



MISSION TO SEAFARERS – HALIFAX

Flying Angel

Caring for seafarers around the world



FALL 2022

23rd MtS GOLF TOURNAMENT - AVON VALLEY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Our hearts were filled with gratitude as we celebrated with community partners. A huge thank you to sponsors and patrons for joining us following a 2-year pandemic. 26 teams enjoyed an overcast day with the sun peaking out occasionally. No rain and no bugs! Many yarns and smiles were shared, not to mention friendly hugs, libations, and a hearty meal at the end of the day. What a way to start a long thanksgiving weekend! The prizes were abundant! Thanks to sponsors – you know who you are. YOU helped to raise \$16,500 during our first tournament since 2019. Please catch a glimpse of the day and see who you recognize at the link below – without masks!

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5ve5zpxf3mkovjg/AABLx0dhAt7MM4iVmoBMKBwpa?dl=0>

On behalf of grateful seafarers from all over the world, our board members, and volunteers - THANK YOU ALL for the on-going support and camaraderie.

A shout out to our volunteers who were instrumental in pulling this event off seamlessly. To our fabulous co-chairs; Joan MacLeod & Cathy McGrail, incredible volunteers Aurora Ulloa-Parsons, Captain Jim Calvesbert, Michele Megannety, Anna Grue, Pam Heisler as well as those who went the extra mile and provided extraordinary prizes.

Many do not realize it, but we all depend on seafarers. 90 percent of everything we use, from food and medication to cars and household furnishings reaches us via the sea. For the 1.5 million seafarers across the world, life can be lonely, dangerous, and uncertain. Being a seafarer is tough. Crews can

spend months away working long hours with little respite or contact with home. On top of the daily pressures, the threat of piracy, shipwreck and abandonment are ever present for the men and women who serve us at sea. Amid these challenges, The Mission to Seafarers has been a constant source of practical support and reassurance. We could not do what we do without your on-going support. Blessings in abundance to you all.



Back row: Aurora and Captain Jim
Front row: Pam and Michelle



GFL Team – HOLE in ONE
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Captain Jack Gallagher,
Captain George Hilchie
Captain John McCann -
Atlantic Pilotage Authority



Jim Stoneman, Atship Shipping
with friends.



Joan MacLeod & Catherine
McGrail Dynamic women
in action!

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In Jesus's name.... A MOTHER'S STORY

One day, my son Patrick, an international seafarer, sent me his ship's itinerary. I was surprised when I read that their ship M/V Deltagracht would go to Halifax, NS, Canada. I whispered to my port and starboard side ears that this was the 'few and far between' opportunity to meet my son who I haven't seen in 7 years. Beforehand my son had a port visit in the United States of America but at that time there was a pandemic, and it was extremely difficult to reach my dream of seeing my son due to numerous anti-covid restrictions and protocols. But I'm thankful that God gave me another chance. After confirmation of my son's journey, we immediately booked our tour to Halifax. We travelled from Winnipeg, Manitoba to Halifax on September 15, 2022. The Netherlands-flagged ship was due to arrive in the Port of Halifax was delayed for days due to unprecedented military drills conducted by Communist China around the Democratic Taiwan. When we arrived at the Halifax Robert L. Stanfield International Airport, we were surprised we couldn't rent a car. According to the locals, there was a shortage of cars. Accordingly, we took a taxi from the airport to the Chateau Hotel.

The next day, we saw a Kabayan Food Mart which is a Filipino/Asian Store. We inquired how we could get downtown so we could go to 'The Mission to Seafarers' Centre. We were blessed when Danny Hernandez, a Filipino-Canadian Citizen provided us with valuable information about the transportation in Halifax, and said if he wasn't busy, he would give us a free ride...the demonstration of hospitality of Halifax Residents. The next day, September 16, 2022, Danny picked us up from the hotel and took us to MtS Halifax. At 'The Mission' we met Joy and Deacon Art. I was amazed by the beauty and coziness of HALIFAX Centre. The attentiveness and kindness of the staff at the centre was striking. Since we hadn't met Ms. Helen Glenn yet, Danny took us to other beautiful spots in Halifax (Downtown, Titanic Grave Site and the Citadel). We learned a lot from him about Halifax, Nova Scotia. When Danny Hernandez brought us back to the hotel, we received an email and a phone call from Manager Helen Glenn and



Assistant Manager Joseph Loot, respectively, for the arrangement of our family reunion.

