

Jim Turner Award for Outstanding Voluntarism - Hélène Paulyn-Murray



Hélène and her daughter, Maxine.

Hélène Paulyn-Murray has played an integral role in providing leadership and support to the work of Community Living Toronto for over 15 years.

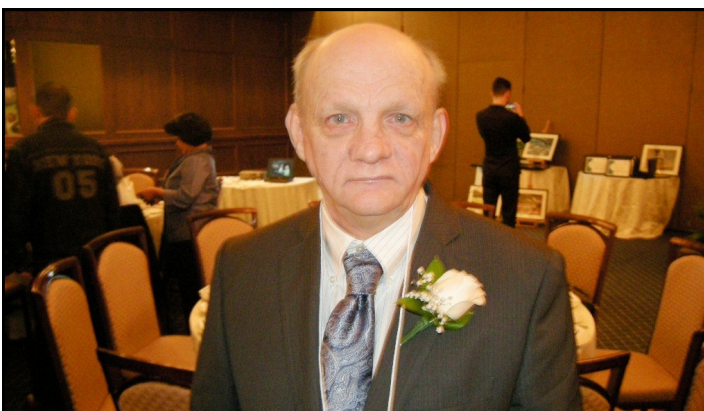
Throughout these years, Hélène has been very active and had significant impact on a number of Community Living Boards and committees, including co-chairing Central Region Council, a member of our Board of Directors, representing the Association on Community Living Ontario's Board of Directors and volunteering to become a family member on the

Developmental Services Advisory Council for the Toronto Region.

More Recently, Hélène has been devoting her time to actively seeking community-based opportunities for individuals we support in the Junction area. Truly believing in, and enabling the concept of community inclusion, Hélène brought the idea for KEYS to Inclusion to Community Living Toronto which then became a partner in the development of KEYS. This was completely aligned with our neighbourhood investment focus.

What started off as a quest to ensure her daughter Maxine has opportunities has developed into an incredibly impactful crusade that has enriched the lives of so many individuals supported by Community Living Toronto and in particular those individuals waiting for funded services. Hélène has worked tirelessly and continuously, and is an ambassador for the meaningful and full inclusion of the people in our community. Thank you and congratulations Hélène!

Public Relations and Fundraising Volunteer of the Year – Larry Bailey



Larry has been a part of Community Living Toronto since the mid 1970's, when he moved from Huronia Regional Centre into his own apartment with his best friend, George, and has worked with Sunrise Janitorial for over 20 years.

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May 2014

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Association Youth Volunteers of the Year- Gabriela Osorio & Luxshi Amirthalingam



Gabriela Osario & Luxshi Amirthalingam

Luxshi and Gabriela joined the Community Living Toronto team in 2010 as president and vice president of the Community Living Toronto – Best Buddies University of Toronto (UofT) Scarborough Chapter. Since then, they have worked tirelessly to plan fundraisers, group activities and one to one friendship time for the individuals. They go above and beyond in their dedication to supporting individuals with an intellectual disability.

Luxshi and Gabriela would meet over the summer months to reflect on

how to make the Chapter stronger and more vibrant. They developed statistics and charts, as only science majors could, to strategize for the following year. And while both the girls took a scientific approach on how to improve, they also proved to be warm, caring leaders and role models to their peers which resulted in record breaking numbers of UofT volunteers ultimately allowing us to expand the program to more individuals.

About the importance of volunteering, Luxshi said, “Seeing the smiles on the faces of individuals with intellectual disabilities, knowing that you’ve created an everlasting friendship makes you even more satisfied that you’ve volunteered that day. Personally, volunteering time to something that makes you feel satisfied is a gift that should be cherished.”

Thank you for your dedication,
Luxshi and Gabriela!

DSTO Info Fair

Wednesday May 14, 2014

9:30 am-4:00pm

Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre

6 Garamond Court, Toronto

(DVP and Wynford Dr.)

FREE event, no registration needed

Information on services and supports
for adults with an intellectual
disability, presentations and more!

