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## HOME AWAY FROM HOME!

“Oh there’s no place like home for the holidays!” International students studying at the University of Guelph may not have been able to travel home for the holidays but they were made to feel right ‘at home’ at the Guelph Corps’ second annual Christmas International Students Dinner. Over 14 countries were represented as the Corps folks once again opened their hearts and home to these students and their families. A capacity crowd of approximately 135 guests enjoyed a turkey dinner with all the trimmings along with a visit from Santa who had a sack full of gifts for the children.



Adults and children alike seem to be enjoying the good food, fun and fellowship served up at the Guelph Corps’ 2nd annual International Students Dinner held in November.



## From the DC's Desk

Happy New Year! This is an interesting season – we look back to the previous year, and look ahead to the future with a new sense of hope and confidence in our great God. It is also a time of introspection that for many often leads to New Year’s resolutions. How are you doing with yours?

As we look back to the past year, and the month of December in particular, I want to say a huge thank you to each one for your extra mile ministry in fulfilling our mandate. The scope of hope and encouragement given at the Christmas season in this division is astounding. Hundreds fed Christmas dinners (900 in one sitting in Windsor); countless numbers enjoyed a Christmas dinner as a result of the hampers distributed; and the extra parties for clients, gifts and toys are only a small part of the picture. Across the division we increased our Kettle Appeal by over \$150,000. A highlight for Ethel and me was the Lawson Ministries Christmas party – it took such an event to bring all clients and staff into one place to realize the tremendous magnitude of that ministry. Many happy faces were present and the talent of the clients as they shared in music and other items was certainly a blessing. THANK YOU each one. You are appreciated! God is good. Our New Year’s prayer for you is found in Colossians 3: 12 – 17.

Ethel joins me in sending our best wishes for 2007!

The Salvation Army  
Ontario Great Lakes  
Division

- \* 34 Corps/Churches
- \* 14 Social Services Centres
- \* 35 Community & Family Services Centres
- \* 8 Correctional & Justice Services Centres
- \* 25 Thrift Stores

## RED HATS REIGN!

**ESSEX** - An overwhelming crowd turned out to enjoy the Women's Ministry/Red Hat Sunday held at the Essex Corps in the Fall of 2006. Invitations had been sent out to Red Hat Groups throughout Essex County and many responded with enthusiasm. Major Debra Beaupre, special guest, spoke of her ministry with young Moms and their babies at the Bethesda Centre in London. The service was followed by a buffet luncheon and time of fellowship.

The Red Hat Groups are already asking about details for next year's gathering!



Major Jo-Anne Gilbert poses with a group of 'Red Hat' women during the Women's Ministries Sunday celebrations in Essex.

### A WORK OF HEART



**Woodstock** - A new bi-weekly Women's Ministries venture called "Faithbooking" commenced on January 19th at Woodstock Community Church. A monthly theme is provided and a qualified instructor is present to assist the ladies as they put together their Faithbook and enjoy worship, fellowship and fun together!

## A TRIBUTE TO CALVERT HOUSE

In April 1979, the first client arrived at the newly opened Calvert House in Hamilton, Ontario, then a group home for male adult offenders, and later directing its services to younger male offenders. Throughout her 28 year history, The Salvation Army Calvert House worked closely with The Ministry of Correctional Services as well as Hamilton Police Services, Hamilton Board of Education and various Children's Aid Societies in the area. Only 7 known conversions were recorded during her history, however it would be impossible to measure the impact for Christ that will be her legacy. The late Colonel Roy Calvert commented that he was proud of the facility named after his father for its work to "enhance the individual and make residents realize their potential". There is no doubt that Hamilton is a better community because of the work that was done at 535 Main Street East, The Salvation Army Calvert House.



**GEORGETOWN** - (Left) Four new CCM members are enrolled at Georgetown Community Church. From left to right are: Margaret Oesch, Helen Russell, Emily Allen, Alisa Ogger and Carolyn Simpson, CO. Holding the flag is Jack Oesch.

**KITCHENER** - (Right) Major Alf Richardson, DC, Mayor Carl Zehr, Mrs. Zehr and Major Byron Jacobs, DSPRD, enjoy the festivities at the official opening of the new Thrift Store in Kitchener.



