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## Hospitality Alumni Newsletter

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Yes, it is the time of the year....no, no not Egg Nog...Blueberry Tea time☺ Just in case you have forgotten it is equal amounts of Grand Marnier and Amaretto ...and a little orange pekoe tea...served in a brandy sniffer...okay, the mug will also work!

You will notice as you read through the newsletter....there have been many weddings.... Babies and more babies arriving on the scene. As mentioned before, you are doing your part to change the demographics of the province and keep the economy on a positive upward trend..... You will also notice that by some names, we haven't had a recent update☺ so if you have news or know where they are...please share.

#### Alumni Snippets

##### Staff of.....

##### 1990

**Lisa Brown-Tanner** is once again demonstrating her community awareness... her friend, Jennifer Collins-Niford, had a freak accident last year and has a long and difficult recovery ahead of her.... Lisa has started another fund- raising activity to assist with Jennifer's financial obligations. Previously, Lisa was involved with the campaign called 'Wheels for Jeremy' which was a success.... Lisa you are living the 'paying it forward' philosophy. Lisa is balancing the lives of three busy children and her job as the bus driver for the special needs students. What an example you are setting for us! Great job... **John Buckler** says that he doesn't log on to his computer that often....I can relate especially when he doesn't have to use it for work! John and Jennifer are both loving being in the mountains and near their friends. John is still the manager of the Maple Leaf Grill

and Jennifer has returned to the Rocky Mountain Soap Company. John mentioned that they had made it to the VIP Tent during the World Cup Skiing and had a great view of the races. Thanks for the note, John and enjoy Christmas in the Rockies ...there was no mail from **Jane Chisholm-Fox** and **Janet Croft-Handley**. **Kevin DeMille** dropped a note to say that all is well. Kevin returned to the workforce this past October ...in the IT field. Kevin mentioned that his daughter is now in her pre-teens...oh, the stories you will have Kevin. Thanks for the update. **Sharon Hanlon-Morash**, **Nicole Hiltz-Stewart** and **Sylvia Kinnear** have been quiet ...although one morning Sylvia was spotted taking her early morning walk near the campus.... **Tina Hubley-Smith** put her bike

down long enough to drop us a line....As usual, Tina has a few balls in the year. Her three girls are 'aging' and doing well in school and keeping very active with different sports. In addition to the girls' schedules, Tina has a small business cleaning homes for six families in the town...and also works at the Bright Stars Children Center in Lunenburg!!! In fact, Tina was at the campus to check out the program on Child Development.....oh, where did I go wrong? Tina's husband, Malcolm, has been working with the Town of Lunenburg for the last 25 years. Tina is very involved with her family and her community...and supports 'Al Gore'....for most of the time (98%.) Tina pedals her bike to get from point A to Point B....well done and all the best, Tina. No news was received from **Twila Leopold, Patty Moody-Weagle, Peter Mossman, Darrin Myra, Trina Rhuland-Cleveland** and **Brad Selig**

**1991**

There were no update from **Shannon Bruhm, Tosha Killiam-Bruhm, Kim Bursey-Chaisson, Tina Hatt-Baker, Linda Hayes, Jack Headly, Carrie Manuel-Ernst, Terri Slauenwhite** and **Jane Whynot**...so we will take no news as good news!

**1992**

No mail from **Leanne DeMille-St Louis** ...but we know that **Pam Langille** has transferred from the NSCC Lunenburg Campus to the IT Campus in Halifax. Pam is enrolled in the Medical Transcript program which is a one year program. We hope Pam is feeling better as she was hit by H1N1 this fall. The mail box was empty from **Stephanie McGill-Lee, Marcia Mosher, Jenny Murray, Penny Rhyno-Whynot** and **Rhonda Roast**. **Ike Seaman** and his wife, have purchased a new house this year...hence the Nova Scotia fund was not available for his visit home this year☹ Congratulations on the new home...sorry for the missed visit home. Ike was hoping to take the ISG level 2 ....to increase his sommelier status. Unfortunately, there were not enough participants for the program to run which was a real downer for him☹ (two sad faces!) Ike mentioned that

many of the high-end restaurants have either closed due to the recession or others have re-branded themselves, offering a more \$\$ friendly menu. Recently, I heard from friends who have moved to Vancouver Island and they have said the waves at Tofino were huge....Glad the surf was on the plus side for you, Ike. **Sheri-Lynn Slauenwhite-Barry** says that she has decided to return to work.... Personally, I think she has been working all along! Sherri is a cafeteria member at the Bayview Community School where her daughters attend school. This change will mean that Sherri will be with her daughters during the summer instead of working other jobs....To make life interesting, Hazen, a Boston Terrier has been added to the family. Sherri says that life is not the same in their household since Hazen arrived on the scene. No news was received from **Rodney Wasicuna**

