



# Sharing Our Abilities

A member of the United Way

## President's Report

submitted by Joe Nemet

Fall has arrived and the Board, and its various committees, have geared up ready for a busy season. In September, we met with Nancy Draper, an independent consultant. She spoke to us about exploring new ways to increase membership and to increase the involvement of our members and partners. Nancy's information is being considered by Group A, who are addressing Communication and Membership for the Strategic Plan. Just a reminder that the three teams working on the Strategic Plan do require assistance and support from our members. If you have some time available and are willing to assist us, please submit your interest in writing or email the Board Recording Secretary at: [heersink\\_miranda@clburlington.ca](mailto:heersink_miranda@clburlington.ca)

Also at the September Board Meeting, it was agreed to allocate a small portion of the funds from the sale of Branchton Camp for the rental of cottages for the people we support residentially. This past summer, over 80 people we support residentially had an opportunity to vacation with staff support. For some of these folks, this was the first time they vacationed away from their homes. Cottaging is a quintessential Canadian experience and one that should be experienced by as many people as possible. The Board unanimously agreed this opportunity should continue next year.

The Board has a vacancy as a result of the recent resignation of Donna Cuomo. The Nominations Committee is working on filling the vacancy. The committee is particularly interested in looking for someone with health care or marketing experience who is interested in working with us to fulfil the vision and mission of CLB.

Lastly, just to let you know that the informal membership information nights that were introduced last year will continue. These meetings provide an opportunity for members to meet with representatives of the Board and the Executive Director in a more informal and more comfortable setting.

Till next time *Joe*

### Winter Closures

Please remember to check on the local media network in the event that we have to close due to inclement weather.

You can hear about closures on:  
**K-Lite FM Radio (102.9)**  
**CHCH TV Hamilton**  
**CHML Radio (900)**

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## From the Pen of the Executive Director

submitted by Judy Pryde

Here we grow again...our Agency is continuing to expand with the recent announcement that Community Living Burlington will be taking on the amalgamation of the Family and Associate Home Program. These programs have traditionally been run by Halton Support Services and Children's Aid. With CLB running this program it will be a Halton Region program for both children and adults who have a developmental disability.

Recently we have hired a Senior Vocational Manager to oversee and assist with Supported Employment, and ODSP Employment Supports and to work in collaboration with Deb Noonan in ARC Industries. We look forward to watching these areas grow and develop more community based employment opportunities for those individuals who have expressed an interest in working in their community. If you know of a company that would benefit from hiring an individual, please do not hesitate to contact Karen at 905-336-2225 ext. 423

Our Preschool area continues to grow and with this growth more Resource Consultants have been hired. There are now 6 full-time employees in this program. We anticipate that with this growth, the Preschool area will be supporting close to 52 children in integrated day cares and nurseries in the City of Burlington.

In November, we will mark the opening of our 24th home in Burlington. This home welcomes three individuals back to their home community and in turn closer to their family members. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to expand our services and also have the opportunity to assist these three men.

As you will see throughout this issue, we are beginning our planning of events for the fall and winter seasons. We have our Halloween dance, the United Way Bowl-a-thon, our annual Christmas dance and our Children's Christmas party. This is a busy but exciting time for everyone we support. It gives us the opportunity to celebrate and enjoy our family and friends and be thankful for all that we have.

## Taking In Stratford

submitted by Lori Lucas

On September 25<sup>th</sup>, 34 individuals from Wellington Terrace and SIL program attended Stratford to see the production of "Oklahoma". Parents and other guests also attended. At 10:30 am they boarded a bus to make the trek from Burlington to Stratford. After a beautiful lunch at the Arden Park restaurant, the group enjoyed the play. It was a great day for all!!



This enormous event required a lot of planning and preparation. Thanks to the WT and SIL staff, (in particular Joanne), for all their hard work and planning to make it such a successful and enjoyable day.

We are now looking forward to our next trip to see the production "White Christmas" in December in Toronto.

## Spotlight on Supported Employment

submitted by Debbie Turner

Founded in 1859, The Great American Tea Company first opened in New York City. It came to Canada in the 1920's. To commemorate the linking of the trans-continental railroad in 1869, the company was renamed The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company (A&P). A&P currently operates over 235 grocery stores under the A&P, Dominion, Ultra Food & Drug, The Barn Markets and Food Basics banners throughout Ontario.



