



MISSION TO SEAFARERS – HALIFAX

Flying Angel

Caring for seafarers around the world

Fall 2017



Celebrating 75 Years Serving Seafarers 1942-2017



Pictured here are: Mission Manager, Helen Glenn; Chaplain, Rev. Maggie Whittingham-Lamont; Mayor Mike Savage; CEO, Atlantic Pilotage Authority and Chair of the Mission to Seafarers Board, Captain Sean Griffiths; Chair of the Atlantic Pilotage Authority Board, L. Anne Galbraith; Vice-Chair of Atlantic Pilotage Authority Board, Patricia Mella; and CEO of the Port of Halifax, Karen Oldfield.

Archbishop Fred Hiltz
joins us on October 21st,
11am for a special
commemoration of our
75th Anniversary!

A light luncheon
will be served at noon
(freewill offering).

Drop in to our
Open House from
11am - 3pm

The Halifax Mission to Seafarers and The Atlantic Pilotage Authority celebrated the Mission to Seafarers' 75th Anniversary and the Atlantic Pilotage Authority's 45th Anniversary.

The Mission to Seafarers staff and volunteers thank our community partners and donors for their financial support which is crucial to provide much-needed services to seafarers visiting the Port of Halifax. We have been providing a home away from home for seafarers from all over the world for 75 years. The Atlantic Pilotage Authority (APA) provides a valuable and necessary service to the marine community in Atlantic Canada. The highly skilled marine pilots employed by the APA make a vital contribution to the protection of the environment, to safeguarding the lives of mariners, and to preserving and promoting the economic well being of ports in Atlantic Canada. The Atlantic Pilotage Authority and the Halifax Port Authority are critical partners and without you the Mission would simply not be able to function. Jessica Martin, Halifax Port Authority, winner of the door prize during this lovely reception, graciously donated items back to the Mission! Thanks Jessica!

Helen Glenn, Mission Manager



A Toast To Spring – 4TH Annual Winefest!

Over 110 friends of the Mission attended our 4th Annual Toast to Spring with music by Andrew MacKelvie. The food presentation was superb with a remarkable abundance of tasty tapas catered by volunteers Susan and Norman Picton! A special thank you goes out to committee members Joan McLeod and Cathy McGrail for arranging signage, flowers and venue. Captain Sean Griffiths was the MC. Cathy McGrail was the lucky 50/50 winner and she graciously donated her winnings to the Mission. Class act Cathy! Thank YOU very much. This remarkably spirited event raised \$7500. We look forward to seeing you all next year!



Danielle & Darrell Emberly, graciously donated funds raised during their Mike Cowie kitchen party to our Mission, along with a lovely chair for our lounge. Thanks very much Danielle and Darrell for your generosity!



Andrew MacKelvie



Mission friends from Logistec enjoying a Toast to Spring.

What's in a shoebox gift?

Our Shoebox Campaign starts in December, when Christmas gifts are delivered to every seafarer who visits the Port of Halifax. Shoebox gifts include: Mittens or gloves, scarf, toque, socks, toothpaste, toothbrush, hard candy (no chocolate or alcohol), soap, shampoo, shaving foam, razors, deodorant, Lypsil, playing cards, a memento of NS, PEI or Canada, a pen, notepad and envelope. Please no sharp objects or flammables are included. Call 902-422-7790 for info.



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21st Annual Mission to Seafarers Golf Tournament



Golf Chair Tomas Stryncl (far left, first photo team AON) and committee (Pat Wilson, Andrew Black) assisted by volunteers Rachael Taylor, Elaine Selig and Pam Heisler) raised over \$28,000 with community partners during this extraordinary event held July 11th, at the Avon Valley Golf & Country Club. We thank everyone for a fun filled day jam packed with camaraderie and laughter. (Second photo APA, Third Photo CATERPILLAR, Fourth DIOCESAN of NS & PEI, Fifth PROTONS, Sixth CERES).



Halifax Port Days 2017

We are grateful to photographer Steve Farmer who generously donated two prints in celebration of Halifax Port Days. Framing was provided by the Halifax Port Authority. The lucky winners are Frans Schouffoer and Carmen Heisler.



