

Food for Thought

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providing good food and social support through caring volunteers*

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We Have a New Executive Director

We are very pleased to announce that we have a new Executive Director. Please welcome Adriano Murarotto. Adriano will join us on June 1st, and he and outgoing Executive Director Anne MacNeill will work together on the transition for the month of June.

Adriano comes to us from the Alzheimer Society of Durham Region, where he has served as Director of Programs for the past two years. His previous experience includes work as a Psychogeriatric Social Worker with the Alzheimer Society of York Region, Community Investment Intern with United Way of Toronto and York Region and significant experience as an Adult Day Program Supervisor/Instructor at the Meta Centre.

Adriano has a Bachelor of Social Work degree from York University and a Master of Social Work degree with a specialization in Social Services Administration from the University of Toronto. He brings a well-rounded skill set that includes grant writing, fundraising, financial management, quality improvement and volunteerism. He has demonstrated an understanding of direct service delivery, and a passion for the development and success of the human services sector. We are confident that he will be an asset to East York Meals on Wheels.

Sincere thanks to our Search Committee who worked diligently during a trying time to find the best candidate to take the helm. We will do everything possible to ensure a smooth transition, and we'll try to introduce Adriano to as many of you as possible - given current physical distancing requirements - in the coming months. Please join us in welcoming Adriano.

Welcome our New Volunteers

We are very happy to welcome these new Meals on Wheels volunteers, who came out to help when we needed extra hands and hearts during the COVID-19 lockdown. Thanks for helping us keep the wheels under our meals!

Sarah Armstrong	Brian Beamish	Beth Binnington	
Tyler Corlett	Emily Dugan	James Gorham	John Harper
Nishad Lakhani	Shams Lakhani	Sohaib Naeem	
Laurel Neal	Lisa Sepp-Wilson	Edan Tasca	
Glenn Burton Thomas	Jay Tse	Fred Van Velsen	
	Heather Whetsone		

Thanks also to our "old" volunteers who stuck with us in tough times.

May Volunteer Anniversaries

Stephane Beaulieu	2 years
Donald Bensley	17 years
Anne Cairney	7 years
Alison Chambers	24 years
Angela Inness	8 years
Joanne Pais	3 years
David Topp	1 year
Stephanie Zlateski	3 years

Thanks to you all

Staff Update

Administrative Assistant Mark Trusz resigned at the end of March. For the short term, Diners Club Coordinator Mary Skwarek, (who sadly has time on her hands) will be providing administrative support.

Board of Directors

Donald Wallace, president
Earl Saltzman, vice-president
Thomas Moores, secretary-treasurer
Stacy Beach
Michelle Broom
Melissa Chin
Tameeza Dhanani
Justin Safayeni

Director Emeritus

Carl Peterson

Honorary Life Members

Alan Redway

Staff

Anne MacNeill, Executive Director, Privacy Officer
Lisa Mingay & Rosemary Scott, Sunday & Holiday Coordinators
Mary Skwarek, Diners Club Coordinator
Leslie Smith, Client Services Coordinator
Amber Wollen, Meals on Wheels Coordinator (on leave)
Canny Wu, Acting Meals on Wheels Coordinator

Happy Birthday in May

Marion Armstrong, Alex Austin, Josie Belapena, Peter Biliias, Margo Bolin, Joanne Brook, John Cadogan, Sandra Grasser, Viktor Kapac, Sebastiano Latino, Anne MacNeill, Anna Nadin, Colleen Peacock, Francis Rego, Anna Theocharides, Marg Underhill, Fred Van Velsen, Mamta Verma, Lloyd Wijesinghe, Sun Moke Yee, and Shirley Yeung. Congratulations!

We have so many things for which to be thankful... people in our world who gave, unprompted, home-made masks, sanitizer, sanitizer dispensers, surgical masks, hugs from a distance, administrative and program support, extra meal deliveries, home-made sanitizer, plus lighter traffic, cheaper gas, patient clients... thanks.

Cancellations

Unfortunately, we will not be holding our annual Volunteer Recognition Lunch and Annual General Meeting in June due to pandemic limitations. We'll reschedule for the fall.

Diners Club is still on hold, and we do not have a date for resumption of service. We will keep you informed.

Foot Care Clinics are cancelled until further notice.

East York Meals on Wheels is a not-for-profit community service agency providing good food and social support through caring volunteers to enhance the well-being of East York residents. Founded in 1969, the agency is funded by client fees, memberships, donations, bequests, the Toronto Central Local Health Integration Network, and Toronto Community Services and is a registered charity (#: 12913 9366 RR0001). The agency is a member of Imagine Canada, the Ontario Community Support Association, and the Volunteer Centre of Toronto.

Through the generosity of donors and volunteers, over 400 people living in this community benefit from Meals on Wheels, Diners Club, and Telephone Reassurance services. We appreciate their contributions, which help seniors, people with disabilities and chronic illnesses, and convalescents to lead more independent and fulfilling lives. Please consider East York Meals on Wheels when making a memorial donation, celebrating a special occasion, or leaving a bequest.