



MISSION TO SEAFARERS – HALIFAX

Flying Angel

Caring for seafarers around the world



Spring 2018

Greetings Friends,

The work of the Halifax Mission to Seafarers is part of a worldwide network of Anglican Missions in over 200 ports in 50 countries caring for seafarers of all ranks, nationalities and beliefs. Through our global network of chaplains, staff and volunteers we offer practical, emotional and spiritual support to seafarers through ship visits as well as in our “home away from home”.

Did you know that seafaring is one of the world’s most dangerous occupations? Were you aware that over 90% of world trade is carried by sea, providing work to 1.5 million seafarers. Shipping is also one of the world’s most dangerous occupations. The rate

of suicide for international seafarers is triple that of shore workers, and they are 26 times more likely to be killed at work, with the threat of piracy still being very real. Their days at sea are long and demanding and loneliness is common. Seafarers in distress at sea have no one to turn to as no one can see or hear their cries for help. It is only when they finally reach land and can reach out to their Mission contacts that they are able to gain assistance and connect with loved ones. The Mission’s warm hospitality can make all the difference to their morale.

Without the incredible support provided by our amazing and hard-working base of volunteers and the generous donations from all our supporters we would be unable to continue to offer our services. We thank all those who support us 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 in December, as well as our monthly luncheons. We sincerely thank you.

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Halifax Mission to Seafarers this year. In addition, legacy gifts help us maintain our waterfront centre and Mission van. Please support our vital work and consider making us a benefactor in your will. All donations are appreciated. Everything we do, your generous gifts can help us do better! On behalf of our staff, volunteers and seafarers, we thank you. Please DONATE!

Kind regards,

Helen Glenn
Mission Manager

Archbishop – Fred Hiltz

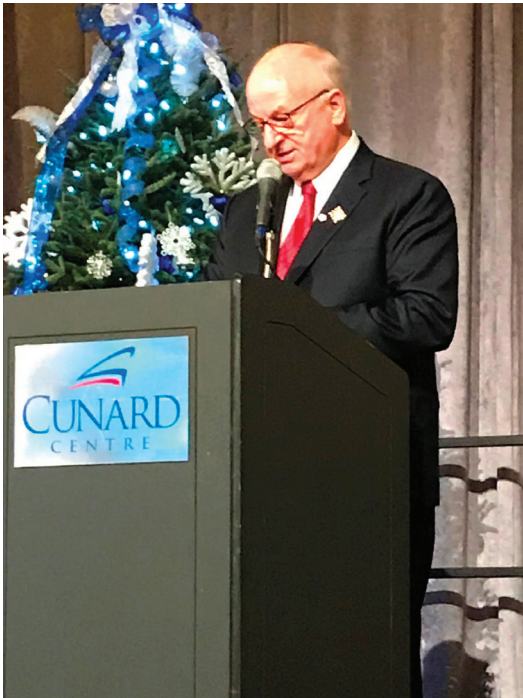


Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada presents Chaplain, Rev Maggie Whittingham-Lamont and Mission Manager, Helen Glenn with a certificate commemorating 75 years serving seafarers visiting the Port of Halifax.

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Mission to Seafarers 11th Annual Christmas Luncheon!



The Honourable Arthur J. LeBlanc, ONS, QC, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia welcomes community partners, guests and volunteers.

Community partners kick off the Christmas season with colleagues receiving STAR AWARDS for sponsorship support raising \$18,000 in net revenue. We welcome CN – Presenting Sponsor and major contributor in 2017. We are grateful to all our sponsors and wish you all continued growth, the best of health and safe travels during 2018. THANKS!



Helen, Revd Maggie, Joan McLeod and Christmas Luncheon Committee Chair, Rick Edwards



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Mission To Seafarer Car Rally



KUDOS to Peter and Elaine Selig pictured right, presenting a cheque to Revd Maggie, and for organising our first ever car rally. They raised \$2000 in net revenues and a one-time donation of \$3600 from the Transportation Club. Thirty three teams met at Dartmouth Crossing where they received mapping instructions and a scavenger list to help them find their final destination 158 km away. The evening unfolded with dinner and dance where prizes were awarded for various categories.

Congratulations to first place team (left) Kirk Tyler & Isabelle MacDonald) of NYK who won the cottage vacation in PEI, graciously donated by RDMD Refrigeration.

What's a HRM bus shelter doing at the Mission to Seafarers Halifax?