**1993**

**Cynthia Bush's** mother has reported that her daughter and grand-daughters are doing well and enjoying living in the Valley. Cynthia's oldest has started school this year...time does fly. We haven't heard from **Virginia Clark** but **Nicole Dorey** sent us an update. Nicole is working on the Medical Floor at SSRH here in Bridgewater. Nicole started in a casual position but now has a 60% position....and says the 12 hour shifts as 'killers'. Good luck, Nicole and all the best. **Willa Mae Fancy-Bent** says that there is not much news from Guelph.... Daughter, Cora is now in grade 2 while twins, Gwen and Mark are trying to master 'potty' training! Willa is thinking of a reward system...."Potty Trainee of the Month"☺thanks for the note... **Angela Greek-Lohnes must** be busy...hence no mail☹. **Tracy Lawrence-Sperry**, Sales Coordinator at the Delta Barrington and Delta Halifax was on holidays, when she dropped us a note. Tracy had taken some vacation to work on her country craft wood items to get ready for an upcoming craft show. Those hidden talents that you all have....son, Jack started school this fall while brother Owen who is 2 ½ ....and thinks that he is 5....is still at home. Thanks for the update, Tracy. **Stacy Levy-Goodie** and **Crystal Myra** have sent no updates... **Mable-Jane** was spotted at a Christmas Fair ....she was looking for the deals. **Tammy Wagner** has been on the quiet side...

**1994**

**Maureen Brisson** has definitely not let her Parkinson's slow her down! Besides Zumba dancing, Maureen keeps fit by lots of exercising and during the summer her gardens kept her busy. This past summer, Maureen took a trip to Vancouver to see her two daughters....and of course the grandkids! It was a mini reunion as Maureen's sister and her husband from England flew in for a visit. One of the highlights for Maureen was that she was able to participate with her family and walk the 'SuperWalk for Parkinson's' along trails in Stanley Park.....what an accomplishment....Congratulations, Maureen. **Kandace Clark-Westin** has returned to the Nordic Sea Hotel (recently purchased by Choice Hotels)

in Sweden working as their Restaurant Manager. There have been a few changes while Kandace was here in Nova Scotia earning her degree at the Mount. The hotel has increased their guest capacity but decreased the amount of seating in the dining room. Needless to say, it does create a few challenges. Kandace and Joel are now expecting baby #5....due on April 1<sup>st</sup> next year. Kandace... wish you all the best both personally and professionally.... **Dennis Evans** and **Kim Lohnes** have been on the quiet side although we did get an update from across 'the pond' from **Sean Mosher**. As the Director of Rooms at the Four Seasons Hotel Hampshire, Sean was controlling and evaluating the budget against the actual budget for the past quarter. Sean feels the worst is over in the UK as they are seeing some real signs of change... great. Life has changed at the Mosher household when, in September, Ute and

Sean welcomed home their healthy son, Jacob....Congratulations and all the best to you and your family. No news from **Tina Pierce-Lohnes**. **James Robar** had lots to celebrate this spring...James and his colleagues launched the first Atlantic Chapter Les Clefs d'Or Canada this spring. Kristine and I attended the event this past June ....it was great to be there to acknowledge James and others on this accomplishment. Congratulations. No news from **Cindy Weare-Ross**, **April Whynot-Muttart** and **Shelly Zinck**

### **1995**

**Denise Barkhouse**, **Trudy Boutilier** and **Crystal Dover** sent no updates although **Tammy Ernest-Bentley** and her husband were spotted out shopping. Tammy got married a year ago this November and is enjoying married life. Tammy is still employed at the Resolve Call Center here in Bridgewater. Congratulations, Tammy. **Jennifer Ford's** Mother called me last spring to let me know that she enjoyed reading the newsletter...and that she had an update for me about her daughter! Jennifer had married Greg Hazelwood four years ago in Jasper. Since that time, Jennifer and Greg now have two sons, Turner (4yrs) and Connor (2yrs) and they moved to Victoria on Vancouver Island. Jennifer is working in the housekeeping department at the Fairmont Empress Hotel in Victoria... the hours work well with trying to balance the family obligations. Congratulations Jennifer and thanks for the update, Mrs Ford.... **Jane LeChance**, **Corry Nauss**, **Lee Roach**, **Ruth Vaughan**, **Jennifer Wamboldt-Morgan** have been on a quiet side....

### **1996**

No news from **Sonja Battig**, **Paula Brophy** and **Jodi Fralic-Oickle**. **Todd Hayden** says that life continues to be good in NL. Todd and Nicole are now owners of a cabin...a place to escape with daughter Emily who is 5 and son, Nicolas who is 3...enjoy☺ Todd says that being a cabin owner is considered to be part of the NBC trend (Newfoundlander by Choice!) Todd who is responsible for Marketing and Recruitment at Keyin College has made some contacts with individuals from Sri

