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Note from the Chair:

The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday February 1, 2011. We hope to see all members there. If you would like to become a member, please attend LINX to fill out a membership application. New members will be voted in at this meeting.

Also, if you would prefer to receive this newsletter by email, please contact me at sara.m.russell@gmail.com.

Sara Russell
Chairperson

Upcoming Events

- Feb 1: General Meeting 7 pm
Feb 11: Valentine's Dance 7-10
at Leduc Fellowship Church
(Rollyview Rd & 50 St)
\$5/person—snacks provided.
Feb 16: Board Meeting 7 pm

Leaders of the Month

Citizen of the Month:

Margie Brisson

Margie is always happy to lend a helping hand. Her upbeat, positive attitude is appreciated by other clients and staff.

Employee of the Month:

Vickie Konkin

Recently, Vickie has helped three individuals gain employment. Way to go, Vickie!

Board of Directors:

- Chair: Sara Russell
Vice Chair: Ingrid Seitinger
Treasurer: Bill Dolman
Secretary: Brandee Fossen
Directors at Large:
 - Ursula Stewart
 - Jennie Tomlinson

General Meeting— February 1, 2011 @ 7pm

The bylaws that govern our society have been revised for the membership's approval. All members are asked to attend the general meeting to vote on the motion to approve the new bylaws. If you are a member of Leduc LINX Connect Centre, your attendance at this meeting is vital.

Society Membership

Leduc LINX Connect Centre will be accepting membership applications until Tuesday February 1st, 2011. If you would like to become a member of the society and have voting privileges at all general meetings, please attend LINX to fill out a form. All membership applications will be accepted at the general meeting in accordance with our current bylaws. Annual membership fees are currently \$10.00.

Executive Director's Highlights

There are currently 46 Day Program Participants, 9 Outreach Participants, 20 Individuals supported by 15 Support Home Operators, 2 FT Respite Employees, 1 Outreach Coordinator, 3 Managers, and 25 Employees.

The new Outreach Coordinator is Tammy Rennich. Welcome Tammy. Tammy will be working with the social committee to plan the Valentine's Dance, breakfast get-togethers and weekend day trips.

The Abuse Prevention workshop will be provided to all Job Coaches and Support Home Operators. Once all staff and contractors are trained, this workshop will be available to parents and guardians.

Fundraising Report

The Fundraising Committee met on January 15th to establish fundraising needs, brainstorm future fundraising ideas, and identify funding sources. Another meeting will be held in February to finalize our strategy and prepare a report for the Board.

LINX will be working three upcoming Bingos and we will be paid \$600 for each by the Elks.

The tentative date has been set for the next Gingerbread Gala—Saturday November, 12, 2011. We will begin planning for this event right away to make it even more successful.

Stakeholders Group

Did You Know that a LEDUC LINX STAKEHOLDERS GROUP exists?

We are an informal group. We welcome parents, guardians, and interested community members.

Are you interested in any of the following?

Educating ourselves as parents, guardians, and interested community members. For Example: What is PDD and how does it affect me? How is funding for my adult family member calculated? What are my rights and responsibilities? What are the rights and responsibilities of my Dependent Adult family member? How does the wider community support our special adults?

Supporting and mentoring each other. For Example: Helping each other. Celebrating successes. Sharing worries. Talking together. Sharing food and fun.

Supporting and strengthening the Leduc LINX organization to be the best that it can be. For Example: Volunteering. Providing feedback to the Board and Administration. Offering new ideas.

If this interests you, give us a call, c/o Linda Christensen at 780-986-3251. We meet monthly.