Steve Farmer, Revd Maggie Whittingham-Lamont, Captain Sean Griffiths, Frans Schouffoer (winner) and Helen Glenn



Steve Farmer, Helen Glenn, Captain Sean Griffiths, Revd Maggie Whittingham-Lamont and Carmen Heisler (winner)

The Halifax Port Authority granted donations in lieu of keynote speakers for the Chairs' Breakfast and luncheon. The power of partnerships can be seen in the good deeds we do every single day. Thanks for a wonderful networking event!

THE WORLD IS OUR PARISH

We are one of 250 Anglican Missions in the World!
Secretary General, The Revd Canon Andrew Right visits.



We were honored by a visit from the Secretary General who shared his vision of our mandate to promote the spiritual, moral and physical wellbeing of seafarers. Our Mission continues to move forward, inspired by our faith and grounded in our core purpose. Revd Andrew spoke of success stories as well as the challenges of Missions he visited internationally.

Many face a similar fear as we aim for “financial stability” to remain open. We are grateful for his time and gracious words speaking of the warmth and comfort offered in our centre as well as the excellence he sensed in our family of volunteers. This is a testament to the hard work and kindness of our volunteers who are integral to our operations and to whom we are forever grateful.

ANNOUNCEMENT



Revd Maggie Appointed to Regional Director, MtS Canada

We congratulate Revd Maggie on her appointment to Regional Director, Mission to Seafarers of Canada. This part-time position will demand 60 working days (three months) collaborating with members across Canada and our global network of Anglican Missions worldwide. We wish Revd Maggie all the best in this new endeavor.

Chair's Message

As we approach the 4th quarter of 2017, it's easy to reflect on what a year it has been. 2017 has turned out to be a year of important milestones. To recap a few of them, we have been celebrating Canada's 150th birthday all year, we have recognized the Atlantic Pilotage Authority for safely guiding vessels of all sizes in and out of Atlantic Canadian ports for 45 years, and we will be commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Halifax Explosion which shaped shipping in Halifax for decades that followed. This year also marks anniversaries for two principle shipping lines that call on the port of Halifax – Hapag-Lloyd, celebrating 125 years in Canada; and ACL, marking 50 years of service in our port. Finally, we are beyond delighted to be recognizing the Mission to Seafarers Halifax for providing 75 years of unwavering support to sailors who call on our harbour from all over the globe.

This incredible support provided by the Mission to visiting seafarers doesn't happen without a dedicated staff, an amazing and hard-working base of volunteers and finally, with the generous donations from all our supporters that keep the Mission going year after year.

Thanks to all who donated and sponsored our very successful events this year. From the annual appeal that runs throughout the year, to the Toast to Spring at the Seaport Market, to the Golf Tournament in Avon Valley and the Christmas Luncheon (just around the corner), we sincerely thank you.

On a final note, I would like to personally thank Mr. Robert Pace, Chair of CN, for the incredibly generous donation this year. It was a very welcome gift and we sincerely appreciate it.

Captain Sean Griffiths, Chair
Halifax Mission to Seafarers

Chaplain's Notes Summer 2017

In Proverbs 3:27 we read "Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act."

This has certainly been a summer of people who did not withhold good at the Mission. On June 24 the Mission celebrated the International Day of the Seafarer which this year had the theme, "Seafarers Matter". As in previous years the local Filipino community came out in strength to prepare food for the open house we held, there was definitely no holding back in their generosity and over 60 guests, including Mayor Savage, and 30 seafarers, enjoyed a delicious authentic Filipino meal. The next day Maggie delivered cakes decorated with "#Seafarers Matter" to the ships in port.

In July members of our Board of directors withheld nothing in planning and hosting our annual golf tournament which resulted in a record setting day of funds being raised for our Mission for this event enabling us to continue our care of the men and women who sail the world's oceans to bring us over 90% of the items we use each day.

In August we were blessed to be invited by the Atlantic Pilotage Authority as they shared their 45th anniversary celebration to celebrate our 75th anniversary. The APA withheld nothing in making it a special night for the staff and volunteers of the Mission.