Lanka....The college has created a couple of trips to that country and coordinated some programs...one being Tourism and Hospitality☺ Todd is just three courses short before he will complete his Environmental Health and Safety program through UVIC...good going, Todd. In his spare time, Todd has completed the Red Cross First Aid instructor trainer....and now he gets to do all the first aid training at the College.... Escape to the cabin now.... All the best, Todd. **Julie Hutt**, **Patricia McFarlane** and **Tami Mullins-Bollivar** have been on the quiet side. **Margaret Tays** is still enjoying her role as Director of Conference Services and Catering at the Delta Prince Edward Hotel. Margaret recently completed a certificate in Hotel Revenue Management with Cornell University ....no, she stayed on the Island and took the course through the various technology methods! Thanks for the update and all the best. **Denise Ross**,

**Karey Vaughan-Maillett, Tammy Wamboldt, Barb Wells-Whynot and Robert Wimmer** have been quiet...

**1997**

We have lost contact with **Renne Colbourne** but we know that **Jennifer Flemming** was home for Corry's wedding and I was informed that Jennifer is expecting her second child....wish you all the best, Jen. **Corry Rowter- Kaczuga** organized a mini-reunion on August 15<sup>th</sup> at the Oak Island Resort and Spa with many of her classmates! Corry's wedding to Hektor Robert Kaczuga took place that day....she had included many of the Alumni attended the event. The ceremony was held in her parent's backyard on Blysteiner Lake while the reception was held at the resort....one of the many weddings that **Julie Dunbar-Demott** (1999) looked after this year. Always nice to see that the friendships that were formed when you were taking the program.... have lasted! Congratulations and all the best, Corry. **Angela Reid** attended Cory's wedding... **Nicole Roy-Wimmer** is the agent for herself and **Robert Wimmer** (1996)...and their big news is that they are now homeowners....they purchased a house in the Stillwater Lake area and mentioned that Corry's wedding was a mini-reunion for many of the guests! Thanks for the note, Nicole. All must be well with the following as we have received no updates from **David Thomas, Mandy Touesnard-Larkins** and **Melanie Wilson-Bruneau**. **David MacLeod** was waiting until the last minute before he sent off his message...reminds me of assignments and due dates...wait until the last minute! David said that he and Camilla are both doing well and will be joining the mortgage club this May☺ They have purchased a new build in the west end of Halifax....near the area where David grew up....enjoy. David also mentioned that work is going well and that Audi Halifax has been setting new records across the country...well done! In fact, they had done so well that their inventory is getting low and they are waiting for more cars to be delivered this February. Enjoy the shopping for your new home and thanks for the great note.

**1998**

Nothing but reno's says **Sarah Amero**. Sarah and Kurt have re-done their entire kitchen this past summer. Sarah says that they are striving to do as many things that will make their home to be as energy efficient as possible.... Hoping to get those rebates from the government....Hope you are enjoying your fireplace, Sarah...thanks for the note. No news from **Joanne Biddle**. **Laura Bowles** has gone the entrepreneurship route on us. Laura recently earned her certification as a registered massage therapist and has opened her own shop at the Mahone Bay Center. There was a great article in our local Bridgewater Bulletin about Laura and her new business. Laura mentioned in a note that she had a great 13 years in the Industry... and many stories for those cocktail parties! Congratulations .... No news from **Johanna Conrad-Foster** and **Janet Larder** but **Brenda Naugler** did come through.... Brenda is still making Taiwan her

home. There are 300 teachers at the school where Brenda teaches English as a Second Language.... This past year, Brenda received the Best Teacher of the Year Award....WOW.... Congratulations Brenda. Brenda is pleased the monsoon season is just about over....Thanks for the note, Brenda. **Nicole Reynolds-Whynot** was home this summer from Edmonton for a visit. Nicole was home to introduce her son to Nova Scotia....and some relatives☺ and her teenage daughter was able to re-connect with some of her friends. Great to see you, Nicole. No news from **Crystal Seamone** ...although we did receive mail from **Ryan Rhodenizer** who has departed the Delta Halifax and is now the Catering Services Manager at the new Best Western located at Dartmouth Crossing. Ryan is looking forward to the change of a working at a smaller property ....plus, this will give him another learning opportunity. In addition to the professional change, Ryan also had a change in his personal life.....this past September, there was a wedding in Cape Breton...and Ryan was the groom! Ryan and his wife, Francine, had great weather day and a fun party! (The party was in Cape Breton!!!) Ryan and Francine took off to Punta Cana for their honeymoon. Ryan mentioned that he attended the wedding of **Corry Rowter**(1997) this past summer and it was like a mini reunion ....**Jennifer Flemming** (1997), **Angela Reid** (1997) and **Nicole Roy-Winner** (1997) were all in attendance..... Thanks for the great update and congratulations on both your personal and professional achievements.

