

# GATEWAY

## CENTRE FOR LEARNING

Formerly Midland Area Reading Council

Newsletter

Summer 2013

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#### June 1

Slo-Pitch Tournament

#### June 12

Ladies Golf Tournament  
Brooklea

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Father's Day Dance  
Brian Orser Hall

#### July 5

Bookmark Bookstore  
BBQ & booksale

#### July 13

Family Fun Day  
DenMar Farms, Lafontaine

## Funding for Gateway Centre for Learning



Sue Bannon, executive director of Gateway Centre For Learning, hosted a press conference which Simcoe North MPP Garfield Dunlop announced \$201,000 in Ontario Trillium Foundation funding – including \$105,000 for Gateway.

## A Celebration of Mom at Bookmark



CONGRATULATIONS! Adrienne Gardner (right) was the winner of the Mother's Day Framed Print "A Mother's Heart Is A Garden Of Love"; bookstore volunteer Anne Zoscke makes the presentation. The raffle was held on May 11, 2013 at Bookmark's Celebration of Mothers book sale. Bookmark is a volunteer run bookstore located at Gateway Centre For Learning. Watch for upcoming booksales: Father's Day Book Sale, Buy-One Get-One (first book only) or Fill-A-Bag for \$10

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## Message from the Executive Director

By the time you receive this newsletter I will have only three short weeks left. It is with deep regret and sadness that I must leave Gateway Centre for Learning/MARC. My last day will be June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013. My 15 year tenure at Gateway has been a very fulfilling and rewarding experience. It is with much regret that I must resign from an organization that I have come to care so much about.

My family is embarking on a new adventure and we are relocating to Calgary. I'm told it is very beautiful out there with the mountains... and ladies...we mustn't forget the Cowboys!

Gateway/MARC has come a long way over the past 15 years...from a small basement office to a beautiful building in downtown Midland. During my time with Gateway we have grown and helped so many people to realize their potential and have a better quality of life.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Directors, staff... previous and current, volunteers, funders and all our community partners for their support, dedication and hard work during my tenure at Gateway/MARC. I wish all of you good luck in all your future endeavours! You are an amazing group of people and it has been my pleasure and privilege to work with all of you over the past 15 years!

I would like to take a moment to introduce the new Executive Director of Gateway Centre for Learning. Jennifer Ellis returns to Gateway Centre for Learning as the new Executive Director. Jen brings with her an undeniable passion for the cause as well as much skill and expertise in the literacy field. I wish Jennifer much success and hope that she will have as many years of enjoyment and satisfaction as I have working for Gateway Centre for Learning.

To all the Gateway learners...keep up the great work you are doing and never give up!

In closing...my wish is that you will all continue to grow this dynamic organization and help those in our community that need our services.

Warm wishes to you all...and always remember:

***"Happy are those who dream dreams and  
are ready to pay the price to make them come true."  
~ Leon J. Suenes ~***

*Sue Bannon*

Executive Director

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February 1, May 1, August 1, November 1

## A message from the Chair

It is said that the only true constant is change and that is certainly true around the Gateway Centre for Learning. Not only do we have a new name, a new location and new programs, now we also have a new Executive Director.

If you haven't heard this news yet, it's true. Our long-serving and much appreciated executive director, Sue Bannon is leaving us after 15 years of service. We are sorry to see her leave, but her family's relocation to Alberta has made that necessary. During her years at MARC, Sue worked with numerous Boards of Directors to grow this little, not-for-profit organization into the well-known and thriving centre it is becoming. Her efforts and foresight leave the organization in a healthy financial situation with a growing number of students served and programs presented.

Under Sue's guidance, MARC and now Gateway has grown from 2 paid employees to include 9 full and part-time staff. Our services have grown from just teaching reading to today's array of initiatives that includes youth tutoring during the school year to summer literacy programs for children. We also offer fee-for-service computer programs to interested adults and to corporations looking to improve the computer skills of their employees. We still teach by the old Laubach method of "Each one Teach one" but have moved to teaching small groups in both basic literacy and basic computer use. Gateway even has an on-sight volunteer-staffed book store. Our volunteers now number more than 70 in our active list and we're always ready to welcome more.

Gateway now teaches job search skills and is actively exploring the field of financial literacy to present to its learners. Of course, this kind of growth does not come about because just one person makes it happen. It's the result of a team approach of dedicated people working toward one end – that of promoting literacy in the community we serve. But the art of setting up that team and of nurturing it along is the job of the executive director and that has been Sue Bannon's contribution since she took on that position 7 years ago. Congratulations and thank you, Sue!

