



MISSION TO SEAFARERS – HALIFAX

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Caring for seafarers around the world



SUMMER 2023

## OUR PATRON, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ARTHUR J. LEBLANC & MRS. PATSY LEBLANC HOST MTS VOLUNTEERS

We are grateful to the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia for the tremendous support to staff and volunteers. The volunteer appreciation at Government House was perfectly timed during a visit from the MtS Regional Director of Canada, Rev'd Judith Alltree. Truly an enjoyable reception appreciated by all. Thank You for your continued support.



Aurora Ulloa-Parsons, Palma Heming, James Parsons.



Susan Picton and Mrs. Patsy LeBlanc



Helen Glenn, Rev'd Judith Alltree, Deacon Art Mitchell.



Aurora, Arthur J. and Patsy LeBlanc and Helen.



Dylan MacDonald, Sandra Attersley, Patsy, Bud Streeter, Jim Calvesbert.

The Province of Nova Scotia held a State Dinner to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. The Mission to Seafarers Halifax Manager Helen Glenn and long-time volunteer Aurora Ulloa-Parsons represented the Mission at this spectacular event. They are shown here (centre) with the Lieutenant-Governor and his wife. More photos of this gala occasion can be found at <https://lnkd.in/etH9EF-g>

**#OceansWorthProtecting - Celebrate International Day of the Seafarer June 25th, 2023**

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## COMMUNITY PARTNERS SUPPORT OUR SEAFARERS – OUR HEARTS ARE FILLED WITH GRATITUDE!



Sarah Edmonds, Edmonds Landscaping and Construction Services Ltd. delighted us with another substantial cheque to honour the memory of her grandparents who were once active volunteers at the MtS Halifax. Sarah (centre) seen here with Helen Glenn and Rev'd Judith Alltree. We invite you to drop by for a coffee or refreshing drink and visit the Ernest and Marjorie Edmonds Memorial Lounge.

We were finally able to personally thank Canada Steamship Lines (CSL) for their generous donations of 6 laptop computers to our Mission late in 2022. Shown here (right) with our Manager Helen Glenn is Blake Fisher, Regional Director Commercial, CSL. This generous gift helps us serve the needs of the seafarers who visit our mission. We thank CSL again for their donation and for the help in the initial set-up of the computers. We are truly blessed.



Three bicycles were presented to Helen Glenn, Mission Manager, by Dick Jamer, Paul Jamer and Angela Franklin (MarPro), complete with helmets and locks, from Bill Jamer and Paul Jamer. Bill and Paul are long time members of the marine community, and their companies, Marpro Marine and the Breakwater Group respectively, provide professional services to commercial and government clients in the marine industry. Dick Jamer (left) has offered to perform the necessary maintenance and adjustments on the bicycles as required. Angela Franklin, Business Manager & Principal at MarPro was on-hand for the presentation. The bicycles will be available for seafarers to borrow and use to ride around the beautiful port city of Halifax.



William Diotte, Navigation Cadet, Oceanex Sanderling borrows bike from MtS Halifax to tour our beautiful port city, seen here with MtS Canada Chair, Bud Streeter.



Bud Streeter receives guitars from Paul Jamer, who has acquired, re-strung, tuned and donated them to us along with a beat box! Seafarers truly enjoy jamming together. This affords us the ability to offer quality guitars at reasonable prices for seafarers to purchase.

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## ATLANTIC PILOTAGE AUTHORITY CELEBRATES ONE PORT CITY WITH RAFFLE FOR MTS



Mission to Seafarers Halifax volunteers Aurora Ulloa-Parsons and Susan Picton are shown at the Mission information stand to celebrate One Port City Day in Halifax. A Halifax Port Authority opportunity to introduce the broader community to our working waterfront. Our Mission is blessed with active volunteers and strong relationships with our Port community. Shown next is Elaine and Kim, APA presenting \$1350. raised through the

raffle for overnight accommodations and raft trip at Tidal Bore Rafting! We are most grateful for our community partnerships! CONGRATULATIONS to the winner, retired Halifax Port Police, Sargent Nancy Rudback! Nancy has been an avid volunteer with MtS during the shoebox campaigns when she comes in to wrap shoebox gifts which are handed out to seafarers visiting our beautiful Port during the Christmas season. Congratulations NANCY!



The Halifax Mission to Seafarers hosted a special group of seafarers as the local branch of the Master Mariners of Canada held their AGM in our space.

Our Mission Manager, Helen Glenn, was on hand to welcome a few of these wonderful supporters of the Mission to Seafarers. Shown (L to R) are Matthew Henri, Marshall Dunbar, Jim Calvesbert, Brian Leblanc and Bill Denton. We are thankful for the good work of these Master Mariners and appreciate their ongoing support on many levels through-out the year. God Bless.