**1999**

Leaving work one afternoon, who should I see coming out of the YMCA Daycare??? It was **Rhonda Allen!** Rhonda decided that she wanted a change from retail....Rhonda was the manager at the Bluenotes...Rhonda is now working at the Daycare...what a brave woman! It was great to see you Rhonda. No news from **Keri-Ann Woodworth-Emeneau** although we know that **Rebecca Barkhouse** departed China for Canada in July and is now based in Moncton Flight College. As for right now, Rebecca's flight plan is

focussed around the Moncton area but who knows when she will be submitting a new flight plan....right now she is unsure of her destination! Rebecca dropped by the campus a few weeks ago for a visit..... after she saw Chef Raimer, I got a visit! Rumour has it that **Amanda Beals** is engaged. Congratulations. Amanda has a supervisory position on the front desk at the Delta Prince Edward Hotel.... **Laura Beck-Patton** and her husband returned from Halifax and have settled in Lunenburg county.... and they are living in Branch LaHave. Laura is working at the New Germany & Area Medical Center where she supplies the massage therapy. Thanks for the update, Laura and all the best. **Tania Crouse** and **Jennifer Davison-Lowe** have been on the quiet side. **Julie Dunbar-DeMont** had time to drop us a note after she and her team catered 36 weddings this past season! Julie mentioned that bookings are

already coming in for the 2010 season....Julie has also taken on the responsibility for the Social Committee at Oak Island Resort and Spa and is in the midst of planning their Staff Christmas party...this year they are planning to hold it off property for a change....good luck and have fun. **Jeremie Finck, Amanada Llewellyn-Wamboldt, Jared Mitchell, Angela Rodenizer, Stephannie Risser** and **Tanya Roy-Leslie** have sent no recent updates.

**2000**

Rumour has it that **Karen Dolliver-Corkin** is now on maternity leave.... Drop us a note between feedings and give us an update! **Dwayne Eisner** and **Melissa Murphy** have been quiet.... **Glenn Thompson** has been living in Calgary for the past three years and employed at the Keg Steakhouse and Bar. Glenn and his fiancée, Angie, have two dogs and two cats....Thanks for keeping in touch, Glenn and all the best. **Kandi Boudreau-Smiley, Jason Carver, April Crouse-Thompson, Tanya Dagley-Nauss, Sally Forest-Calder, Trudy Freeman** and **Lisa Grondin** sent no e-mails☺ **Chris Harris** has been occupied with a few changes over the past years! Professionally, Chris departed the Delta Halifax in 2006 and is now employed with the Halifax Regional Municipality in the Transit Division.... a major component of the Tourism Industry. In 2007, Chris and Patricia purchased a house in Eastern Passage ....and after a two year engagement they had their wedding on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008.... Congratulations and all the best, Chris. Harvey, Chris's Newfoundland 'Puppy' joined the family....Harvey now weighs in at 120 lbs.... that doesn't sound like a *puppy!*, Chris. No news from **Alissa Jodrey** and **Scott MacLeod**. **Natalie Mansfield-Herman** was in the campus this summer....Natalie is now on maternity leave and is spending time with her son....Great seeing you Natalie...enjoy the break at home! **Amanda Moreau-Conrad, Heather Nauss, Crystal Smiley, Warren Stuart, Monica Veinot** and **Kari Ann Whynot** received no e-mails from these folks.

**2001**

**Karen Coolen-Doucette** and husband, Adam, returned to Nova Scotia from Calgary, just in time for their son, Brayden Paul Doucette, who was born on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009, to receive a Nova Scotia birth certificate! Karen says she and her husband are both enjoying their jobs of being parents! Karen is going to stay home a year with Brayden before she thinks of returning to the work world. Congratulations, Karen and welcome home. No e-mails from **Kimberley Cunningham** and **Jennifer Forsythe**. **Devon Reid** is on the road again....sounds like a song! Devon has departed Edmonton and is now checking out the province of Ontario. Devon says he is having lots of fun and there is so much to see....Devon is keeping his options open but will keep us posted... thanks for the note, Devon. After **Daniel Tanner** obtained his TM diploma....he was out the door....and guess what? He is back....Last year, Dan

came to our campus to lead many of the wine tasting sessions with the TM students...this year he is back again....This time he is in 'whites' and spending his time in Culinary Arts program.....as his passion for wine has developed so has his interest in food preparation....and with the support of Peggy and the White Point Beach Resort and Spa, Dan is a full-time student here at the campus. Dan is also full-time at White Point as the Food and Beverage Manager....this includes his Sommelier responsibilities at the Resort.... Needless, to say, he is a man on a mission☺ Dan even found time to write an article 'Confessions of a Culinary Arts Student' for the White Point E-Newsletter. Great to see you back on campus and all the best in the goals that you have set for yourself! Rumour has it **Meredith Brown-Smith** departed the Delta Prince Edward Hotel..... **Jessie Mullen-Mansfield** is still hanging her hat at Keji National Park....

**2002**

No news from **Shawan Beck**, **Jackie Collier-O'Connell**, **Bradly Northover** and **Kelly White**. **Kim Whynot** has had a few changes in her life.....she moved to Kentville this past September with her fiancée, Gregory Ward. The wedding is set for October 2011. Kim has joined the team at the Valley Regional Hospital in the housekeeping department. Kim and Gregory are enjoying life, especially with their little girl....their five month old pup named Mela! Congratulations Kim and all the best.

