premier's Huronia apology – but when does our life get better? We didn't ask to live with disability. We should not have to live in run down buildings and be on waitlists for years and years and years. We aren't asking for mansions, we're just asking for what everybody else has – equality. And access to subsidized housing and supportive workers. The Huronia apology needs to be



Jim Dolmage, Marie Slark, Pat Seth & Marilyn Dolmage at the Legislature, after Premier Kathleen Wynne's apology.

backed up – we shouldn't have to keep living like this.

Sue: Let's hope it does get better, and more people can continue to get involved and help create equality. You've changed history Pat – and it's not easy. Now that the class action is launched, is there anything today that you're grateful for? What are some of the good things in life?

Pat: Well, to be honest, I'm actually grateful to be alive. Not everyone who was at the institution is alive today. And, I'm happy to be living independently – I have an independent life. I'm also grateful for the Dolmages – we owe them our lives. They've been there for us every step of the way.

It's people like the Dolmages, out of the goodness of their hearts and knowing what's right – who reach out and support people with disabilities who help make this kind of difference. Now let's keep working together to make things better.

Pat, Marie and the Dolmages will be helping others understand how to file their claims at two Community Living Toronto workshops along with the class action Lawyers on April 8 at Foster's Club House, and April 30 at Scarborough Lawson Dining Hall. To register, contact Sue Hutton for the Central workshop, shutton@cltoronto.ca or Felicita Zanatta fzanatta@cltoronto.ca for the Scarborough session.

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Resources, Networking And You



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HURONIA, RIDEAU & SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL CENTERS THE CLAIMS PROCESS: UNDERSTANDING HOW YOU MIGHT GET MONEY IF YOU LIVED THERE

A Workshop with Leaders of the Class Action

Patricia Seth and Marie Slark and

Lawyers from Koskie Minsky

Choose between two separate workshop locations

RSVP Required

Tuesday April 8, 2014
Foster's Club House
40 Birch Ave. 5-8pm
RSVP to Sue Hutton
shutton@cltoronto.ca
647-729-1205

Wednesday April 30, 2014
Lawson Dining Room
1712 Ellesmere Road. 5-8pm
RSVP to Felicita Zanatta
fzanatta@cltoronto.ca
647-729-1635

We will talk about the process
We'll help you understand how to file your claim
Please bring your questions

Individuals with an intellectual disability, family members and support staff
are invited to support survivors in their claims

Both locations are wheelchair accessible
The workshop will be in as plain language as is possible



**Games,
activities
& fun
for
the whole
family!**

Community Living Toronto

annual picnic

**SATURDAY
JUNE 21, 2014
11 AM - 3 PM**

The picnic will take place at our Lawson Site at **1712 Ellesmere Road**, just a short walk from the McCowan subway stop. Parking is limited.

Don't forget to bring your lawn chair or blanket and sunscreen.

Admission: minimum donation of \$2 per person.

Let us know you're coming!

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For more information and directions visit

www.communitylivingtoronto.ca



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Need a Ride to the Picnic?

A free bus ride is available from Etobicoke/ York region office to the June 21 Community Living Toronto picnic at Lawson Residence; compliments of Etobicoke/York Region Council.

To reserve your seat contact:
Eric Laimer 647-729-0445 or
elaimer@cltoronto.ca

Bus departs 10:15 am *sharp* from
295 The West Mall

Return pickup from Lawson at 3:00 pm.

Note: Pets are not allowed on the bus.

Conversations and Recreation

Conversations & Recreation Social Club is a place where people living in Etobicoke can gather to meet friends, participate in activities and increase their computer literacy.

Join for the year for only \$50!
Mondays 4:00 to 7:30 pm
102 Advance Road
(South of Bloor off Islington)

For more information contact Derek Feltz at: 416-232-1213
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4th Annual Bingo Bowling Extravaganza!!!!

Friday April 11, 2014

7 to 10 pm

Parkway Bowl- 67 Ellesmere Road

Please join Scarborough Council for a fun night of Bingo Bowling and help us raise funds to support our great initiatives!

Please contact: Felicita Zanatta at 647-729-1635 or fzanatta@cltoronto.ca

Sixteenth Annual Inclusive Education Awards—Nominate an Outstanding Inclusive Educator

Community Living Toronto is proud to sponsor the “**Sixteenth Annual Award for Inclusive Education**” This award is given to recognize outstanding practices in inclusion within the classroom. Awards will be given to a teacher principal or educational assistant in the Toronto Catholic District School Board and the Toronto District School Board.

This year awards will be given to educators who demonstrate a belief in inclusive education by:

- Providing and modelling a welcoming, accepting environment in an age-appropriate, regular class in the neighbourhood school
- Supporting, encouraging and facilitating the inclusion of children with an intellectual disability within a full time appropriate grade classroom
- Assisting the student to achieve their full potential by ensuring necessary classroom accommodations and curriculum modifications occur
- Valuing the unique contribution of all students
- Welcoming and encouraging the involvement of parents and/or others knowledgeable about disability issues
- Promoting the rights of all children in the neighbourhood, including those with an intellectual disability, to attend their local school and receive a quality education

You can nominate: a Teacher, a Principal, an Education Assistant or a school!

Click here for the link to the nomination form: <http://connectability.ca/?p=6598>

Awards will be presented at Community Living Toronto’s Annual General Meeting on Tuesday September 9, 2014.

