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## Reena opens two new homes



Rabbi Kelman places the mezuzah on the door of the ElderHome, with Helen Vale (left) & Luba & David Smuschkowitz.

**W**ithin the last six weeks, Reena has been privileged to officially 'open' not one, but TWO new

homes for clients ranging from early teens to senior citizens. On Sept. 30, we opened the *David & Luba Smuschkowitz Reena ElderHome* on Weldrick Road in Richmond Hill. Many MPs, Mayors and local Councillors were very impressed with the home as were the members of the Smuschkowitz family. They had an opportunity to tour the home and meet some of the seniors who have already taken up residence. Neighbours, too, were invited and they expressed a keen interest in Reena and its role in their community. We look



Joy Pont enjoys a visit with her father in her new home.

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## Report of Reena President & CEO

by Sandy Keshen



Since Reena's inauguration in 1973, it has been our philosophy and goal to include people with developmental disabilities into all walks of community living. A roof over one's head – even in a beautiful home – does not provide inclusion in all of the activities of a full and satisfying life. Through ongoing programs, Reena's clients are nurtured, educated and encouraged to learn all the life-skills

they need to live and work in the community to the very best of their ability. Reena's dedicated staff and loyal volunteers constantly promote vocational or recreational opportunities for them to attend.

We have come a long way since the NIMBY generation's attitude – Not In My Backyard, and although certain restrictions still apply with regard to the number and location of group homes permitted by local government, society has certainly become more understanding and accepting of people with developmental disabilities.

We applaud the United Jewish Federation for picking up the gauntlet by establishing an Inclusion Committee to ensure that 'people with special needs have increased opportunity to participate in educational, spiritual, communal, social and recreational activities.'

Over the next few years the goal is to inform, inspire and engage the entire Jewish community in

achieving inclusion for people with special needs across the broad spectrum of community life.

The first Chair of the Inclusion Committee is Stan Kugelmass, who served as Chair of the Reena Board from 1998-2000. It's interesting to note that the committee has already created an Inclusive Event Planning checklist to help organizations determine whether all individuals with special needs are able and welcome to attend their event.

Synagogues in the community have always been supportive of Reena and Reena clients and we thank all those congregations who welcomed Reena clients to services during the High Holidays.

Many people have worked with Reena over the years to ensure that people with developmental disabilities are integrated into the community to the best of their ability. We thank them all for the efforts.

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forward to a long and pleasant relationship with them. And then, on Oct. 28, Mrs. Rose Shore and her family unveiled a plaque at 241 Crestwood Avenue. The house was crammed with guests, clients, their families and staff. The speeches were few and short, but everyone was touched when Zachary Cohen, thanked Mrs. Shore on behalf of all the residents and Kenny Freeman presented her with a bouquet of flowers.



Rose Shore (third from right), unveils the plaque of Reena's latest home.

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## Report of the Chair of the Reena Board

by Helen Vale



Notwithstanding the pressures and rush attached to a rapidly growing agency, the atmosphere at Reena is exhilarating and charged with a sense of achievement. Much has been happening in recent months that has been very positive.

### Opening of Silkwood

A group of young adults who were moving from children's homes were greatly in need of a home. Reena responded to the emergency crisis by reopening a home on Silkwood Crescent on September 12th. We were happy to be able to reach out to these young individuals. More young adults will be moving in over the next few weeks and the home will be fully occupied at the end of the year.

### Facility Initiative

Reena has been at the forefront for accommodating individuals from institutions as part of the Provincial Government's target for closing facilities in March 2009. Since the fall of 2005, Reena has responded greatly in bringing in 24 individuals from the provincial facilities. They are coming into Reena with very complex needs; however, Reena is very confident in being able to provide for these individuals. Reena has unique resources that allow us to do this, such as our two ElderHomes. The caliber of our front line staff and supervisors is also a major factor in the successful moves. For many individuals, once they move into the community, their personality blossoms.

The transition of facility individuals has been smooth and exciting. Transition planning for these individuals is done over many months with many partners including families, facility staff and Reena staff. Individuals are beginning a new life and we are pleasantly surprised at how quickly they are exploring new opportunities in the community. Many of the clients attend and enjoy the Reena day programs.