**2003**

An agent has informed me that **Jamie Andrews** is now working at the Kentville Hospital. Jamie later confirmed this information☺ During the summer, Jamie had some great playtime with daughter, Abigail and even had the opportunity to assist a family who operates an Inn....did some front office shifts and food and beverage shifts... Jamie has accepted a position with Middleton Hospital which entails administration and registration work. Jamie credits her experience and Hospitality Diploma for her success in obtaining this position. Good going,

Jamie. **Stephanie Carver-Lynch** sent a note to say that things are going well and that they have been busy. Stephanie is the Alberta Regional Sales Manager with CHIP Hospitality Company and he was in Ottawa this fall to make sales calls to their various clients. Our capital city is a great place to visit.... Stephanie really believes in the personal touch....she is baking cookies for her clients' Christmas gift! What a lovely gesture... in the New Year, Stephanie is signing their Australian Cattle Dog up for agility classes...that should be fun! Thanks for the update, Stephanie. **Erin Hume** spent another summer as a Senior Travel Consultant at busy VIC in Peggy's Cove and has recently moved to Dartmouth. Erin is off until April 2010..... Erin had the opportunity to join a team from Culture and Tourism to promote the province at the Chicago Celtic Fest this past September. What amazed Erin, was the number of different promotions that Nova

Scotia was involved in....at the Chicago show ...Scotland, Ireland and Nova Scotia were the destinations being highlighted! There was not much free time...but Erin was able to take a skyline and architectural boat tour of the city. Mexico was a destination that Erin selected for a vacation after selling our province all summer. Thanks for the note and what a great person to promote and sell our province. **Kate Orlando** has been quiet.... **Cheryl Williams** has returned from a year at Disney's Epcot Center and is now on the South Shore. Cheryl agreed to take part in our Tourism/Culinary Arts Conference this past November.

### 2004

No news from **Stacey Beamish**...but **Tiffany Crouse-Mason** found time to drop me a note....Tiffany mentioned that she was no longer a Crouse....She has been employed with Composite Atlantic for the last four years...but the most important information was that she was home on maternity leave with her daughter, Kaelyn who is now six-months old! Tiffany feels that she now has the best job ever....being a mother! Tiffany will be returning to Composites this coming May. Tiffany, enjoy her daughter's first Christmas. Many thanks for the note. **Matt Dagley** has made a move from The Casino in Halifax to Vancouver, BC. Matt has been accepted to a film school to pursue his passion for creating movies....sorry, I missed your visit before you left for *lotus land* ...enjoy the Olympics while you are out there! **Jessica Dagley** dropped a note to let us know that she is doing well and continues to work at the Hillside Pines here in Bridgewater. Thanks for the note, Jessica. **Dan Hoveling, Sarah Hoveling** and **Lynn Hurst** have sent no recent news but **Chasity Lausanne** mentioned that she was a bit stressed when she dropped off her note....something about a wedding on December 5<sup>th</sup>....Chasity, I am sure, that your wedding went off without a hitch and you and Cory had a great day....Congratulations. Chasity did say that her wedding stress still didn't match the scheduling project stress! **Jade Mapplebeck** has been quiet and **Samara Mason-Gosling** spent the summer at the Old Fish Factory...and

now she is home with her son and her many animals.... It was great seeing you this summer, Samara. **Sally Wamboldt** who has been working at *Cilantro...The Cooks Shop* feels that she is working at the VIC during the summer months! There were many inquiries from the visitors who dropped by the shop....Of course, Sally was able to answer those questions plus have knowledge of all the items that are in stock! Sally had the perfect site for the Olympic Torch Run that took place in Lunenburg this past November. Thanks for the note.

### 2005

**Danica Hirtle** said that all is well in her life....Danica is still doing the books at Bluewave Energy ....Danica, who would have thought accounting would have been your career path! August 7th, 2010 Danica and Paul will be getting married.... Danica mentioned that her education is coming in handy with all the wedding plans...and the

attention-to-detail! Thanks for the note and all the best. **Kassie Huber** and **Tanya Joudrey** have been quiet... **Alicia Osbourne** is now on maternity leave from the Delta Halifax with her daughter, Hailey, who turned 1 on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Alicia has returned to the South Shore and is now living in LaHave. At this time, Alicia is working at Wal-Mart Portrait Studio as their photographer...thanks for the note, Alicia and all the best. **Johanna Patrick** had a few challenges with the LPN program but is rejoining the class this January. The time away from the classroom has meant that she has been able to spend more time with her daughter...something about 'potty' training time!