So as we bid a fond farewell to Sue, we are very fortunate to extend a warm welcome to Jennifer Ellis. Jennifer will be taking on the task Sue has left for her – that of continuing the growth and of modifying what we do to meet the changing needs of the communities in our greater North Simcoe area.

Jennifer was carefully selected from a group of highly qualified candidates who applied for the Executive Director position. She worked for MARC for five years before leaving our organization two years ago for personal reasons. In her previous role with MARC, Jennifer was instrumental in setting up and running our small group programs. She also developed the on-line tutor training program and got our computer courses up and running. She was extensively active in literacy organizations and has maintained her connections with them. Jennifer is dedicated to the promotion of literacy and is well known and respected in Ontario's literacy community.

Jennifer brings to Gateway her creativity, enthusiasm and commitment which will be put to good use as she meets the challenging task of filling Sue Bannon's shoes. Given her intelligence, drive and expertise, she stands an excellent chance of filling those shoes quite well. Please join the rest of us at Gateway in welcoming Jennifer Ellis to her new role as Executive Director of Gateway Centre for Learning. Just stop on by and say "Hi!" at 488 Dominion Ave. in downtown Midland.

Gunter Kuch—Board of Directors Chair, Gateway Centre for Learning

### ADM CHEQUE PRESENTATION TO GATEWAY CENTRE FOR LEARNING



April 19, 2013 - ADM Milling Co. Commercial Manager, Kevin Clugston, visited Gateway Centre For Learning to present a cheque in the amount of \$1,800. Executive Director, Sue Bannon, expressed the funds will be used for chairs, a computer and projector. We thank ADM Milling Co. for choosing our organization as the recipient of their community support. Pictured are: Gunter Kuch, Board President; Kevin Clugston, ADM Milling Co; Yvonne Beeney, Board Member and Sue Bannon, Executive Director.

# EVENTS

## Looking for Fun in June?

### June 1

Mixed Slo-Pitch Softball Tournament  
Oakwood and Sunset Parks, Victoria Park  
\$250 Team Registration  
Join The Gateway Team

### June 12

Ladies Golf Tournament  
Brooklea Golf & Country Club  
\$80 Includes Cart & Green Fees

### June 14

Father's Day Dance  
Music By The Electrifying Band: PASSPORT  
Brian Orser Hall, Penetanguishene  
8pm - midnight  
\$20 Ticket

### July 5

Bookmark Bookstore  
BBQ and booksale  
Gateway Centre for Learning  
488 Dominion Ave.  
11-2

By one get one free or fill a bag for \$15

### July 13

Family Fun Day  
DenMar Farms, Lafontaine, 10am - 3pm  
Contact for this event, Kim,  
705-527-1522 or [gateway@csolve.net](mailto:gateway@csolve.net)

Contact for these events is Vernice Smith, Volunteer/ Event Coordinator, 705-527-1522 or  
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# Building a Foundation

For 30 years the Gateway Centre for Learning has helped those in our community who struggle with their literacy and essential skills. Donations keep our programs running.

I would like to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Gateway Centre for Learning.

Donations of \$20 or more will receive a charitable tax receipt.

Your donation will support:

Adult Programs ♦ Child/Youth Programs ♦ Renovation Costs ♦ Learning Materials/Equipment

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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# From the Desk of the Youth Program Coordinator



Spring is finally here and we're all enjoying the warm weather. That's especially true for the children involved in the Book and Homework Clubs at the Boys and Girls Club as both programs have wrapped up now to allow the children to play outside. What a wonderful success these programs have been and a special thank you goes out to Elizabeth, Joan, Mary D., and Mary M. for all your effort in these programs. We couldn't do it without you ladies!

Our Let's Read! Book Club started in April at the Gateway offices and the children seem to be thoroughly enjoying the first book in the Harry Potter series. Thanks for your help Leah! Book #2 will begin May 25<sup>th</sup> if you have any children between the ages of 8 and 12 who would like to attend. Just call the office at 705-527-1522 and ask for Donna or Christina.

Speaking of Christina...we would like to give a very warm welcome to Christina Jolliffe, the newest member of our staff at Gateway. Christina is the Youth Program Assistant Coordinator and will be working with Donna to expand the Youth Programs.

The After-School Homework Help programs will soon be ending for the year. Four children have been helped by Connie, Donna, Edith and Blaine. Thanks for helping the children folks!



Kudos goes out to Donna, Holly, Yvonne, Nicolette, Anastasia and Larry for their assistance in our one-on-one tutoring program. This program is growing monthly as more and more children are being helped with their reading and math skills.