The day my son's ship arrived, early in the morning, Ms. Helen Glenn, picked us from the hotel personally. Our reunion with our son was expedited by the efforts of the Canadian Angels from 'THE MISSION TO SEAFARERS HALIFAX' Centre. Thank you so much Ms. Helen Glenn! You are really very good and organized in coordinating our get-together. I was impressed with your remarkable energy and expeditious assistance to us to make all these possible. You did not miss any information regarding my son's ship situation as we found out from you that M/V Deltagracht would only stay in Halifax for a few hours and depart in the evening. By your supervision, Deacon Art picked up my son from the ship while we were traveling to the port. I was so nervous, happy and my feeling was indescribable while I was waiting for my son at the dock. What we have been hoping for a long time as mother and son happened - we hugged and kissed each other. Tears of joy flowed from my eyes as I really missed my son. Then Ms. Helen gave us money for our lunch. Deacon Art dropped us to the Bluenose Restaurant at the Downtown where we ate delicious seafood. The MtS Halifax is really a great place to visit. They gave us free coffee & bread, free transportation, free lunch, took care of our needs. We were appreciative and a bit overwhelmed of the amount of support that was given to us. We were captivated by the dedication of the staff (Joy, Deacon Art, Joseph, other volunteers) to help the seafarers

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and their families, especially Ms. Helen Glenn. Her energy is remarkable. I am thankful and grateful to our Omnipotent God who gave these folks so that the impossible could become possible for our family. To all the people behind this special endeavour... The Mission to Seafarers, many, many thanks to all of you, particularly to Ms. Helen Glenn. God bless The Mission to Seafarers Halifax! God bless Canada! MABUHAY! Violette & Eduardo



Dearest All, I wanted to say thank you to all these amazing people especially to Capt. Rudolf Boukes for making way to get us all connected and to Ma'am Helen, Deacon Art, and Sir Joseph of The Mission to Seafarers Halifax for the kind assistance and making this reunion even more special. It was a wonderful sunny day when we arrived in Port of Halifax. I really cannot explain my feeling and keep asking myself "Am I dreaming?" that the day that I have waited so long have finally come. It was a very memorable day for us; indeed, I enjoyed every minute with my family strolling around downtown, feels like a movie like everything is perfect and it would not be possible without each one of you. Thank you again for all the gifts and taking out time to your busy day. Looking forward to meeting and hug you all again soon. May God bless us all! Warm regards, Patrick

On October 15th, 2022, our Mission to Seafarers was visited by a gentleman, John Henderson, from Invergordon, Scotland. He came prepared with information about their mission and a few bookmarks.



Quite the historian, he related his connection to Halifax and his desire to visit here during his cruise on the *Neuw Statendam*. He enjoyed coffee and donuts with volunteers Joy MacDonnell & Captain Andrew Powell. John relayed the story of his grandfather when on April 15th, 1912, the ship, *Carpathia*, abruptly changed their course. His grandfather, being an able seaman on board, was not privy to the reason. The reason became clear as they could see the 13 lifeboats with the 712 survivors, all that remained of the *Titanic*.

So began the arduous task of getting the people and lifeboats of the *Titanic* on their ship. For that, the *Carpathia* crew were awarded medals.

Captain – Gold, Officers – Silver and the crew – Bronze. Mr. Henderson has his grandfather's medal in his possession.

Afterwards, Andrew drove John to the Fairview *Titanic* gravesite. As they were walking, a tour group arrived and John introduced himself, and the guide asked him to relate his story and show the medal. That group of tourists got a rare bonus. Andrew then dropped John at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic.

The *titanic* connection will always be a part of the history of Halifax and if you're interested, watch the video at Antique Roadshow, Balmoral 2 featuring John Henderson with the medals of his grandfather, Mr. John Garrigan.

While many of you may not be history buffs, John threw out a name probably familiar to all of us. The *Carpathia* medals were presented to the crew by a survivor of the *Titanic*, the *UNSINKABLE* Molly Brown.

Joy MacDonnell

A prayer for seafarers

Lord God, we depend on you for life itself. We depend on seafarers for many of our daily needs. Watch over them, keep them from danger, befriend them in loneliness and bring them safely home to those they love. Amen.