#### 2006

Rumour has it that **Matt Andrews** has returned to Halifax after living out west for awhile. **Mallary Corkum** and her fiancé, Alex, are going to be spending Christmas in Banff this year with friends. What a great place to be for the holidays. Mallary is the Head of Reservations at Canadvac Travel Services based in Chester. Their client base is mainly Germany and France...hence, Mallary is improving her language skills in German and French. Mallary is enjoying her new position and is glad to be exposed to a different sector of the Tourism industry. Besides work, renovating the house, and adopting another pup, Mallary and Alex have set their wedding date for September 18, 2010.....I would agree you have a busy household. Yes, you need a vacation! **Rebecca Foley, Walter Hubley** and, **Nicole Oickle** have been on the quiet side☺ **Pratheesh Thomas** is in year three at Dalhousie University on his Psyc degree. Pratheesh is working part-time at the Delta Halifax. Thanks for the note and good luck with your Christmas exams. **Margaret Robart** has departed Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise this spring and returned to Nova Scotia. Margaret is undecided where she is going next ....in the meantime she is assisting her father in various construction jobs. Keep us in the loop, Margaret. **Noelle White** says that she is doing well...especially since she has become an 'auntie' this past November. Noelle has been working as a cashier at the Truro Superstore since

February. Noelle is still struggling with her arthritis and finding the right medication to assist in a better quality of life.

#### 2007

Rumour has it that **Elyse Biebheshheimer** has returned to school... Elyse is at Memorial University in St John's, NL. **Elsa Conrad** dropped a note to let us know that she and Thomas are now homeowners... the house that they were renting ...they have now purchased.

Congratulations and welcome to the mortgage club☺ Elsa is working full-time at the Woodwind Café here in Bridgewater...From **Zac Crnec** who is the Assistant GM at The Fairview Inn....(there is no GM at the property) Zac said that the Hotel side of things steadily improves and the business keeps growing... great job, Zac. **Sarah Fancey** is counting the days.....the Olympics are coming to Whistler! To keep the stress under control, Sarah is an assistant Front Desk

Manager at the Solarice Wellness Spa. Sarah likes the change from food and beverage and the new opportunities that this will open up for her. It has been snowing for over a month....she feels the 'hill' will soon be open ....and she and her snowboard will be ready☺ Thanks for the note and enjoy all the components of the Olympics. **Curtis Fownes** and **Alicia Hennessey** have sent no updates. **Meaghan Legere** marked her second anniversary at the Blue Contract Center this past June....and decided a change was needed....and accepted a position the Atlantic Hotel (formally known as the Holiday Inn Select). Meaghan is doing in-house reservations for the property. In Meaghan's second note, she mentioned that she hadn't realized how much she missed the hotel atmosphere until she became indulged in it again... Meaghan is now the senior reservationist at the property... as they are short staffed at the present; Meaghan is answering the phones, making reservations, reserving and setting up groups/tours...oh, yes, I would say that you are accomplishing the art of 'multi-tasking' in the res dept...Once again, thanks for the note and good luck. Meaghan, Colleen Forward who is your Director of Sales and Marketing at the hotel was a colleague of mine when I was at the Citadel Halifax many 'moons' ago...it is a small world☺ **Ashley March** has been on the move. Ashley departed Blue Contract Center and has joined the team at Atlantic Hotel. Ashley has jumped from reservations to the food and beverage ....and is a server in the Seasons Bistro and is enjoying being back on the floor! The variety in the shifts; in the Bistro; to room service; and bartending shifts.... Recently, Ashley checked out the opportunities at the front office. As the Atlantic is located by the Commons, Ashley had a 'ring-side' seat for the Paul McCartney and KISS concerts☺ Ashley, always gets a little smile when someone orders a *blueberry tea* ....she gets this flashback!!!! **Vanessa Nauss** mentioned that she has found the year to be going by 'super fast' for her. Vanessa recently received another promotion at work, Boston Pizza, and now has the title of Community Relations Coordinator'. As the Coordinator, Vanessa says that her job resembles that

of a marketing manager and party planner....lots of check-lists! Vanessa does her new job 1-2 days week....a couple of supervisor shifts...and just to keep her skills she has some serving shifts on the agenda. On a personal note, Vanessa and Cory announced their engagement this past June with a wedding date set for June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Congratulations ...Vanessa and Cory have purchased a house in Hebb's Cross and moved in this past November....Enjoy your first Christmas in your new home....all the best. **Katrina Salter** has been quiet.

**2008**

Last word on **Amy Conrad** is that she is still hanging her hat at the Quality Inn and Suites in Halifax as their Banquet Captain. **Sarah Currie** has accepted a six month contract with Composites after departing the Old Fish Factory this past October. Sarah is working in the office and now has the opportunity to use her