As can be appreciated, the growth in the number of clients at Reena has affected all departments, including the increase of staff in our homes, as well as accounting and administration but our Human Resources department is rising to the challenge.

### Residential Vacancies

It should be noted that Reena is part of the centralized access systems for residential vacancies in Central East and Toronto. As vacancies become available, Reena is obligated to declare them to the central access mechanism. There is a process for putting names forward.

Reena facility spaces do not take up community spaces. Reena's commitment to the provincial facility initiative does not take away from our commitment to community; Reena continues to offer community programs such as our Pathways program which offers extensive programming for people with developmental disabilities living at home and also provides much needed respite to their families. In addition Reena offers a wide variety of residential respite for families in the community.

## Synagogues in the Community Welcome Reena Clients

We appreciate the boards and executive of many synagogues in the community that have offered Reena clients the opportunity to attend High Holiday services without charge. The opportunity to pray in their community synagogue is very meaningful for many Reena clients and on their behalf we say Thank You.

If you see any Reena client in your synagogue, please SMILE and make them feel included and welcome.



## Open letter to Sandy Keshen

Dear Sandy:

It was wonderful to meet you up at Camp Northland on Visitors' Day. Thanks for the opportunity to chat and get acquainted. I sent a letter recently to Ellen Nash at the Jewish Camp Council. It expressed our gratitude to them for their support of the wonderful experience our daughter Rebecca Geffen had at Camp Northland this summer.

However, the biggest thanks go to you and your team at Reena for pursuing this vision and making this pilot happen. In particular, I can't begin to express the depth of admiration and gratitude we have for Leora Kaizer and Tom Peterson. They "held our hands" every step of the way and supported Rebecca before, during and after camp last summer and this summer. They are amazing individuals (and a great team!) who demonstrated an extraordinary level of personal and professional commitment to the pilot, not just for Reena and Northland, but most importantly for the kids and their families. We recognize just how much of their personal time and effort went into the planning and support for this project, from suggesting that we consider this opportunity, listening to our concerns and responding by hiring Ilana Liberman as an extra support, seeing Rebecca off on the bus, driving back and forth to Northland all summer, checking in with us all the time, responding to issues and concerns, anticipating potential problems, and acting as true diplo-mats and negotiators in a new and complex situation. We are truly grateful from the bottom of our hearts.

To honour Leora and Tom, and Reena's support for our family, please find enclosed a donation to the program as token of our appreciation. We are so fortunate to be part of your Outreach

Program at the Miles Nadal JCC, which is right around the corner from our house; Rebecca LOVES the Sunday Friends Program and looks forward to it every week. Both last summer (day camp and the short program at Northland) and this summer (the integration pilot at



Northland), we have benefited from great programming and wonderful, committed staff. As a child with Prader-Willi Syndrome, Rebecca requires significant support and supervision, and the Reena staff are great at managing her needs while giving her a lot of independence and opportunities for growth.

Thanks for all you do for our families,

*Sincerely,  
Cathy Mallove*

**Israelis visit Reena** A group of Israeli social workers visited Reena in August. They toured a number of Reena homes including the Al & Faye Mintz Reena ElderHome and Reena's home for younger adults. Back at the Battle Centre they met with department managers and exchanged interesting information about programs available in Israel for people with developmental disabilities.



Back row (l. to r.) Gamal Ramal, Zaken Avner, Yoram Wakslak and Yohanan Zisvaser. Front (l. to r.) Gat Merav and Awatef Hatib

## Endowment Funds – Securing Reena’s Future

Establishing a family endowment fund is a wonderful way of creating your own legacy at Reena and a wonderful way of encouraging future generations to follow in your philanthropic footsteps. The whole family can donate to your fund and watch it grow over the years and generations.

Reena Foundation thanks and welcomes *Richard Wachsberg* who has chosen to create an Endowment Fund,

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## Taste Matters

Taste Matters brought together more than two hundred young Toronto professionals at The Design Exchange to sample exquisite wine and food. Corbin Tomaszewski of Holt Renfrew and the Food Network and Galit Solomon of CTV co-hosted the event with enthusiasm.



