



# The Patchwork

The quilt featured here is the Sheila Harris Memorial Quilt

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## Recipient of Provincial Volunteer Award

While at Elmira District Secondary School Janine Haid was placed with Elmira Children's Centre for work experience. This work continued after graduation and at present Janine works five mornings per week with Darlene in the kitchen and occasionally at various jobs within the centre. Janine Haid experienced an honourable beginning to National Volunteer Week, April 18th, 2013 receiving; the Provincial Volunteer Service 15

year Lapel Pin; the 2013 Volunteer Service 15 year Award for the Region of Waterloo; and the 15 years Volunteer Service Award from the Honourable Michael Coteau, Ontario Minister of Citizenship and Immigration and The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario. Presenting the awards were: Michael Harris, MPP Kitchener-Conestoga and the Honourable John Milloy MPP Province of Ontario.



To be nominated by fellow co-workers for application for these awards is one of the highest rewards Janine could have received. Janine very

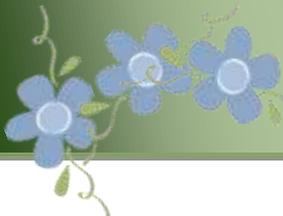
much enjoyed the 'red carpet' treatment she received at the beginning of her day with the Elmira Children's Centre the following Monday morning. Janine's work is very important to her and she is blessed to be included as one of the team with the added enjoyment of inter-action with the children.



## Thank you Maddie

A BIG shout out to Maddie Jansen for all her hard work with Enver this floor hockey season. Maddie volunteered her time and enthusiasm to take Enver to hockey and teach him how to play. She got right out on the floor with him to encourage his participation

and by the end of the season she reported a huge improvement in Enver's skills and enjoyment level. She capped off the evenings with a Tim Horton's hot chocolate and took Enver out for pizza on the last night. Thanks so very much Maddie!!!!





## SHI Tournament Opening Ceremonies

Approximately 3500 spectators attended the opening ceremonies of the SHI tournament March 14-16<sup>th</sup> in Kitchener. The energy of the players, families, and rally groups on Thursday night was electric. Andrew Martin attended the ceremonies hop-

ing that one day he would be able to participate in SHI. It was a fabulous opportunity to support the players who play with true heart. The sportsmanship and team spirit was truly a huge part of the weekend. When players fell to the ice it was not unusual for several players to lend a hand in helping the fellow player back

to the game. When a team scored there was a celebrative dance from both teams on the ice. It was an awesome week-

40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Elmira Charity Quilt Auction, Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 9:00 am to 3:00pm at Riverdale Poultry, 6811 Church Street West, Elmira



Jake and Donna

## Recently at Reid Woods

Professional performer Jake Simons (left) came to Reid Woods to give us a live afternoon music concert. It made Donna's day! (You might recognize him from the TV show *M e t r o p i a*).

Happy Birthday Richard! On February 28<sup>th</sup> Richard celebrated his fifty third birthday in style!



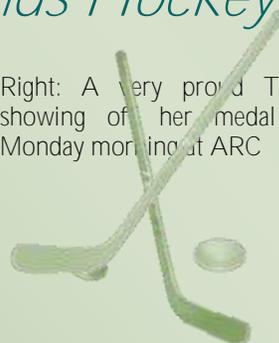
Richard



## The Ice Hounds Hockey Tournament

Taryn Mikjaniec's hockey team "The Ice Hounds" from Cambridge played last week in the Kitchener Hockey Tournament. Below: Day Supports cheering section

Right: A very proud Taryn showing off her medal on Monday morning at ARC



# Make Your Last Penny Count!

Please consider donating your pennies to the Elmira District Community Living PENNY DRIVE. We will be accepting donations at:

- EDCL Administrative Offices

- ARC Industries

Drop by our booth at the Elmira Maple Syrup Festival April 6<sup>th</sup> and view our beautiful handmade Raffle Quilt for 2013 and purchase your raffle

tickets.

Bring your pennies to our 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Quilt Auction & Country Market on Fri. Oct. 25 / Sat. Oct. 26, 2013.



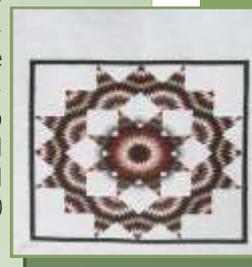
## Celebrating 40 years 1973-2013

Elmira Charity Quilt Auction & Country Market to be held on Friday, October 25, 2013 and Saturday, October 26, 2013 at Riverside Poultry Express, 6811 Church Street W. (Line 86) Elmira, Ontario. Browse our website [www.elmiraquiltaction.com](http://www.elmiraquiltaction.com) or click our brochure for further information on the event. Everyone is welcome! \*Quilts

\*Solid Wood Furniture \*Food \*Treasure Table \*Giant Bake Sale. All proceeds donated to Elmira District Community Living; a not-for-profit, charitable agency, providing support to individuals who have intellectual and physical disabilities and their families for 50 years!