business courses like Excel and Accounting! Sarah has moved to a new location... Lunenburg and she is enjoying the town! **Rebecca Dauphinee** mentioned that I have impeccable timing! Lots going on with Rebecca....she has two new roommates, her sister Nicole and another girl with that same name as her sister! No confusion there. Right now, Rebecca is working at Starbucks as a shift supervisor with the opportunity to earn a promotion to becoming an Assistant Manager. Rebecca has departed the Hotel Atlantica (formerly the Holiday Inn) The next goal that Rebecca has set for herself is Australia....next September she is planning on moving there for a year of travel and work from city to city....Great goal and keep me in the loop. **Mark Drennon** returned to The Digby Pines Resort Golf and Spa as their Banquet Captain this year. The last we heard is that Mark has returned to Halifax....we need news. **Cecila Hatcher, Robin Patterson** and **Meghan Shorey** are all in the Halifax area. Cecila and Meghan are both at the Delta Halifax while Robin was reported to be working at Cora's located in Clayton Park. Robin has confirmed that rumour☺ Robin ventured out west to Jasper this summer ....but the position and the opportunity didn't meet expectations and she returned to Nova Scotia.... Thanks for the note, Robin. During the TIANs conference, I received a breakfast invitation from Meghan....and yes, I accepted. Cecila also joined us at the Delta Halifax for *breakky*.... Cecila does everything food and beverage! Cecila is in all the various food and beverage outlets at the hotel... likes the variety although she would like to take on more responsibility.....supervisory position? Meghan is testing out all the positions at the front office...this summer, Meghan experienced the night audit shift... and as relief supervisor....got to cover all the shifts. Next on Meghan's list is reservations.... Good luck, Meghan. It was lovely to spend time with you ladies....thanks. **Lindsey VanKroonenburg** had a great summer at the Brigantine Inn and Suites in Lunenburg as their Accommodations Manager. Lindsey has returned to Truro for the winter months....and weighing many

options that are open to her....right now she is finding some time for herself....Lindsey is now taking 'Kickboxing'..... she finds it very upbeat and a good workout.... Lindsey is volunteering with different groups ....one is the Arthritis Society, assisting with their fund raising.... thanks for the note and keep me in the loop....if you don't, I will have to nag Anne-Louise (Lindsey is a great friend of Anne-Louise's son, Christopher). **Felicia Warner-Himmelman** also had a mini – reunion this October.... Many of Felicia's classmates attended her wedding to Devon Himmelman ...Felicia and Devon had an outdoor ceremony in her parents' backyard ...the reception was held at the Blockhouse Firehall.... Felicia felt she was organizing another gala function.... Congratulations and all the best, Felicia.

**2009 – Gap Year....no-intake of students**

### 2010 (Alumni to be)

**Keshia Daniels** spent her summer at Fox Harb'r in the food and beverage area. Keshia was involved with many aspects including the Beverage Cart for the golf course....a rough job but someone had to do it! **Amber Robertson** and, **Sarah Selig** caught a plane heading west! Amber was off to Mountain Park Lodges located in Jasper where she spent her summer in Embers Restaurant. Sarah was off to Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise where she was posted at the Deli ....which proved to be an extremely busy spot! **Elan Snarby** joined Keshia at Fox Harb'r ....Elan spent most of her summer in the Club House.... **Brittany Stewart** headed west and spent her co-op work term at Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel where she worked in the Bow Valley Grill....they claim to have the largest brunch buffet in the west! **Caitlin Walker** was the third member to head off to Fox Harb'r.... Caitlin was on the front desk and also guest services.... And **Kim Williams** stayed in the local area this summer and at the Quarterdeck Villas where she worked in the restaurant. One of Kim biggest challenges this year was the aftermath of Hurricane Bill....As usual, there were many stories to be told about their co-op work terms.....the good, the bad and the ugly.

The Staff of 2010 all attended the TIANS conference this year and as an added bonus they also attended the Crystal Awards gala evening. This year's theme was *The Evolution of Tourism* .... the unprecedented changes that we are facing...and the coping measures that we can use to adapt to the various situations. There were many sessions planned for us to choose ....hopefully, the answer would be there!

The gala evening gave the Staff of 2010 the opportunity to bring out their finery..they all looked smashing....During the Crystal Awards, **Sarah Selig** was on stage to assist with the presentation of the awards....and after the awards the dessert buffet was available ....

### Tourism/Culinary Arts Conference

Shortly after returning from the TIANS conference, the Staff of 2010 hosted the above conference on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. **Brittany Stewart** was the Manager for this event. As in the past, the conference has been developed to showcase our programs here at the Lunenburg Campus and to create awareness for high school students of the career opportunities that are available to them in the Tourism sector.

This year we hosted 60 students and their faculty from Shelburne Jr/Sr High School; Liverpool Regional High School; New Germany Jr/Sr High School and Bridgewater Jr/Sr. The Staff of 2010 organized workshops and treated them to lunch ...and there were prizes also!



**Cheryl Williams** (2003) ..sister of Kim Williams (2010), was one of the panel members who shared her experiences and travels since graduating. It is always encouraging to have siblings recommend the program to other members of their family. Thanks, Cheryl for assisting us with our conference.

### **Gala Event**

Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010.....is the date! This year, **Élan Snarby** is the manager for the Gala Reception event that the TM students will be hosting along with the Culinary Arts Students. The Staff of 2010 are still working on the theme.... But please mark the date on your calendar...and as soon as we have the details...we will send you an invitation.....

