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"Just so you know!" ...

New web site! Our new website is up and running. Come by and see it at www.LINX.ngo. Remember you can always find our newsletters there too, even from "way back"! Thanks INM!!

Facebook and Twitter! We regularly post to Facebook and Twitter. Please "like" our page and like/share/retweet our posts to help other learn about LINX and increase our profile for us!

Board Chair Report

Hello, everyone!

As summer approaches and with recent calamities in the Fort Mc Murray and surrounding areas, I am reminded of how much we have to be thankful for. Our community's generosity was outstanding and I am proud to be part of such a genuinely caring community.

I'd like to take this opportunity to advise you of our upcoming Annual General Meeting - it will be held on June 20, 2016 here at the LINX offices at 7:00 p.m. In recent years, our membership participation has dropped off but I want to remind you that your Board counts on you for support by way of your attendance at these meetings. We really hope you will come out! The agenda for the AGM will be available soon, also.

Our annual financial audit is underway - I do however want to give you a "heads up" though, that it may not be ready for ratification by the general membership at the AGM. The only reason for that delay would be due to external factors not in our control. .

CET results were generally positive but of course, there are always a few areas where we can improve. We will be working on those areas in the upcoming months.

Just a friendly reminder too, that LINX offices are a scent free zone due to sensitivities. All our staff and clients appreciate your attention to this.

And finally, another quote to ponder on..."A true friend knows your weaknesses but shows you your strengths; feels your fears but fortifies your faith; sees your anxieties but frees your spirit; recognizes your disabilities but emphasizes your possibilities." - **William Arthur Ward**

~ Ed

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Dates to remember:

Jun 20 – AGM, 7:00pm

Jun 22 – Timesheet/invoices due

Hearts and Heroes



Board Members

Ed Boender – Chairperson

Eileen Radawetz – Vice-Chair

Kim Dozois – Treasurer

Susan Boyle – Secretary

Maria Semrau – Director

Annis Mattiussi – Director

Ryan McKinney – Client Rep

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Executive Director Report

Our Spring LINX Wear is here! We have some exciting new items, including a Nike hat, tie-dye shirts and hoodies, shorts, etc. We do not offer LINX Wear as a fundraiser, but rather as a means of getting the LINX brand out there with high quality, affordable items. Press Ctrl and click the picture on the right (or <http://www.linx.ngo/Spring-2016---Updated.pdf>) to get the catalogue and don't miss out!

We are very excited to be starting the set-up process for Sharevision. This program will allow staff to be much more efficient with the paperwork end of their jobs, as well as give LINX the ability to track and monitor the outcomes of the clients and agency. Thank you to everyone for their patience in getting this database system up and running, and the Board in their support of bringing Sharevision to LINX.



Finally, and as always, I would like to thank everyone for all of their support, and wish you a happy, healthy and safe Father's Day month!

~ Nicole



Day Program Report

Hard to believe that we are now approaching the half way mark of 2016!!!! Hope you all had a great long weekend and enjoyed dancing in the rain. Last month was emotional with saying farewell to Carolyn and wishing her well on her retirement. It certainly is not the same without her here.

Thank you to Tammy and staff at the Equine Center for the last 8 weeks of our horse therapy. For the clients who have attended, they have thoroughly enjoyed this time and I'm sure it will be talked about for months to come. Looking forward to the fall secession.

I am blessed to still have my dad around and treasure every moment he is with me, even from across the country.... Happy Father's Day Dad!!!

To all the father's out there, HAPPY FATHER'S DAY, enjoy your day!!

June Lunch Snacks are:

- 🐾 June 3- Mexican bean salad
- 🐾 June 10- Deluxe Ramen salad
- 🐾 June 17- Chicken potato salad
- 🐾 June 24- Broccoli salad

~ Heather

Residential Program Report

Salad we all like something different and that is ok.... I am big on ranch dressing but I like to change it up sometimes. As I am writing I have some nice Greek feta dressing on my salad today. I get to choose and I get to change my mind. I have had salad at Teena Van Booms house before and she makes a good salad too. It is different than the salad that I make at my house. Do you know what I noticed when I had salad at her house? She makes great client centered salads. Because a particular client was at her house she had purple lettuce and any other purple items in this salad that she could. If you wanted tomatoes they were on the side as not everyone in that house likes tomatoes. And that is ok... How often do the people we serve get person centered salad? Sometimes we have to go with what is available at the grocery store at that time of year or what is in the refrigerator. Sometimes it is just because that is what kind of salad that gets made at that house. It is not done on purpose. So the month of June I challenge everyone to try some purple salad.