All nominators will be notified in writing of the results. Selected award recipients will be contacted directly.

Nominations due by Friday May 2, 2014.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK IS APRIL 6-12

CALL THE **VOLUNT-HEAR HOTLINE***
1-855-372-5077 THANK A VOLUNTEER

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thankyou



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Events / Workshops

34th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner!

Wednesday, April 16th, 2014
 Registration at 5:30pm, Dinner at 6pm
 The Montecassino Hotel and Event Venue
 3710 Chesswood Drive, Downsview
 By invitation only. For more information contact:

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Sibshops are designed for kids ages 8-14, who have a brother or sister with an intellectual disability who want to meet other kids who truly understand!

We are also welcoming Sibling Mentors - ages 14 to 16

Thursday April 10, 2014

5:15 pm- Doors to the animal kingdom open
5:30 - 8:15 - Our wild adventure begins!

Location: North York Employment Training Services

1122 Finch Avenue West, Unit 16

Telephone registration required

Call Cate Whitely at
 647-729-3635

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU LOVE LIVING WITH A DISABILITY?

If so, you may be eligible for up to **\$3,500** a year in Matching Grants and up to **\$1,000** a year in Bonds!

The Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) is a unique program provided by the government of Canada to enhance the financial security of people living with disabilities.*

FREE RDSP INFORMATION SESSIONS

HOSTED BY COMMUNITY LIVING TORONTO

Presented by: Brendon Pooran, a Toronto based lawyer who provides advice on wills and estate planning, Government benefits and disability law.

Wednesday, April 23, 2014
 Etobicoke/York Region 7:00—9:00 pm
 295 The West Mall, Suite 204, Etobicoke
 RSVP to: Eric Laimer
 647-729-0045 or elaimer@cltoronto.ca

Monday, May 26, 2014
 Central Region 7:00—9:00 pm
 20 Spadina Rd., Toronto
 RSVP to: Ann-Marie Binetti

Monday, April 14, 2014
 North York Region 7:00—9:00 pm
 1122 Finch Ave. West, Unit 16, North York
 RSVP to: Wendy Dyke
 647.729.3627 or wdyke@cltoronto.ca

Tuesday, May 27, 2014
 Scarborough Region 7:00—9:00 pm
 1712 Ellesmere Rd., Scarborough
 RSVP to: Felicita Zanatta

* Funding for these information sessions is provided by the Government of Canada.

Pizza/Bingo Night at the Hub

Thursday May 22, 2014

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Victoria Park Hub

1527 Victoria Park Avenue

2nd Floor

(wheelchair accessible)

\$2.00 Admission

Call to reserve your tickets!

Flora Nichols

647-729-3645

Wendy Dyke

647-729-3627

Calendar of Events

April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Central Dinner Club NY Cooking Class NY TTC Readiness	3	4 Lawson Dance	5 Easy Roller Bowlathon
6	7 NY Council Meeting Scarborough Council Meeting	8 Central Council Meeting Scarborough Residential Alternatives	9 Central Dinner Club NY Cooking Class NY TTC Readiness	10 NY Sibshop	11 Scarborough Bingo Bowling Extravaganza	12
13	14 NY RDSP Session	15	16 Central Dinner Club NY TTC Readiness Volunteer Dinner	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Etobicoke RDSP Central Dinner Club NY Cooking Class NY TTC Readiness	24	25 Connections Dance	26 Youth Group
27	28	29	30 Central Dinner Club NY Cooking Class NY TTC Readiness			

May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Central Region: Ann-Marie Binetti 647-729-1210	Etobicoke/ York Region: Eric Laimer 647-729-0445	North York Region: Wendy Dyke 647-729-3627	Scarborough Region: Felicita Zanatta 647-729-1635	1	2 Lawson Dance	3 NY TTC Readiness
4	5 NY Council Meeting Scarborough Council Meeting	6 Scarborough Residential Alternatives	7 Central Dinner Club NY Cooking Class NY TTC Readiness	8	9	10 NY TTC Readiness SPRING FLING TriHard's Banquet
11	12	13 Etobicoke Council Meeting	14 DSTO Fair Central Dinner Club NY Cooking Class	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 SAC Meeting Central Dinner Club NY Cooking Class	22 Pizza/Bingo at Victoria Park Hub	23 Lawson Bingo	24
25	26 Central RDSP Session	27 Scarborough RDSP Session	28 Central Dinner Club NY Cooking Class	29	30 Connections Dance	31 Youth Group

9th Annual DSTO Information Fair

Developmental Services Toronto (DSTO) invites you to attend the *9th Annual Information Fair*

Date:	Wednesday, May 14, 2014
Time:	9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Place:	Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre 6 Garamond Court, Toronto, ON M3C 1Z5 Don Valley Parkway and Wynford Drive

The day includes:

- Information on services and supports for adults with a developmental disability and their families
- Presentations on topics of interest to individuals, families and staff
- Networking opportunities with dsto agency staff, self-advocacy groups, family groups and community resources.

For more information about the fair including this year's presentation topics, visit the Developmental Services Ontario, Toronto Region website: www.dsotoronto.com

Contact: **Jennifer Altosaar** at 647-729-1217 or email jennifer.altosaar@cltoronto.ca

This is a FREE event and NO pre-registration is required.