Our Community Partner this year is the Mahone Bay Lion's Club who will be assisting us with this project. This partnership will demonstrate our *Service Learning* component which is a mandate of the NSCC....

### **Kristine's Words.....**



Merry Christmas or Joyeux Noel!!!

I hope that everyone has a wonderful holiday and gets a moment to relax and enjoy their family and friends. We are looking forward to some time off with the girls this Christmas season.

Both girls are getting so big and full of life. We are certainly enjoying how independent they have become.

We are continuously amazed with their intellect, strength, and beauty, but then you didn't expect me to say anything else, did you.

We had a wonderful summer (once the rain left) with lots of swimming and a quick, fun week in Prince Edward Island. Everyone came home well coloured. I'd like to say that that is still the case. We also had several good visits with family from away.

We've experienced some changes for our family this year. In June Kevin and I decided to transfer Lina from Bayview Community School (excellent school) to the Ecole de la Rive Sud. We really wanted Lina and Sofia to have French and be bilingual. So Lina started grade 1 and Sofia started pre-primary in September. September was a challenging month for Lina as she had already learned how to read and print in English, but in her usual good form she has managed to

turn things around and is doing very well now. Sofia is loving life as a pre-primary student that gets to play all day and pick up a word or two of another language.

Work is still good and as you can well imagine I'm thrilled that we avoided a strike. It's always nice to be in from the cold. The team down here is still supporting me and I don't even think that they are using their company manners anymore. What a great group of people!

Enjoy your holidays! Cheers!

*Kristine Malvar-Oickle*

### **JC's Note**

Thank you....Thank you...As I mentioned, your notes are always appreciated....thank you for taking time to send us your news. Your feedback is encouraging knowing that you look forward to the newsletter....on paper and received in the mail☺

Your comments about trying to visualize me on the picket line .... holding a picket sign and trying to balance a cup of blueberry tea....thank goodness all parties came to an agreement and we didn't have to test the theory of me with the sign and tea.... I might have had to switch to scotch instead...

There have been many changes in your lives....engagements.....weddings..... babies...moving to a new home....buying your first home ..... building a house....doing renos in the existing home....pets and more pets and their training....Of course, all of those are positive...and we know that some of you are facing different challenges from downsizing on the job market ....relationships that are no longer....facing sickness and other illnesses....and the saddest would be the death of a family member or a dear friend. It is five years this

January that we said a final good-bye to Kim Oickle-Schwartz (1991) and Christina Corkum-Buckley (1993)... Friendships are important....and it is nice to know that you are there during the fun times....but also near when we face the 'downs' of life.

A great opportunity came my way this year....the NSCC sponsored me to participate in a Trade Mission to Scotland. I was quite surprised that this venture came my way....so in September, I joined 40 other delegates for the flight to Glasgow, Scotland. Our home base was Stirling which is about 45 minutes from the airport. This was the first time that I was overseas.....this professional development opportunity was great... I was able to be a 'visitor' plus participate in an educational tour to one of their colleges and to be involved with Scottish Tourism Development staff. The week was very busy ...but I did get in two

castle tours plus some shopping. Oh, yes ...they have this beverage called 'scotch'.

This is our 'alternate' year for in-take of Tourism Management students ..... In one way it is like trying to win the lotto....are the right numbers going to come up? We have notified the various feeder high schools that we will be accepting applications for the September 2010 class. I will keep the 'crystal ball' handy....

As we know in our industry..it is a small world. During the TIANS conference I was seated at a 'round table' and we started off the introductions...and this young lady said that she already knew me...we had worked at the Citadel....By this time, my life is flashing before and I was trying to recall this individual. Shelly Dean worked in the housekeeping department and food and beverage....Shelly is now the GM at Quality Inn & Suites Halifax and Quality Inn Halifax Airport...It was great to hear about Shelly's success... but best yet she has recruited one of our Alumni, **Amy Conrad** (2008) who is now the Banquet Captain for both properties....don't you just love stories like that☺

Reading you notes and learning about your accomplishments... both personal and professional...and also your challenges which '*you pick yourself up and keep on going*' ... it is always a good read! Thanks for maintaining your contact with us and the campus. The feedback that you shared about the newsletter and how you look forward to receiving is very encouraging. We will soon have to formulate a plan to continue with updates....as in a couple of years the JC Retirement Fund will have reached its goal...which means a departure from 75 High Street....oh, well I can dream and it is Christmas after all☺

Hopefully, I didn't distort or misrepresent your news bit! Or worst yet, leave a 'news bit' out....slipping on my 'ATD' skills. Invitations to join your Facebook account have been sent....thanks for your consideration. Due to various time commitments, I have decided to decline

your invites at this time. Hopefully you will have the time to communicate in the old fashion way....by e-mail! (phone..visit...mail...)

As in the past, I have had assistance from various colleagues who help and encourage me with this document.... From proofreading.. editing... formatting ... folding and stuffing...

Have a great Christmas ....and all the best for the New Year.