~ Ronni

LINX would unfortunately like to share the sad news of the passing of Ingrid Seitinger on May 23, 2016. Ingrid played many roles with Leduc Works and LINX over years such as Board Chairperson, Fundraising Chair, host of many client parties, advocate, and various other roles, though none more important than as parent to one of our individuals. The comments coming forth after this announcement say it best in regards to the impact that Ingrid has had on so many:

- ❖ We are so saddened to hear of the loss of Ingrid. Our sincere condolences to Gary and the family. Ingrid and myself spent many hours together as Board members for LINX. Her contributions and ideas were invaluable to the agency and board. God bless you all during this sorrowful time.
- ❖ So sad to hear about Ingrid's death! She was such an amazing advocate for not only her daughter Christy, but all of our clients at LINX! She was one of the driving forces for getting LINX started! Bless you Ingrid! Sincere condolences to Gary and the rest of the family.
- ❖ So sad. I've had the privilege to work beside Ingrid on the board and gained a friendship along the way. She will be sadly missed by all. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Gary and the family.
- ❖ Sad news! I worked with Ingrid on the board and her many contributions made positive changes in the lives of many!
- ❖ So sad. Our thoughts and prayers to Gary, family, and friends. God bless you Ingrid. You will be missed.

LINX appreciates everything Ingrid has done for us over the years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Ingrid's family and friends at this difficult time.



Newsletter Class...

Blackgold Rodeo History

Written by: Anthony, Don, Matt, Michael

This month the town of Leduc welcomes one of its favorite events, The Blackgold Rodeo. These days the Rodeo is a much anticipated event for LINX participants and there is always much discussion about what events everyone will attend where they will watch the rodeo from and what their favorite fair food is. Not a lot of thought is given to the history of the rodeo in Leduc but the newsletter class wanted to find out a bit more about where its roots lay here in Leduc.

Before the rodeo was created another association was created and that was the Canadian Cowboys' Association in 1963. Three of the people who were instrumental in starting the local rodeo were Harvey Northcott a stock contractor Bill "Stoney Burke" Pollock and Bob Robinson. Harvey Northcott was inducted into the Canadian Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame in Calgary in 2012. Before there was a rodeo in Leduc there was just Black Gold Days and when the rodeo got off the ground it joined with Black Gold days to become the Black Gold Rodeo. Unfortunately the other two men's roles were not documented beyond their names.

Something we came across while searching for the material for this article was the fact that volunteers put in over 5000 hours to make the Black Gold Rodeo happen for us all. At LINX we understand the value of volunteers and the hours they put in to make this agency what it is today.

There in every memory
See his love and care
Strength and hands to count on
Freely he does share
Provider, toil so faithfully
To make our dreams come true
Give strong and tender discipline
Though it is hard to do
A Father is God's chosen one
To lead the family
And point it to His will for life
Of love and harmony...

Sue Skeen

Happy Father's Day to all our dads, like-dads, and dads we miss.

MANDT Moment

- ④ I am the decisive element in the weather
- ④ It is my personal approach that creates the climate.
- ④ It is my daily mood that makes the weather
- ④ I possess tremendous power to make _____'s life miserable or joyous.
- ④ I can be a tool of torture or an instrument of inspiration.
- ④ I can humiliate or humor, hurt, or heal.
- ④ In all situations, it is my actions that decide whether a crisis will be escalated or de-escalated and a person humanized or dehumanized.

Our "... of the month" club!

There are so many people who make our world a better place. So, we have decided they needed individual recognition. Please help us celebrate our Citizen of the Month, Residential Staff of the month, Staff of the Month, and Employer of the month. If you see someone in any of these categories that you would like to see recognized, please let us know!

Citizen of the Month

Teara Serena! Teara is our client of the month. Teara is cool!!! (Said most recently by one of her peers). She has been working at Boston Pizza for almost a year and just taken on an extra shift due to great job performance. Her supervisors are always singing her praises. Within the center, she continues to be a great role model to her peers. Your awesome...Keep up the good work!!!!

Employer of the Month

BlackGold Real Properties! Our Employer of the month is the BlackGold Real Properties. Thank you Dennis for supporting LINX. With your recent hire of our client we want to say thank you so much for believing and giving her this wonderful opportunity. We look forward to working with you!!!

Day Staff of the Month

Justin Mathieson! Although it was just months ago that Justin Mathieson was our staff of the month, he has been chosen again!! Justin is the type of man who without a doubt can be called on at a moment's notice without hesitation and always willing to go the extra mile. There is not a task that when asked to do HE DOES IT all while wearing a smile. Thank you, Justin for being such a great role model to the clients at LINX and for your fellow peers. Be LIKE Justin ☺

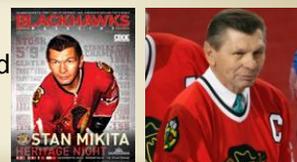
Residential Staff of the month

Michelle Photiades! This lady has taken respite in a pinch, she has supported her client with some frustrating issues, has supported other members of her team. Thank you for all that you do Michelle!!!

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Stan Mikita, Dementia – he was a hockey player for the Chicago Black Hawks, generally regarded as the best centre of the 1960s. When his family has announced he has been diagnosed with dementia, and the doctors suspect it to be Lewy Body Dementia (LBD), one of the most debilitating forms of dementia. LBD affects 1.4 million Americans. ~ www.disabled-world.com



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