



MISSION TO SEAFARERS – HALIFAX

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Caring for seafarers around the world



Fall 2015

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Dear Friends,

Earlier this year, during a routine visit to the ship “Asian Emperor,” the Mission’s Seafarer Coordinator spotted a seafarer who seemed to be in considerable pain. Maggie approached the young Filipino officer and discovered that he had slipped on the deck during mooring and fell hard onto his right shoulder. Other than basic first aid, his ship-mates were unsure what to do. Maggie, along with Alex, one of the Mission’s dedicated volunteers, took the injured seafarer to Dartmouth General Hospital and stayed with him in Emergency while he was treated. He was very appreciative of Maggie and Alex’s help in navigating the hospital procedures and comforted by their attendance while his dislocated shoulder was manipulated back into place. He was able to return to his ship and remain on limited duty so that the support he provides his loved ones at home could continue.

This is just one example of the how the Mission to Seafarers makes a real difference in the lives of seafarers passing through the Port of Halifax. Year after year, the Mission provides them a special place of respite from their ships. These men and women leave their families and friends at home for months at a time to work on the ships that bring us the goods we use every day. Their days at sea are long and demanding and loneliness is common. So, when they call at our Mission to access telephones and the internet to reconnect with loved ones, as well as taking in the warm

Proclaimed 2015 Port of the Year by the International Seafarers’ Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN)! Halifax Port Authority, President and CEO, Karen Oldfield, accepted this prestigious award “The Port of Halifax is a very tightknit community and it is humbling to accept this award on behalf of our stakeholders and partner organizations—marine pilots, tug operators, shipping companies, terminal operations, the entire cruise industry and of course the Halifax Mission to Seafarers”

hospitality of our staff and volunteers, or accessing our clothing and book room, their spirits are lifted. For those seafarers unable to leave their ships due to shortened port visits, the Mission takes mobile phones to them so they are able to telephone their families.

This work would not be possible without the generosity of you, our loyal and enduring donors. Your financial support enables the Mission to continue its valuable ministry of practical, emotional and spiritual support to all seafarers passing through our port, regardless of faith or background. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Halifax Mission to Seafarers again this year, either by mail or through our website at www.missiontoseafarershalifax.ca.

*Kind regards,
Sandra Attersley
Chair, Board of Directors*

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Mission to Seafarers Canada

The inaugural National Conference for the Mission to Seafarers Canada was hosted by the Halifax Mission in June. Participants met for frank discussions on the constitution and by-laws with a view to electing a Regional Council to represent Canada with MtS globally. Dr. Jason Zuidema,

Executive Director of NAMMA (North American Maritime Ministry Association) was also on hand to update the conference on NAMMA's activities in over 50 ports across North America.



Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Halifax Chair Sandra Attersley, Vancouver Rev. Nick Parker, MtS Secretary General, Rev. Andrew Wright, Saint John Rev. Eric Phinney, Halifax Manager Helen Glenn, Thunder Bay Rev. Ed Swayze, Southern Ontario Exec. Director, Rev. Judith Alltree, Thunder Bay Chair Anne Zuliani, Regional Director-USA, Ken

Hawkins, Rev. Maggie Whittingham-Lamont, Southern Ontario Chair Duncan Harvie, Sarnia Rev. Gordon Simmons, Treasurer Larry Moore and NAMMA Executive Director, Dr. Jason Zuidema (Photo courtesy of Dr. Jason Zuidema)



Secretary General Rev. Andrew Wright, Regional Director-USA, Ken Hawkins, Halifax Chair of the Board Sandra Attersley, Mission Manager Helen Glenn, and Chaplain, Rev. Maggie Whittingham-Lamont. (Photo courtesy of Dr. Jason Zuidema)

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Halifax Mission to Seafarers Celebrates International Day of the Seafarer



Mayor Mike Savage and Bishop Sue Moxley were on hand to enjoy authentic Filipino food prepared by Elizabeth Eustaquio, of the Philippine Consulate, and our Filipino community friends. Our second year to raise funds for this special day was well attended. Thanks to all who partook of the pleasantries.