Our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Auction Raffle Quilt is now on display at Quilted Heirlooms at the St. Jacobs Market.

Tickets are \$ 2.00 each or 3 tickets for \$5.00.



## TIFS at SHI Kitchener

Here are the pictures from the Special Hockey International (SHI) Kitchener where we had a Try It For Size (TIFS) table set up. Sarah Cadeau, Claudette (participant), Dee (participant) and Tami Schaafsma were there to represent TIFS, and handed out hockey inspired chocolate.

There was also a draw for a gift basket representing Woolwich area, filled with maple syrup products which was won from a woman from Buffalo.



Dee talking about TIFS



TIFS Table



One of the SHI players



Claudette talking about TIFS



Claudette and Glenda Deverell, one of the organizers

## Five consecutive strikes



Kyle showing his score

It's was an amazing display of talent at the bowling alley as Frankie (right) from the ALC put on a show at the bowling clinic, capturing the attention of his peers. Frankie bowled five consecutive strikes which at the end of the game Frankie score was 228, by far one of the best scores so far in the season. Way to go Frankie. Kyle (left) from Crane also bowled an impressive game finishing behind Frankie with a new season high of 184.



Frankie displaying his talent, an impressive five strikes

## Drum circle enthusiasm



Linda beating the drum

Linda (left) attended the drum circle at Lifeskills for the first time. Linda did excellent and is a great drummer who has a lot of strength when it comes to hitting the drums. This was part of her Person Directed Plan goal for 2013 and we are very excited that we are reaching this goal. Linda enjoyed going through the drive thru to pick up a Tim Horton's coffee after and intense drumming

session. I look forward to taking Linda to the next drumming session. Cherylanne and Linda (right) enjoying the first drum circle held at Life Skills. It was a great turnout and there was a group of about 20 playing the drums. It was a great time. EDCL has some great drummers who play with a lot of enthusiasm!!



Cherylanne and Linda



Jason (left) enjoys a moment with the Easter Bunny at the Easter Egg hunt held at Life Skills.



Raymond (right) was decorating his Easter cookie at same event.

## Enjoying Easter Baking to Celebrate



Muriel, from Reid Woods, is making a cake for her friends at ARC to celebrate "Pay it Forward" day.



Summer is over but the memories of ARC's baseball game at Lion's Park will be forever embedded in our minds with Blue vs. Red in a highly competitive game. The rivalry began way before the game with chants, bells and whistles, parades and threats. It was an amazing day! We would like to say everyone was a winner but the Red Team scored the tie breaking run in the last inning. This calls for another



Above: Gentlemen from ALC enjoying the opening game of the Sugar Kings

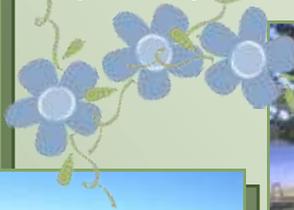
*Celebrating their new deck*



Reid Woods held a BBQ on August 14<sup>th</sup> to thank and celebrate with Randy, Tiffany and Chris the creation of their new deck. Randy, Tiffany, Peter and Chris have spent several long hot days working on the new deck this summer.

*Enjoying Summer*

Here are the people from Reidwoods and Centre enjoying their outing to the beach later followed by a picnic. It took six vans to transport sixteen individuals... a fun summers day enjoyed by all.



## A day at Niagara

Erin Deb and Alanna took Muriel Bill and Aly from Reidwoods on a Niagara weekend trip this August. On the first day they went on the skywheel (which is wheelchair accessible wow!) to the Wings of Paradise, the Maid of the Mist and the Rainforest Café and then to see the lights on the falls at night. The next day everyone went to Marineland to see the whales and feed the deer and the bears! It was an amazing trip and everyone had a lot of fun. *Submitted by Alanna*



*Below: Diane & Cam at the Drive a Ford Event*



*Left: Gail at the EDCL stand at the Plowing Match 2013*

## Congratulations Frank

Elmira District Community Living Lifetime Member, Frank Walter celebrated 95 years with family and friends. The association wishes you many blessings and continued good health Frank.



## More news from Reidwoods

In late August Paul and Donna from Reidwoods were able to enjoy a tree night vacation at Wind Reach Farms



## Farewell to Six Star Maintenance



At the membership meeting held on April 4<sup>th</sup> the evenings greeters were (Left) Chris Beisel, Margaret Moser, and Andrew Martin. A presentation to the membership provided an overview of Six Star and where the members are working now. We wish the Six Star Maintenance crew members all the best in their new jobs.



## Baby Shower at Reid Woods

On April 4<sup>th</sup> Reid Woods celebrated a baby shower. Friends from the EDCL came over for cupcakes and punch to welcome Cynthia Jeary's new baby boy.