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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## VOLUNTEER PROFILE

### Deacon Art Mitchell

When Deacon Art walked through our doors in May 2020, it was truly a godsend since we had been without a chaplain for some time, and volunteer Deacon Dan Daley was retiring. When Art spoke of his love of the sea and for those who sail upon her, his eyes lit up and the passion exuded from him.

Art trained quickly as a ship welfare volunteer and since then has been serving our ministry, as well as the acting representative for Stella Maris. Stella Maris literature is included within information packages delivered to crew. Deacon Art has been instrumental in answering the calls of masters for blessings on board vessels. This may occur because of inclement weather which has caused fear of life; it may be due to family issues back home or indeed, the death of a mate on the vessel. Art has attended to emergency situations on board vessels in the middle of the night when a coroner has been called to remove a body, and it is critical for crew mates to declare a proper farewell, bless the body as well as the vessel. Deacon Art was called upon by The Master Mariners of Canada, Maritime Division for the blessing at the Battle of the Atlantic ceremony at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic as well as the celebration at Point Pleasant Park. One of many consecrations by request.

Art was born and grew up in Marystown, a small village in Newfoundland. He is the second of thirteen children, 8 boys and 5 girls. Art was a career Navy man and completed 35 years of military service. He retired from the Navy in July, 2006. He and Sharon (nee Proctor) were married in 1983. They are blessed with five grown children--three boys and two girls who have blessed them with 12 grandchildren. Art has always been interested and involved in parish service and various church ministries. As a result of this interest, he enrolled in the Halifax-Yarmouth Archdiocese Permanent Diaconate program in 1987. He followed the curriculum outlined by the program at that time and completed the program in 1992. Unfortunately, he was not able to be ordained at that time because his military service took him to St. John's, Newfoundland for four years and then to Edmonton, Alberta for five years; there was no Permanent Diaconate program available in either of these Archdioceses.

He always wanted to go to university and in September 2002, he enrolled part-time at St. Mary's University, and by taking classes during evenings and lunch hours, in the spring, summer, and fall semesters while still working full time in the military, he was able to complete the educational require-



ments for the BA program. In May 2007, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) English degree, and a minor in Religious Studies.

He was ordained as a permanent deacon on June 26, 2009 by Archbishop Anthony Mancini, and appointed to St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica. In addition to his church duties Art coordinated the volunteers for the Daily Bread Outreach program, a program that helps the marginalized and less fortunate people in the downtown Halifax. In 2015 he was appointed as Parish Administrator at St. Patrick's Church on Brunswick Street.

In August 2020, he was appointed by Archbishop Brian Dunn, to serve at Holy Trinity Parish in Lower Sackville and at the same time he was assigned as the Catholic clergy representative to the Mission to Seafarers. Most recently Deacon Art attended the Stella Maris conference with the theme, "Moving Forward Together". Art has a great love of the sea and seafarers, and sincerely believes that the Lord meant for him to serve all God's people, and most particularly those who "go down to the sea in ships."

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## SHORE LEAVE IS CRITICAL TO SEAFARER WELLBEING & IT BRINGS JOY TO VOLUNTEERS TOO!

Captain Leo-mar T. Reginaldo, Master of the NYK Meteor and some crew members on their first shore leave in Halifax. In the first image, the Captain and some of his crew are with our Mission Manager, Helen and volunteer Mercury. The second image shows

more of the crew who spent the afternoon and evening enjoying the hospitality offered by Assistant Manager Joseph Loot and Volunteer John Attersley. One of the crew members was celebrating a birthday so Burger King crowns were the dress of the day! It is wonderful to have NYK crew finally enjoying shore leave! We were fortunate to see most of the crew of this vessel during their port stay and we look forward to their next visit. We wish them fair winds and following seas!



(left) The Vistula Maersk crew enjoyed visiting the Mission on a Saturday afternoon and escaped from the much-needed rain in Halifax. Our Assistant Manager Joseph and volunteer Howard Gray played host to the group. It is rewarding to all to experience the increasing opportunities for shore leave now being offered to seafarers. Shore leave is crucial for seafarers.



(Above) Recently crew of the E M Kea enjoyed an evening of respite at the Mission. These crew members hadn't had shore leave in a while so very much enjoyed the peace and quiet of the Mission. Several of their crew mates were off to the Superstore for provisions. Their ship often has a quick turnaround on Sundays when we are not open. It was great to connect with them all!



Crew of NYK Remus had extended shore leave when transports were delayed on a busy Friday evening in the city.