**CONGRATULATIONS!** Major Cyril Janes, Executive Director, is proud to announce that Shari Carter, London Village Child Care Director, has recently been appointed as a member of the CHILD CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE for the City of London.



# GOD ROCKS!

In October, more than 200 people congregated for the ONG Junior Youth Councils where Chip Livingston and other fun rock characters got the youth of the Division singing, jumping, getting muddy, doing crafts, watching illusions and puppets all the while expanding the idea of what it means to be in church and be a Christian. The conclusion? GOD ROCKS!



## DESIGN FOR LIFE

Special guest, Capt. Doug Hammond, set the stage for the weekend by sharing a story with the more than 30 "Design for Life 2006" delegates about his valiant attempt to construct a shed for his parents. Someone had offered to build it for a small fee, but Doug was determined to do this on his own. As the shed neared completion, the pieces became harder to fit in until the last piece would not fit at all. The original contractor was called back and informed them that the price of putting the shed together would now increase significantly. The reason - the errors had occurred in the foundation! Drawing on the spiritual implications of this story, the delegates (pictured below) set about to intentionally seek the "only foundation, the one already laid: Jesus Christ" (I Cor. 3 MSG) upon which to design and build their lives rather than trying to fit God around personal plans that were already constructed.



**ZAMBIA:** Trevor Freeman, Windsor Eastwood Citadel, will be participating in a 13 month placement in Zambia in conjunction with "Engineers Without Borders". He will be working in the water and sanitation industry in Zambia.

## UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

**Feb. 04th**

*Divisional Superbowl Party*  
Westminster Park  
London

**Feb. 16-18th**

*Ski/Snowboard Retreat with Paul Morris*  
Blue Mountain Resort

**Feb. 24th**

*One In Song, Exalt & Impact Brass Concert*  
Woodstock C.C.

**Right:** On October 1st, 2006 the first Junior Soldiers to publicly declare Canada and Bermuda's new Junior Soldier promise were enrolled at Eastwood Citadel by Commissioner M. Christine MacMillan. Pictured from left to right are new Junior Soldiers Matthew St. Denis, Madison Salamone-White, Jennifer Forman and Commissioner M. Christine MacMillan. In the back row are Fred Oliver, Major Alf Richardson, DC, and Major Brenda Holnbeck, CO.





(Above) The London Knights and London Police Department teamed up to assist the 2006 Kettle Campaign!

(Right) A one day 'Christmas Event' at the Ingersoll Thrift Store was a great success bringing in the highest daily sales in recent years!



(Left) Some of the 67 volunteers who served up Christmas dinner for more than 270 guests at Hamilton Booth Centre. One of the volunteers has been serving on Christmas day for 17 years!

ILDERTON - Residents at the Ilderton Booth House were the happy recipients of Christmas care packages provided by the St. Marys Corps in partnership with suppliers in their community. This partnership between St. Marys Corps and Booth House was born out of discussions between the CO & Julia Parker, C&JS, back in September. Major Jim Hann says that the community has really gotten on board and is wanting to get started on next year's packages already!

(Right) London "Festival of Carols" guest, Patrick Sheridan, delights the crowd with his amazing tuba playing and great sense of humour.



## LEARNING 4 LIFE

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**January 30 - February 01, 2007**

DIVISIONAL OFFICERS' RETREAT  
London

**March 02, 2007**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

**April 06, 2007**

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE- Listowel  
Special Guest: Commissioner M. Christine MacMillan

**April 14, 2007**

DIVISIONAL CCM BREAKFAST - London (am)  
DIVISIONAL CCM SUPPER - Hamilton (pm)

**April 26 - 27, 2007**

GENERAL SHAW CLIFTON - Toronto  
Officers' Councils 2:00 pm  
Public Meeting 7:00 pm

On October 5, 2006 the Learning for Life launch was held at Mohawk College. The celebration surrounded the graduation of three exceptional young adults who were the first to take part in the pilot project. Daniel Pavao, Photography Studies, Lisa D'Antonio, Education Assistant program and Sheila Clark, Early Childhood Education program all received their first year certificates. The L4L program lays the groundwork for the participants to attain competitive employment in their desired field. The innovative project is a partnership between Lawson Ministries, Citigroup and Mohawk College. The six students currently enrolled in the program are all doing exceptionally well in their studies and are experiencing college life to its full potential!



Happy "Learning for Life" graduates celebrate their achievements!