And what would the warm weather be without our Summer Success Program – a tutoring camp for children. This program will offer help with learning retention in fun ways, for children in Grades 1 through 8. Please contact Donna at 705-527-1522 for an application form. Subsidized spots are available. Any tutors interested in helping out are also welcome to call Donna.

Enjoy your summer!



## Spelling Bee

In conjunction with Midlands annual Winterfest, Gateway Centre for Learning held their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Spelling Bee. There were 73 participants that came from over 15 different elementary schools from the North Simcoe area..

Congratulations to all whom participated.

The top finishers in order in their category are as follows:

Grade 1-2: Avery Dupuis/Audrey Gignac/Francis Castillo

Grade 3 : Owen Trimble/Isabel Reader/Andrew Brown

Grade 4: Alexander Duquette/Laura Donaldson/Maximillion Chatelain

Grade 4-5: Narelle Hesler/Emily Duquette/Isabelle Lesperance

Grade 7-8: Joshua Kerr/Andrew Duquette/Liam Alexander





# Summer Success

a tutoring camp for children  
presented by  
**GATEWAY Centre for Learning**

Maintain reading and math skills  
throughout the summer!

Get help with learning retention in  
FUN ways!

Older children will learn additional learning tools such as organization, study pointers, homework techniques and time management skills.

To register  
call  
705-527-1522

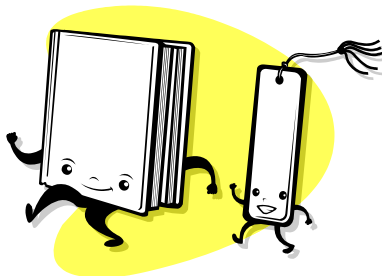
Grade 1	July 8 to July 12
Grades 2-3	July 15 to July 19
Grades 4-6	July 22 to July 26
Grades 7-8	July 29 to August 2

Grade 1	August 6 to August 9
Grades 2-3	August 12 to August 16
Grades 4-6	August 19 to August 23
Grades 7-8	August 26 to August 30

Fee: \$150/week  
\$120/week—August 6 to 9  
subsidized spots may be available

Hours: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Nutritious snacks provided

**THE BARN  
FOUNDATION**



## Gateway Centre for Learning

Is Participating in the

### 1st Annual Butterscotch Festival

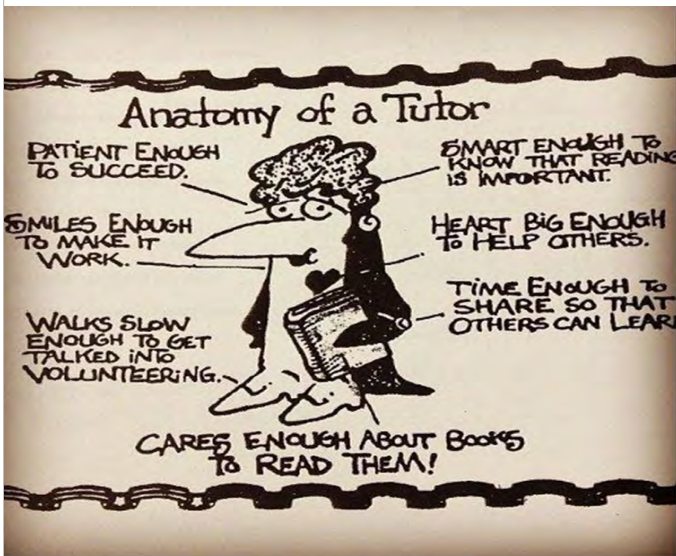
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Father's Day Weekend, June 15  
Midland

Stop By Our Table For  
Delicious Treats!!

Plus a Book Sale  
All Books 1/2 Price!!!

Proceeds to be used for the programs and services at  
Gateway Centre For Learning



# Volunteer Spotlight



Holly Norris has been volunteering with Gateway Centre For Learning since June of 2011. Beginning her volunteer service in our bookstore BOOKMARK was instrumental in keeping the bookstore organized and inviting. Holly has since accepted the position of Bookstore Lead. If you're looking for that special book, Holly can help. Her passion and commitment to Gateway Centre For Learning is evident as she is now part of the Literacy Program; tutoring in the Adult and Youth Programs.

When asked the reason for her volunteerism she expresses: "I love reading and I love books. I enjoy helping people and want to inspire and by tutoring I am able to do this. When my children were young, I was a parent volunteer at their school; reading to the class and helping children with speech issues."

Holly is a delight here at the organization and we appreciate her for helping the adults, children and bookstore patrons.

Thank You Holly for being a part of Gateway Centre For Learning!