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We were blessed with a visit from the active, fun-loving crew of the APL California who enjoyed cold drinks, games and guitars before departing Halifax for the Suez Canal! The gang is seen here with our Manager Helen and volunteers Rita and Captain Colm. (Below) THE FAB FIVE!! These wandering minstrels from the Zaandam had the Mission rocking as they availed themselves of our inventory of guitars and the beat box to fill the lounge with music and laughter. A good time was had by all - volunteers and seafarers alike.



Tropic Hope Crew

Great to see the activity increase at the Mission to Seafarers Halifax as shore leave becomes the norm after months of restrictions. The pictures below show crews from the CMA CGM Magellan, the CMA CGM Corte Real and the MV Tropic Hope enjoying their home away from home. It is amazing how many of the visiting seafarers are skilled musicians and it is



apparent that the ability to relax through music is very important to them. It is also spiritually uplifting for our staff and volunteers to hear these seafarers, far from home, as they sing some of their folk songs, and some of our favourites, in their home languages. We give thanks and blessings for our supporters and for the amazingly talented seafarers who visit our Mission.



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## THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF CANADA, REV'D JUDITH ALLTREE VISITS MTS HALIFAX



The Mission to Seafarers Halifax welcomed the Regional Director for Canada, the Rev. Judith Alltree for a three day visit. In addition to meeting with Mission volunteers and participating in a reception to honour the volunteers, Rev. Alltree spent a day visiting ships with the “on duty” ship welfare visitor. She spent a morning packaging up delectable treats from the Cobs Bakery ‘End of Day Giving Program’. These tasty treats are then delivered to seafarers visiting the Port of Halifax. Shown in the photos are Rev. Alltree with the Chief Officer and Second Officer of the CMA CGM Louga, where she was given a tour of a modern container ship, including her first experience with a shipboard elevator! The second photo shows her talking with the Chief Officer and the Bosun on board the MV Selfoss, a regular caller to Halifax from Iceland. She also visited the NYK Rigel at the Fairview Cove terminal. The third photo has (LtoR) Volunteers Susan Picton and Joy MacDonnell packing the Cobs goodies with the Regional Director in a team effort. We at Mission to Seafarers in Halifax are truly blessed.



Rev. Judith was pleased to preach to the congregation of the Open Door Community Church. The Open Door Community Church, despite its small congregation, has become a big supporter of the Mission. These plaques recognize substantial donations to the Mission and it was rewarding to see how honoured the Open Door Church clergy and congregation were to receive their plaque.

Rev'd Judith stated, “It was so wonderful to have so much time at the Mission, to truly experience the range of activities (Seafarers visited, volunteers came and went, some scheduled, others not) and all the other activities in the Port as well. A very successful visit, in every way.” Our volunteers and staff as well as board members were pleased to share challenges and successes with our Regional Director and look forward to the next visit.



Susan, Joy and Judith.



Laura presents donation to Helen.



Laura, Beth, Rev'd Judith Alltree, Steven with Helen.

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## MTS TAKE OUT LUNCHEONS CONTINUE TO BE A SMASH!

We are appreciative of our community patrons and sponsors for supporting our luncheons. Atlantic Pilotage Authority sponsored the March beef stew while the Mother's Union Anglican Church provided funding for the desserts.

During our first BURGER BBQ June 15 we served up 98 take out lunches. We are told one could smell the BBQ all the way down Marginal Road at the Westin. We thank Atlantic Towing for sponsorship and our Mother's Union who provided funding for desserts. Unfortunately, I didn't capture a photo of Susan Picton busy in the kitchen. Thanks to ALL!



Alison, Adrienne, Smit and Harry of Zim Shipping joined us for our first Burger BBQ in June.



John, Deacon Art with Priscilla and Jim packing up lunches.



Susan, Norman and Aurora serving up lunches.



Aurora & Maxime pack.



James & Norman cook the best burgers ever!



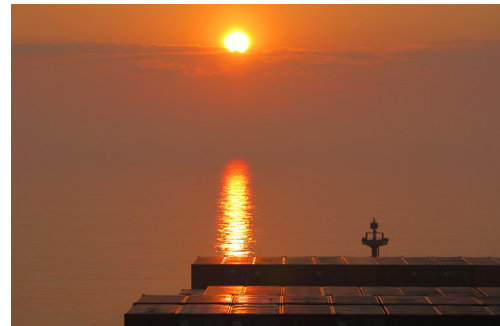
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## The International Day of the Seafarer is celebrated on June 25th.

