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## Hospitality/Tourism Alumni Newsletter

### April 2012 Issue

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The Staff of 2012 have departed the building!..... just have to finalize their marks and the next item on the “to do list” is the Hospitality Alumni Newsletter – Spring edition.☺ As mentioned in the previous newsletter....this is a much more interesting task to do than those evaluation calculations for the various courses.

So it is time to put the kettle on..... locate the Grand Marnier and Amaretto....the orange pekoe tea bag...your favorite tea cup or brandy sniffer☺... only to realize that Hospitality Services /Tourism Management diploma program was really a ‘walk in the park’!

In this issue, besides putting the current updates of the Alumni there will be the ‘last time I heard’ section .... The last time this was attempted was in the 2006/07 Winter Issue.... wish me luck... and this will also give you the opportunity to correct me! Some of your messages have been re-worded and others are in the original format...as they can’t be improved. Will apologize in advance for any messages or notes that I misrepresented or worse still, didn’t include in the newsletter.

So your Blueberry Tea is ready and you are now going to take a few minutes just for yourself....

Staff ....

#### 1990

**Lisa Brown-Tanner** still lives in Lunenburg and was driving the Access Bus for the South Shore School District which serves the Bridgewater school while **John Buckler** and his wife are residing in Canmore, BC. John had been managing the Maple Leaf Grill and Lounge in Banff, AB. **Jane Chisholm-Fox** sent a note to let us know while we were enjoying our March heat-wave that they had

over 60cm of snow in Kimberly, BC. The Fox’s said that all was well and that they were *working and playing hard and enjoying the mountains*. Thanks for the note, Jane. The last we heard that **Janet Croft-Handley** was living in the Halifax area. **Kevin DeMille** resides in Toronto and is employed in the IT sector... although one day he would like to return to his first love – hospitality! **Sharon Hanlon-Morash** was still following her entrepreneurial spirit and operating her pastry shop from her home and caters to some of our local industry partners... **Nicole Hiltz-Stewart** was last spotted working at Sobey’s here in Bridgewater. **Sylvia Kinnear** sent an update.... Sylvia and Bob now have five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren...and really enjoy that role. Sylvia said that she was looking forward to another summer in her garden and more ukulele entertainment...This May,

Sylvia and Bob are off to Germany to witness their son, Lt. Col. James Kinnear become Commander of the NATO base. What a proud day that will be for you and Bob.... Thanks for the great note. **Tina Hubley-Smith** has celebrated 2 years of employment with the Lunenburg Day Care and is marking eighteen years of marriage with her husband, Malcolm..... Congratulations. Tina also mentioned that with the great winter we had ...*it allowed me to bike to work every day except for one day!!!* Tina's oldest daughter is now at Park View while her two youngest are enrolled in the new Bluenose Academy school which just opened this past March. We last heard that **Twila Leopold** was living in Dartmouth while **Patty Moody-Weagle** is now employed at the Roseway Manor as a CCA... **Peter Mossman** we know had departed the Citadel Inn and we have lost track of him just as we haven't had current news from **Darrin Myra**. **Trina Rhuland-Cleveland** was last known to be in the local area with her family. **Brad Selig** was last reported to be the Manager of Telval based out of Westin Nova Scotia.

#### 1991

**Shannon Bruhm** is a now a partner of RCR Catering Company which oversees such operations as Pier 21, Lord Nelson Hotel and Suites.... At this time **Tosha Killam-Bruhm** is managing the home front and their two daughters while Shannon puts in many hours in the crazy world of food and beverage....The last we heard was that **Kim Bursey-Chaisson** was at home managing the 'family operations'. **Tina Hatt-Baker** was last reported as the Cashier Manager at the Sobey's store located in Liverpool while **Linda Hayes** is a GSA at the Days Inn (aka Wandlyn) here in Bridgewater. The last we heard about, **Jack Headly** was that he was teaching somewhere on PEI. **Carrie Manuel-Ernst** was reported to be working as the Manager at the New Waterford School & Community Outreach Center located in Sydney, NS. **Kim Oickle-Schwartz** lost her battle with cancer in 2004. **Terri Slauenwhite** was last heard to be working at the Hillview Acres- Home for the Special Care and we have lost track of **Jane Whynot**

#### 1992

**Leanne DeMille-St Louis** has surfaced and sent an update.... After reading her note, I understand while she had been silent..... she was balancing many balls... Leanne had a few job changes from Johnson & Johnson to Biovail Pharmaceuticals and is now finally at Tim Hortons, Inc. (Help Desk Manager).... The Help Desk represents over 4000 restaurants globally!! Leanne's team is on

*24/7/365.... I'm one of those individuals who absolutely love their job. Who wouldn't love mentoring, coaching, making improvements, seeing positive results, dealing with daily challenges? It's so rewarding. My team is amazing... very technical and some are bilingual. My educational experience at Ryerson helps me understand the technology and the NSCC education helps me to understand the restaurants which I support. The best of both worlds...Leanne and her daughter are living through many renovations at home... only have the kitchen left on the list of things to do. With all the upheaval, Leanne has a trip planned to Cancun to recharge the batteries! Thanks for the update and all the best, Leanne. The last we heard about **Pam Langille** was that she had taken the Medical Transcription program at the IT Campus in Halifax. **Stephanie McGill-Lee** and her family were last heard to be in the Halifax area. **Marcia Mosher** is at home coping with some health issues.... We wish you all the best, Marcia. The last we heard was **Jenny Murray** was living in Toronto with her family and involved in the real estate world. **Penny Rhyno-Whynot** and her husband, who is in the*