Masters of Ceremonies, Corbin Tomaszewski of Holt Renfrew and the Food Network and Galit Solomon of CTV



Taste Matters Planning Committee



Wine vendor

## Guys Night Out

Well over 200 people attended Guys Night Out 2007 at Woodbine Racetrack, raising \$40,000 for Reena. The response from the attendees was nothing short of fantastic and as a result of the huge demand; we will once again be expanding the event next year. A special thanks to all the committee members and our sponsors.



Argonaut Blue Thunder Cheerleaders with committee members Steven Weisz, Larry Berdugo, Jonah Laist and Steve Cook



Miller Bernstein Table



Arnie Unger & Friends

## Reena Earns Spots at 2008 Provincial Games ● ● ● ● ●

By: Nicole Resnick – Respite Coordinator

We are pleased to announce that our clients have earned seven out of a possible nine spots from Region 11 (Toronto). They will be representing Toronto at the 10 pin Provincial Games in 2008. The athletes are *Hyla Rubenstein, Harold Goldberg, Larry Wasserman, Emmanuel Atencio, Victor Henry, Edna Marcus* and *Lewis Rosenberg*. This is Hyla's second time representing Reena at provincials and she is more than ecstatic to be going again.

As for all our other bowlers, they are extremely excited and enthusiastic to represent Reena at the games. In order to ensure that they succeed, coaches are implementing the proper individual training programs that will help each athlete meet their maximum potential. This process includes meeting every six weeks with the other athletes that will be representing Toronto to help improve their bowling skills and become comfortable working as a team. We are so proud of our entire bowling team and wish these seven bowlers the best of luck.



The whole gang of bowlers rejoice!

## Respite at 241 Crestwood is Booming!

Randi Satz, Assistant Coordinator

What do you get when you add outings, crafts, and movies to a giant sleepover? Just ask any of the 25 families that access respite at 241 Crestwood. The children's residential respite program is officially up and running. Each Friday, three different children ages seven to sixteen come to spend a fun-filled weekend beginning with the Jewish tradition of a Shabbat dinner. As with all meals in the house, clients take part in preparing, serving, and cleaning up after the meal. Weekends include any number of activities both in and out of the house. Some highlights have been: swimming at the public pool, a trip to the science centre, nature walks in the park, baking cupcakes, decorating butterflies, and movie afternoons.

As the respite program continues to grow, we hope to be able to provide respite for many more new families. Our dream is to eventually provide respite for the families more often than just weekends. We hope to one day provide weekday respite as well.

If you require any additional information regarding the residential respite program, do not hesitate to contact myself or Nicole Resnick, Respite Coordinator, at the Battle Centre, extension 2224.



Arun Rexon



Eden Tamsout with Viki Harush, Reena staff

## Innovations Key to Help Seniors Age at Home Independently, Healthier, Longer

*Central LHIN looks for collaborative partnerships to make strategy a success*

In August 2007, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care announced Aging at Home, a provincial strategy to help streamline, promote integration and build community capacity of care and services for seniors.

The aim of Aging at Home is to ensure seniors and their caregivers have access to supports and services that will help them maintain independent living in their own home for as long as possible. These could include supportive housing services, home care, and community support services (including meals, transportation, adult day programs, homemaking services and caregiver supports).

As part of this initiative, the Central Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) will receive service delivery funding over a three year period. This investment allows the LHIN to move forward with priorities already identified in its Integrated Health Service Plan related to seniors and gives them an opportunity to build capacity in the system. A third key focus will be on innovation in service delivery.

“The innovation stream is a very exciting piece of our overall strategy, says *Kim Baker*, Central LHIN’s Senior Director, Planning, Integration and Community Engagement. “It gives us the opportunity to think creatively in terms of new ways of working together to provide seniors’ services and supports. It also encourages us to explore not only

what’s possible, but also what’s meaningful to the senior who wants and deserves to live comfortably and independently at home.”

An important part of Central LHIN’s Aging at Home planning process is community engagement. From now through December, the LHIN will consult with its networks, advisory groups and working groups, and hold public forums to speak to diverse groups of people across the LHIN.

For more information about Aging at Home, visit the Central LHIN’s website at [www.centrallhin.on.ca](http://www.centrallhin.on.ca).

