

VOLUNTEER VOICE

The newsletter of the Lunenburg Queens Volunteer Partnership



FEATURE VOLUNTEER: SHARON GREEN Anglican Church Women, Lunenburg

Sharon Green will never forget the late night call she received almost eight years ago ...

...informing her that St. John's Anglican Church was on fire. The ACW was needed to make sandwiches and coffee for the firemen fighting the blaze.

the ACW. Sharon has been a member of St. John's ACW for the past 20 years.

When she got there, she said she "really couldn't see anything from the outside", but word quickly spread that the fire inside was so advanced that the historic church could not be saved.

This group caters to weddings and funerals and puts on a variety of pot-lucks and other fundraising events for the church. Local residents look forward to the Lunenburg Chowder Club, which meets every second Thursday, the Lobster Roll Take Out and the Christmas Salad Supper. They recently raised \$5600 to purchase solar ovens for a number of African communities through the Primates World Relief and Development Fund.

Now, after a massive community restoration effort, the church stands again in all its former glory, due in large part to the hard work of the congregation of St. John's and the residents of Lunenburg.

When asked why she volunteers, Sharon says. "It gets me out of the house. I absolutely love it. We have such a good group. We laugh, have a good time and work hard."

Sharon Green epitomizes the community spirit of this town. Chosen as the 2009 Representative Volunteer of the Year for Lunenburg, she says she has "always volunteered."

The Lunenburg Queens Volunteer Partnership would like to commend Sharon Green of Lunenburg for her longstanding commitment to volunteerism.

While raising a family of three with husband Alex, she was involved in Minor Hockey, running the canteen for many years, helped out with figure skating, Girl Guides and Brownies. She says, "I don't do a lot of things at once, I take on one or two things and then move on."

This article originally appeared in The Lighthouse Log LQVP column, The Volunteer Voice. Be sure to look for this column in future editions.

Currently, she is a member of the Parish Council and the Chancel Guild, is a lay reader and volunteers at the Gift Shop at Fisherman's Memorial Hospital, in addition to keeping busy with

SHARON GREEN, ACW LUNENBURG, STANDS IN FRONT OF THE RESTORED ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH



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REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY CELEBRATES ITS VOLUNTEERS

The Queens County Fair grounds were teeming with people as hundreds of Queens County's volunteers gathered for the Region of Queens Municipality's Volunteer Appreciation Day on Sunday, Sept. 27th.

Volunteers from over 270 organizations were invited to attend a BBQ pork lunch, to thank them for all they contribute to the community. Over 500 attended and had a chance to network with volunteers from other organizations, chat with the Mayor and members of the Region's Council, and enjoy a delicious lunch with friends.

Volunteers are the heart of the community, providing programs and services that benefit and enrich the lives of residents, and their hard work and dedication is appreciated.

FYI: RESOURCES FOR VOLUNTEERS

South Shore Public Libraries has recently been the recipient of new **Voluntary Sector Resource Collection**, thanks to an investment by the Government of Nova Scotia. This collection of information includes books, periodicals and online resources, covers topics such as fundraising, risk management, media relations and more. Some of the titles that are popular are:

- Volunteer Management : Mobilizing all the Resources of the Community
- The Volunteer Recruitment and Membership Development Book
- Alliances, Coalitions and Partnerships : Building Collaborative Organizations
- Better Safe-- : Risk Management in Volunteer Programs & Community Service
- Call to Order : Meeting Rules, Procedures and Advice for Non-Profit Organizations

The books and manuals from this collection are housed locally at the Bridgewater Library on King Street. You need a library card to borrow them, if you don't have a card come in and get one, it is a quick and painless process. All items can be viewed in the library's online catalogue available at www.southshorepubliclibraries.ca. The Bridgewater Library houses only a portion of the Volunteer Resources information that has been made available by the provinces \$9,000 investment in this collection. The initiative is a partnership between the Department of Health Promotion and Protection-Volunteerism, and the Nova Scotia Public Libraries division of the Department of Education.

With a library card all the resources province wide are available to be checked out. Come into any branch of South Shore Public Libraries and the staff will be happy to find all the information you need for you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Volunteer Training Workshops

IS THIS YOUR FUNDRAISING STRATEGY?



(If so, we encourage you to think...)

BEYOND THE BAKE SALE Crafting a Winning Plan for Non-Profit Fundraising

These chocolate chip cookies look delicious, don't they? And we'd probably buy them.

But have you ever wondered what other fundraising strategies might be out there for small and growing non-profit organizations? We believe we can help.

Embarking upon a fundraising journey without knowing where you're headed can be a frustrating, fruitless, and possibly even damaging experience for your organization. Taking the time to develop a successful fundraising plan for your organization will channel your energy in the right direction and help you get results.

Learn how to build a fundraising plan including how to:

- Create a compelling case of giving
- Articulating your vision
- Tie your fundraising plan to the goals of the organization
- Communicate the story of your organization
- Discover 'who cares' about your cause
- Assess the resources available to you

Tuesday, November 17 6:30 - 9:30 pm
New Ross Family Resource Centre
902-689-2414 \$15 per person + HST

Wednesday, November 25 6:30 - 9:30 pm
ACSBE Resource Centre, Bridgewater
902-543-1067 \$15 per person + HST

Coming Soon to New Ross: Mar

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SOUTH SHORE YOUTH ACTIVITY DAY

Contributed by Michael Graves, Co-ordinator, The United Way Lunenburg County



Your Local Matchmaking Service.