## Program Update for Adult Programs

### Tutoring at CNCC has resumed

The **Breaking the Barriers Program** has resumed at the Central North Corrections Centre in Penetanguishene. Our tutors help inmates with reading, writing, and math skills on 2 units on Wednesday mornings, and Thursday afternoons.

Additional security training for this program is provided by the CNCC. Contact Anne Ritzmann [aritzmann@csolve.net](mailto:aritzmann@csolve.net) if you are interested in participating in this program.

### Tutor Training Dates for the Fall

Gateway will be offering Laubach Tutor Training for our Adult programs on the following dates:

Friday, September 20, 2013 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Friday, September 27, 2013 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Friday, October 4, 2013 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Friday, October 11, 2013 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Please contact Anne Ritzmann [aritzmann@csolve.net](mailto:aritzmann@csolve.net) to register.

### Small Group Schedule

Tutors, please share this information with your students.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
12:30 – 2:30 pm English Grammar 1 & 2	9:00 am – 2:30 pm Open Class 12:30 – 2:30 pm Basic Computers	5:30 – 8:30 pm Open Class	9:00 am – 2:30 pm Open Class



## Literary History Tidbits

It's helpful to take a trip back in time on occasion in order to gain an appreciation for the past and a clearer perspective of what's to come. This presentation makes you think about how far we've come in this field and also how much work is left to be done to help Canadians reach their full potential. "Throughout its long history, the literacy and essential skills field has continually evolved and adapted in response to the changing needs of adults," the introductory words say. "This timeline captures some of the important people, events, initiatives and other influences that have helped shape the literacy and essential skills field in Canada over the past 200 years."

### **Highlights:**

#### **1816:**

First Common School Act in Upper Canada allows adults to attend public schools to learn reading, writing and arithmetic.

#### **1850:**

Private night schools for adults are established - primarily in urban centres.

#### **1859:**

Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) in Kingston begins what may be Canada's first formal adult literacy program.

#### **1899:**

Alfred Fitzpatrick, founder of Frontier College, sets up his first Reading Camp in Northern Ontario, providing worker-teachers to northern mining and lumber camps. Teachers work alongside labourers during the day and teach them to read and write at night.

#### **1920:**

The Antigonish Movement, which employs adult education to build self-reliance and rebuild the economies in small communities in the Maritimes, is started up by two priests, Father Moses Coady and Father Jimmy Tompkins, at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

#### **1935:**

The Canadian Association for Adult Education (CAAE), the first national organization dedicated solely to the field of adult education, is founded as a clearinghouse to serve professionals in the field.

#### **1947:**

[Roby Kidd](#) becomes the first Canadian citizen to earn a doctorate in adult education.

The next years to follow in our next edition....so keep tuned, to find out what happens from then until now!

## **Students**

Be published in **GATEWAY**

Write a short story or poem for the newsletter.

Get your tutor to help you out.

Share your story, what you enjoy about summer, what you are learning at Gateway, or any topic that interests you.

Send to Anne Ritzmann at the Gateway office, or by e-mail

[aritzmann@csolve.net](mailto:aritzmann@csolve.net) by August 1, 2013.

Participants will have the chance to enter a draw for a \$10 Tim Horton's card, to be drawn in early August.

## **Donations in Kind Needed**

**Floor cleaner / Rags / Toilet paper /  
Paper towels / Tissues / Vinegar /  
Baking soda**

**Rubber gloves / Toilet cleaner /  
Glass cleaner / Pledge wipes /**

**Lysol/Clorox wipes**

**Computer wipes / Garbage bags**

## Goodbye / Hello

The  
Board of Directors  
And  
Staff of  
Gateway Centre For Learning

Invites you and your staff  
To join us as we say "Goodbye" to

**Executive Director  
Sue Bannon**

and say "Hello" to our new

**Executive Director  
(To Be Announced)**

**Monday, June 10, 2013  
1p.m. - 3p.m.**

**Bill Thompson Hall  
North Simcoe Recreation Centre**

Please RSVP To:  
Gateway Centre For Learning  
By: Friday, May 31, 2013  
705-527-1522 or  
gateway@csolve.net



### Where will your next book take you to?

Begin your journey at  
**BOOKMARK**  
A Volunteer Run Bookstore  
Gateway Centre for Learning

**Affordable Prices:**

Kids	\$\$.50—\$10
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Over Sized	
Soft Covers	\$2.00
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**Book Store Hours:**

M – F	10am - 3pm
Sat	1pm - 4pm

**UPCOMING BOOK SALES:**

**Father's Day Week: June 10 - June 15**

**Fill-A-Bag for \$10 (maximum 20 books)**

Sale Does Not Include Rare Books

**BOOKSTORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Call: 705-527-1522 or  
Email: [vsmith@csolve.net](mailto:vsmith@csolve.net)

So all you Gateway friends, reading our newsletter, did we tell you yet we are in need of **new Board members???** If you are looking to fill that void you have, especially those of you who may be empty nesters now.....how about giving back to your community and become one of our board members. Stop in and see us at **488 DOMINION AVE.** and find out about getting involved. A little can mean so very much to such a wonderful organization.