For more info, visit the DSTO
website: www.dsotoronto.com or
Contact Jennifer Altosaar at
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MCSS Funding Announcement

On April 11 Ted McMeekin, Minister of Community and Social Services announced \$810 million in funding for developmental services as part of the 2014 provincial budget, which will be handed down May 1. If passed by the legislature, this will be the biggest investment ever in developmental services. While specifics are still pending, Minister McMeekin announced that money will go towards:

- Eliminating the SSAH waitlist within 2 years
- Eliminating the Passport waitlist within 4 years
- Providing support for urgent residential needs for approximately 1,400 people
- Supporting young adults as they navigate key life transitions such as going to school or getting a job
- Promoting community living partnerships through expanded Host Family and Supported Independent Living programs

- Providing more funding for agencies and front-line workers in the community services sector
- Promoting innovation and cost-efficiency so that costs savings can be re-invested into improving services

Of course, this is all pending the budget actually passing. If it doesn't, we will be headed into a provincial election. If that happens, we will be urging MPPs and candidates to support the investment no matter who forms the government.

What can you do?

MPPs and candidates are already knocking on doors. Talk to them about this investment and how important it is that this funding, and all the work being done in developmental services be continued and supported.

MPP Visit



On April 18, Mitzie Hunter, MPP for Scarborough-Guildwood visited Lawson to echo the funding announcement made by government for developmental services. With MPP Hunter are parent and Board member Bonnie Heath (left) and Regional Executive Director Sue Lynch.

May 21 is World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development

Join us on May 21 as we celebrate the Day's theme of 'Do One Thing for Diversity and Inclusion'

Our Diversity Specialist, Ilaneet Goren will be hosting a live discussion over on our twitter page: <https://twitter.com/cltoronto>, encouraging an open discussion about diversity and inclusion within the developmental services sector.

Amalgamated Zoning By-Law

Consultations on the amalgamated zoning bylaw for the City of Toronto were held earlier in April. You will recall this bylaw eliminates distancing requirements of group homes and defines a group home as up to ten persons.

This is great news for our sector. However, there is still one more hurdle: on May 29 the draft bylaw will be discussed and voted on by City Council, where a

distancing requirement could be introduced by any councillor. Some of our members have followed up with their councillor who have assured them they will not support a distancing requirement; however we urge everyone to connect with their councilors to ask them to support the human right of a person to live where they want in the city.

Save the Date!

Thursday, May 29—A Day at the Legislature

Our annual sojourn to Queen's Park is scheduled from 10am—2pm—come hear a celebration of Community Living by MPPs! We encourage people to schedule a visit with their MPP on May 29 and deliver them a special Community Living message (and KitKat bar). Watch for details on our website and how you can get involved. Of course, this date is pending there is no provincial election.

Wednesday, June 18—Mayoral Candidate Debate

We are once again hosting a mayoral debate with the leading candidates for Toronto's top job. Partnering with March Of Dimes Canada, we will announce details over the next few weeks. We have confirmed attendance by John Tory, Olivia Chow and David Soknacki. This will be a debate focusing on, and open to the disability sector in Toronto.

Thank You Volunteers!

As you will see throughout the pages of this month's Connections, our volunteers are very important in helping Community Living Toronto deliver services and supports to people with an intellectual disability. That goes for our Board of Directors! Thanks to each of them for their time and commitment:

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Lisa Ellis

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Central Region Meeting:
May 13th, 2014
6:00 pm
20 Spadina Road
Room 2B

Central Region Volunteer of the Year – Sally Kelly



Sally has been an active volunteer with Community Living Toronto for over twenty years. She has taken an active role in helping Central Region Council with their Annual Spring Fling. Whether it be wrapping and transporting gifts, or decorating, she is always proven herself to be a reliable team player.

In addition to helping Council, Sally has spent countless hours at Coatsworth residence, decorating the apartments for

holidays, doing craft projects with residents, and organizing and running their annual Canada Day lunch and games party, just to name a few. Sally's sister, Jean Ann, resides at Coatsworth, but all of the residents feel as if Sally is their sister, given her involvement and caring over the years.