In August one of our volunteers withheld absolutely nothing in his quest to help a seafarer who found himself, through no fault of his own, without vital medication. Bernie Leonard spent an evening trying to facilitate obtaining the medication and started making phone calls again the next morning, his persistence paid off and the seafarer was able to leave Halifax with a three week supply of medicine which would hold him in good stead until his next port where he could obtain a new prescription.

As is evident there are many people withholding nothing as they support the Mission in its mandate to do good things for the seafarers who deserve all of our support as they face the hardships of modern-day life at sea.

Revd Maggie Whittingham-Lamont

The International Day of the Seafarer

Elizabeth Eustaquio-Domondon and our friends from the Filipino community WOWED us again this year, serving up authentic Filipino food to fund-raise for our Mission. We thank Mayor Mike Savage, community partners, volunteers and Mission friends for attending. There were many seafarers in attendance this year with 60 friends, staff and volunteers as well as members of the local Filipino and Canadian community. Thanks to all who supported this fun event!



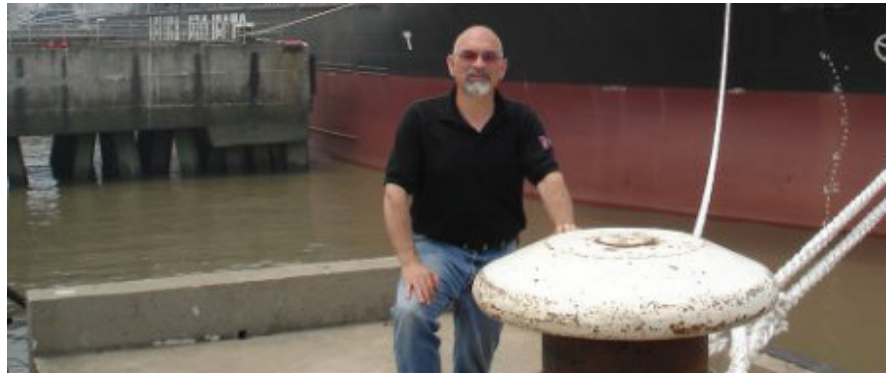
Farewell McKayla Peddle



McKayla Peddle bids us farewell as her full time gig this summer through our Canada Summer Grant program comes to an end. McKayla has been a breath of fresh air, and she enjoyed her role assisting seafarers with their needs. McKayla works well with our volunteer family, doing any job asked of her, and has agreed to remain on call as a volunteer during her third year at Saint Mary's University completing a Bachelor of Arts in the Classics. McKayla is pictured here with Mission friend and donor Mr. Jim Schubert and volunteer Joseph Loot. We thank all our Mission volunteers to whom we are eternally grateful for their dedication and kindly giving of their time and skills to offer a warm home away from home for our seafarers. This includes our board members who act as resources whilst promoting and coordinating special events on behalf of our Mission. We bid farewell to Christine Booth, Mel Earley and John Huczel.



Volunteer Profile



John Attersley, Mission volunteer for over four years, is known to our visiting seafarers as well as the marine industry in Halifax. John brings extensive experience in the maritime industry worldwide on board ships as an engineer as well as ashore in roles such as Sea Training Officer with the Canadian Coast College Officer Training Program, Casualty investigator with the Transportation Safety Board and past senior surveyor with Hayes Stuart Inc., now current owner of Quay Marine Associates Inc. In his capacity as ship visiting volunteer, John has mentored many seafarers and has been actively involved in our shoebox delivery program. John is "on call" for evening shifts often more than once a week and usually on very short notice. Having

traveled extensively as a seafarer, John is familiar with Missions around the world. He fully understands the importance of providing help to the 1.5 million men and women who face danger every day to keep our global economy afloat. John brings expertise in casualty investigation, project management and technical services. John has been instrumental in assisting with facilities issues such as rebuilding the front deck and is a wonderful resource. Always serving up great conversation with a smile, we honestly do not know where we would be without you John. Thank you for all that you bring to our volunteer family and for all that you are. While you never admit it – you make a BIG difference! THANKS!