military, were still waiting to hear where their next posting is going to be..... Penny says there are two choices.... Ontario or New Brunswick...the children are doing well and Penny just received confirmation that she is eligible to take an online French course from Rosetta Stone which is offered to military families. All the best, Penny ... and good luck with your French course. The last we heard was that **Rhonda Roast** was living in the Chester area. **Ike Seaman** says *'good times on the west coast'*.... Ike is the Director of Food and Beverage at the Wickaninnish Inn, Tofino, BC... The Inn has just wrapped up a major upgrade to all the guest rooms...the new rooms are elegant and are still very cozy, 'Wick'! ....*My wine part of the job is still very busy. Just returned from Vancouver for the wine festival there. I'll be heading to the Post Hotel in Lake Louise again for their annual Wine Summit end of May. I am scheduled to take my ISG Level 3 starting in November (back to school 20 years later, yikes!) Our wine list is entered again in the Wine Spectator Wine List Awards competition, so fingers crossed. We have continued our move toward organic/biodynamic/sustainable wines and it is good to see that the industry as a whole is realizing less is more. This has not been the best winter for surfing, a lot of heavy storms hammering the coast on a regular basis. Hopefully spring will bring better waves. I have been crab fishing a few times over the winter, still fun to get out on the boat every now and then. I hope everyone is well and I am planning to make it back home this fall for a week or so before I start the ISG course. I never made it last year. Thank you for keeping us all connected over the years, this is really great. I look forward to reading the newsletter when it comes out. It is very hard to stay in touch; I don't know how you do it, but thank you for all your efforts. Hope to see you on the West Coast one day.* Thanks for the update, Ike.... **Sheri-Lynn Slauenwhite-Barry** says that not much is going on in Maitland☺ Sheri-Lynn still has shifts at the Bayview School Cafeteria ...and also teaches Sparks...Since Sheri has a passion for 'scrapbooking', she and her Sparks are sending a package of materials to a group of Sparks in Burghfield in England... what a great project! Sheri is still healing from her bicycle accident last fall when she had broken her arms...ugh☺ Thanks for the update. As Manager of Studio 7 movie theatre here in Bridgewater, **Rodney Wasicuna** is busy... customer service and 'attention-to-detail' is still upmost... In fact, Rodney and his team have received 1<sup>st</sup> for Customer Service in the province... and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Canada... Congratulations...

## 1993

**Cynthia Bush** and her family were last reported to be living in the Valley. The last we heard was that **Virginia Clark** was the Executive Housekeeper at the Wandlyn located in Amherst. We lost **Christina Corkum** in a car accident in 2004. **Nicole Dorey** who earned her LPN is now on staff at the Fisherman's Memorial Hospital. **Willa Mae Fancy-Bent** is at home in Guelph, ON with her family.... The oldest daughter is in grade four while the twins are now in Junior Kindergarten....

**Angela Greek-Lohnes** sent us a note. Angela is the Director of Finance at Shoreham Village in Chester....Angela has been with Shoreham for 16 years.... Gee, the time does go by quickly. The family ...her boys are now 10 and 7 and they are now planning their 4<sup>th</sup> trip to Disney...Enjoy and thanks for the update. **Tracy Lawrence-Sperry** stated *that she was pleased that the Delta Barrington hired her when she was a child....since she has been with the hotel for 20 years.... Tracy says that she is loving her new position as Sales Manager....Tracy's boys are 5 and 8...* The Sperry's had a week in Mexico in March....thanks for the update, Tracy. The last we heard was that **Stacy**

**Levy-Goodie** was now working at Michelin here in Bridgewater ... and that **Crystal Myra** had returned from Alberta and was living in Lunenburg. **Mable-Jane Naugler** is enjoying her retirement and visiting her grandchildren.... the last we heard was that **Tammy Wagner** and her son are living in Bridgewater.... In fact, Alec, her son, is in the school with Kristine's girls.....

#### 1994

**Maureen Brisson** was responsible for the 'silent auction' that was held during the Porridge for Parkinson's Breakfast that was held on March 31. In our last issue we learned that **Kandace Clark-Westin** is the Manager of Food and Beverage Daytime at the Scandic Grand Central in Sweden...and along with those duties balances a life with her family of five! **Dennis Evans** was last reported to be working in his father's bakery. **Kim Lohnes** is at home this winter ...although this was not by choice....Kim is waiting for the construction of White Point to be completed. **Sean Mosher** is on the move again... Sean and his wife, Ute and boys, Jacob and Henley, have been transferred to the Four Seasons Resort Langkawi in Malaysia as their new Director of Rooms this past April. Congratulations, Sean and all the best....what a great opportunity. The last we heard was that **Tina Pierce-Lohnes** was at the Fisherman's Memorial Hospital in Lunenburg. **James Robar** can be found at the Radisson Hotel in Halifax as their Head Concierge with Les Clefs d'Or designation. **Cindy Weare-Ross** sent a note to let us know that the family is in the process of opening a small restaurant/cafe in Caledonia. At the time of the newsletter they were at the construction stage. The last we heard was that **April Whynot** was living in Ontario and that **Shelly Zinck** was employed with the Resolve Call Center here in Bridgewater.

#### 1995

**Denise Barkhouse** was last reported to be working in the Halifax area. We have lost track of **Trudy Boutilier** and **Crystal Dover**. **Tammy Ernest** has stayed in Bridgewater and works at the Resolve Call Center. **Jennifer Ford-Hazelwood** was last reported to be in the Vancouver area but we have lost contact with **Jane LeChance**. It was last reported that **Corry Nauss** was working in the hospitality industry in Vancouver while **Lee Roach** lives in California and is working in health care as a Continuous Care worker. It is believed that both **Ruth Vaughan** and **Jennifer Wamboldt-Morgan** are residing in Nova Scotia.

