

# Beyond Bars

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## Focus on SLSC SUCCESSES

### Thank You Mike!

By Ted Addie

For the past three years the St. Leonard's Society of Canada has had the fortune and the privilege of having Mike James as our President. Throughout these busy difficult years Mike served us with:

- *commitment* through his efforts to attend to all the demands of President,

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**SHARING AWARDS.** ABOVE: New SLSC President Ted Addie (left) presents Past President Michael James with a Certificate of Recognition for his contributions as President, at SLSC's AGM in June. LEFT: Past Luxton Award recipient Skip Graham (left) presents this year's Luxton to John Clinton, Executive Director of St. Leonard's Society of Hamilton. Photos: David Whiteley



### Celebrating Our Own

By Susan Haines and Elizabeth White

St. Leonard's Society of Canada (SLSC) and St. Leonard's Society of Hamilton (SLSH) were delighted to surprise John Clinton, Executive Director of the affiliate agency, with two separate presentations recognizing his achievements and contributions to St. Leonard's.

Earlier this year, John was honoured by his local team in Hamilton for over 25 years of service. Colleagues, friends and family gathered to surprise John with a celebration of his accomplishments through

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## *Move beyond bars. Create second chances.*


*Celebrating Our Own (cont. from p. 1)*

speeches, stories and refreshments (see photos p. 2). While Board member Alex Polger was pleased to deadpan about John: "But he is not a funny man!", the truth is, as all who know him will agree, that John is a very funny man and his humour gets many of us through the tough spots that arise.

Then in June, the National society was pleased to surprise him with the Luxton Award for his significant and long-term contribution to the Society and its cause. From one "Lux" to another, Skip Graham was a very proud, albeit slightly facetious, presenter to his colleague and friend.

From his first position as a night counselor in 1980, John demonstrated the commitment and passion for the work which led to him becoming Executive Director in Hamilton in 1993. John's community contributions as Vice-President of the Hamilton Downtown Rotary Club and Ontario Clergy Curling Association, make him a most respected member of his community and the St. Leonard's network. Over the last two decades John has contributed positively to Community Residential Facility standards reviews with the Correctional Service and the SLSC Social Action Committee's work on issues of rehabilitation, habilitation and restorative justice. John builds partnerships and his work strengthens community corrections in Canada

His programming initiatives led to the development of the GreenBYTE program which refurbishes computers and trains clients in hardware and software skills and also benefits youth in the community. He has also given generously of his time and talent to the Ontario Halfway House Association and SLSC's Executive Directors' Committee. He is a true champion of staff training and development, inspiring many to continue with our very worthwhile cause.

John was greatly surprised by both events – giving all of us the opportunity to see him blush. On behalf of St. Leonard's Societies, Boards and Members, we thank you John. Your contribution is invaluable. 

*Susan Haines was Research and Policy Advisor for SLSC, and now serves as Executive Director of National Associations Active in Criminal Justice*

*Elizabeth White is Executive Director of SLSC*



**STANDING OVATION.** *The whole room rises to applaud John Clinton's contribution to St. Leonard's as he is awarded the Luxton at this year's AGM.* Photo: David Whiteley

### **TAKING THE CAKE.**

*John Clinton at SLSC Hamilton's ceremony celebrating his 25 years of service.*

Photos:  
Bob Sims



*Voir au-delà des barreaux : Donner une deuxième chance.*

## **It's Time to Raise Our Voices Together!**

*We are appealing to you because, as a reader of Beyond Bars, you have a stake in the work of the St. Leonard's Society of Canada.*

*Since 1967, SLSC has helped released prisoners establish themselves in Canadian communities safely and effectively. Today, the Society dedicates itself to promoting informed and effective justice nationally while supporting responsive direct services in towns and cities from coast to coast.*