For 2023, the campaign looked at seafarers' contribution for the protection of the marine environment, in line with the World Maritime theme "MARPOL at 50 – Our commitment goes on". Seafarers spend a great deal of time at sea and are a big part of the solution when it comes to protecting the marine environment. As part of the campaign, we ask seafarers to share a picture of the marine environment surrounding them while at sea, highlighting that the marine environment is worth protecting.



Cape Town, South Africa



Pacific Ocean

*"One of the best things I experience working at sea is seeing its beauty in all parts of the world. It is my privilege to share this existence. We are all connected to the sea and we are not the only ones who benefit from it, so we must preserve and protect it for future generations"* Capt. Leo-mar T. Reginaldo, Master of M.V. NYK METEOR

See photos on Page 5 of Captain and Crew



*"As a seafarer I not only think, I also act, to save the ocean. I am sure the first thing every seafarer needs is ocean love. How can you spend so much time at sea with out loving it? One of greatest thing on this world is to see all the marine life; to keep them alive and safe. It is part of our work. Regarding garbage recycling and eco speed, on every trip I love implementing values to my crew about how to protect our environmental."* First photo Halifax Harbour Atlantic Ocean and second photo crew on the Mediterranean Capt. Meir Dizraeli, Master of M.V. ZIM SHEKOU

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We were once again grateful to our Filipino-Canadian friends for providing a light fare of Asian Philippine spring rolls with noodles and dessert in celebration of the International Day of the Seafarer. Visiting seafarers from the Zaandam and Liberty of the Seas were provided complimentary lunches prepared by: Mercidita Valdes, Cecille Sepidoza, AJ, Jocelyn and Elizabeth Eustaquio-Domondon. We thank Susan, Aurora and Max for breaking bread with all and serving 37 lunches. Leftovers were enjoyed the following day by volunteers and seafarers. We distributed free Sim Cards to the MSC Katya R compliments of the Shipping Federation of Canada. We also delivered Cob's bread, scones and cinnamon rolls to vessels through-out the week.



We are pleased to introduce our summer student Madilynn Collier who will be with MtS Halifax for 8 weeks. Madilynn is working towards her Bachelor of Arts – Intercultural Studies. She is very interested in languages and speaks Mandarin and Korean. Madilynn enjoyed her first ship visit with John Attersley and was kindly received by Captain Alexandru Dumitrescu, who granted a tour of

the bridge and the engine room. Madilynn is seen here with Third Officer Jayamaha Mudalige Don.



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on **Sea Sunday**



## SEAFARERS NEED YOU MORE THAN EVER

**You rely on seafarers but they need your help also!**

More than 90% of the world's goods and fuels are transported around the world, thanks to seafarers. Without them the world economy would grind to a halt. This would place businesses and millions of jobs around the world in jeopardy. Day and night for 365 days per year, the Mission is on call providing help for seafarers in over 200 ports around the world.

For more information on our work visit  
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## A FAREWELL SALUTE TO J. ELWOOD GOTELL (1931-2023)

We bid farewell to long-time volunteer J. Elwood Gotell. A proud islander, a dedicated volunteer and a gentleman, died peacefully on May 12th, 2023 at the Halifax Infirmary, after a lengthy illness. He was a loving, caring humanitarian and a Mission to Seafarers volunteer and board member for years. Elwood Gotell was awarded the Sovereign's Medal for

Volunteers in 2020. This official Canadian award recognizes the exceptional volunteer achievements of individuals from across the country in a wide range of fields. Elwood will be remembered fondly by many. His internment will be held in PEI on July 15th. We extend our deepest condolences to his family and friends. Rest in peace our dearest friend.



Elwood seen here with Lieutenant Governor of NS, The Honourable Arthur J. LeBlanc, ONS, KC

## Announcements

- Mark your calendars for our Annual Golf Tournament September 12th at Avon Valley Golf & Country Club.
- TAKE OUT luncheons for September, October and November. Dates TBA
- MtS Car Rally confirmed for November 18 – Details TBA

## MtS Halifax VOLUNTEERS

John Attersley	Howard Gray	Captain James Parsons	Glenn Taylor
Peter Bartlett	Palma Heming	Captain Andrew Powell	Pat Thompson
Captain Jim Calvesbert	Jamie Horton	Captain Peter Randall	Aurora Ulloa-Parsons
Reverend Andrew Cooke	James Kennedy	Captain Aage Roren	Susan Picton
Nancy Eisener	Cmdr. Bob Lancashire	Sonia Simard	Norman Picton
Maxime Gavin	Joy MacDonnell	Bud Streeter	Kevin Walker
Carolyn Graham	Deacon Art Mitchell	Captain Colm Stockdale	

## The Mission is thankful to our sponsors!

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