#### 1996

Last reported **Sonja Battig** was living in Halifax and **Paula Brophy** is employed with Metro Transit in Halifax. **Jodi Fralic-Oickle** is working as a receptionist at a local optometrist's here in Bridgewater. **Todd Hayden** sent us a note saying *that life's focus is now on raising our family and that takes up the majority of our time and energy but very much worth it in the end. Both kids are in French Immersion and now converse with Dad at ease. Emily (7) is busy with piano, skating and dance while brother Nicholas (5) is involved with guitar, skating and basketball. A family vacation "off -the-rock" this summer to Nova Scotia to visit family...great opportunity for the kids to meet the cousins!* I will take a rain check on the *moose meat, cod cheeks and hard bread*.... Thanks for the note, Todd... **Julie Hutt** informed us that after seven years, Julie has departed Blue Ocean and is now with TD Insurance in Halifax. Julie is excited about her new career change... all the best and you will do well. Our last data on **Patricia McFarlane** was that she was in Bridgewater as is **Tami Mullins-Bollivar**. **Margaret Tays** in our last issue let us know that she is the Director of Banquets at

the Sheraton Center in Toronto. We haven't received recent updates from **Denise Ross** who was last thought to be residing in Calgary. The last we heard from **Karey Vaughan-Maillett** was that she was living in Shearwater with her family....and **Tammy Wamboldt** was last reported to be in the Liverpool area, and contact has been lost with **Barb Wells-Whynot**. **Robert Wimmer** and his wife, **Nicole Roy** (1997) are living in the Halifax area which is close to the base where Robert is employed.

### 1997

Contact has been lost with **Renne Colbourne** but we know that **Jennifer Flemming** and her family are residing in Calgary. **Corry Rowter-Kaczuga** has returned to her administration position at a private college in Mississauga, ON after being home on maternity leave with daughter, Lola. ...leave it to me to wait until the 23rd hour to send my update! Hope I don't get any late marks 😊 We just got back this weekend from sunny Punta Cana. Lola loved it and Mommy did too. No cooking, cleaning or laundry for a week plus booze and sun = HEAVEN! I am headed to Nova Scotia in September to be part of Angela Reid's wedding and then off to Florida to celebrate my 15<sup>th</sup> year reunion for Disney World.... Gosh, that is hard to believe! Super excited for it. I have friends travelling from England, NZ, and Australia and of course Canada. It is going to be fabulous! That is it for now. What a great update... and have fun at the wedding and the Disney reunion.... Great memories 😊 The last we heard about **Angela Reid** was that she was enrolled in a dentistry program and in her spare time working at DaMarizo's Restaurant in Halifax. **Nicole Roy-Wimmer** is home on maternity leave while **David Thomas** sent us a note from the big city of TO! Dave is the General Manager at Casey's which is located near Union Station. Dave says that work is busy but so is life with two young children is a handful! One of Dave's main problems at work is the challenge of finding and keeping staff!! Thanks for the note and hope you had a good visit to Nova Scotia in April.... **Mandy Touesnard-Larkins** was last reported to be working in the Mahone Bay area in her new career in drafting. **Melanie Wilson-Bruneau** and her family had purchased a farm in Petitcodiac, NB and are facing a list of renovations... enjoy! The last we heard is that **David MacLeod** is a sales associate with Audi car dealership in Halifax and that a new 'MacLeod' was being added to the family.

### 1998

**Sarah Amero** sent us a note saying that ... *nothing new here except watching our 6 month old daughter Kourtney grow. I love being off and can't believe its half over. House renovations are done, except the basement and just enjoying my time with Kourtney! Oh, and Kurt and I got married Feb 3rd. We decided to make it official once she was born!* Congratulations on your marriage, Sarah. Sarah is on leave from the CIBC. **Joanne Biddle** was last reported working in Halifax as an optometrist. **Laura Bowles** is balancing her business, Mahone Therapy, and motherhood! **Johanna Conrad-Foster** is still hanging out in the QE II – Blood Services and also is balancing motherhood.... **Janet Larder-Keddy** and her family are living in New Ross where her husband has a Christmas tree farm. The last we heard was that **Brenda Naugler** is making Taiwan home where she teaches ESL.... **Nicole Reynolds-Whynot** and her family are living in Beaumont, AB where she is employed with the YMCA ... in the accounting department. The last we heard about **Crystal Seamone** was that she was living in Halifax and working with the Blood Services division while **Ryan**

**Rhodenizer** was the Banquet Manager at the Best Western located in Dartmouth Crossing.

### 1999

**Rhonda Allen** is still balancing work at Charm Jewelry in the Bridgewater Mall and spending time with the 'little ones' at the YMCA Day Care at the College. The last we heard was that **Keri-Ann Woodworth-Emeneau** was working as a receptionist for a local dentist here in Bridgewater. We haven't had a recent update from **Ellen Barkhouse- Fancy** and where her new job has taken her. **Rebecca Barkhouse** is still exploring Beijing.... Rebecca is still with the University teaching student pilots plus doing some private tutoring as well as volunteering at a local orphanage every other Tuesday... yes, Rebecca you are keeping busy and active... thanks for the note. **Amanda Beals-Kotlar** was last reported to be the Guest Service Manager at the Delta Prince Edward.... It is a small world.... During our gala event this year we had some students from other programs volunteer to be greeters for us.... and low and behold, there was a Faye Beals who took on the challenge.... and yes, her niece took the Hospitality program here...and that was our very own Amanda... so we know all is well! **Laura Beck-Patton** was last reported working as a Massage Therapist in the New Germany Medical Center area while **Tania Crouse** is a member of the Administration team for the Halifax Chamber of Commerce. **Jennifer Davison-Lowe** was last heard to be on maternity leave with her twin daughters.... **Julie Dunbar-DeMont** is the Catering Manager at Atlantic Hotel and Marina – Oak Island while we lost contact with **Jeremie Finck**. **Amanada Llewellyn-Wamboldt** has returned from her maternity leave and has resumed her duties as the Assistant Manager at the Best Western located in Liverpool. **Jared Mitchell** is still working in his new career path as a carpenter. **Angela Rodenizer** sent us a note to let us know that she has accepted a promotion with Admiral Insurance and is now on the Support Team doing Quality and Compliance. *I do a lot of coaching and making sure people are following the guidelines we have set into place...it's a lot of 'attention to detail'. It's hard to believe that I will have been working for Admiral for 4 years this month. I am really enjoying this position and getting to work with everyone on the floor.* Thanks for the note and do drop by for a visit when you are in the area. The last we heard from **Stephannie Risser-Mcintosh** was that she was a Pharmacy Tech at the VG Hospital while **Tanya Roy-Leslie** is here in Bridgewater and works at the Resolve Call Center.