*Especially now, when anti-terror, youth crime, sexual offending, gangs, gun violence and criminal sanctions dominate our justice agenda, our social policy work is so crucial. Like us, you know that instead of rhetoric and policy based on fear, Canada can create a truly civil society achieved through evidence-based research, policy supported by that research and informed consultation to the dialogue about public safety.*

*The work is happening, but who knows about it? Canadians only know what they hear. If we add our voices together we'll be heard. Tell us what matters to you. Find out more about us at [www.stleonards.ca](http://www.stleonards.ca), or contact me or our staff. And help grow our voice by becoming a member or contributing today. This outreach campaign already has 100% financial support from our Board of Directors. Please join us by donating, either by conventional mail using the coupon below or online through our website.*

***Join in! Speak up! Help us make Canadian communities truly safer!***

*Yours sincerely,*

*Ted Addie*

*President*



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*Thank You Mike! (cont. from p. 1)*

as well as those extra visits to the National office that are so valuable and appreciated by staff;

- *passion* as he did not hide his feelings on issues of importance;
- *modesty* in that he never presumed to know everything and was always willing to listen and defer to others' ideas;
- *humour* – ad lib – and always sufficiently loud for all to enjoy;
- *professionalism* by sharing his legal knowledge and the common sense of his vast experience; and
- *leadership* though all the above as an open example for us to follow.

For these qualities plus his time and labours, we offer our gratitude!

*But Not Goodbye!*

And so, three years hence, Mike is not burnt out by having juggled the responsibility of being President along with helping to raise a young family and his much-traveled job as a legal counsel with the Government of Canada. Mike will continue to serve the Society on the Executive Committee as Past President. We all will continue to benefit from his contributions but indeed I, as the new President, shall most particularly appreciate his presence.

So Mike, on behalf of all of the Society, its staff and all those who care about our continued success, thank you again for your Presidency and we look forward to our continuing relationship.

Sincerely,

Ted Addie, President

## **A LOOK BACK AT OUR HISTORY**

### **Landmarks from the first 40 years of SLSC...**

- |      |                                                                                                                                                                   |      |                                                                                                                                            |
|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1967 | St. Leonard's Society of Canada (SLSC) incorporated.                                                                                                              | 1987 | Kingston Employment Program initiated.                                                                                                     |
| 1968 | SLSC established as a separate entity from St. Leonard's House – Windsor. The Reverend Neil Libby was the Founding Executive Director.                            | 1988 | SLSC becomes an affiliate-based organization.                                                                                              |
| 1976 | The Cody Award established in honour of Bishop John Cody of London.<br><br>SLSC receives its first sustaining grant from the Department of the Solicitor General. | 1989 | Joanne Knox appointed Program Director of the Kingston Office.<br><br>SLSC National Office relocated to Mississauga from Windsor.          |
| 1978 | The Libby Memorial Fund is established to assist ex-offenders in education and training.<br><br>Lou Drouillard is appointed Executive Director of SLSC.           | 1996 | SLSC National Office moves to Ottawa. Elizabeth White hired as Executive Director.                                                         |
| 1981 | SLSC founds the Canadian Training Institute.                                                                                                                      | 1997 | The First Bolton Day conference organized by St. Leonard's Windsor.                                                                        |
| 1982 | Ken Bolton publishes the first edition of "Halfway Home", a book chronicling the history of the halfway house movement in Canada.                                 | 1998 | SLSC continues the Bolton Day conferences annually.                                                                                        |
| 1983 | The Bolton Literary Fund established.                                                                                                                             | 2001 | SLSC adopts a new set of by-laws.                                                                                                          |
| 1984 | Peter Willis is hired to open SLSC office in Kingston.                                                                                                            | 2003 | The Braithwaite Award is created and presented to Roy Dungey and Wilma Douglas-Dungey.                                                     |
|      |                                                                                                                                                                   | 2005 | From Inside Out: International Colloquium on Halfway Houses co-hosted by SLSC and the National Probation Directorate of England and Wales. |
|      |                                                                                                                                                                   | 2006 | Bolton Day: Homelessness and Hope – co-hosted by SLSC and SLS Peterborough.                                                                |

## **Society News**

### **National**

#### *Focus on Homelessness at AGM Weekend By David Whiteley*

Back in June, St. Leonard's Society of Canada (SLSC) was proud to co-host this year's Bolton Day conference with St. Leonard's Society of Peterborough (SLSP), along with our Annual General Meeting.

