



Manor Banner

We are a people centered Home dedicated to maintaining our "Excellence of Care" tradition in a safe and progressive community.

YEAR IN REVIEW

2008 was an outstanding year for Bonnechere Manor, one that was filled with celebrations, renovations and exceptional accomplishments.

In *May* renovations began in earnest. With a price tag of \$720,000 the renovations included carpet replacement, repair and painting of corridors, resident room repair and painting, nurse call replacement, front door replacement, Sun room renovation, a new sign at the front door along with a riding floor machine and walk behind. The projects have added to the esthetics of the facility in a way that has brightened the attitudes and outlook of both residents and staff. It has also wetted our appetites to continue to improve and maintain the Manor with renewed vigor. Bonnechere Manor is becoming a newer and more exciting place to be. The aging process for the Manor can and will be a more graceful process than it was before.

August saw a variety of celebrations marking the 50th anniversary of Bonnechere Manor, which opened it's doors on Wednesday, August 13th 1958 at it's old location of 728 Raglan Street South in Renfrew. The celebrations began with a Family Fun Fair with music, old time carnival games, displays from Renfrew's 150th Committee, the Canadian Forces, the Stage Coach along with several classic cars. The rain held off until late in the day and a fun time was had by all the residents, staff and family members in attendance. The official Rededication Ceremony was held 50 years to the day that the Manor opened. Dignitaries attending the event included Cheryl Gallant, M.P., John Yakabuski M.P.P., County of Renfrew Warden Janice Visneskie along with other members of County Council. One of the many highlights of the ceremony was the performances by the Bonnechere Manor Residents choir and the unveiling of the new Bonnechere Manor Sign by the four residents who have called the Manor home for the longest. The final event was a Candlelight Memorial Service honouring former residents and staff members. It was an emotional service, highlighted by the lighting of over 100 luminary candles bearing the names of past residents and staff members.



In *October*, Bonnechere Manor received a glowing review from the Ministry of Health & Long-term Care Compliance Advisors and surpassed numerous provincial standards for resident care. The Advisors were so impressed that they recommended Bonnechere Manor be used as a model for other provincial long-term care homes in terms of excellence for resident care. The Ministry of Health & Long-term Care examines more than 400 regulations for compliance and Bonnechere Manor met or exceeded them in all areas.

January

The Bonnechere Manor-Foundation hosted a reception to thank all Residents who had been involved in the Greeting Card Fund-raiser. Artwork created by residents was turned into greeting cards with proceeds going to the Foundation. Each artist was presented with a framed copy of their greeting card. John Yakabuski, M.P.P, Janice Visneskie, County Warden and Sandi Heins, Renfrew Mayor attended the event.



February



Six avid Ottawa Senators fans and residents of Bonnechere Manor were the lucky recipients of tickets to a Senators game. The tickets were donated by Jeff Wilcox, President of George's Marine & Sports in Eganville. Transportation was provided at a discounted cost by Sunshine Coach and funded by the Bonnechere Manor Foundation. Ottawa Senator, Mike Fisher also gave each of the residents a signed photograph as a memento.

March

Residents and Day Program Clients once again enjoyed an early St. Patrick's Day celebration at the Douglas Hotel. This annual trip provides a great opportunity for everyone to reminisce about days gone by since the Douglas Hotel is a special place in the valley to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The McHale's once again provided a welcoming spirit & homemade soup for everyone to enjoy.



April

120 people attended the Volunteer Social. A full course turkey supper with all the trimmings was served. Over 150 volunteers assist with programming, pastoral care, palliative care, entertainment, friendly visiting, sewing repairs, birthday parties and many other tasks. Volunteers provided 1388 hours of their time in 2008. We cannot thank them enough. Our Volunteers are truly the "Light" of the Home.



May

Several residents were present at the Renfrew Fair Grounds to watch the RCMP Musical Ride. Despite the weather a great time was had by all.



June



54 Residents and Day Program Clients participated in the first ever overnight camping trip. Funds were obtained through a New Horizons Grant. Native dancing was enjoyed in the evening as well as a bonfire and the roasting of wieners and marshmallows. Earlier in the day the Residents and Clients participated in Karaoke and a variety of games. They enjoyed many hearty home cooked meals provided by the Camp Galilee Staff. They returned home tired but had a wonderful time.

July



New Murals were painted on Pinnacle entrance/exit doors by local artist Diana Wakely. Funding was provided by the Foundation.



Many residents watched the Renfrew Old Home Week Parade from downtown Renfrew, as part of the towns 150th anniversary celebrations.



For the 6th year Nathan Blok treated residents and staff to the speed and sounds of cart racing.

August



This month saw a truly unique piece of art added to the Great Hall – a sculptured clay relief wall plaque by local artist, Richard Gill depicting the front of Bonnechere Manor. This project was the result of a year's worth of craft making and selling by Clients and Residents of Bonnechere Manor and the Day Program assisted by Bonnechere Manor Foundation and a donation from former Administrator Judith Gilchrist.

50th Anniversary Moments



September

The annual western day has been held for over ten years and is always an event to look forward to. This year however the weather did not cooperate and rain forced the event indoors. That didn't dampen spirits and residents enjoyed good food and music. An added bonus this year was a surprise visit from the newly crowned Miss Canada 2009, Catherine Thomas.

October

Once again many staff members took up the challenge of coming to work in costume on Halloween. Residents were treated to goblins and ghouls and even Snow White made an appearance. Residents also enjoyed a Halloween Party with Mac McCallum and friends.



November

Sunshine Coach took 8 residents to Low Square to



participate in the Remembrance Day parade. Barb Dunham laid a wreath at the cenotaph on behalf of all the residents of Bonnechere Manor. Even though it is such a difficult day for the Residents—they did enjoy reminiscing about shared experiences and even light hearted stories of the off duty antics of young soldiers.

December



Once again residents and staff were treated to a variety of musical numbers performed by staff and volunteers at this year's Christmas Concert. One of the many highlights was the Bonnechere Manor Auxiliary or should we say "The Hula Girls".



Staff participating in the Christmas Decorating Competition

Did You Know....

The Dietary Department Cooks prepare and the Food Service Workers serve over 540 meals & 540 snacks per day for our residents. That amounts to 197,100 meals per year.



Staff, family and friends remembered that Christmas is a time for giving, with a generous donation to the local food bank along with providing Christmas gifts for an entire family.



Deija McAdam was the lucky winner of the Bonnechere Manor 50th Anniversary quilt. The quilt was part of the fundraising efforts for the 50th Anniversary celebrations held in August and raised close to \$3500.

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