



IN THE NEWS

June 2017

Lobster Lovers' Feast

August 6

Eat in 4:00-6:30pm

Take outs 3:00-6:00pm

Tickets on Sale Now!

\$30

Bonny Lea Benefit Golf Tournament

September 10

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\$500 / team

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Welcoming "Old Friends" to New Roles

This month, we are pleased to introduce some changes in our leadership: Karen Lake, our new Residential Services Director; John Biebesheimer our new President and Chair of the Board; Barbie Nunn-Porter as Vice-Chair; and David Hilchey as Treasurer.

For some, Karen is remembered from her previous 17 year career here at Bonny Lea Farm, as Day Program Coordinator, Broadening Options Instructor and Residential Counsellor.

"The future at Bonny Lea Farm is bright. Good things are going on and I wanted to be a part of it all."
- Karen

Karen returns to Bonny Lea Farm after 10 years as Executive Director at Kings Meadow Residence Society in Windsor. She brings a wealth of

experience and a passion for participant centred programming and supported decision making.

Welcome back Karen!

We are grateful for the leadership provided by Mary Ellen Clancey as Chair of our Board for the last number of years and are confident that our future is in good hands with John Biebesheimer and Barbie Nunn-Porter assuming the roles of Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

Both John and Barbie have been involved with Bonny Lea Farm for many years and are also both parents of participants. As Treasurer, David Hilchey will share his solid business background. Together they will provide strong leadership and guidance for us going forward.

Finding His Way to Success

In preparation for our AGM we reflected on some participant achievements over the last year.

Anton identified an interest in having a job in the community with a goal to achieving as much independence as possible.

With the support of staff he determined that he would like to try a community work placement through our Broadening Options program. In December Anton started washing dishes at The Stretch Diner. At first, he was supported at his work placement by a Bonny Lea Farm staff person. He soon was ready to go on his own.

Anton feels good about achieving this goal and looks forward to his day at The Stretch each week.



New Residential Services Director, Karen Lake, returns to Bonny Lea Farm after 10 years as Executive Director at Kings Meadow.



Anton enjoys his work placement at The Stretch Diner in Chester one day a week.

Loyal Difference Makers

What do two women from Halifax and Lahave who had never been to Bonny Lea Farm have in common? Both have been faithful supporters of Bonny Lea Farm's annual fund drive for more than 25 years. They each have a story of what brought them to believe in what we do.

Ginny first heard about Bonny Lea Farm from her father, Fred, following a medical appointment with one of our founders. Dr Baker had told her father about Bonny Lea Farm and encouraged him to visit, which he did. Her father talked about the joy that he felt here. That was in 1989. She has been supporting us ever since.

Until last month Ginny had never experienced that joy first hand. We invited her to come for a visit and offered to drive her.



Ginny visited every work area to see & learn what the participants do.

Ginny marveled at the range of program activities and skills of the participants. She admired the products each workshop makes. But most of all, she spoke about the people. "The enthusiasm of all the people was like viewing a sky full of stars. An inspiration to all," Ginny reflecting on her visit to Bonny Lea Farm.

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While teaching at a local high school in the late 1980s, Georgina Kelly met Rose. Rose shared with her what her life had been like prior to arriving at Bonny Lea Farm in 1982, and how Bonny Lea Farm became home.

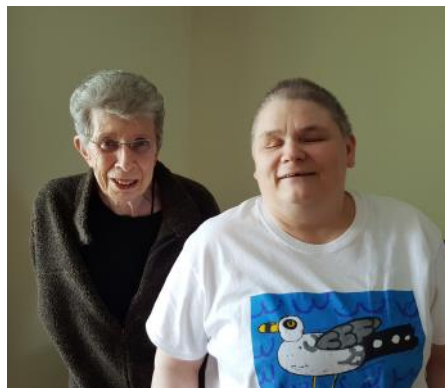
Learning about Rose and admiring her courage, spunk and determination to be treated like anyone else, as well as the impact Bonny Lea Farm had on her, turned this teacher into one of our heroes.

She has been faithfully supporting Bonny Lea Farm's annual fund drive ever since. And, like Ginny, she had never visited us. So, this month, we took Rose to visit her at her home. It was a joyful reunion.

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

Many of you have your own stories. We'd love to hear them!

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Georgina and Rose had a lot to catch up on.



Top to Bottom: Laura knew where she wanted her first photo taken at Bonny Lea Farm; Anton, Ronnie, Hansi and Floyd won a lot of medals at the Special Olympics Summer Games; Jan and Betty Jo went to the circus; Josh posed with one of our new t-shirts; Eric Lavers and Ivan Truen from Dartmouth Bingo on Mt.Hope Street dropped by with a cheque for \$25,000!; Blair in the Snoezelen Room; Larry preparing kindling; and the RBC service day team at the Plant Sale & Breakfast.