



# IN THE NEWS

May 2017

## Hold the Date!

Bonny Lea Benefit Concert,  
New Germany Anglican Hall  
May 28, 1:30pm

Plant Sale & Breakfast  
June 3, 8:00-11:00am

Lobster Lovers' Feast  
August 6, 3:30-6:00pm



Ashley proudly displays her certificates recognizing her 14 years as a volunteer with the Royal Canadian Legion Harding Branch 144, Western Shore.

## Way to go Ashley! Volunteer Extraordinaire

For the past 14 years, Ashley Rafuse has been volunteering at Monday evening card games and cleaning the hall at the Royal Canadian Legion Harding Branch 144, Western Shore. Ashley is proud to be a part of the Legion. The highlight of the year for her is marching with the Legion in parades.

This year she was recognized by the Municipality of Chester, the province and the federal government for her commitment and contributions to her community. Way to go Ashley!

(See the next page for more about our volunteers.)

## Have you Ever Said or Thought, “I wish I could do more”?

Over the past year and a half I have had the pleasure of meeting and speaking with many of you - Bonny Lea Farm’s family members, volunteers and loyal donors. In most cases these conversations have taken place at an event, when you have been phoning in a donation or when I have called or dropped in to say “Thank You”.

Frequently some of you say, “I wish I could do more.”

When I hear these words, my response is usually, “You can.”

Whether you have been a family member, volunteer or donor for a long time or have joined the Bonny Lea Farm family more recently, if what we do is something that you believe in and that you would like to be sure is here in the future, it would be simply fantastic if you arranged to leave a gift to Bonny Lea Farm in your will.

Some of you feel the pressures of living on a fixed income, month after month, unsure of what the future holds, and do not feel you can give more now. For some, there are concerns about leaving “enough” for children and grand children. Yet, almost everyone wants to know that they have left the world a better place. You can do it all.

Who me? You ask. I don’t have much, you think to yourself. But, here is what I have learned, “Bequests don’t have to be “big” to make a big difference.”

Here is some food for thought:

- Every little bit helps.
- Including a gift to charity in your will lowers your estate’s tax burden, which means paying less in taxes and leaving more for those you care about.
- If we know about it, we can even say thank you.

May is “Leave a Legacy” month. Be a hero. Leave a legacy. Know you’ve made a difference in the lives that follow. Contact Liz at 902-275-5622 ext 241 or [efinney@bonnyleafarm.ca](mailto:efinney@bonnyleafarm.ca) to discuss how to leave a legacy gift or to receive a free planning kit. (Contributed by Liz Finney)



Liz Finney is our Fund Development Director

# Celebrating Jack.

If You Don't Know Why, You Don't Know Jack.

## Good Times Gallery



Halifax businessman and philanthropist, Jack Fleming, was feted by the Participants, Staff and Board of Bonny Lea Farm at a surprise party on May 3, marking his many years of volunteer service and fundraising for Bonny Lea Farm. For more than 30 years he has organized Bonny Lea Farm's annual benefit golf tournament.

**“Bonny Lea Farm is home to some people who have never really felt that they had a home. It's also home for some whose families knew it was time for them to fly. Jack has helped to make this a home for all of them.”**

**- Mary Ellen Clancey, Bonny Lea Farm Board Chair**

The event was our way of saying thank you for all that Jack has done for us and so many other organizations. If there is something “big” happening in the not-for profit or public sector in Halifax or the surrounding communities, chances are Jack has been involved.

Bonny Lea Farm marked the occasion by hosting Jack and his family - his children and grandchildren - for BBQ hot dogs and hamburgers, similar to the lunch golfers enjoy on the 13<sup>th</sup> hole of the annual tournament. Guests then became an audience for the presentation of “Jack & the Bean Stalk” and “The Wind & The Sun”, put on by the participants. The celebration concluded with a “family photo”.

Recognition was also given to Anne Flinn, of Halifax, for introducing Jack to Bonny Lea Farm all those years ago. The way she tells it, Jack committed to organizing the tournament for one year. But, then fell in love with Bonny Lea Farm and continued to do it until this year.

When asked why he has been so committed to Bonny Lea Farm, Jack had this to say,

**“If there is one thing to learn in life, it's that it's about people. Bonny Lea Farm is full of extraordinary people.”**

**- Jack Fleming**

Over the last 30 years, Jack took the annual benefit golf tournament from one that was a nearly break even event into one that has on average raised \$27,000 each year. When you do the math, the contribution of this event and his personal support for the organization has been significant.

We are grateful for all of our volunteers and supporters. Thank you!



Top to Bottom: “Family” photo with participants, board, staff & Jack Fleming's family; Larry, Floyd & Ronnie at a Harlem Globetrotters' game; Jan's surprise birthday party; Mary Ellen & Kathy in “The Wind & The Sun”; Lynn, Bonnie, Rose & Val Shoreham Village's Volunteer Appreciation event; Doug Morash recognized by the Chester Volunteer Fire Department as Fire Fighter of the Year; the participants planned a retirement party for Doug Spafford!