19th Annual Mission to Seafarers Golf Tournament



Team Ceres: Reg Allen, Calvin Whidden, Scott Anderson, Grant Cameron

MTS Golf Committee (Blake Fisher, Jim Stoneman, Wayne Morrison, Pat Wilson, Alistair Gray, Rick Edwards, Elaine Selig) hosted a day of camaraderie at the Avon Valley Golf Club in July. Everyone walked away a winner with Ceres finishing as *TOP TEAM*. This outstanding signature event

has been likened to “old home week”, when friends and colleagues gather raising over \$31,000 net revenues. We thank our sponsors, participants, Avon Valley Golf Club and Alex Bohan for snapping team spirits.

Winefest 2015

Community partners and friends, appreciated the sunset over Halifax Harbour, as the Andrew MacKelvie Trio jazzed the ambiance during our second Wine Fest held at the Seaport Farmer's Market. Bishop's Cellar presented delectable wines suitable for all palates, with treats by RCR. We thank Cathy McGrail, Joan McLeod, and Patrick Bohan for organizing this fine event. Photographer, Alex Bohan captured moments. Over \$6,000 was raised. We thank sponsors and participants for a fun-filled mixer. Hope to see you all next April.



Blake and Bill Fisher



Chaplain Rev. Maggie Whittingham-Lamont, Volunteers Carolyn Graham, Carole Thorne, and Mission Manager, Helen Glenn





MtS Chaplain Rev. Maggie Whittingham-Lamont



Rev. Maggie Whittingham-Lamont, Rev. Andrew Wright, Archbishop Fred Hiltz attending MtS conference.

Congratulations to The Reverend Maggie Whittingham-Lamont on her ordination to the Diaconate at the Cathedral Church of All Saints on June 11, 2015. Maggie was pleased to have family, colleagues, volunteers, close friends and seafarers attend her special occasion and is looking forward to continuing her ministry at the Mission. Everyone at the Mission is very proud of you!

Farewell Captain Anthony McGuinness

Captain Anthony McGuinness retired as Chair of the Board, Mission to Seafarers Halifax in 2014, and most recently as CEO, of the Atlantic Pilotage Authority after two decades of dedicated service. Tony, our volunteers, staff and board of directors are grateful for your leadership and wisdom over the years. We are indebted to your professionalism, astute business sense, and sound guidance. Your genuine smile and guiding light will be missed more than you know. Be safe, be well and please do not be a stranger to your Mission friends. Perhaps you, and your lovely wife Wendy, will become Mission volunteers one day.

All the best!

The Backbone of our Charity – Our Volunteers

Volunteers were directly responsible for saving \$3000 in labor costs by re-building our wheelchair accessible entrance and deck. Esau Cassell, Prosol Distribution Ltd. brought along an able bodied team (Krista Head, Aaron Tucker and Terry Lynch), who worked a full 12-hour day, along-side our MtS volunteers (Carole & Wally Thorne,

Norman Picton, Aurora & James Parsons, Alistair Gray, Greg Naugle, John & Peter Attersley, Jack Gallagher, Jasmine Du). Thank you all for your hard work and support. We thank Rona for supplying the materials at a discount. By snowfall the skirting around the bottom of the Mission will be replaced! Thank you all for your generosity!



Back Row: Aaron Tucker, Esau Cassell, Alistair Gray, James Parsons, Helen Glenn, Terry Lynch, Wally Thorne, Front Row: Krista Head, Carole Thorne, Aurora Parsons, Jasmine Du



Announcements:

We thank Mary who donated a new to us stainless steel fridge for our kitchen. Wally Thorne and Norm Picton were instrumental in making the fit! Thank you, What a difference this will make!

- Peg, we thank you for your on-going support and the offer to purchase a new dishwasher!
- Become a community partner! Contact hglenn@bellaliant.com
- Watch for details of our Christmas Luncheon December 9th.
- Join us for our monthly luncheon the last Friday of every month
- Shoebox Campaign will start October, get ready!
- Thank you Sargeant Joe Collins and Constables Glenn Sawlor and Bill Allen for keeping us safe every day.

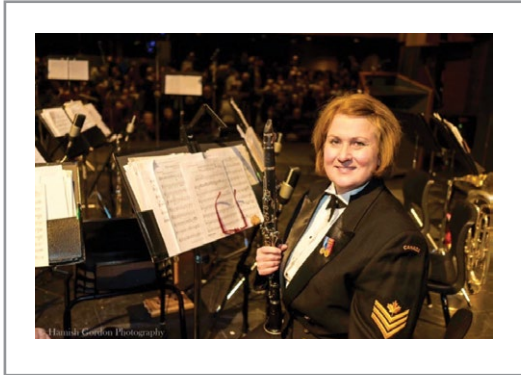
Right: Wally Thorne and Norm Picton



We thank Gail Bruhm and Vanessa Lindsay-Botten, proud founder and director of *YOU GOTTA SING* for hosting a fund-raising concert at the Cathedral of All Saints with proceeds donated to the Mission to Seafarers Halifax.