## New Donors:

Gateway Centre For Learning would like to say THANK YOU to our new donors. Building community partnerships are important for our organization. And we appreciate you thinking of our organization.



## National Volunteer Week

We'd like to say thank you to our volunteers. Gateway Centre For Learning volunteers were invited to a luncheon hosted at Gateway Centre For Learning on April 24, 2013. We'd like to thank Dino of Dino's Fresh Food Deli for sponsoring the lunch. Mayor Gord McKay, Midland; Mayor Gerry Marshall, Penetanguishene and Mayor Scott Warnock, Township of Tay attended and thanked the volunteers for their dedication and commitment to the community. MPP Garfield Dunlop was unable to attend, but sent his sentiments to the volunteers as well.

Thank you to all our volunteers for supporting Gateway Centre For Learning. From Tutoring, Bookstore, Fundraising, etc., we could not do it without you!

National Volunteer Week

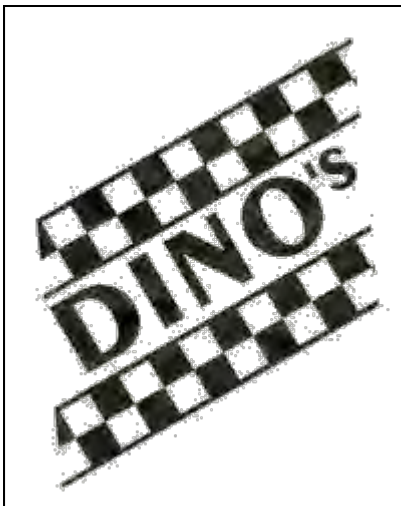
April 21 – April 27, 2013

Thank you for sponsoring  
the volunteer luncheon

**Dino's Fresh Food Deli**

**319 King St., Midland**

**705-526-2431**



### A letter from the Editor,

Yes newsletter fans, this has been a long time coming and late getting out. As you have read or heard there have been many changes happening at Gateway Centre for Learning, all of which have hindered this newsletter from getting out on time. And at times it has been a struggle to get this one out on time... with all of the positive changes, and the fact that TIME does not stand still for anyone! Not even for an editor that is trying desperately to get their work done. So, hopefully with all these changes going on, things will settle and your newsletter from Gateway will be out on its regular time table.

By the time you are reading this, it will have been the final draft approved, but how many did we go thru....ah, an editor never tells! As you are reading this newsletter and seeing the good our organization does, we would also like to express our sincere need for new board members. If you enjoy helping people and want to be involved in an exciting and rewarding organization, we would love to hear from you. I won't lie, yes it is a time commitment, but a rewarding one. And one where you are giving back to your community.

So all of you that know where we are keep coming in and saying Hi.

Those of you that have never been to see us drop in and say Hi. We love to have visitors and to show you around and learn more about us. So with all that said, we wish everyone a very safe and fun filled summer!

*kim*

**Editor**



## Bowling with the Easter Bunny

On March 30, 2013 The Easter Bunny hopped down to Bayshore Lanes for Gateway Centre For Learning's 1st Annual Bowl With The Easter Bunny! The children enjoyed chocolate eggs, which were donated by Lindt Chocolate. Shawna & John of Sweet Shawna's donated two Easter Baskets as prizes for the kids colouring contest.

The evening was filled with fun by kids and adults alike.



We would like to thank the following event donors:

Bayshore Lanes for hosting the event  
Lindt Chocolate  
Sweet Shawna's  
WalMart  
Stewart Vincent Photography, Gift Certificate & Prizes  
Ye Ole School House Candle Factory, Midhurst  
Auto Detailers, Midland

Mountain View Mall  
Cineplex  
The Crow's Nest  
Helicon Properties  
Shawna Tinney  
Novanni Stainless  
Gus Collins  
Judy Storey

**And last but not least, Thank you to the Easter Bunny for attending this event**

# Wanted!



## Gateway Centre for Learning volunteer opportunities:

### Board Members Needed

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• Youth Tutoring • Newsletter • And Much More!

### WHY YOU SHOULD VOLUNTEER?

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Develop Marketable Job Skills • Uncover Hidden Skills and Talents •  
Have Fun • Make A Difference

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