



# IN THE NEWS

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## Go Team Go!

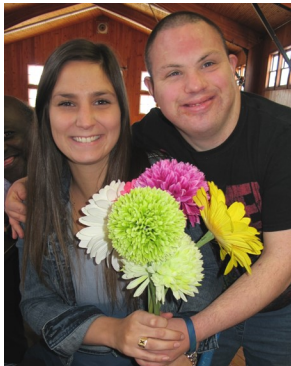
Team Bonny Lea Farm heads to the 5K Blue Nose Marathon Scotiabank Charity Challenge Race on May 21 in Halifax with a team of 28. We have been training for the past few weeks in anticipation of this exciting day.

To get the team really motivated and to celebrate our fundraising success to date, we held a Pep Rally on May 3. Myles the Bluenose Marathon Mascot and Blue Nose Coordinator Sue Tregunno were on hand for the certificate presentations, games and refreshments.

Our team has surpassed our \$7500 fundraising goal! Thanks to our donors for their generous support. See you at the finish line!



Team Bonny Lea Farm and Myles the Mascot



Student Intern Caitlyn Webb says "See you later" to Tom Clancey

## A Change in Direction

Bonny Lea Farm has hosted many university and community college students who must gain practical experience working with people with disabilities. Many students have had a positive experience, but in the case of Caitlyn Webb her internship was a life changing experience.

Pursuing a degree in education from St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Caitlyn was certain that her career path would begin with teaching physical education and science to high school students, but working with participants here at Bonny Lea Farm changed her goal.

"The participants really care about you and what they are learning. They want to be here. You really get to know them and realize that you can have a greater impact on their lives. This is not the case in today's classroom. I am going to apply to work at Bonny Lea Farm," commented Caitlyn Webb, student intern.

## Guess Who Went to Choir Practice?

You will often hear him singing in the halls at Bonny Lea Farm but participant Hansi Voegelé learned to sing in his native country of Austria when just a young boy. When his family immigrated to Canada they moved to rural Digby County where there was not much opportunity for Hansi to sing with a choir.

Speaking with board member Robert Manuel who sings in the choir at St. Stephen's in Chester, Robert invited him to sing with the choir on Mother's Day. During one of the practices, Hansi had the opportunity to watch up close as the organist played the pipe organ using both hands and feet.



"I really liked singing with the choir." - Hansi Voegelé

## May is Leave a Legacy Month. How will you be remembered?

For information visit: <http://bonnyleafarm.ca/get-involved/>

## Bonny Lea Farm Receives over \$9000 from District Masons

On May 16, the Board of Directors hosted a lunch to say thank you to Derrick Coolen, District Deputy Grand Master for Lunenburg-Queens and representatives from the District's eight lodges who presented a cheque for \$9184 to be used towards purchasing a wheelchair accessible van.

"We couldn't be happier," says Mary Ellen Clancey, Chair of the Board of Directors for Bonny Lea Farm. "We are grateful for the support the Masonic Lodge has given us over the years. This gift demonstrates their commitment to the community and the importance they place on the people who live here at Bonny Lea Farm."

Although she knows it will still be some time before a new van is purchased, Joanne Boswell is happy to know it is happening. "It will be nice to not have to take the big bus when it is just me going somewhere," comments Joanne Boswell, participant and wheelchair user at Bonny Lea Farm.

"The Masons of Lunenburg-Queens District would like to thank Bonny Lea Farm and all of its staff for many years of service to a cause that affects all of our hearts and lives," says Derrick Coolen, District Deputy Grand Master of Masons for Lunenburg-Queens.

This gift is not the first time the Masonic Lodge has directed its goodwill towards Bonny Lea Farm. Most recently, Hillcrest Lodge assisted in purchasing two new wheelchairs for participants at Bonny Lea Farm in 2013 and the District provided support for the purchase of a parabus in 2008.



TOP: Board Chair Mary Ellen Clancey & Managing Director David Outhouse thank District Deputy Grand Master for Lunenburg-Queens.  
BOTTOM: Representatives from the eight lodges of Lunenburg-Queens are recognized for their support.



Rose Deveau enjoys working on the Africville project

## From Bonny Lea Farm to Classrooms Across Nova Scotia

Participants and staff have been busy working toward a May 31 deadline to complete the assembly and packaging of 100 Africville Educational Resource Kits for a contract with the Department of Education.

Each kit includes a resource binder, CD, community cards, photo cards and drawstring bags that contain multiple pieces for a board game. The assembly line production has been working well and everyone is really excited to be helping with this project again. In 2012, we assembled the first version of the kit for a new social studies program being introduced to Grade 3 students across Nova Scotia.

## IGNITE = Initiating Growth N' Innovation Through Engagement

A number of participants attended a conference on May 7 for people with disabilities held at Mount Saint Vincent University. Following sessions with experiential or hands-on learning in drama, yoga, resume writing, martial arts, advocacy, money management and building healthy relationships, the day ended with a tasty meal and a rock and roll dance.

The participants all felt that, "This was so much fun, we can't wait for next year."



Karen Healy in one of the IGNITE workshops.



First place goes to Ted Llewellyn and Bill Camp shown here with Stuart Carver.

## Thinking of Christmas All Year Round

Stuart Carver is passionate about playing pool and giving back to his community. Since 2008, he and his partner Linda have raised over \$15,000 for Bonny Lea Farm by holding several pool tournaments each year. Most recently they held a tournament marking Stuart's 90th birthday. The funds raised have purchased Christmas gifts for participants that they would not otherwise receive. Stuart and Linda are also well-known for visiting us at Christmas dressed up as Santa and Mrs. Claus. Perhaps they really are! They truly believe in the spirit of giving.