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Robert Dylan Stewart – NAMMA Intern



When I met Dylan to discuss our internship grant made possible through NAMMA (North American Maritime Ministry Association), I was delighted with his eagerness and his obvious compassion for people. Dylan's background includes diverse experiences as a registered massage therapist, fostering relationships with patients, volunteerism with Big Brothers Big Sisters, retail management and he showed an entrepreneurial flair to boot. This, along with his dream of achieving Ordination through the Anglican Church of Canada made him a perfect candidate for this summer posting. Able to wear many hats, Dylan has been a supportive friend to our seafaring visitors. While we bid farewell as he returns to his studies, I am pleased he has agreed to stay on as a valued volunteer on call for Monday nights. An essential requirement for the internship program was participation in the 2017 NAMMA conference in New Orleans, which he enjoyed immensely, as he shares his experience.

This marks the end of my term as the Maritime Ministry Intern at the Mission to Seafarers in Halifax. I am both happy and extremely sad. On one hand, I am so happy to be focusing on school and getting to be where

I need to be. On the other hand, I am so sad my term is done. I have made many friends, helped so many people, and I have just been there for others. I am however still glad to be a volunteer.

This has helped me immensely with my spiritual self and brought me closer to God. I have planned services, led prayers, and given my first sermon in a room full of my peers from around the world. I am so blessed to be a part of a life I couldn't fathom existed. I want to let you know I feel I am on the right track.

To all those seafarers who trusted me with their stories, and been there for me as much as I have for them, Thank You. I wouldn't be where I am now without you. I wouldn't be the person I am now without your help. To just sit and have someone cry with me who missed their

wife or children 3 months in on a 9 month contract was the hardest thing I could ever think of doing. I was so honoured to be there. Be present. Just be.

I want to thank the Mission to Seafarers Halifax for hosting me, and the North American Maritime Ministry Association for making this all possible. Without your staff and volunteers, I wouldn't have had this chance. I can truly value this in my discernment process.

In life we give and take, all of us. I am blessed to call Halifax my home and these people my family and friends. I am reminded of one of my favourite passages from Luke. The golden rule if you will, love God with all your heart, mind, body, soul, and love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the laws. These two are the basis of it all. I am so happy to have met these neighbours. I am happy to make a difference and be a part of something bigger.

I want to leave you all with a special message:

Keep doing this. By volunteering or donating time or money you are making so much of a difference. You can do this, you are touching souls. You are making such a big difference in people's lives. You mean the world to every one of those seafarers who walk in the doors. You all mean the world to me as well. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!Dylan

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- **Special thanks** to the Chair of the Board of CN, Robert Pace, for approving a significant donation to the Mission to Seafarers Halifax in 2017!
- Many thanks to the International Sailors Society of Canada for a significant grant to assist our seafarers through 2017.
- Staff, volunteers and our Board deeply appreciates the ongoing financial support from our generous community partners. Their support enables the Mission to continue providing valuable

services to the seafarers visiting the Port of Halifax.

- We welcome Tropical truckers who are new visitors to our Mission during early weekdays. During their wait for Tropical ships to arrive George has painted our picnic table, whipper snipped our front lawn and Joban took the time to mow our grass. Thanks very much for helping us out during your wait gentlemen!
- The Rt. Rev Ron Cutler, Bishop of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island elected

Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada.

The Installation of Archbishop Cutler will take place on Wednesday, November 1st, 2017 at 7:00PM at the Cathedral Church of All Saints

- Greg Burns and Liam MacIsaac of Black and MacDonald Facility Management Services installed the bus shelter donated by HRM Transit. This will enable seafarers shelter during inclement weather when the Mission is closed.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Marriott Harbourfront hosting a BBQ for the **September 29th** luncheon. Luncheon Sponsor D R Brenton
- 75th Anniversary **OPEN HOUSE** on October 21st 11-3pm
- **Book now for the MTS Christmas Luncheon, December 13th, 2017 at the Cunard Centre.**
- Monthly luncheons last Friday of every month except December!
- 1st Annual Mission to Seafarers Car Rally taking place Nov. 4-5. Look on the Mission website for further details.

The Mission is thankful to our major sponsors without whom we would not be able to offer our services.

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