



Apropos...

Batshaw Youth and Family Centres

News from Michael Udy, Executive Director

CONFERENCE CO-SPONSORED BY BATSHAW

Batshaw has joined with the Douglas Hospital, Robert Giffard Hospital Center, Louis-H. Lafontaine Hospital, AMI Québec and the Association des parents et amis du bien-être mental du sud-ouest to present a conference on Friday, October 25th entitled "Families and Mental Illness: the challenge of balancing ethical, clinical and legal issues." The program aims to address "... conflicts arising regularly between the needs and the rights of persons with mental illness, and the responsibilities and rights of family and health care professionals." Batshaw staff interested in attending should contact the Human Resources Staff Development at 989-1885.

BOARD CHANGES

Beginning in October, the implementation of Bill 28, which was adopted in June, 2001, will have its effects on our board of directors. On October 15th, the mandates of all the existing board members will end. Between then and the end of November, 11 new board members will be elected/designated by: the CCC (1), the MDC (1), the foundations (1), the owning corporations (1), the population (3), the regional board (4). These 11 will co-opt 3 more by the end of December. With myself, the total number of board members will be 16, down from the previous 20.

BATSHAW FOUNDATION CAMPAIGN

This month the BYFC Foundation will launch its annual fundraising drive. Board members will be addressing personal letters to past and potential donors. The foundation raises about \$200,000 every year. These funds support several programs for Batshaw children and families, whether they are in the community or in placement. Attached to the next pay will be information about the Foundation activities and information about how you can contribute. Every little bit counts!

STAFF RECOGNITION WEEK

This year, Staff Recognition Week, and the ceremonies to award recognition certificates for staff having reached 7 and 15 years of service will take place during the week of November 4th to 8th. The Staff Recognition dinner for all staff having 20 or more years of service will be held on the evening of Thursday, November 7th.

CAMPUS NEWS

Henri Derome, Nick Paré, myself and two board members have been working closely with staff of the Corporation d'hébergement du Québec. We have evaluated some 30 sites that respond to the site selection criteria. The choice has been boiled down to two which have been submitted to the Ministry for a decision and approval of the purchase cost.

GOLF TOURNAMENT SUCCESS!

Not everyone had success on the course, but that's golf! The day held on Friday, September 13th was a great success. Close to 100 golfers enjoyed warm weather, and a lively dinner with participation awards. Congratulations to lead organizer David Ney for a splendid day.

NEWS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL AGGRESSION REPLACEMENT THERAPY MOVEMENT

(Contributed by Robert Calame, Human Relations Agent in the Division of Residential Treatment Services for Adolescents.)

Last June 5th we received a visit from Rune Nensen, who along with Arnold Goldstein, founded the European Centre for Aggression Replacement Training (ECART) which later became the International Centre for Aggression Replacement Training (ICART) in September 2002. Rune came to Montreal to observe and consult regarding our use of ART with families. In Aneby, Sweden, Rune's home, he is the Executive Director of a facility called Oasen which has a unit which does exhaustive family assessments for the Swedish social service system. The assessment is combined with ART for families who are in residence together for approximately three months at a time!

Mr. Nensen was able to witness two ART sessions: one at Crossroads and one at Bridges. These showed the mastery that many of our staff are gaining in terms of ART animation. He was also able to observe two Family ART sessions: one with Oasis and the other with Prevost Central ART. We also had an interesting visit to our Intensive Probation facility and team meeting. Rune was very impressed with the quality and talent of our Batshaw ART animators and with program managers who spoke with him and how much has been accomplished so far. He is hoping Batshaw will allow him to bring some staff over for an exchange of skills. Thanks to all who contributed so graciously and skillfully to the success of the visit. Our strength at Batshaw is truly our people.

LENORE CATERSON-CARIFESTA QUEEN

(Contributed by Terry Peters, Manager of Night Supervisors.)

There is a Queen among us! Lenore Caterson is a Residence Night Supervisor at Crossroads. This year, for the second year in a row, she won the title of Queen of the bands at the Montreal Carifesta. Lenore began her involvement in carnival competition at the age of five in Trinidad. When Lenore moved to Canada she continued her involvement in this activity and 28 years later she is still going strong. Lenore has been named Queen of different events several times over the years. This year for the first time Lenore brought her own band with her to the Montreal Carifesta and they won the Band of the Year. Over the years Lenore has represented Montreal in Carnival celebrations in many cities, such as Toronto, New York, Buffalo, Boston, and others. Congratulations to our very own Queen.

BATSHAW EVENTS CALENDAR

October	Batshaw Foundation Fundraising Campaign Information and donations contact: Ghislaine Corbeil at 989-1885.
October 15th	Board Meeting & Annual Information Meeting 6 Weredale Park Information contact: Thérèse Gauthier at 989-1885.
October 7th - 14th	National Family Week
October 15th - 22nd	Foster Family Week
November	Centraide fundraising campaign at Batshaw
November 4th - 8th	Staff Appreciation Week & Dinner Information contact: Thérèse Gauthier at 989-1885.
November 11th - 15th	Substance Abuse Prevention Week
November 19th	World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse
November 20th	International Children's Rights Day