Sally's dedication has been dynamic, and helps reveal hidden talents the residents may not know they even had. She fosters inclusion and allows individuals to meet the program at their level, whatever that may be. She brings warmth and a sense of family to a group who crave such interactions, many having lost their own families.

It is Sally's unyielding support and advocacy that have earned her Volunteer of the Year. She brings wit and imagination to the table regardless of who is there, without being asked to do so, and she is always thinking of what more she can do. Thank you, Sally, and congratulations!

Central Council 2014 Annual Regional Meeting

Tuesday June 3rd., 6:00 p.m.
20 Spadina Road– Boardroom

Guest Speakers: David Layton, President
Garry Pruden, CEO

Please RSVP to: Matthew Poirier at
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Next Council Meeting:
Tuesday May 13th,
6:30 pm
295 The West Mall
Suite 204
Boardroom

Etobicoke/York Region Volunteer of the Year – Beverley Gordon



Beverley Gordon began volunteering at Creative Village Studio (CVS) in 2009, giving very heavily of her personal time over the first couple of years. She began volunteering four days per week at Creative Village Studio and has been a great benefit to the artists and their direction. She is charismatic and outgoing in her approach, using humour and expressive support and she is very comfortable to be acquainted with.

In the past couple of years, Beverley was forced to cut back on her volunteer

time to a couple of days a week, but has continued to prove herself as a very giving, caring and engaging individual. Her bounty of exuberance for the individuals and her work at Creative Village is greatly appreciated.

Beverley is a listening ear and warm heart. She is always flexible to lend a hand or come in to be an added support for events and classes. Beverley's volunteer work goes beyond the Studio, and you will often find her having a coffee in the community with one of the artists. To Beverley, the welfare of the individuals and the studio are of the utmost importance. As Beverley has stated on numerous occasions, CVS gives her as much as she gives.

We are so grateful to have such a wonderfully engaging asset that loves us as much as we love her. Thank you for being the person everyone waits in anticipation to see daily, Beverley!

Need a Ride to the Picnic?

Etobicoke/York Council is sponsoring a free bus ride to the Community Living Toronto picnic at Lawson Residence!

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

Bus departs June 21, 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.

Etobicoke/York Annual Regional Meeting

Tuesday June 10
6:00 pm– Light Buffet
6:30 pm– Meeting

Guest Speakers:
David Layton, President
Garry Pruden, CEO

Register to: Eric Laimer
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North York News

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Next Meeting:

Regional Annual Meeting
Monday June 2, 2014
6:30 - 9:00 pm

Victoria Park Hub
1527 Victoria Park Ave.
2nd Floor

North York Volunteer of the Year - Angelita Anunciado



Angelita (Angel) began volunteering with North York Jumpstart Literacy program in 2009, consistently coming every Saturday morning. She is dedicated to helping the individuals in the program, interacting with and encouraging them, helping with class set up and clean up, and just being a friend. She always supports the participants in learning the material in the class and supports them in making choices while at the program.

Angel shows up almost every week, rain, shine or snow, no matter how far she has come and no matter if it means always sacrificing her Saturday morning. She always greets participants with a smile on her face and eagerly gets to work baking their snack for the morning and prepping for break time. She is always engaging the participants and is genuinely interested in hearing what's going on in their lives and listening to what they have to say. In turn, they look forward to seeing her and sharing stories.

Here is what some of the participants had to say about Angel:
Ryan, "She is the coolest person, she is so friendly and she helps me a lot."
Chris, "She makes us laugh. She knows how to make a good birthday cake."
Ally, "I like Angel because she is awesome!"

Thank you Angel for all your hard work, and congratulations!

North York 2014 Annual Regional Meeting

Monday June 2nd, 6:30 p.m.

Victoria Park Hub

1527 Victoria Park Avenue, 2nd Floor
(wheelchair accessible)

Please RSVP to:

Wendy Dyke - 647-729-3627 or wdyke@cltoronto.ca

Scarborough News

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Next Council Meeting:
Monday May 5, 2014
6:30 pm
1712 Ellesmere Rd
Boardroom

Scarborough Region Volunteer of the Year – Helen & Gary Montgomery

Helen and Gary Montgomery have volunteered at Warden Woods Employment Training Services (ETS) for more than 25 years, and show no signs of slowing down. Volunteering regularly is not an easy task, yet they do so willingly despite having to put up with some special requests (i.e. hold the ketchup).

