

MARY CENTRE NEWSLETTER

We Scored Again!!



Our 8th Annual Golf Tournament held again this year at *Glencairn Golf & Country Club* was a success. We would like to thank all who participated and sponsored the event. The Tournament Winners were John Tomlinson and Tim Parker. Ladies Longest Drive was won (*again this year*) by Cheryl Preston of MCAP. Michael Fullan, Executive Director of Catholic Charities won the Men's Closest to the Pin. Long Drive - - Tim Parker and Patrick Massey. Julio Fuoco of Bowne Canada won the Closest to the Pin. A *"Putt Off"* was held in the Dining Room to break the Putting Contest tie – winner Bruce Caplan.. Dave Bass above looks like he is in *"Payne"*.



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Transitions in a New Field

From our perspective, as Community Support Workers in Peel, it seems the current trend in our target demographic is young adults in transitional stages of their lives. This means there are a large number of young adults with developmental disabilities leaving high school and looking for meaningful day activities and ultimately suitable employment. Given that there are few options in the way of programming for this group as well as very long waiting lists, this can, and has proven to be a difficult situation. Another obstacle for these individuals has been breaking into the workforce. Often they have never been given a chance to work and therefore have little or no experience to go on.



Our Community Support Day Program focuses on teaching and refreshing skills that will contribute to a more independent lifestyle. We don't necessarily emphasize job-related skills, though it would be difficult not to improve upon some of the basics. In attending the program, individuals pick up skills such as getting to "work" on time, making a lunch, working alongside and with others and a basic grasp of professionalism, common courtesy and respect

The success of our Day Program is not determined by the number of people in attendance, rather the amount of individuals who have gone on to find employment and apply the skills learned toward a more independent lifestyle.

by Julie Antal



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

November 2, 2006

9th Annual Fundraiser
Famous People Players Dinner Theatre

April, 2007

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
Columbus Centre

May 15, 2007

9th Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament
Glencairn Golf Club, Milton

For information contact Marion Patterson at (416) 630-5533 or mpatterson@marycentre.com

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Volunteer Appreciation



The Columbus Centre was the venue, and a good time was had by all, volunteers, individuals and staff, with a good meal; with Honey and Isla presenting the certificates and the many door prizes, and Cathy handing out the Door Prize tickets, what could go wrong.

Our president, Patrick Kelly gave a very endearing address on the meaning of 'volunteerism'; thanks Patrick.



Smile Corner

Three men who were getting older and hard of hearing were playing golf one fine day;

One remarked to the other "*Windy isn't it*"?

"*No*" the other man replied "*It's Thursday*";

And the third man chimed in "*So am I, Let's have a beer*".

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Still Celebrating!



Keith and Cathy are waiting to celebrate Isla's 65th Birthday by sharing the Birthday Cake.



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