The Supported Employment Program has had the good fortune of an 11 year and still running partnership with A&P. In 1996 the then, "Superfresh", hired several individuals in the position of courtesy clerk. Their duties included buggy/basket retrieval, returns, bagging and customer carry-outs.

Maintaining their commitment and support to Community Living Burlington, Ultra Food & Drug hired more individuals in 1998 when their new store opened at Millcroft Plaza.

Linda has been employed with this location since its inception. This December however Linda will begin her days of senior retirement and work her final shift on December 5. Linda has always attended work at Ultra Food & Drug with excitement and enthusiasm. Linda enjoys the light hearted banter between cashiers over who gets her bagging assistance. We wish Linda well on this new phase of her life.

Community Living Burlington is proud of this long standing and mutually beneficial relations with A&P.

## Thank You Deloitte

On September 7th, Deloitte held their annual Community Impact Day. Their Impact Day was designed to allow their company and employees an opportunity to show support for their community.

On this beautiful summer day, with the support of their willing and able volunteers, and assistance from the GROW group, landscaping, gardening and painting was done at various locations.

On behalf of the People who live at Alconbury, Rubens 2, Ryerson, and everyone who is using the side patio here at Mainway, Thank You Deloitte Employees for your commitment to the community.



## Christmas is Coming

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### **Christmas Dinner and Dance**

**Thursday November 29, 2007**

**6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.**

**Burlington Holiday Inn**

**Reservations - \$25.00 per person (no refunds)  
(to a maximum of 4 tickets per family, including your family member)**

**We will have a wait list.**

**The Burlington Civitan Club will also be present selling their delicious Christmas Cakes.**

**The Transitional Day Program will also be selling their beautiful  
jewellery!**

**To Reserve your spot, contact Miranda at 905-336-2225 ext. 241**



## Pancake Breakfast With Santa

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Join our **Preschool Integration Services** as they host

### **Pancake Breakfast With Santa**

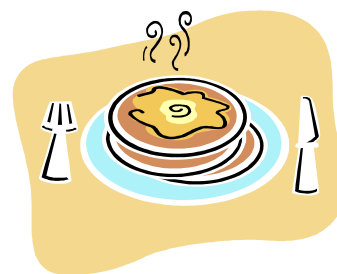
**Saturday December 15, 2007**

**First seating: 9:00 a.m.– 10:00 a.m.**

**Second seating: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

All pre-school children and their siblings under age 13 and  
all C.L.B staff's children under age 13

For more information contact Patty McCleary at 905-336-2225 ext. 442



## Parent Information Night

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In conjunction with Wolfgang Rohde from  
Edward Jones, A Financial Investment Company

Join us for an informative seminar on

**Monday November 12, 2007 at**

**3057 Mainway at 7:00 p.m.**

Presenters for the night are:

**Jim Sweetlove,**

Estate Lawyer, Ross & McBride LLB

**Henson Trust**

**(how it can work for you)**

**AND**

**Wilmot George,**

Mackenzie Financial Tax & Estate Department

**The New Proposed RDSP**

**(Registered Disability Savings Plan)**

**RSVP by November 1st as space is limited,**

**By contacting: Miranda at 905-336-2225 ext. 241**

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

October 18, 2007	<b>Halloween Dance</b> , 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Senior Centre
November 1, 2007	United Way Bowl-a-thon Primetime Bowl, 6:00—8:00 p.m. Pledge forms available on the website or at Mainway
November 12, 2007	<b>Parent Information Night</b> See inside for information
November 29, 2007	<b>Christmas Dance</b> , Burlington Holiday Inn
December 3, 2007	<b>Parent Advisory Meeting</b> Mainway at 9:30 a.m.
December 15, 2007	<b>Children's Christmas Party</b> Breakfast With Santa
December 20, 2007	<b>Day Services</b> Christmas Luncheon
December 21, 2007	<b>Early Dismissal</b> from ARC/Lifeskills - 2:30 p.m.
December 24, 2007	All Day Programs <b>Closed</b>
December 25, 2007	<b>Christmas Day</b> All Day Programs Closed
December 26, 2007	<b>Boxing Day</b> All Day Programs Closed
December 27 <b>AND</b> 28, 2007	All Day Programs <b>Closed</b>
December 31, 2007	All Day Programs <b>Open</b> from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
January 1, 2008	<b>New Years Day</b> All Day Programs Closed
January 2, 2008	All Day Programs <b>Open</b> at 8:00 a.m.