

The Vincentimes

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13th Annual Sleep Walk of Windsor-Essex!

The dust has settled from the 13th annual Sleep Walk of Windsor Essex Central Council. The Walk was held on May, 28th. Leaving from Assumption Church and taking a leisurely walk along the river front, the walkers returned to share coffee, donuts and socialize. The walk-

ers then attended mass to give thanks for God's blessing on the Walk. Thanks to the efforts of our Vincentians, obtaining donations from family, friends and parishioners of their conferences, \$62,000.00 was raised. The funds from the Walk are used to purchase new

beds for our brothers and sisters in need, who have no beds, at no cost to them.

~ *Bernie Amlin*
Windsor Essex East Particular Council



President's Pen

In this edition, you will meet the Vice Presidents and Youth Representatives on the new ONRC Executive as of July 1, 2016. You will hear from the remaining Executive members in the next edition.

Newcomers have been welcomed into a number of communities in Ontario. A number of Syrian families have settled in London with increased calls coming to Conferences with requests for furniture, clothing and household items. The language barrier was a challenge when the calls first started. After making a home visit, a voucher

would have a long list of furniture and household items needed to be filled by the store. After having a settlement counselor attend and speak at a London Particular Council meeting, our members learned to ask our families who call "What do you need" vs. "What do you want". If something is offered to them, they will say "yes" as it is rude in their culture not to accept something that is being offered. Our members now ensure a translator is present when the home visit is made to determine their needs, as well as having a transla-

tor attend with them at the store to select their clothing needs. Having the settlement counselor speak at a Council meeting was very informative and has helped London SSVp to better serve the needs of our newcomer families.

I hope to see many of you at the upcoming ONRC meeting in London September 16 / 17, and hope to have a chance to personally meet you if we have not already met.

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Allow us to introduce ourselves: The New ONRC Executive Committee!



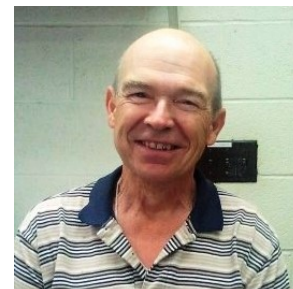
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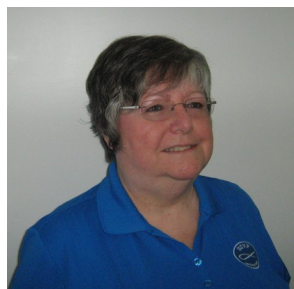
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Anita Reansbury – Vice President, Protection and Expansion of the Society, Liaison with National Education Committee.

My main goal will be to guide the formation, protection and growth of all members and levels in our Region. I believe the affairs and business of the Society should be conducted professionally and transparently, and be spiritually based within the meaning of the Rule and Canadian Statutes. To this end, I will work to coordinate development of recommended business policies and procedures; review and clarify our ONRC by-laws; encourage growth in Special Works projects and implement a detailed application form for their funding requests; and ensure that all ONRC actions tie into the National Strategic Plan as well as ONRC's stated goals. Email: anita@ssvp.on.ca



Corry Wink – Vice President, Social Justice Liaison.

There are three social justice committees: advocacy, systemic change and prison ministry. Each of these committees addresses a need that may go beyond the usual activities of the Society. I will provide information to conferences and councils about the committees' mandates and projects. I look forward to receiving information about your social justice activities and concerns which I will pass on to the committees. I will promote the appointment of social justice representatives at all levels and encourage including a social justice discussion at meetings. Please contact me: corry@ssvp.on.ca.



Peggy Leroux – Vice President, North of 60 Project, Liaison with Twinning and First Nations Committees.

I am currently chair for the North of 60 Project. It is my fervent passion to involve more brothers and sisters across Ontario to participate in this new and growing project. My position will also include acting as a liaison officer with the Twinning Committee and the First Nations Committee. Email: pegg@ssvp.on.ca



Phil Bondy – Vice President, Conference/Council Rejuvenation and Special Works.

Webster dictionary defines rejuvenation as “to restore to a former state, make fresh and new again”. The Vincentian family, similar to modern day family, competes for our personal time, values, priorities and spiritual growth. The challenge for Vincentians today is how do we ‘make fresh and new again’ our SSVP values to serve in this modern era. Every step in a Vincentian’s journey from recruitment, orientation, training, engagement, empowerment, leadership and bonding within the Vincentian family will be explored and rejuvenated. Email: phil@ssvp.on.ca



Sue Mazziotti-Armitage – Vice President, Store Operations.

I am a past president of the Peterborough Particular Council and now, their Client Care Coordinator. I am very excited to be on the ONRC Executive working with the stores. The most visible signs of SSVP in any of our communities are our stores. They are, at times, the first contact our “friends in need” have with SSVP. Stores are such an important and vital part of what we do and who we serve. They carry out some of the most important work of our ministry. Email: sue@ssvp.on.ca



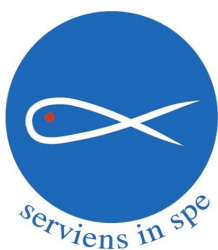
Lillian Mulder & Sophia Mutuc – Youth Representatives.

Salut fellow Vincentians! Our names are Lillian Mulder and Sophia Mutuc, your new youth representatives, and we are very excited to be starting our term and getting the opportunity to know more Vincentian brothers and sisters! Our role in the new executive is to help conferences by acting as guides to those who have reached out and expressed a desire to start a youth conference, or get more youth involved. So if your conference is looking for help, please do not hesitate to contact us because we love youth, volunteerism and we love the Society of St. Vincent de Paul! Email: sophia@ssvp.on.ca or lillian@ssvp.on.ca

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The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Mission:

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a lay Catholic organization whose mission is: To live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy.

Values:

The Mission of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul implies that as Vincentians, we:

See Christ in anyone who suffers;
Come together as a family;
Have personal contact with the poor;
Help in all possible ways.

Upcoming Events

September 16-17, 2016 — Ontario Regional Council Fall AGM Meeting, London. Please check our website for more information. Email sarah.ssvp@bellnet.ca to register or for more information.

October 15, 2016 — Deadline for newsletter submissions (please note: we cannot guarantee all submissions will make the next issue, but will do our best to include in upcoming issues)

Notice of Passings

We would like to recognize and remember the following Vincentians who have passed.
They blessed so many with their lives.

June 24, 2016: Anne Bryan, Hamilton Particular Council Store Manager

June 26, 2016: Clemence Fynbo, wife of Windsor-Essex Central Council President Ib Fynbo

July, 2016: Brian Smith, Simcoe County North Particular Council President