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International Seafarers Day 2022

Together with our Filipino-Canadian friends, a luncheon was hosted on 25 June 2022 at the Mission centre. With authentic Filipino dishes prepared by our Fil-Can friends, packed lunches were sold to patrons and guests and funds raised were donated to the Mission. Seafarers who visited the Mission were treated to free lunch.

The Mission to Seafarers Halifax joins the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in the yearly observance of the Day of the Seafarer. This international campaign of IMO pays tribute to over 1.5 million seafarers worldwide for their unique and all-too-often overlooked contribution to the well-being of people and economies participating and benefiting from international trade.

For several years, we are joined in our celebration by the Filipino-Canadian friends of the Mission. During the Covid-19 pandemic, Tim Horton's donuts were delivered to ships or given to seafarers who came to the Mission on shore leave.



Serving Seafarers for 80 YEARS – SHORE LEAVE IS SENSATIONAL IN HALIFAX, NS



John Attersley and Bill Blackmore visited the ONE MAJESTY and enjoyed a visit with the Chief, instructor and a group of cadets.



Rev'd Andrew Cooke had a great time with MSC Odessa crew members the first time she was in Hfx. All Indian crew and master except one crew member from Pakistan and one Russian.



Long chat with the Master, and prayer time with two RC sailors on board.

The Captain and crew of the Iberian Bulker arrived Halifax from Norfolk, Virginia on October 8th to load wood pellets. Full crew of 20 Filipinos. Cargo operations were delayed due to cruise ships berthed nearby. We were fortunate to be able to host the crew through to October 16th. They enjoyed their stay in Halifax. The sawdust spray in the air was unbelievable!



Crew of MV Contship Leo



August Luna Crew



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MtS REGIONAL CONFERENCE, VANCOUVER, CANADA

It was heartwarming to meet with colleagues from the Ministry to Seafarers, and partners Stella Maris, International Sailors' Society Canada, ITF, Shipping Federation, BC Chamber of Shipping, Port of Vancouver and others who popped in! The lectures were interactive and thought provoking. Reconnecting to share best practices, discuss challenges and success stories of the past few years and simply to be together. Rev'd Judith Alltree and Rev'd Peter Smythe with assistance from Lanna Hodgson hosted an inspirational conference offering insight, new ideals and fabulously healthy meals. Dr. Jason Zuidema with posted various photos of the week to his Flickr photo account: <https://flickr.com/photos/124915888@N06/> Also on NAMMA Facebook a short video of highlights of the week.



Lanna Hodgson ISSC Director & Dr. Jason Zuidema, Executive Director NAMMA



Beautiful window in Vancouver Mission



Delegates visit St. James Anglican Church



Julia, Judith, Tomi and Helen

ONE PORT CITY CELEBRATION – Bringing Halifax community together with the Port!



Captain Jim Calvesbert



Helen and John Attersley



Mayor Mike Savage and Chair, HPA Tom Hayes



Happy halloween from Halifax Port Authority staff!

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MtS Manager awarded Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal

I am absolutely thrilled to share the exciting news that Helen Glenn, our wonderful General Manager of the Halifax Mission to Seafarers, is being honoured with a Queen's Platinum Jubilee Award by the province of Nova Scotia!

The letter from the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, Arthur J. LeBlanc, ONS, QC says it all: "... you have demonstrated exceptional qualities and outstanding service to our Province..." and need I add to our Mission both in Nova Scotia and the rest of Canada, where Helen's reputation for excellence in service to our Seafarers is unquestioned.

Helen has served the Seafarers in the Mission with distinction,



Lieutenant Governor Arthur J. LeBlanc, ONS, QC, presents Helen Glenn with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal

compassion, care and yes, love at a time all those qualities were most needed. She has brought a positive focus on the lives of Seafarers and all that they do; she has helped to change the prevailing attitude of

"sea blindness" to "sea awareness" with her brilliant newsletters, and her support of her staff and volunteers as they have worked through the most challenging time in our history since World War II.

Helen: on behalf of all of us at MtSC - our heartiest congratulations on a well deserved award! We are so proud of you!

Thank you all for all that you do for our Seafarers. How wonderful that one of our own is recognized in this very special way.