### 2000

**Karen Dolliver-Corkin** was last reported to be the Guest Service Manager at the Atlantic Hotel & Marina – Oak Island while **Dwayne Eisner** is AWOL.☹ **Melissa Murphy** was last heard to be with Pizza Delight in Halifax while **Glenn Thompson** is at the Keg in Calgary. Our last contact with **Kandi Boudreau-Smiley** was that she and her family were living in Mississauga while **Jason Carver** was a Corrections Officer with the NB system. Rumour has it that **April Crouse-Thompson** has returned to the Bridgewater area... in fact, it is no rumor... April dropped in for a visit ... it was great seeing you and all the best, April. Contact has been lost with **Tanya Dagley-Nauss**. **Sally Forest-Calder** would have returned to the Resolve Call Center here in Bridgewater after being on maternity leave. **Trudy Freeman** has continued her career as a Continuing Care worker while contact with **Lisa Grondin** has been lost.☹ **Chris Harris** was last reported to be a driver for Metro Transit. **Alissa Jodrey** sent a note to let us know that she will be embarking on a new journey. Alissa and her significant other are moving to Saskatchewan! They departed the middle of

April for their roadtrip across the country.... Good luck and thanks for the note. **Scott MacLeod** was reported to be working in one of the local nursing homes after he earned his certification as a CCA. **Natalie Mansfield-Herman** was last reported to be working in the nursing home in Caledonia also as a CCA. Last reported was that **Amanda Moreau-Conrad** was working as a teller with the Bank of Nova Scotia in Liverpool. **Heather Nauss** was spotted working at the Mug and Anchor here in Mahone Bay while **Crystal Smiley-Greek** was last heard to be here working at Michelin. Contact with **Warren Stuart** has been lost while we know that **Monica Veinot** is employed at the NSLC here in Bridgewater and **Kari Ann Whynot** is working somewhere locally in the food service industry.

## 2001

**Karen Coolen-Doucette** sent us the following news... *Lots have changed for me over the past few months. Adam and I have welcomed our second child into the world!!! Kyle William Doucette was born on March 2, 2012 at 3:49 pm and he weighed 7lbs 8 ozs. The labour was fast and easy and he is a very happy and healthy baby boy. Big brother Brayden is enjoying his new brother and also enjoying his mommy being home. I am taking my one year mat leave from Manualife, and I plan to go back next March. I am also looking forward to Kim's wedding in June; Adam and I are standing for her and Dan. I am her Maid of Honor and I am so excited!! I'm sure I can come up with some good college stories to tell in my speech!! Hope you are doing well! Enjoy your summer break... thanks for the update ...and have a great time at the wedding☺* **Kimberley Cunningham** let us know that all is well in their household .... Billy is now 6 ½ yrs while sister Sarah is 2 ½ yrs ....Kim will be taking some time off from her position as Assistant Night Manager at the Delta Halifax for her June wedding.... The last we heard from **Jennifer Forsythe** was that she and the family are living in Yellowknife, NT employed at the CIBC. **Devon Reid** let us know that *...the weather may be elegant, but the city of London, ON is trying to clean up our tarnished image from the recent disgraceful damage caused during St. Patrick Day festivities. I am still leaving my mark here at The Blackfriar Condo's on 549 Ridout St. N with my attention to detail, gleaming glass, and our directional carpet making it look brand new, fresh smells as you enter lobby area. I enjoy my job and have tremendous support from my Board of Directors. I always tell my fond stories of Hospitality/Tourism, attention to detail, 5 and 10 rule, morning inspections of professional dress (black socks, belts,*

*clean shaven), etc. ...Guess some things did stick with you, Devon ☺... thanks for the note. **Daniel Tanner** Food and Beverage Manager/Sommelier at White Point had a very different challenge these past few months.... With the re-build of White Point he has been involved with first insurance papers to be completed on what was lost in the fire and now the searching and pricing of all the items that will be needed for when they re-open this November. **Meredith Brown-Smith** who is the Sales Manager at the PEI Conference Center sent a quick note to let us know that things are great in PEI ....Last we heard was that **Jessie Mullen-Mansfield** was returning to Keji National Park as an Interpreter.*

## 2002

**Shawna Beck** had the winter off as she is normally employed at White Point... **Jackie Collier-O'Connell** was last reported to be working as Compensation and Benefits Coordinator at Ocean Nutrition in Halifax while **Bradly Northover** is reported to be at the Lord Nelson Hotel and Suites as a Night Auditor. The last we heard from **Kelly White** is that she is living in Liverpool and working in a Day

Care....say it isn't so!! **Kim Whynot** who can be found at White Point is off due to fire... although Kim was at the campus to support our year-end gala.

### 2003

**Jamie Andrews-McCorry** let us know that she *accepted a position in another department at the hospital. I am now the Ward Clerk for our Operating Room/Day Surgery Department at the Kentville Hospital. I am in charge of the office and its daily affairs. I also do all ordering for the department, which had me fretting and having flashbacks of the project you had us do about Housekeeping and PAR levels...ugh. Abigail will be starting school this fall...she turns 5 in the summer...WOW! Michael has already started back to work....Annapolis Royal Golf Club Open for the season! He is excited to get back at it for another season. Here's hoping for a drier summer!* **Stephanie Carver-Lynch** who is a Sales Manager with the Mayfield Inn and Suites located in Edmonton to let us know that life was quiet... but that she has volunteered for Rendez-vous Canada that is being held this May in Edmonton and 2012 World's Baseball coming in August..... thanks for the note and enjoy both Rendez-vous and baseball... last we heard was that **Erin Hume** was a Senior Counsellor at the VIC located at Peggy's Cove and **Kate Orlando** was residing in Vancouver in her new career as Holistic Nutritionist. **Cheryl Williams** was reported to be working in food and beverage at Charlotte's Lane located in Shelburne.