Thank you so very much for raising \$1200+. Vanessa provides expert song leadership within a variety of community, corporate and sacred settings, both as an engaging performer and skilled music educator!

Volunteer Profile A Passionate Woman



Sherree Vickers grew up in Ottawa and joined the Canadian Armed Forces as a reservist in 1977. She transferred into the military band in 1979. Her travels took her from coast to coast in Canada, North to Alaska and throughout Europe to countries such as England, Germany, Belgium, France and Holland. She has performed for Queen Elizabeth, Prince Charles and Diana, heads of states, as well as many Canadian war veterans. Highlights shared are performances at Vimy Ridge and at Juno Beach (Normandy) as well as participating in many Royal Nova Scotia tattoos. Sherree has volunteered her time over the years to Big Sisters of Canada, Victoria Order of Nurses, visiting programs for Canadian war vets and now - The Mission to Seafarers in Halifax. She had decided when she got transferred to Halifax that she wanted to volunteer somewhere at the Port of Halifax. Sherree delights in visiting ships, processing money transfers, sales at the cash, and transporting seafarers on shopping expeditions. She loves getting to know individual seafarers. Her proactive nature is an asset to our MtS family, as no chore is too large for this kind-hearted, energized woman, including mowing the back lawn! Sherree's passion always shows through. Petty Officer Sherree Vickers recently retired from the military after 38 years of service. Congratulations on your retirement! We thank you for all those extra shifts you pick up when we are in need. We are truly pleased to have you on board Sherree. Your dedication and commitment is obvious. We sincerely hope our relationship is a lasting one.

Jasmine Du Yashou

will be completing her last year at Dalhousie University with Bachelor of Arts in Economics and a minor in Business. Whether processing money transfers, cashing out, serving up coffee or translating for the many Chinese crew who visit our ministry, Jasmine's smiling face and bubbly personality consistently shows through. We hope you grace us with your presence often in the future. Thank you!



Mission Manager, Helen Glenn with Philippine Ambassador, the Hon. Petronila Garcia who honoured MtS with a courtesy call.

Volunteer at the Mission and See the World

We are looking for people who would like to become volunteers at the Mission to Seafarers. There are a wide variety of tasks that may interest you.

Using the Mission van, you may be trained for ship visits. This entails visiting the crew on their ships and transporting them to the Mission, or taking them shopping, providing phone cards or maybe just talking to a seafarer who has not seen a fresh face in many weeks. Errands may include: banking, shopping, picking up used clothing or books, and later in the year picking up shoeboxes for our Christmas shoebox campaign.

Some volunteers prefer to work at the counter of our small shop, where there is ample opportunity to converse with seafarers from all parts of the world.

Training in all aspects of the work is provided.

We are asking that volunteers try to commit to one four-hour shift per week. If you are interested and have any questions, please contact Helen or Maggie at 422-7790.

We are open 9:30–22:00 weekdays (when ships are in port) and 10:00–22:00 Saturday (when ships are in port). Please feel free to drop by to look around. We would be very interested in speaking with you and discussing the tasks that most interest you.

Farewell Commander Bob Lancashire

Our recently retired volunteer, Bob Lancashire, known to many as Lanc, came to the Mission six plus years ago, after he and his wife, Audrey moved to the city from Coldbrook. After settling in Halifax, he discovered that his next door neighbor, Elwood Gotell (now retired) was a long time Board member and volunteer at the Halifax Mission to Seafarers. Through their conversations and only two evenings with Elwood, Bob was hooked. This would keep him close to the sea, having served in the Royal Canadian Navy for 32 years. His last sea appointment was as Commanding Officer, HMCS Margaree, a helicopter carrying destroyer. Bob retired from the navy in 1986, while at NATO Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium. Bob, our Monday night volunteer extraordinaire, was instrumental in training new volunteers who were interested in ship visits and closing procedures. Bob, you and Audrey are folks on the move, but we hope you keep in touch and visit when you can. You truly are a force that will be missed. We thank you most graciously for your commitment.

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

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