Best,
Rev'd Judith Alltree,
Regional Director MtS Canada

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE REGIONAL
DIRECTOR MTS CANADA

Seafarer's Christmas Luncheon

The Mission to Seafarers Christmas Luncheon was a smashing success! 230 turkey TAKE OUT dinners were picked up. P & H Milling Group is our November sponsor along with our Anglican Mother's Union partners who paid for the home-made brownies by Susan. We are blessed with caring volunteers, supportive community partners and patrons. We thank you all.



Oceansync Halifax team enjoying their Christmas Luncheon



Deacon Art, Joseph, Pat, Dianne and Captain Andrew



Susan, Norman, Aurora and Jim



Norman, Susan, Aurora and Jim



Helen, Art, Susan, Pat, Dianne and Jim

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**We celebrate 80 years
serving seafarers from the
Port of Halifax.**

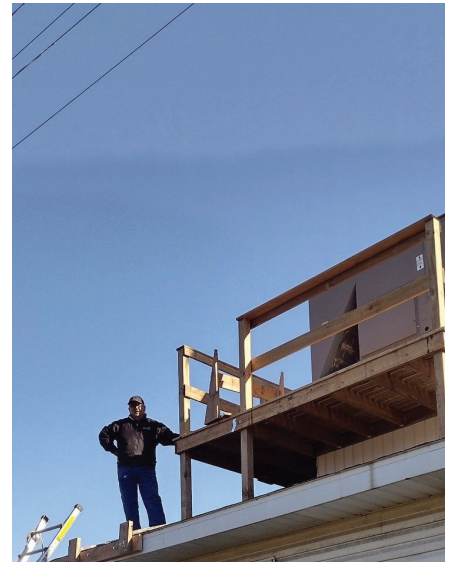


We are grateful to all our sponsors who have assisted us during these tumultuous times.



We welcome Mission volunteer **Bud Streeter**, recently appointed as a director with MtS Canada. Pictured here updating laptops which were generously donated by Canadian Steamship Lines. CSL have been generous over the years providing technology for our Mission. Canada Steamship Lines operates the most modern self-unloaders, bulk carriers and transhippers on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway and provides customers with innovative, high-capacity self-unloading and transhipment solutions.

Thank you for the on-going support.



The construction of the service platform for the Air Conditioning is almost complete. The work has been done by volunteers, Norman Picton, James Parsons and Howard Gray.

The Mission to Seafarers work worldwide in support of seafarers who have been mistreated or abandoned. Please keep the seafarers in your prayers.

Please Donate

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Shoebox Gifts

Nothing can stop Christmas!

We continue to share with seafarers the joy and spirit of the holidays through gift-giving.

Go to [Christmas Shoebox Campaign – Mission To Seafarers](#)

[Halifax](#) for the list. Our team of shoebox ladies quality check donated boxes. We are pleased to have our community partners drop off items for shoeboxes, monetary donations or wrapped

shoebox gifts, and YES –we love empty shoeboxes too. It is a joy to deliver shoebox gifts from December 1st through the Christmas season to crew members who visit the Port of Halifax.

MtS Halifax VOLUNTEERS

John Attersley
Sandra Attersley
Peter Bartlett
Bill Blackmore
Captain Jim Calvesbert
Rev'd Andrew Cooke
Nancy Eisener

Maxime Gauvin
Carolyn Graham
Howard Gray
Palma Heming
Dianne Lavoie-MacDonald
Joy MacDonnell

James Kennedy
Deacon Art Mitchell
Captain James Parsons
Captain Andrew Powell
Captain Aage Roren
Captain Colm Stockdale
Bud Streeter

Glenn Taylor
Pat Thompson
Aurora Ulloa-Parsons
Susan Picton
Norman Picton
Kevin Walker

Announcements

- MtS Annual Christmas Luncheon at Rowe Hall, PIER 21, December 7th. Registration at 11:00am Lunch served at 11:30am – We are pleased to present Mike Cowie & The Yuletide Cheer! BOOK YOUR TABLES OF 10 FOR \$700. hglenn@missiontoseafarershalifax.ca
- Purchase tickets for a draw for a Mike Cowie TRIO Kitchen Party. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. 1-1.5 hours of entertainment valued at \$1800. Available at the Christmas Luncheon.

The Mission is thankful to our sponsors!

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