Helen and Gary have amazing eyes for a good deal. And as a bonus, price matching has made life easy for the Warden Woods' budget. Gary takes advantage by talking to managers to get managers specials and takes advantage of senior discount days at M&Ms. Gary is always working figures, making sure the numbers are crunched and right. In addition, Warden Woods lunch program feeds anywhere from 68 to 98 hungry people. These lunches would never be prepared if it weren't for this couple.

You don't volunteer for 25 years without developing some genuine



relationships. Both Helen and Gary have acted like the matriarch and patriarch to our place of work and offer up many nurturing acts of kindness to each individual participant, treating each sole friendship uniquely and with respect, staff included.

Thank you Gary and Helen for all you do for us at Warden Woods ETS, and congratulations on being named Volunteers of the year!

**Scarborough Region Council
Invites You to the
Annual Regional Meeting
Monday June 2, 2014, 6:30 PM
Victoria Park Hub**

1527 Victoria Park Avenue

Please RVSP to Felicita Zanatta 647-729-1635 or fzanatta@cltoronto.ca
Presentations from Community Living Toronto's CEO and Board
President and Komodo Dragons.

Refreshments to follow.

Self-Advocates Council Update

Self-Advocates Council Listings

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

Monthly SAC Meetings
are the third
Wednesday of each
month at 20 Spadina
1-3pm.

Self Advocates Council Volunteer of the Year— Lorraine Bradley



Lorraine Bradley and Agnes Samler

The Self-Advocates Council (SAC) is happy to announce the winner of this year's Sam Samler Award: Lorraine Bradley. Lorraine truly embodies the spirit of giving back to the community in her tireless volunteer work with Community Living Toronto.

Lorraine has brought a sense of warmth and joy to the Self Advocates since coming on board 4 years ago.

Doing advocacy work can be hard, and needs some fun – Lorraine is definitely one of the SAC's bright lights when it comes to bringing a laugh to the team. Lorraine stands up for her rights in her own life, and shares her story of doing so with joy.

A tireless volunteer, Lorraine hasn't missed a single meeting with the SAC since she started. When she comes to the SAC, Lorraine's doing that on top of her other volunteer work, of which she is also very proud. Lorraine volunteers with the Jewish community, and also at Foster's Club House. She is truly giving back from the heart to the community of which she belongs. Lorraine's commitment reminds us all of the strength we get in working together as a community, and how volunteering truly brings a smile to our faces.

Research at Community Living Toronto

By: Sue Hutton

When I started my social work education, I thought the last thing I'd be interested in doing was research work. After studying social work research, and learning the value of having evidence and a solid understanding as to why we practice in a certain way, I was sold. When we know that what we are doing to help people has actually been tested, proven and shown to be effective, it gives us a solid footing to start from. We want to provide the best

care we can for others- and coming from a place of knowledge and research can only help deliver better services and practices.

Working with the Self Advocates Council (SAC) and Human Rights training, has given me a chance to explore some really interesting research about rights in our sector: interviewing self-advocates about what advocacy really means to them – and exploring best practices in rights training and

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Research continued.....



Martin Levine (right) is interviewed for research on the Class Action process

talking to families about how they want to be engaged in rights. This is all ongoing research that we are involved in now at Community Living Toronto.

Recently, I have been asked to coordinate research requests that come into Community Living Toronto. I'm having a chance to speak with researchers about the exciting work they're doing to help advance knowledge and practice in the developmental services sector. You'll be hearing more about some of these research projects in the coming months. There are lots of chances to get involved if you are interested. This applies to people with intellectual disabilities, families, and staff.