### 2004

News has been light in this year.... Last heard was that **Stacey Beamish** was living and working in PEI and that she was a representative for Kraft while **Tiffany Crouse-Mason** is employed with Composites Atlantic in Lunenburg. **Matt Dagley** has returned from Vancouver and involved in his new career of film making in Halifax. **Jessica Dagley** was on maternity from Hillside Pines as a CCA with her third child.... It was reported that **Dan Hoveling** got married this past September and is employed with a call center in Halifax while sister **Sarah Hoveling-Turner** was last heard to be working with the Bank of Nova Scotia. No recent updates from **Lynn Hurst-Callahan** who is living in HRM. **Chasity Lausanne-Spindler** sent us the following note....*The germies just left our household but we are all on the mend now. Chad and I are departing for Punta Cana next Wednesday and although we are looking forward to it, we are a little anxious as this will be the first*

*vacation without the little guy. Hope you enjoy your break and the weather....*

**Jade Mapplebeck** has gone missing... while the last heard from **Samara Mason-Gosling** is that she is home with her two children and has gone the entrepreneurial route in developing kennels for dogs and horses.... The last we heard was that **Sally Wamboldt** was working in Lunenburg.

### 2005

**Danica Hirtle-Hynick** was last reported to be working in sales with the Honda dealership here in Bridgewater. **Kassie Huber** wrote to let us know that she is presently still out west, in Calgary and working at a homeless shelter for youth at risk. *I'm not sure if I mentioned this in the last email but I moved to Calgary with my boyfriend. He had just graduated from university so we decided to come where the money is!! However, the plan is to stay here and make money for as long as we need to save for our future!* Thanks for the note and all the best, Kassie.

**Tanya Joudrey** is working in food and beverage at Ko's here in Bridgewater. **Alicia Osbourne** wrote the following to keep us posted... So my MAT leave is coming to an end, I go back fulltime to

*Boston Pizza this week. My son will be turning one on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April and is starting to stand and pull himself up, won't be long now till he's getting into more things and my daughter is 3.5 and fully potty trained, woohoo, that's just as good as graduating tourism!☺ Alicia has recently accepted casual/part time position at the Bank of Montreal as customer service rep. Great news, Alicia and all the best. **Johanna Patrick** is working as an LPN here at the South Shore Regional Hospital.*

## **2006**

**Matt Andrews** was last reported to be the Food and Beverage Manager at Oak Field Golf Course located in HRM. **Mallary Corkum-Myra** let us know that she is still on maternity leave from CANADVAC Travel as their Reservation Manager with Max ...Mallary mentioned that she is *enjoying every minute of motherhood....* Thanks for the note, Mallary. The last we heard from **Rebecca Foley** was that she is working in the town of Lunenburg and **Walter Hubley** is employed as Banquet Captain with RCR Catering at the Lord Nelson Hotel and Suite. It was reported that **Nicole Oickle** has taken a vacation to Cuba and **Pratheesh Thomas** wrote us a note to say that he was still hitting the books at Dalhousie University to earn his degree in social work and keeping his foot in the field of hospitality by working as Banquet Server at the Delta Halifax. Thanks for keeping us in the loop. **Margaret Robart** is still a GSA at the Marina King Hotel in Lunenburg and **Noelle White** wrote with this update....*Here is what has been going on over the past little bit. On March 30-April 1, Brandon (my boyfriend who is on the Student Association as the Vice President of Finances) and I went to the NSCC-Marconi, for Campus Idol and end of year Student Association awards banquet with 9 other people, some were guests from the NSCC in Truro. The Marconi students had lots of activities planned for all the individuals who stayed the weekend in Sydney. Other than this, I have been very busy working still at the Superstore; this Easter weekend was almost as busy as Christmas. It was extremely busy at our Superstore also....thanks for the update, Nicole.*

## **2007**

It has been reported that **Elyse Biebhesheimer** has returned to Nova Scotia after earning her degree at Memorial University. **Elsa Conrad** gave birth to a daughter and is on maternity leave from the award winning Wild Wood Café here in Bridgewater. **Zac Crnec** let us know that he is *still working at Claussen Walters and learning to enjoy being a Realtor! The stress levels are much lower*

*than they were at The Fairview! I'm still married (...and if you are interested I have a GREAT restaurant for you..! ☺) Thanks for the note, Zac.... the last word we had on **Sarah Fancey** was that she was living and working in Whistler, BC and that **Curtis Fownes** was residing in Cape Breton. The last update from **Alicia Hennessey** is that she was the Services Manager at Jack Astor's at Dartmouth Crossings. **Meaghan Legere** had this to share.... *I know I keep saying this, but time seems to be going faster and faster each time I write these! Hard to believe we're already at the end of March, and spring is hopefully soon among us. A few things have taken place over the winter months... changes I guess you could say. I'm still at the hotel, working days, manning the phones...among other things. The past several months have been quite busy for us with lots of teams and groups in house, which I enjoy. This summer also looks like it's going to be quite hectic with lots of tours and groups as the Citadel is no longer in operation.. I guess one hotel's loss is another's gain. Other than that, work life is pretty much the same. Still holding out for that promotion, haha... As I'm sure Ashley will tell**

you in her update, she has decided to move up North! She and her boyfriend are moving to Whitehorse for 6 months leaving April 2nd. This will be the first time in our lives we've been separated for such a length of time; however, I welcome the change and wish her nothing but the best. I, on the other hand, will be staying around the city. On another personal note, I've met the love of my life about 6 months ago and couldn't be happier with how things are going and where I am right now. ☺ I also want to thank you for everything I've taken with me both in and out of the classroom. I know there were lots of times where you gave advice from both an educational and personal standpoint... It's helped me become who I am today. Thank you and enjoy your retirement, you deserve it! Thanks for the update and the kind words, Meaghen and you will survive without your partner in crime.... **Ashley March** has moved up to Whitehorse..... enjoy the experience and the adventure. **Vanessa Nauss-Bolivar** will be returning to the Bridgewater Best Western in her Assistant Manager's role this July after being on maternity leave. **Katrina Salter** was last reported to be living in London, ON.