Our guests were warmly welcomed to scenic Elmhirst's Resort in Keene, Ontario, which was the location for most of the various meetings. The events began June 1 with an introductory afternoon session on homelessness, a precursor to the next day's big event – Bolton Day 2006: "Homelessness and Hope: Models for Supportive Housing."

The conference itself took place at Fleming College in nearby Peterborough. Bolton Day was a great success thanks to SLSP, Fleming College and all of the volunteers who made it happen. Featuring 16 presenters and panelists, this year's event drew in over 130 attendees from across the country to learn and network with others from within the social and supportive housing field. As always, this year's Bolton Day occasioned sharing of a great deal of information and many better practices. From St. Leonard's House Peel Heroes to Correctional Service of Canada senior staff with many voluntary sector professionals along the way, there was a vast array of different perspectives and experience brought to bear on how to address safety, structure and support in response to the risks of homelessness.



#### **CONNECTING THE PIECES.**

*ABOVE: Melissa Phillips, Shelter Director of St. Leonard's Society of Nova Scotia's Pembleton Place Cold Weather Service presents at Bolton Day 2006: "Homelessness and Hope: Models for Supportive Housing". BELOW: Barbara Nehiley continues many years' service with both SLS Nova Scotia and SLSC, moderating a Bolton Day panel featuring Keith Ward, Commissioner of Housing and Property for the Region of Peel; John Lomax, Past President of St. Leonard's House (Peel); Ed Boonstra, President of the Rotary Club of Brampton; Charles E. Stickel, Deputy Warden of Beaver Creek Institution; and Pat Knapp, Director of Social Service for the City of Peterborough.*

Photos: David Whiteley





**LIBBY AWARD WINNER:** *Christopher H. receives SLSC's Libby Award, presented by Darrel Rowe, Executive Director of St.. Leonard's Society of Peterborough.*

Photo: David Whiteley

The AGM weekend continued at Elmhirst's with a plethora of SLSC meetings for the Board of Directors, committees and the membership. There was also an Awards Luncheon, where John Clinton was presented with the Luxton Award (see article p. 1) and Christopher H. received the Libby Award, which includes an educational scholarship. Our congratulations to the awards winners.

At the AGM itself, a new Victim's Policy was adapted (see p. 8), and a new slate of Directors were elected to the Board. Also, outgoing president Mike James presented a Certificate of Recognition for Renée Robertson, past delegate for St. Leonard's Society of North Vancouver, noting her hard work and thoughtful contributions to the Society. At the incoming Board meeting, officers were elected. We are thus pleased to present the new Board of SLSC:

Ted Addie..... President  
Don Boudreau ..... First Vice-President  
(V-P, Atlantic Region)  
Doug Caldwell .....Secretary  
Mike James ..... Past President  
J. Oliver Doyle..... Vice-President, Ontario  
John McDonough Vice-President, Quebec  
Mike Rutherford ..... Treasurer  
Merrickay Snelgrove. Vice-President, Pacific  
Joe Barbaro..... Director  
Lindsay Broderkick ..... Director  
Rebecca Howse ..... Director  
Bruce McKinnon ..... Director  
Joe Mell ..... Director  
Barbara Nehiley ..... Director  
Barry Turnbull ..... Director  
Lynne Watts ..... Director

Many thanks to these dedicated individuals for volunteering their time to govern the Society.