### Some fast facts about Central LHIN

*Central LHIN is one of 14 Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) established by the Ontario Government as community-based organizations to plan, coordinate, integrate and fund health care services at the local level. With 1.6 million residents, Central LHIN is the most populous LHIN in Ontario. It encompasses the majority of York Region, as well as north Toronto and south Simcoe.*

### What exactly is innovative?

*According to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care / LHIN Aging at Home Innovation Workgroup, innovation could be:*

- *Modification of an existing program or service for a new type of client (such as preventative participation in day programs for seniors who are essentially well), or to provide service in a new way;*
- *Introduction of a proven program or service from another jurisdiction or discipline;*
- *Formalization of a program or service that has been tried on an informal basis, but has not been funded; and / or*
- *Piloting a completely new service or program.*

## New Leadership Update

By: Steven Weisz, Chair - New Leadership Division

The last few months have been very exciting for the New Leadership Division. On November 1st, Lisa Bradburn and her wonderful team presented a new event called Taste Matters. This was a wine and food tasting event held at the Design Exchange on Bay Street. The event was a smashing success with over 200 people attending along with wide media coverage. I want to congratulate all committee members, sponsors and volunteers for their hard work and we look forward to this event becoming a yearly tradition. Our next event will be our annual "Not Just Another Saturday

Night" in early April. We have put together an amazing committee with over 20 members and we intend on building on the success of years past. Stay tuned for more information.

Going forward, along with our fundraising efforts, New Leadership will be getting more involved with Reena clients and activities. We feel that it is paramount to show fundraisers and donors where their money is going and our first initiative was on November 21 when The New Leadership Group joined Reena clients for a great night of bowling. Through this interaction and others, we feel we can nurture and

strengthen the fundraising bonds we have created.

As you can imagine with all of our initiatives, we are constantly looking for new and active members for our group. Without sounding like a personal ad, we are looking for people between 20-40 who want to fundraise, event plan, brainstorm and get involved to help raise funds and awareness for this great cause. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Shari Silverman at The Reena Office at 905-764-1081.

## Riding for Reena

On a glorious Sunday, September 16th, The SpokesPeople biked 40 km from Fergus to Bellwood and back to raise close to \$6000 for Reena. Well fuelled by a great cause and a wonderful lunch at Bellwood's Super Snax Restaurant, the group enjoyed early fall scenery pedaling along the Grand River's south bank.

SpokesPeople Mel and Ellen Little, Andrew and Judy Kent, David and Cheryl Blinick, Larry and Julie Schwartz, and Harry Hochman have been cycling in and around Toronto for the past several years. Five years ago, the group decided to designate their annual 40 km fall ride as a charity fundraiser. Past beneficiaries of the ride include: Mazon, The Lymphoma Foundation, and the Cancer Society.

This year, the SpokesPeople, along with their friends Stan and Nancy Rosenblum, Paul and Terri Dunnigan, Jack Langer, Ferne Sherkin, and Adam Bower applied their cycling and persuasion skills to raise money for Reena. Vehicle and moral support were cheerfully provided by Susan Leston. All are proud to support Reena's



mission to enrich the lives of people with developmental disabilities and integrate them fully into the community. As it turns out, several SpokesPeople are professionally and / or personally affiliated with Reena.

At the end of a long ride and a wonderful day, everyone agreed that riding for Reena was the highlight of the SpokesPeople's summer cycling season.

## Magna Dinner

Frank & Elfriede Stronach and Sydney & Florence Cooper hosted the Magna Dinner at the Magna Golf Club. Guests enjoyed evening entertainment by Blusole, an evening of legendary motown classics. \$100,000 was raised to support Reena's Respite and Enrichment Programs.



Tobie & Edward Bekhor



Murray Klein (left) & Sandy Keshen (centre) present plaques of appreciation to Elfriede Stronach (2nd from left) and Florence and Sydney Cooper

## Ladies Breakfast with Margaret Trudeau



250 ladies welcomed Margaret Trudeau (left) to the Bayview Country Club on November 15, 2007. A special thanks to the event co-chairs Heather Goose (centre) and Danielle Goose and their entire committee. The event raised \$20,000 for Reena.

## Calling all Volunteers

Do you have extra time on your hands? Looking for a way to give back to your community? Build skills to re-enter the workplace? Or, just looking for a great experience with a lifetime of rewards? Then this might be for you! We are currently looking for volunteers to help in the Foundation Office Monday to Thursdays. If this sounds like something that interests you please contact Shari Silverman at 905-764-1081.