## 2008

**Amy Conrad** found time in her busy schedule as the Banquet Manager at the Quality Inn both for Bayers Lake and the Airport to attend our gala.... Thanks for your support and it was great to see you. **Sarah Currie** was last reported to be working at Bonne Cuisine in Halifax and created many fine pastries! **Rebecca Dauphinee** is probably on maternity leave as she was expecting an addition to her family this spring... hope all is well. We last heard that **Mark Drennon** was still a Banquet Captain with RCR Catering working mainly out of the Lord Nelson Hotel and Suites. While attending the Akerley's Touch of Class... who should be there but ...Mark. It was great seeing you there, Mark. No recent word from **Cecilia Hatcher** but it was reported that she was working in food and beverage at the La Cantina Restaurant in Hamilton, ON. **Robin Patterson** had her trip of a life time.... as mentioned in our last Newsletter; Robin was going to be on the Titanic Memorial Cruise... this was a note that was received before the actual cruise... *I am anxiously counting down the days until my trip! I leave in two and a half weeks for London and I am so very excited! I will be sure to give you a full report of my trip when I get back to Nova Scotia. I have become slightly Halifax-famous due to my trip, actually. I was interviewed by Colleen Jones from CBC news last week and also did a radio interview on CBC Radio that same day. In case you want to show me off to your*

current students, the link for the TV interview is here: <http://www.cbc.ca/video/#/News/Canada/NS/1305553631/ID=2209677656>

Other than getting ready for the trip of a lifetime, I have just been working at Brussels Restaurant and trying to stash away a decent amount of money so I have something to spend on the boat! Yes, I am anxious to hear about your adventure, Robin. Last heard from **Meghan Shorey** was that she was the Front Office Supervisor at the Atlantic Hotel in Halifax. Meghan was also spotted at Akerley's Touch of Class gala this past April.

**Lindsey VanKroonenburg** is still living in London, ON and working as a GSA at the Hilton Hotel. Thanks for the note and letting us know that **Felicia Warner-Himmelman** gave birth to baby, James, on April 7<sup>th</sup> ....weighting in at 7lbs and 10oz....both parents are well ...and so is James... Congratulations, Felicia.

## 2009 – Gap Year

### 2010

**Keshia Daniels** is an Assistant Manager at the Boston Pizza with community marketing responsibilities ... and we have lost contact with **Amber Robertson**. **Sarah Selig** who holds the position

of Executive Housekeeper at the Bridgewater Best Western was pleased and excited to share her news of her engagement and that there is a fall wedding in the planning stages. **Elan Snarby** is working in food and beverage at the Prince George Hotel in Halifax... this fall; Elan is enrolling at Mount Saint Vincent University to earn her degree in Tourism Management. In the meantime, **Brittany Stewart** will be graduating from the Mount this spring with her degree.... She made use of our 2+2 with the MSVU. Congratulations, Brittany. Brittany has also been working part time with the Prince George team and **Kim Williams** was last reported to be working at Pizza Delight here in Bridgewater.

### 2011 - Alternate Intake...even years

### 2012

Our newest members to the Hospitality/Tourism Alumni have taken a breath... that one sigh of relief.... I completed the TM program and survived.☺ **Jillian Keefe** has moved to Halifax and at the time of this printing was still looking for that position.... **Erika Knickle** is returning to her co-op placement which was the Rum Runner in Lunenburg.... **Katie Mosher** has decided to stay in Lunenburg and has returned to Della Nona while **Alison Munroe** is staying in the Liverpool area. One will find **Courtney Nauss** at the Grand Banker in Lunenburg where she too completed her co-op workterm. **Sarin Postma** will be a GSA at the Digby Pines Golf and Spa for another season while **Katey Romo** will return to the Old

Fish Factory for another season. Do keep us in the loop as you move on in your career path.



Left to right  
Jill, Alison, Katie M. Katey R. Sarin,  
Courtney, Erika

### Discover your Elements....

The Staff of 2012 thought that 'Earth, Air, Fire and Water' would be a great theme for this year's gala. Once the theme was introduced to the Chefs... it was a go! The reception style gala was held in our cafeteria area, The Den and our classroom and shop. We found that this flow worked well last year and our guests were able to move from one room to another and visit the various food and beverage stations.

**Jillian Keefe** was the Gala Manager for the event and her team worked with a limited budget and limited staff to pull off the year-end food and beverage affair. The Bridgewater Barracudas Swim Team was the non-profit group that we partnered with this year and once again this proved successful for both of us. Over 170 tickets were sold this year.....and our Alumni purchased some of those tickets! **Kim Lohnes** (1993), **Dan Tanner** (2001), **Amy Conrad** (2008) and from the Staff of 2010 we had **Keshia Daniels**, **Sarah Selig**, **Elan Snarby** and **Kim Williams**. It was great seeing you and thanks for your continued support for the TM program and our gala. Hopefully, we didn't miss anyone.☺

We were also pleased to have the industry support as we had guests from the Comfort Inn; Best Western – Bridgewater; Old Fish Factory; Grand Banker; White Point; Atlantica Hotel and Marina – Oak Island; Delta Barrington and Halifax; Westin Nova Scotia and TIANs; Quality Inn - Halifax... just to name a few of our partners.