Larry Bailey is living proof that Community Living actively engages people in research. A regular at SAC meetings, Larry has been very involved in research. He was recently interviewed about the Huronia class action lawsuit by ARCH Disability Law student, Maija-Lisa Robinson. Maija-Lisa wanted to understand how a Class Action process effects people with intellectual disabilities. Martin Levine was also interviewed for this research. Both Martin and Larry were interviewed on film, telling the researchers how they felt about the class action process. This research will be shared with the students at Osgoode Hall Law School.

Larry has also been involved as a researcher doing what's called "Community-Based Participatory Action Research" (CB-PAR) research. It's research that involves people with live experience in the field of study. Larry will be presenting with the other

researchers to tell us about this project when the study is completed. In short, it's about mapping the lives of people who used to live in institutions. MacMaster professor and researcher Ann Fudge-Shormans was interested in exploring how people with an intellectual disability engage with their communities. The research uses iPads to help people like Larry explain how he gets around in the city. More to come on that research project!

For more information on research at Community Living Toronto, Contact Sue Hutton: shutton@cltoronto.ca or 647-729-1205.



Larry Bailey, (PR Volunteer of the Year and researcher) and Sue Hutton give a thumbs up to research at Community Living Toronto

Self Advocates Council Annual Meeting

Wednesday June 18, 1-3pm

Foster's Club House - 40 Birch Avenue

Contact: Sue Hutton 647-729-1205
or shutton@cltoronto.ca

Bowlathon Was A Smash!

By: Eric Laimer



Michelle Dhir calls her next shot.

A record turn out of 89 bowlers made this year's Easy Roller Bowlathon the most successful yet! The event, held on April 5 at Bowlerama West, brought in just over \$4,000 in proceeds for Etobicoke/York Region Council. The funds will help Council support programs such as the Tuesday Night Social/

Larry Bailey continued....

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Larry started volunteering in the Public Relations and Fundraising (PR/FR) department over ten years ago, where he has been an invaluable extra pair of eyes, hands and ears.

Larry is always the first on the scene at any Community Living Toronto event where he helps set up and organize the event. There is no job Larry won't do – he instinctively knows what needs to be done and quietly pitches in, making sure each job is done once, well. Larry starts his work shift at 3pm, but often swings by the PR/FR department early to see if there's anything that he can help with – he can often be seen helping to coordinate mailings, ready a banner for an event, or stuff programs for Community Rocks. He is always ready to lend a hand, and it's not just with Community Living Toronto. He is a fixture at Word on the Street, Toronto's annual book festival soliciting donations and support for the city's many literacy programs.

Thank you Larry, we really couldn't do it all without you. Congratulations!

Recreation Club, Friendship Club and Holiday Hampers.

The atmosphere at Bowlerama was charged with laughter, shouts of victory, falling pins and spirited chatter. Our very own Brad Saunders was clearly in the groove registering the highest 5 pin score with a total of 170. Allison Tengler put in a stellar performance on the 10 pin lanes with a high score of 160.

Combined, Easy Roller bowlers brought in \$2281 dollars in pledges. Gord Bilic was a fundraising dynamo and won a special prize for raising a whopping \$535 in pledges! For his efforts, Gord received \$50 in gift certificates and also took home a coffee maker from the door prize draw. The perpetually lucky Bernice Henderson won \$200 from the 50/50 draw.

Thanks to the always helpful staff at Bowlerama West and everyone that participated in the event. Special thanks to Etobicoke/York Region Council for all of their hard work for hosting another successful and fun Easy Roller Bowlathon.

Safari Adventure Day Workshop!

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

NEW DATE & LOCATION!
Thursday May 29, 2014

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

Location: Victoria Park Hub
1527 Victoria Park Avenue, 2nd floor
Telephone registration required

Call Cate Whitely at 647-729-3635
Or Wendy Dyke at 647-729-3627

Scarborough Region's Bingo Bowling Extravaganza

By: Felicity Zanatta

Scarborough Region Council held their 4th Annual Bingo Bowling Extravaganza on Friday April 11 at the Parkway Bowl. It was a rousing success both in attendance and revenue.

Council member Debby White organized a wonderful event complete with delicious goodies, super prizes and a whole lot of fun. Everyone on the Council supported this tremendous effort by bringing lots of family and friends to participate.