*For your information...*

## Accessing Services for Adults

Are you looking for help with navigating services available for adults with a developmental disability?

The 32 agencies in Toronto that are funded by the Ministry of Community and Social Services to provide developmental services to adults have enhanced the assistance they provide to individuals and their families who are new to adult services.

First-time callers who want more information about adult services and are 16 years of age or older (or have a son or daughter this age) and not already connected to one of the 32 agencies will now receive a free short-term consultation.

These consultation visits can take

place in a variety of settings including the person's home. During these meetings people will be provided with information on the developmental services sector and will receive help connecting to services and supports including:

- How to understand and apply for government programs such as Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) and Special Services at Home (SSAH)
- How to get connected with community resources and programs
- How to make applications for government funded residential and day programs
- How to develop a personal plan for the immediate future.

At the end of the consultation, you

will be connected to one of the 32 agencies that will become your 'lead agency'.

The responsibilities of the lead agency are to:

- Let you know when your son or daughter is being considered for an opening in a government funded residential or day program
- Keep you informed about new initiatives and programs (i.e. Passport funding)
- Respond to any questions and concerns you may have in the future.

Lead agencies can be changed at any time by the individual receiving support of their family. A lead agency should be the agency that knows your family member best.

*32 Toronto developmental services agencies, consumers, and the Toronto Region of the Ministry of Community and Social Services are working together to improve the quality of life of adults with developmental disabilities-today and into the future. They are committed to the equitable, strategic and effective use of all available resources in meeting the needs of adults with developmental disabilities and their families.*

*The following appears in the Fall 2007 edition of Opening The Door, a newsletter produced by the Communications Subcommittee of the Developmental Services Toronto Partnership.*

### About the Developmental Services Council

The Developmental Services Council provides a consumer voice within the Toronto Developmental Services Partnership. The council works with service providers and the Toronto Regional Office of the Ministry of Community and Social Services to improve the lives of adults with a developmental disability. The Council provides a link to adults with a developmental disability, their families, and the groups and organizations that support them.

### New resource for Self-advocates and Families

Families and self-advocates have

been asking for a resource to help bring their voices to Developmental Services in Toronto – to the organizations that support people with developmental disabilities and to the Toronto Regional Office of the Ministry.

Now there is a person whose job is to engage people with disabilities and families to communicate what services and supports they want in order to improve their quality of life. Carol Krause is the new Consumer Engagement Facilitator whose role is to support the Developmental Services Council – the consumer voice within the sector – and help the Council advise service providers and the Toronto Regional Office

about what is important to people and what services they want and need.

For further information, please visit [www.dsto.com](http://www.dsto.com), send email to [ckrause@cltoronto.ca](mailto:ckrause@cltoronto.ca), or call 416-968-0650 (extension 2262)

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## How Do We Age?

by Ron Coristine, M.P.A., Project Manager

Whether we like it or not, all of us are aging. The signs that hint to us about the process are everywhere: more grey hair, another wrinkle, a joint that gets stiff when the weather changes, a stomach that won't take rich food without complaining. We may ignore the first few signs but eventually they begin to creep up on our consciousness and become more pronounced. What we do as we notice these things will determine how well we will maintain our quality of life as we get older.

How well do people with a developmental disability understand the process of aging? What help are they receiving to become informed about how to ensure their own quality of life? Some service providers and caregivers are taking the bull by the horns and facing the challenge squarely.

They begin learning, not merely about the aging process, but how aging will affect the individual based on his/her health history, lifestyle, genetic make-up, social integration and other factors. They engage the individual with a developmental disability in an exploration of how they wish to adapt to the aging process while remaining engaged in the many things they love and enjoy: family, friends, play, sports, travel, hobbies and work. The journey through the aging process is not a day or a week. It is a new set of lenses through which we begin to view the world and make decisions – so we can live and love as long as possible.