The Lunenburg Campus has an Ambassadors program where students can volun-

teer to assist in greeting and helping out when there are groups holding events at the college. As we did last year, we called on the Ambassadors and we had students who are enrolled in other programs here at the campus to assist in greeting and directing our guests to our reception. This year we had **Faye Beals, Andrew Caines, Matthew Martin, Wendi Oickle and Courtney Stewart**. Thanks for all your assistance. *The Sidecats* returned to add the musical entertainment to create the atmosphere for both our guests and us!

As in the past, monies raised from this event will support the Culinary Arts and Tourism Management Scholarship and the Bridgewater Barracudas Swim Team.

### **Porridge for Parkinson**

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Porridge for Parkinson was held on the last Saturday in March. This fundraising breakfast is organized to sustain the Lunenburg-Queens County Parkinson's Support Group. The Bluenose Golden "K" of the KIWANIS CLUB here in Bridgewater has taken on this project and assists in this fundraising activity. **Maureen Brisson (1994)** was diagnosed with Parkinson's over eight years ago and was one of founding members for this unit.

The monies raised from this event will assist the Society's mandate which includes advocacy; education; patient services including counseling, training and workshops for patients, caregivers and health professionals; research into the cause, treatment and of course... the cure!

Staff of 2012, **Erika Knickle** made time in their schedules to assist this group early Saturday morning to serve the many people who came out to support this fundraiser. To date, this was their most successful event with the most people in attendance and the last count was over \$3500 being raised.

### **Thierry's Parting Words...**

It is amazing how quickly two years go by and how much can be accomplished in a short period of time. Once again another term

at NSCC has come to an end. This time, however, we say farewell and good luck to the graduates of 2012. In two short years these future industry leaders have used the equivalent of a small forest writing reflective journals for Ms. Corkum, an experience they will cherish forever. These young ladies will never look at a pair of nylons again without having a flashback to the infamous "employee handbook" or thinking of the day Janice bought them all a pair of black socks to match their black shoes. Over the past two years many a tear was shed....usually in "accounting class" or "financial decision making".....rarely in "wines" or "International Cuisine" though.

For myself the learning curve was huge and if I reflect on my teaching style or lack of in the first year compared to the second year, I realize that these students taught me as much or more than I taught them. It is one thing to have the industry skills, however, it is a very different thing to actually teach those skills to learners with different learning styles and different strengths. Fortunately for me; Janice was there always willing to share her advice and making sure I had a new piece of paper on

my desk to read every morning. From their first class to their last these students were able to absorb life skills that will serve them throughout their careers. Not all will continue along the path of management; however, they all have a strong foundation from which to build should they decide to do so.

Although we are sometimes reluctant to admit it, some of the best learning does not come from text books; it comes from interaction with other people and the sharing of their knowledge. These students are fortunate to have had an opportunity to learn from Janice and I am sure that they will find themselves sharing what they have learned with staff of their own in the near future. In closing I would like to leave you with a few **Corkumisms** that the class of 2012 will cherish forever.

**"Jeans are only meant to have three holes! One for each leg and one for your waist"**

**"If you want me gone, fill up the retirement piggy bank"**

**"Hair is not meant to be twirled"**

**"I do not need to see your bra through your white shirt; bras should be of a natural color"**

**"Stop slouching in your chair"**

**"I have nail polish remover in the other room"**

**"Henry needs to come out of the closet"**

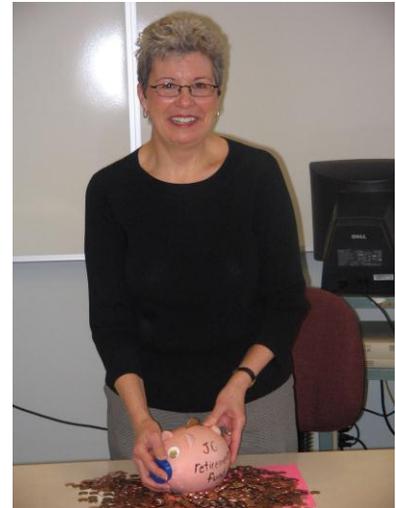
**"Let's bring out the employee handbook"**

Good luck graduates and have a great summer!

## **Thierry**

### **JC's Note**

June 2013.... That is the Retirement Goal year.... I realize I may have misled some of you when the message was sent requesting your 'news bits'.... When I mentioned that I was going to check the 'piggy bank' some of you assumed that I was getting ready to move on..... right now it is in the 'dream' stage... but I do check the Retirement Fund on occasion.☺ Sorry for the confusion... and I did appreciate the various comments that were received ..... I will keep them and re-read next June.



Since our first graduation class in 1990, we have had over 200 graduates depart this campus with either their Hospitality Services diploma or their Tourism Management diploma... with a co-operative education designation... and eventually, we even earn the privilege of the CAFCE – Canadian Association for Cooperative Education. For you to keep us in the loop regarding your professional and personnel career since your various departure dates is very rewarding..... a sincere *Thank You*. We feel very privileged that you continue to share your lives with us..... thanks for taking the time to drop us a line... especially those who don't need a Newsletter reminder....or better yet, for those who continue to pop in for a visit.

To be entering my final year in the classroom .... Started with a first year class and

due to alternate in-take I will be finishing with a first year class (Staff of 2014) will bring on many emotions. It will be a roller coaster of joys, sadness, fear/panic, uncertainties and is this really happening! When I look back on our time line and the various accomplishments that came with your assistance and that of the

campus.... We did some good! Here are some of our highlights from over the years.....

