



IN THE NEWS

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We're 45!
Empowering people with
disabilities since 1973.



Some of our servers: Rev. Joe Green, Rev. Catherine Robar, Angela Bond, Sara Whynot, Josie Bond (front), Tara Ennis-Beals, and Eve McDermott.

Ahoy Matey!

Contributed by Vanessa Smith, Association Support Coordinator
"Blimey!" Another Lobster Lover's Feast has "sailed" right past us!

On behalf of the Board, participants and staff of Bonny Lea Farm, we would like to thank-you for your support at this event.

Our mission at Bonny Lea Farm is to empower individuals living with physical and intellectual disabilities. With your support, we will continue to wholeheartedly dedicate ourselves to this vision.

You may have noticed several participants working at the event directing traffic, selling 50/50 tickets, and serving lobsters. This adventure truly is an "all hands on deck" event so we would like to sincerely thank you and your "mates" for attending, buying tickets, volunteering, sponsoring, or simply sharing our event on Facebook. All of these roles (and more) allowed us to:

- Attract more than \$15,000 in sponsorship
- Serve over 650 steak/lobster dinners
- Hear music from 5 different local groups
- Eat nearly 65 dozen rolls, and
- Raise nearly \$30,000 in support of Bonny Lea Farm!

As the "Cap'n" of this "sail", I'd like to congratulate you for your wonderful work. So "batten down the hatches" and enjoy the "high seas" until next year.



Laura (far left) with some members of Team Bonny Lea Farm stop on their way home for a photo on the newly paved lane to residence.

Why do we raise money?

In collaboration with Laura Glazier, Participant

Some of you may ask, "Why is Bonny Lea Farm always raising money?"

It is a question I have thought about and want to share with you a few of the reasons.

While we receive funding from the province of Nova Scotia through the Department of Community Services, the funds do not cover all of our expenses.

For example, funding is meant to cover all of the Residential Program expenses and the "essential" parts of our Vocational Program. However, I have learned that our funding isn't enough to pay for everything that we do here or for all of the operational costs.

All of the extras that Bonny Lea Farm offers are not funded - such as Speech & Language; Healthy Eating and Recreational Therapy; Broadening Options; Counselling; and the vehicle gas and maintenance to go to medical appointments and all of the community events that we are able to attend. Also, much of our maintenance and repairs require fundraising.

In addition to supporting our enhanced programs and opportunities for participants, this year some of the donated monies have paid for paving from residence to day program (over \$10,000 raised by Team Bonny Lea Farm); replacement of ramps in day program; building raised garden beds; installing a metal roof at Church House and replacing windows at residence.

To be continued next month

Good Times Gallery



Toby Plummer interviewing Hugh MacKay with the support of Pat Bates.

An Interview with MLA Hugh MacKay (by Toby Plummer)

Contributed by Toby Plummer (Participant) and Pat Bates (Broadening Options Instructor)

Toby's meeting with MLA Hugh MacKay and his assistant Penny Lawless on August 16, was one of the goals Toby set in his Individual Program Plan this year. He prepared a few questions in advance. The following is a summary of his meeting.

T: What does MLA stand for?

H: Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Provincial government, which meets in Halifax.

T: What does an MLA do?

H: As an MLA I do three things:

1. Sit in the legislature and vote on the laws that govern Nova Scotia
2. Sit on committees - Veterans Affairs, Resources, Economic Development, Public Accounts and Law Amendments
3. Work with constituents of the Chester - St. Margarets area to hear their concerns and see what we can do to help.

T: What concerns do you hear about?

H: Their concerns can be things like health care, roads, coastal protection, business development, seniors, education, housing.

T: What did you have for dinner last night?

H: I had chicken burgers.

T: What did you do on the weekend?

H: On Saturdays I go to community events. Last weekend I went to both the Hubbards and Western Shore parades, a turkey dinner at the Lions Club in Fox Point, and an event in Seabright.

Sundays I spend time with my family. Being an MLA keeps me very busy, so it is very important to have time to spend with my family. Sometimes my wife goes to events with me.

T: Have you been on the news with Steve Murphy?

H: No, but he did call my office regarding health care.

T: Do you like sports?

H: Yes, I like hockey and my favourite team is the Ottawa Senators. What is your favourite team?

T: I like the Mooseheads.



Debbie was thrilled to see her sister and cousin at the Lobster Lover's Feast; patrons enjoyed the delicious lobster donated by Clearwater; Jan and Sonya show some of the produce they harvested on a Kitchen Crew outing and the hodge podge they cooked up the next day; Church House residents went go-karting; Bonnie painted pottery on a recent outing; Laurie-Anne says "thank you" for the bears participants were recently given.