We had many generous donors who provided prizes and food. The food contributions were greatly appreciated and essential to fuel and reward the bowlers. Debby invited MPP Brad Duguid who arrived with many more bowlers wearing t-shirts labeling themselves the Duguid'ers.

The event raised over \$1300 which will be used to support the many activities sponsored by Scarborough Region Council including cooking class, literacy, parent support Group, and drop-in.

Congratulations to the Council on a successful and fun evening. Thank you to all for your support and participation. See you next year!



Scarborough Region Council with Brad Duguid and Sue Lynch



Debby White and Brad Duguid

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Central Region 7:00—9:00 pm
20 Spadina Rd., Toronto
RSVP to: Ann-Marie Binetti
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Tuesday, May 27, 2014
Scarborough Region 7:00—9:00 pm
1712 Ellesmere Rd., Scarborough
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* Funding for these information sessions is provided by the Government of Canada.

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Re: Change of lead agency to DSO TR (Developmental Services Ontario Toronto Region)

Dear Parent/Caregiver:

I am writing to inform you of the changes to your lead agency status with Community Living Toronto. As of May 1, 2014 everyone who is on the Community Needs List will have DSO TR as their new lead agency.

DSO TR is the central access point for services for adults in the developmental services sector.

After May 1, 2014 should your situation and or the needs change for your son/daughter or person in your care, you will need to contact DSO at 416-925-4930 to update their Community Needs List profile.

Some of the reasons to update their profile include address or telephone changes, caregiver health changes or illness in the family.

As services and supports become available eligible applicants who are on the Community Needs list will be prioritized and contacted by a DSO staff. They will be able to provide you with information about community-based programs and services that may be available.

For more information about adult developmental services visit www.dsotoronto.ca or call 416-925-4930.

Sincerely,

Garry W. Pruden
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1712 Ellesmere Rd.
Scarborough, ON M1H 2V5

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Events / Workshops



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!

ETOBICOKE	Eric Laimer	647.729.0445	elaimer@cltoronto.ca
CENTRAL	Ann-Marie Binetti	647.729.1210	abinetti@cltoronto.ca
NORTH YORK	Wendy Dyke	647.729.3627	wdyke@cltoronto.ca
SCARBOROUGH	Felicita Zanatta	647.729.1635	fzanatta@cltoronto.ca

For more information and directions visit

www.communitylivingtoronto.ca



Where choices change the lives
of people with an intellectual disability

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

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

The Kiwanis Aktion Club presents The Famous People Players

Wednesday, August 13, 2014

Arrival at 10:30 am. Live performance at 11:00 am.

\$17.50/person, payment received no later than July 2, 2014.

For more info contact: Matt Poirier at matthew.poirier@cltoronto.ca or 647.729.1209

Calendar of Events

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

June 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 NY Annual Regional Meeting Scarborough Annual Regional Meeting	3 Central Annual Regional Meeting Scarborough Residential Alternatives	4	5	6 Lawson Dance	7 Victoria Park Hub Spring Walk
8	9	10 Etobicoke Annual Regional Meeting	11	12	13 Lawson Bingo	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 CL Toronto Annual Picnic
22	23	24	25	26	27 Connections Dance	28
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Nominations for Regional Councils

In accordance with the bylaws of Community Living Toronto, this is to inform you that it is now time to nominate members to serve on Regional Council for the 2014-2015 membership year.

Councils meet once per month and undertake the development and implementation of initiatives to ensure a better quality of life for our community. Council is comprised of parents, professionals, people with special needs, and other interested community members. Any person willing to serve on Council must be a voting member of Community Living Toronto and be willing to serve for a period of at least one year. The election of Council Officers will take place at June Annual Meetings. Please see your page for information about the annual meetings. Forward Council Nominations to the regional office or bring them to your Annual Meeting.

I, _____, being a registered member of Community Living Toronto, do hereby nominate _____, also a registered member, to serve on the _____ Council for the 2014-2015 membership year.
Enter Region of Membership

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