The Patron News

A "MARINERS' HOUSE OF MONTREAL" NEWSLETTER

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April/May/June 2017

	Apr/May/Jun 2017	2017 –To Date	2016 –To Date
Service Operations			
Ship visits by chaplains and staff	349	655	699
Ships serviced by vans	243	443	562
Seaman transported	2,310	3,511	5,434
Prayer services held (attendance)	20 (140)	32 (204)	54 (312)
Attendance			
-Daytime -Evenings -Total	231 1,094 1,325	2,272	3,242

Nationality Breakdown

Indian	456	Turkish	10	Nicaraguan	2
Filipino	437	Montenegrin	9	Samoan	2
Chinese	123	Latvian	8	Bulgarian	1
Ukrainian	59	Burmese	7	Lithuanian	1
Canadian	37	Polish	5	Serbian	1
Indonesian	28	Hong Kongese	4	South African	1
Croatian	24	Dutch	2	Somalian	1
Cuban	22	German	2	Vietnamese	1
Russian	21	Jamaican	2	Cruise Ships (unclassified)	47
Romanian	10	Madagascan	2		

NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

- On April 3, we were honoured to be visited by Reverend Andrew Wright, general secretary of The Mission to Seafarers (based in London), who was also calling in on other Mission to Seafarers' locations across Canada. Upon his return to England, Rev. Wright sent this kind message:

"Now that I am back in London, just a short note to thank you for welcoming me so warmly to your Centre. It is a really super place, truly impressive with great facilities and such a clearly dynamic and warm team. I thought it was wonderful. Please pass my thanks (and congratulations) on to them…….. It was so good to see it and I will be taking something of your story around on my travels. I learnt much from my visit to Canada".

(l to r) Michelle DePooter, Port Chaplain, Ministry to Seafarers; Carolyn Osborne, General Manager, Mariners' House; Rev. Andrew Wright; Berber Bosch, Administrator, Ministry to Seafarers, and Jason Zuidema, Executive Director, North American Maritime Ministry Association (NAMMA)

- Montreal Gateway Terminals Partnership (MGT) held their 13th annual Montreal Gateway Truckers' Appreciation Day on June 7th, providing hot dogs and hamburgers to the trucking community. Again this year, MGT placed donation boxes at their terminals to raise funds for Mariners' House and MGT matched the amount collected. Pictured (l to r): David Rozeboom, Assistant Port Chaplain, Ministry to Seafarers; Sylvie Vachon, President & CEO, Port of Montreal; Fr. Andrew Thavam, Catholic Port Chaplain; Jason Zuidema, Executive Director, NAMMA and Michael Fratianni, CEO, MGT.

- Our valuable volunteers during these months included Mr. Gerard Bondt, who is a much appreciated colleague and spent two weeks in April with us. Mr & Mrs. George and Grace Couperus (pictured), who worked with us for two weeks in June, have been volunteers for over 20 years and this year won the Peter G. Bernard Volunteer Recognition Award, presented by the International Sailors' Society Canada. They were nominated because (in the words of Berber Bosch, then Administrator of the Ministry to Seafarers):"Not only did they serve the seafarers with kindness and respect and with genuine care but they used their other talents to help out wherever they could."

CASH CALENDAR WINNERS:

The following persons and companies are the lucky winners for the months of **April,**

Rosetta Iacono	Isabelle Cloutier	Maria Arteaga
Wildo Giardini	Christopher Nolan	Bruce Haughton
Cinthia Leu	Rigel Shipping Canada Inc.	Nicolas Porco
Paul Bouchard	Kelly Zruna	Gurdip Sandhu

May

Terry West	Alan Richer	Edie Polsky
Stephane Laramee	Robinson Sheppard Shapiro	Claude Deschambault
Emmanuel Cloutier	Laura Fundaro	Michael Broad
John Sokol	Jean-François Belzile	Corp. des pilotes du Bas
Claire Birnie	Iain Bell	Saint-Laurent inc.

and June:

Kelly Gower ($500)	Ann Cronin	Carole Haughton
Martin Seebacher	Mike Ouellette	Elaine Boule Vardy
Eric Sarraillon	Tiffany Porraccio	David Allin
Mike Ouellette	Andrea Pugliese	Suzanne Ozorak
Erika Navarro	Sylvia Kartanowicz	

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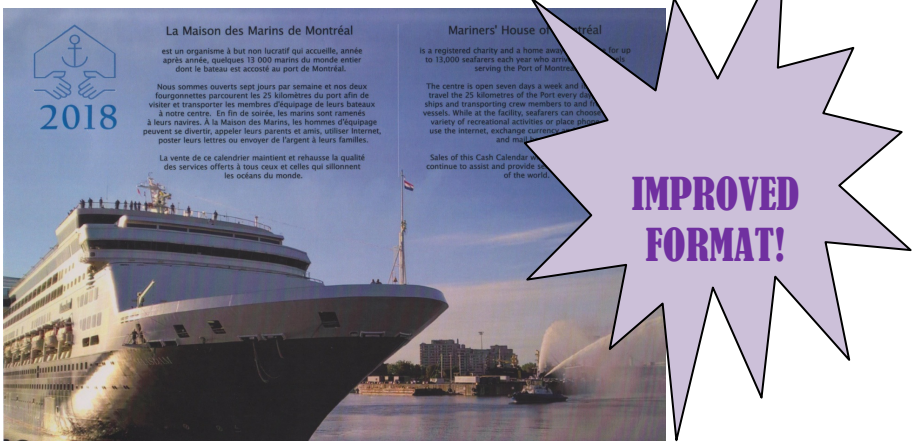

Only 1,000 calendars were printed this year with 53 prizes of $100 and 4 prizes of $500!

WE RECEIVED:

- clothes, shoes and magazines from **Ms. Rhea Cafreros** and **Mr. Jason Delisle**;
- eight bags of clothes, jigsaw puzzles and winter jackets from **St. James Anglican Church**, Bedford, kindly delivered by **Rev. Andy O'Donnell**;
- a bag of clothes from the **Rowley family**;
- magazines from **Mr. Stephen A. Wray**;
- a bag of clothes from **Mr. Duncan**;

Thank you everyone!

WE GAVE:

- jigsaw puzzles and clothes to crew from the M/V Industrial Ruby;
- clothes and shoes to crew members of the M/V High Pearl, M/V BBC Georgia, M/V VB Hispania, M/V Montreal Express, M/V Asphalt Sailor and M/V RHL Agilitas;
- magazines to the M/V High Pearl;
- jigsaws, clothes, food, books and magazines to various seafarers.

Two seafarers from the M/V Nikolaos A, celebrating the International Day of the Seafarer on June 25th