(Volunteer matchmaking, that is!)

If you're an organization in need of volunteers OR if you're an individual looking for a fulfilling volunteer activity, we'd like to help find your volunteer match made in heaven.

Contact us to see what's available or to list your volunteer opportunity.

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THIS PLACE SUCKS! IT'S BORING AND THERE IS NOTHING TO DO.

Really? When you were a kid, how many times did you say that? How many times as adults have you heard it?

Of course nothing could be further from the truth because the South Shore has close to 100 organizations that are dedicated to providing opportunities for kids of all ages. These opportunities include sports, teambuilding, adventure, leadership, competition and more. The challenge is getting this info out into the community in a format that is easy to understand and access. From this, the concept of South Shore Youth Activity Day was conceived.

It is here that parents and kids had a chance to interact, watch activity demos and get insights into all the opportunities that youth organizations provide to us here on the South Shore. The fact that it is all on one site at the same time made it easier for kids, parents and these youth organizations to connect.

It is also here that these organizations, many of them volunteer driven, had the

opportunity to interact with many other volunteers, compare notes, get new ideas sign up new members and hopefully re-energize their organization with a new volunteer or two.

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There is more to life than video games and TV as kids and adults alike picked up real bows and arrows and tried their luck at archery, were captivated as they watched gripping duelling matches, exercised without even realizing it as they danced the Zumba and watched demos of kick-boxing, karate and military marching drills, ate spider dogs, talked to a talking garbage can and realized that there is a whole community out here that has affordable fun and activities for all ages, interests and tastes.

Admission to this event was a simply a donation to the Food Bank or the United Way of Lunenburg County and was sponsored in part by the United Way of Lunenburg County, our South Shore MLA's, The Town of Bridgewater, The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, the UPS Store, Southshorenova.ca and CKBW radio.

IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE VOLUNTEER VOICE WINTER 2010

Featured Volunteer: Harry Nelson, Fire Chief, Greenfield
Meet the LQVP Team: Partnership Secretary, Christina Pottie
News from South Shore Big Brothers Big Sisters
A Community Success: Bridgewater Farmers' Market

MEET THE LQVP TEAM:

AMIE HAUGHN, CHAIR

REP FROM ACADIA CENTRE FOR SOCIAL & BUSINESS ENTREPRENEURSHIP



As the incoming chair of the Lunenburg Queens Volunteer Partnership, Amie Haughn knows exactly what she is getting herself into, and more importantly, she knows why.

“Volunteerism is a powerful force that needs to be sustained,” she says. “That’s why I am pleased to act in a leadership capacity with the LQVP – so we can see that volunteers and grass-roots groups are supported and encouraged and that they are able to achieve their potential.”

In her role as Director of Development with the Acadia Centre for Social and Business Entrepreneurship (ACSBE), Amie considers herself lucky to be able to do what she’s always wanted to, that

is, help people discover and apply skills like decision-making, creativity, innovation, and communication. She has worked with individuals on career development, and assisted non-profit groups with effective planning.

“The work of the LQVP is important to me because it intersects two of my passions; my love of this community and my work in community development. The social sector offers support and services in ways that create community and strengthen who we are.”

Amie refers to herself as a “home-town girl”. Born and raised in Lunenburg County, she spent time in Moncton and Wolfville doing post-secondary studies and is now settled with her family in a new home overlooking the LaHave River. She feels a deep connection with her ancestors who, as she says, “literally walked off the boat from Germany and planted their feet firmly in this community.”

The LQVP is fortunate to benefit from Amie’s passion and dedication, along with her vision of where the organization needs to go. “I believe the LQVP is at a pivotal point in its life cycle,” she notes. “It was a start-up and now we’re grounded and growing. We’re getting set to put a concerted effort into organizing ourselves so that we can be a sustainable group that has longevity and increasing impact.”

The main priority for accomplishing that vision, she asserts, will be to secure diversified and long-term funding.

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Our Mission and Purpose

The **Lunenburg Queens Volunteer Partnership** is a collective of like-minded government departments and not-for-profit agencies who have a mandate to support volunteers and community development in the region. The group’s mandate is to identify gaps, support volunteer capacity development and advocate services for volunteers and their organizations. The group achieves this by:

- Creating awareness of the value of volunteerism
- Facilitating skill development opportunities for volunteers and community developers
- Providing tools and resources, and
- Undertaking partnership development that will further volunteerism in our community

For more information about the LQVP we invite you to visit our website at www.lqvc.ca.

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The Lunenburg Queens Volunteer Partnership is pleased to have the support of the following organizations as part of the **Partnership Committee**:

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Lunenburg County United Way
Municipality of the District of Lunenburg
Municipality of the District of Chester
Region of Queens Municipality
Nova Scotia Health Promotion and Protection
Lunenburg /Queens Regional Development Agency
Acadia Centre for Social and Business Entrepreneurship

South Shore Public Libraries
Second Story Women’s Centre
Town of Bridgewater
Town of Mahone Bay
Town of Lunenburg
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VON Queens County