The Ontario Partnership on Aging and Developmental Disabilities (OPADD) has been working hard to engage the service system to plan for

the aging of people with a developmental disability. Many service providers, provincial associations and planning bodies are actively on board with creating capacity to support people with a developmental disability as they age. This work is based on two important convictions. One: that people with a developmental disability have the same access to services and supports for seniors as all older Ontarians. Second: that people with a developmental disability not become victims of a new form of institutionalization and segregation where they remain uninformed about their own aging and unsupported in accessing what is their right under Ontario Law.

For more information about OPADD [www.opadd.on.ca](http://www.opadd.on.ca)



## Outreach's Northland Experience 2007

By: Leora Kaizer – Program Coordinator

This August, our second summer at Camp Northland B'nai Brith in Haliburton came to a close. Our clients, ages 7-15, enjoyed one of three one-week stays at the residential camp. A total of thirteen clients participated in the program over the course of the summer. Some were returning from summer 2006, and some were new to the experience. They participated in water sports, games, a ropes course, and dramatic play. Days were spent at the beach, playing in the sand and water. Nights were spent in programs together with the rest of the camp. Although they slept in their own cabins, the integration was even more widespread than during our first summer. Our clients participated in more dances, more swimming, and more integrated evening programs. After each session, the clients arrived back at the Battle Centre happy and tired.



A second program came to a close as well. A new milestone was set - we launched a full-integration program where four clients spent all of Northland's second session in a cabin with Northland campers and staff. This program was supported by two Reena staff, *Alana Liberman* and *Jed Thompson*, to help ease the transition. As with all new programs, there were growing pains, but all in all the program was a roaring success. The Northland campers embraced our clients, and

helped them to participate in every program. They helped to introduce our clients to a one-of-a-kind residential camp experience. One client was even given a starring role as one of the seven dwarfs in the end of summer production of *Snow White*.

A special thank you to Camp Northland and their staff, as well as Reena's staff: *Alana Zinman*, *Mandi Koenigsberg*, *Sari Novack*, *Jillyan Farbstein*, and senior staff *Sari Shanoff* for all your hard work this summer.

## Report of the Chair of the Reena Foundation Board

by Frank A. Wilson



## President

by Gary Sim



These past few months have been extremely busy and productive in fundraising at the Foundation. We kicked off our Fall schedule with the fifth annual Guys Night Out at Woodbine Racetrack on September 19. The evening was our most successful to date, attracting over 250 people in support of Reena's Respite and Enrichment Programs. Our sincere gratitude is extended to co-chairs *Jonah Laist* and *Steven Weisz* and to their entire committee for an amazing event.

This event was followed by the official opening ceremony for the *David and Luba Smuschowitz Reena ElderHome* on September 30. On that beautiful Sunday morning about 100 people came out to help Reena welcome our residents and celebrate the opening of their new home. Plaques dedicating the new home as well as acknowledging our many donors were unveiled at the event.

On October 20, the fifth annual *Cooper/Stronach Dinner* took place at the Magna Golf Club in Aurora. A sell out crowd was treated to an exquisite meal and entertainment as they honoured our hosts, *Syd and Florence Cooper* and *Frank and Elfriede Stronach*. We are very grateful to our co-chairs, *Tobie Bekhor*, *Lorne Weiss* and *Lili Litwin* and their committee for another perfect evening.

On Sunday October 28 we had the pleasure of officially opening the *Philip and Rose Shore Home* in Vaughan. This

opening was the result of a gift from *Rose Shore* of the family home and was dedicated in honour of her late children and husband. This home is the permanent home of three Reena clients and provides vital respite services for dozens of other families.

The New Leadership Division launched the first annual Taste Matters event on November 1, – an evening of fine wine and gourmet food. Over 200 people converged at the Design Exchange for an unforgettable evening. Our co-chairs for the event, *Lisa Bradburn*, *Lori Gilis* and *Stephen Adler* and their entire committee did an amazing job in putting this event on the map for Reena.

Speaking about firsts, Reena is extremely grateful to co-chairs *Heather and Danielle Goose* and their committee for organizing the first annual Ladies Breakfast at the Bayview Country Club on November 15. This year's speaker was *Margaret Trudeau* who entertained over 250 guests with her stories about her remarkable life.

As we said, it has been an extremely busy time and we could not have achieved all the above without the incredible efforts of these volunteer leaders and the many, many dozens of others who gave unselfishly of themselves in the name of people with developmental disabilities.

# Take out your calendar

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