#### **Time Line:**

- 1988 In September, the commencement of the Hospitality Services program began with 15 students.*
- 1989 The front office and housekeeping units were in place by January.*
- 1991 The kitchen, restaurant and bar, The Den and Friends, were completed in January.*
- 1993-1994 The Hospitality Services program received recognition in two areas. Mount Saint Vincent University had accredited the Lunenburg Campus' Hospitality Services program with seven university credits upon its full completion.*
- TIANS chose our campus along with UCCB (known now as CBU) to test-pilot the certification of two occupational standards through classroom direction.*
- 1995-1996 Saw the completion of major renovations to the Culinary Arts area from downstairs to upstairs which now encompassed our kitchen and dining room facilities.*
- 1999 The Front Office and Accommodations facilities were upgraded and moved to their present location.*
- 1999-2000 All the two-year Hospitality programs within the Nova Scotia Community College were given a new name and a common curriculum. Tourism & Hospitality Diploma with a concentration in Management was the new diploma program name. The main purpose behind the name change was to create one common program within the Nova Scotia Community College as a whole.*
- Hospitality Services received CAFCE (Canadian Association for Cooperative Education) Accreditation, which also passed on to the Tourism & Hospitality Management program. They, CAFCE, have recognized our program as an accredited cooperative program that meets a quality standard that is required nationally for all cooperative programs. Hospitality Services was the first program within the College to receive this designation, and Tourism & Hospitality Management continued to be honoured with this designation as will the Tourism Management –Hotel – Restaurant diploma program.*
- 1990-2000 Since our tenth anniversary we have been in contact with many of our alumni and we are very pleased with their very many successes.*

- 2002 *On May 17, 2002, an alumni reunion was held to celebrate their successes and to retire the old program name, Hospitality Services. **A Hospitality Alumni Newsletter was created and is published twice a year not only to our Alumni but also to our many stakeholders.***
- 2006-2007 *This date marks yet another change in the programs that are offered by the NSCC. Under the leadership our Dean for the School of Business, Mr. Bill Walsh, we are now headed in a new direction. Although there were to be four disciplines for students to choose from under the umbrella of Tourism Management, the Dean decided that the students would select Tourism Management (general direction) or Eco-Tourism. Here at the Lunenburg Campus our focus will be focusing on Tourism Management.*
- 2007 *The Dean announced that the Lunenburg Campus would not be offering Tourism Management diploma program for the upcoming year.*
- Accreditation agreements have created 'pathways' universities to continue their post-secondary education using the term of 'two plus two'. Some of the institutions are: MSVU; CBU; University of New Brunswick – Saint John; Ryerson University; University of Calgary.*
- 2008 *Received a '10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary' certificate from the Nova Scotia Government in honour of the Gala organized by the Tourism Management and Culinary Arts students. The Hon Michael Baker, MLA for Lunenburg West initiated Resolution #3151 in recognition of the TM/Culinary Arts Gala events at the Nova Scotia Legislation.*
- 2009 *Alternate intake of the students was announced in January. The alternate intake will involve the students at the Burridge and Lunenburg Campuses only. Therefore the next intake of the students will be in September 2010.*
- The co-education work term placement program marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our students taking part in the mandatory component. 200+ students have been involved with co-op and have massed over 146,931 paid hours.*
- 2010 *The Staff of 2010 were the first group to graduate under the first alternate intake of students.*
- After more changes to the curriculum, students will graduate with a Tourism Management diploma with a co-op designation. Students will have more choice of electives to select from to meet their needs to achieve their career goals.*
- 2011 *The introduction of electives was introduced to the students here at the Lunenburg Campus. Beginning in the first semester of the first year of studies, a student has the freedom of choosing the direction of their career path... Accommodations, Food and Beverage or Eco-Tourism route.*
- A student will graduate with a Tourism Management diploma with a co-operative education designation. This designation is recognized by CAFCE.*

All the changes that have been made are there to ensure that graduates have the attitudes, skills and knowledge to be successful in their chosen career. These successes have come from the previous students who have accepted the challenges of both the program curriculum and our industry partners. NSCC – TM Employee Handbook.

As I prepare to enter the final year in the classroom, I will start to streamline some of the extras.... Right now you may be holding a collectible item in your hand as this may be the last issue of our Newsletter ☺or ☹... if it feels right next April there may be another issue but I know I will have a lot of things to clear out after all these years here at the campus. That doesn't mean that you have to stop sending us messages.... Your messages next year will encourage me to carry on and realize that what is happening in the classroom is important... as you are ALL the proof of those challenging days and various lesson plans.... And yes, everyone is to wear 'black' socks!

Once again, many of you have faced many situations with both your personal and professional lives.... You have faced downsizing and other changes in your work place and others have faced illness.... either your own or that of someone close to you ... short term or long term... and the death of loved ones.... And many of you are part of that 'sandwich' generation and are coping with your own families ... from all age ranges to one's aging parents.... Others are celebrating milestones while others are coping with relationships that don't stand the test of time.☺ The life of an adult is not easy .... So even now and then, it's nice to escape to another time ... and hopefully, this Newsletter has been able to do that for you .....

This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our 'little newsletter'..... doesn't seem possible.... As in the past, this Newsletter is far from being a one-man show.... To all of those who have assisted now and in the past with putting this to together and to all our many contributors over of the years... many thanks....It amazes me that with all the social media avenues around .... Many of you comment that you look forward to receiving the Newsletter.

This summer I plan to stay in the area and enjoy what our province has to offer..... let me know if you are going to be in the area ... and maybe we will be able to meet up! Take care and thanks for your notes and comments over the years.....

jc



**The Pineapple - a centuries old symbol of greeting and generous hospitality**

*For centuries the pineapple has been widely recognized as a sign of greeting and generous hospitality. The pineapple is native to South America and was conveyed to Europe by the early explorers. Royalty and Upper Class developed a preference for pineapple and early 17<sup>th</sup> century pineries developed a domestic version. As popularity grew, it was featured in architecture, art and furniture. European colonists brought the now familiar pineapple to North America. A pineapple was frequently displayed upon the porch, door or entrance or a returning sea faring Captain's home to announce to all.... "Our voyage is over, our door is open. Food and drink for everyone". Thus the pineapple has become an international symbol of hospitality and is widely displayed in residences and business establishments extending a warm welcome to all who visit. (Atlantica Trade)*