Thanks to Zak Van Vuren (pictured left) and Darrell Emberly of Nova Scotia Power, the shelter donated by HRM Transit was recently equipped with an infra-red lamp able to warm the bodies of seafarers as protection against the elements during cold weather. We thank Nova Scotia Power for providing this heater and HRM for the bus shelter. PMC Energy Performance for installing the bus shelter complimentary. SHOUT out to Black and MacDonald Facility Management Services for pouring the concrete!

The Found Wallet!

We at the Mission to Seafarers Halifax do our best to bring joy to many. Our staff and dedicated volunteers celebrated 75 years in 2017, providing support to seafarers from all over the world who call on our Port. We offer a warm, comforting “home away from home” whilst providing essential services as well as spiritual, moral and practical support on every level. I wanted to take just a moment to share a message of thanks to the person responsible for a very good deed on Friday, December 1st, 2017.

A seafarer reached out to me desperate to find a wallet lost on HRM Transit bus 52. HRM Transit offices were contacted and I left urgent messages to contact me immediately upon Monday opening. I was delighted to hear that not only was the wallet returned, cash, credit cards and personal ID were intact. Thanks to HRM Transit for getting back to me so quickly. On behalf of this seafarer, our management and staff we thank the person who performed this good deed! YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE! We also thank Kent Line Ltd for providing a courier to catch up with the ship in Saint John, NB. Again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Helen Glenn

Chaplain's Message



Ukraine Seafarer

Many of us have just enjoyed Christmas. We may have received gifts, given gifts, and probably ate lots of food. I wonder how many people stopped to think of where those gifts originated, and even some of that food. Well over 90 percent of what we use in our daily lives comes to us by ships that are operated by seafarers from all over the world. A simple item such as a jacket will have travelled many thousands of miles before we have it on our backs, a vehicle may have started life in Europe, then travelled to Mexico to be worked upon before travelling back to Europe for the final touches before travelling to its final destination, often a port city it has already traversed through several months earlier.

Seafarers do not receive a lot of thanks for the months and years they spend at sea to bring us the items we consider necessities so it was wonderful to be able to give back a little at Christmas. Of course the Mission to Seafarers could not give back without your help and we are very grateful for all the donations from the Anglican

churches in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island that enabled us to put a total of 1360 gifts on 61 ships in December and early January with 13 of those gifts going to female seafarers.

I have the privilege of distributing many of those gifts and seeing firsthand the joy they bring. Seafarers are often touched that someone they will probably never meet has been kind enough to donate a shoebox gift so thank you once again for your kindnesses and please know they are truly appreciated.

Revd Maggie Whittingham-Lamont



Captain Sean, Lily and Ben Griffiths with Rev. Maggie on Remembrance Day



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Shoebox Campaign



Our shoebox ladies hard at work! Emma, Sylvia, Martha, Nancy and Cathy quality check and gift wrap shoeboxes which were delivered to seafarers visiting the Port of Halifax in December. We thank all donors and community partners for providing the items and the decorated boxes to our Mission. We look forward to accepting items and boxes in early November for the 2018 campaign. This year mini-gloves and shampoo were in high demand. We are grateful for all donations including those hand knitted toques, scarves and mittens. The management and staff of the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic are avid supporters and deliver many shoebox gifts wrapped up with lots of love. Thank you so much for everything!



Amy Coleman & Matthew Hughson of the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic deliver shoebox gifts all wrapped up carefully with much love. We are thankful for these partners who welcome seafarers to their museum for complimentary tours. Thank you for hosting a Nova Scotia Heritage Day celebration and collecting \$440 in donations for the Mission to Seafarers! We appreciate your support.



Philippine Honorary Vice-Cousul Elizabeth Eustaquio-Domondon of the Consulate was joined by ConGen Eric Tamayo, PE-Ottawa and community leaders, donors and volunteers in dropping off gifts for the Halifax Mission to Seafarers Campaign



Ernesto and Jim, CMA INVAHOE



Volunteers Howard Gray (left) and Gail Logie (back) receive shoebox gifts from Elizabeth Eustaquio-Domondon, (far right) with Jay and Cecille Ilagan. Our friends join together annually for the International Day of the Seafarer, offering an authentic Filipino luncheon.

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The Backbone Of Our Mission – Our Volunteers



I could not be more proud of the devotion shown by our diversified team of 40 who provide miracles every day by going above and beyond the call of duty. Whether searching for missing wallets/cell phones, assisting seafarers with returns/refunds, sourcing potato cutters or gas line piping, our volunteers care and share in many different ways. Ship visiting volunteers climb aboard vessels and facilitate shopping trips or transport to the bank to

process money transfers as well as provide phone cards and phones. We offer respite from the long hours spent onboard to simply relax and make contact with loved ones. Our volunteer board members act as resources to management, staff and volunteers assisting with the coordination of special events, business development and as property management advisors. We are grateful for everyone's contribution. We SALUTE our volunteers!