## Monster Bash Halloween Dance

The Woolwich Community Lions is once again holding a fundraiser to raise funds for a new wheelchair van for EDCL. A Halloween Dance will be held at Lions Hall on Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$15 each.

Please contact Cheryl Peterson for tickets at 519-669-3205 x226 [cpeterson@elmiracl.com](mailto:cpeterson@elmiracl.com)



If you cannot attend could you help out with any of the following items?

- Donations of fruit or fruit salad or Halloween type baking for the lunch would be appreciated.
- Donations of door prizes or prizes for spot dances

These items can be dropped off at the Administrative office on Friday October 25<sup>th</sup>

Please come out and support a great fundraising event as well as have some fun!

# Elmira Maple & Syrup Festival



Ben, Robyn and Gerald (Reid Woods) enjoying the Maple Syrup Festival



Julie and Earl, getting batter ready



Kathy Alison flipping pancakes



Kyle (Crane Dr) volunteering at the Maple Syrup Festival



Kyle and Laurie are a great team!



John Bruder has the "sweetest" job



The "Respite" Gang waiting for pancakes! Mary Jane, Jessie and Steven



The Birds of Prey Show was amazing! Here is a Red Tailed Hawk.

## Beating the Heat



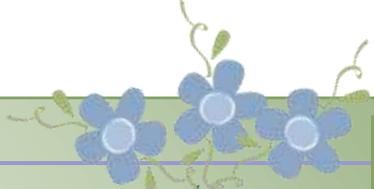
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Due to the extreme heat Reid Woods had to cancel our day at the beach on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Instead of being beach bums we decided to be mall rats. Here we are having lunch at Conestoga Mall.

## Happy 60th Birthday Donna



On August 10<sup>th</sup> Donna Rodreque celebrated her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. Thanks to friends from ALC, Eagle, RWs staff and Donna's family who came to have some cake with Donna on the new deck at Reid Woods!



## Crane on the move for a good cause



The Crane Team participated in the Walk/ Stride/ Ride for Cancer on April 28<sup>th</sup>.



Above, Taryn Mikjaniec an avid Kitchener Ranger fan recently had her picture taken with Ben Fanelli and her t-shirt signed by him at the Busker Carnival.

## New found freedom



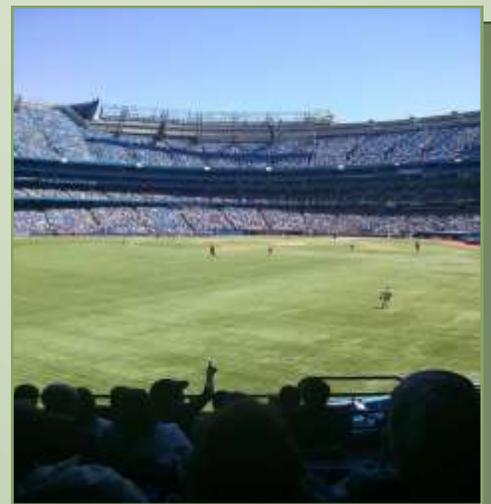
Paul was employed at Elmira Poultry (known now as JD Sweid) for 24 years. He was responsible for custodial work. He made a lot of friends over the years and decided that it is now his time to retire. A retirement party was held at the Central Tavern in Elmira where coworkers, and friends came out to celebrate. Paul is now part of the Senior's Program offered at Leisureworld. He attends 4 days a week and is enjoying himself immensely. Paul now has a cane because "everyone else does at Leisureworld" We wish Paul all the best with his new found freedom!

## Blue Jays Community Living Day

Submitted by Lynda Charlebois

"On May 25<sup>th</sup> 2013 the Recreation Committee accompanied 20 individuals to the Blue Jays Community Living Day in Toronto. Instead of driving our vans we opted to rent a bus and a driver. This was an excellent decision since it gave us all time and space to chat with one another and swap baseball stories! The Toronto Blue Jays took on the Baltimore Orioles and while they came on strong in the last few innings they were unable to pull out a win. Regardless, we all had a great time and we got to see our very own R. A. Dickey (last year's Cy Young award winner!) pitch. Additionally, we all had our fill of "park dogs" and popcorn, the usual baseball fare.

This trip was a huge success and we hope to do it again next year with the support of the Recreation Committee and EDCL so mark your calendars because there is still lots of room on the bus!"



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*TIFS has moved!*

The Trying it on For Size program moved into a house at 162 Church St. W. in Elmira on October 1, 2013. We want to give a big THANK YOU to two volunteers who helped us out on moving day: Steve Meyer and Craig Snider. Steve is the Uncle of a participant in the TIFS program. Craig, a friend of Steve's, is from Snider Bros Furniture in Elmira. Also helping to move TIFS from the third floor apartment was Andy, Chris, Randy, Sarah, Tami and Cheryl. We moved everything in 2 hours with the help of the Snider Bros. van and Randy's truck and trailer.