A Toast to Spring in support of Mission to Seafarers

Join us **Saturday, April 28, 2018** at the **Halifax Seaport Farmers' Market** for an evening of live musical entertainment, a silent auction and raise a glass in support of the **Mission to Seafarers!**

Celebrate spring's arrival with a selection of wines from **Bishop's Cellar**.



WHEN: Saturday, April 28, 2018
TIME: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
WHERE: Halifax Seaport Farmers' Market
TICKETS: \$50 each



For more information and to purchase tickets please email **Maggie** magwhitt@ns.sympatico.ca, **Helen** hglenn@bellaliant.com or by phone (902) 422-7790.

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Message From the Chair

On behalf of our Board, Chaplain, Manager, volunteers and seafarers, I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous support of the Halifax Mission to Seafarers. As you are aware, 2017 marked the 75th Anniversary of the Mission in Halifax and I hope you were able to attend our celebratory events and fundraisers that took place throughout the year.

At our 2017 Annual General Meeting I was extremely honoured to assume the position of Chair of the Mission for a 2-year term. Unfortunately, I had to conclude my term a year sooner than expected, but I will continue to serve on the Board. At this time, I am very pleased to introduce Alastair Gray as the new Chair of the Halifax Mission to Seafarers.

Alastair has been a long-serving Mission Board Member and has been Chair of the Mission's Property Committee. He was also involved in the Vancouver Mission for several years prior to moving to Halifax. He is a Business Development Manager at Harlock Murray Underwriting and is looking forward to this new opportunity to serve at the Mission. Thank you, Alastair – I look forward to working with you under your leadership.

Captain Sean Griffiths

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Volunteer Profile – Sylvia Rudowski



Sylvia delivering shoeboxes with a seafarer on the CMA Ivanhoe

Sylvia Rudkowski is an enthusiastic, energetic, and passionate woman who approaches everything she does with a positive attitude and a huge smile.

Originally from Labrador and of Indigenous heritage, family values are first and foremost for Sylvia and continue to be at the forefront of everything she does. This is reflected

through her dedication to the growth and success of her three children. After being a stay-at-home mom for 11 years and having only a high school education, Sylvia decided to go back to school as an adult learner. Sylvia graduated from Vanier College with a Diploma in Ecological Technology. After completing her education,

Sylvia continued to follow her heart, opting to work in a variety of traditional as well as non-traditional roles. When she became a single mother, Sylvia started her seafaring career as a Deckhand on the MV Maple City, working for the Toronto Port Authority and later obtained her Master's certification for the ferry. This is where her love of seafaring began! Currently working as Quartermaster on the Canadian Coast Guard Ship Edward Cornwallis, Sylvia is no stranger to the loneliness and isolation that many seafarers experience while working away from home. Beyond her busy work schedule, Sylvia always finds time to contribute her time to various volunteering initiatives. Some of her previous experience includes teaching immigrants English as a second language through the Alderney Landing Library and also worked as a palliative and cancer care volunteer. Currently, Sylvia spends her Saturday mornings volunteering with the Mission to Seafarers. She has a true understanding and love for her work on the ocean and is committed to helping anyone in need. Without a doubt, Sylvia can always be counted on. As a cancer survivor she is well aware of the value of a helping hand.

Congratulations



to volunteer Joseph Loot on his Canadian Citizenship! Joseph has been an active volunteer for four years, as well as a NAMMA intern. Joseph continues his doctoral studies at Dalhousie University. We are grateful for your contribution to our Mission and to Canada as a citizen.



We are thankful to the International Transport Workers Federation (ITF) for a grant enabling us to purchase a new van. Pictured here is Revd. Maggie, Helen, Dylan Routledge - Pothier Motors and Karl Risser - ITF Inspector.

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Limited edition prints by Beckman and MacAskill donated to Mission.



David Huelin generously donated a Beckman limited edition Bluenose print and a Wallace MacAskill Bluenose print. David's parents, Frank and Ruth Heulin were avid supporters and volunteers at the Mission to Seafarers preparing month end luncheons for many years decades ago. We are grateful for your generosity David. Thank you very much.



Crew of the Maersk Penang present Mission to Seafarers a life ring in thanks of our dedicated services.

Please Donate

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Book now for the 5th Annual Toast to Spring, April 28th, 2018 at Seaport Farmers Market!
- Mark your calendars for our Annual Golf Tournament on July 10th, 2018.
- International Day of the Seafarer June 25 with Filipino community serving lunch
- Month end luncheons take place the last Friday of every month except for December

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

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