*David Whiteley is Ottawa Program Director of SLSC*

## **St. Leonard's Society of London SLSL Launches New Youth Centre By David Whiteley**

St. Leonard's Society of London (SLSL) recently relocated its headquarters and launched a new, provincially-funded youth intervention centre in a freshly-renovated property on Dundas Street in downtown London. The centre offers young offenders aged 12-17 anger management, employment and other life skills programming. Also housed in the centre is an alternative classroom operated by the Thames Valley District School Board, to serve students who have academic or behavioural problems that make it difficult to attend regular schools.

"This will be a pretty dynamic centre for young people," reports SLSL Executive Director Peter Aharan. "We couldn't find another building that offered this kind of opportunity."

The partnership with the Thames Valley District School Board is a concrete example of SLS London's focus on building effective collaborations, which was the theme of Bolton Day 2004, a conference co-hosted by SLSL and SLSC. 

## St. Leonard's House – Windsor

### *Introducing StreetsmARTS*

*By Friede Reed*

#### *What is StreetsmARTS?*

StreetsmARTS is a Youth Mural Art – Anti Graffiti Program funded through the Ontario Trillium Foundation and Green Shield. It is a collaborative agreement between St. Leonard's House – Windsor and Drouillard Place, combining St. Leonard's House's Anti-Graffiti Program and Drouillard Place's experience with children's mural art programs.

These two partners have come together to address the graffiti situation, especially in the downtown core and specific city "gateways" utilizing a two-pronged approach. One team from St. Leonard's responds to calls from both businesses and residents to remove graffiti in a very timely manner. The other team from Drouillard Place teaches mural art to area youth from local schools that will then be publicly displayed. Mural art has proven to be a deterrent of graffiti vandalism.

The Trillium Foundation is funding this project for one year with a corporate donation from Green Shield.

#### *Our Objective*

Our objective is to build self-esteem and instill civic pride in the participating youth by educating them about anti-graffiti and teaching mural art through social interaction in a non-classroom environment.

## StreetsmARTS




Put your  in the Art!

#### *How Do We Do This?*

StreetsmARTS holds Youth Mural Art – Anti Graffiti Programs three times a year in six-week blocks. Grades six, seven and eight students from local area schools are involved in the planning and implementation of two murals, one of which has been completed so far; also a third mural will be completed by a local high school. The completed murals will then be displayed and celebrated publicly within chosen and highly visible city areas. The community can then honour our youth for their contribution to public art versus the present "put down" for graffiti vandalism.

#### *StreetsmARTS' Future: "Keep Windsor Beautiful"*

The sustainability of this Youth Mural Art – Anti Graffiti Program requires the support and involvement of every citizen in the city of Windsor. Our first corporate sponsor Green Shield has come on board in this our first year. We especially need to catch the eye of corporate sponsors such as the City of Windsor and others. 

*Friede Reed is Project Manager of StreetsmARTS*

## ABOUT US . . .

St. Leonard's Society of Canada is a membership-based, charitable organization dedicated to community safety. The mission of SLSC is to promote a humane and informed justice policy and responsible leadership to foster safe communities.

The opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Society or its members. Submissions, inquiries and comments are welcomed. Please contact us at:

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# Last Words

## New SLSC Policy on Victims

*The following policy on victims was adopted at the Annual General Meeting of June 3, 2006:*

WHEREAS the mission of the St. Leonard's Society of Canada is to promote a humane and informed justice policy and responsible leadership to foster safe communities, and

WHEREAS, by working with offenders, St. Leonard's Society of Canada and its members reduce the risk of future victimization,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Society recognizes that victims' issues and concerns require attention and support; and
2. The Society welcomes collaborative discussion with individual victims and representatives of victims' organizations in order to increase our understanding of the needs of victims; and
3. The Society adopts an holistic approach to its understanding of victimization.

*For more news on our AGM and on Bolton Day 2006: "Homelessness and Hope", see Society News, p. 5.*

## Comings and Goings

SLSC is delighted to congratulate **Susan Haines** on her appointment as Executive Director of the National Associations Active in Criminal Justice. In her new post, Susan will continue to contribute to federal policy initiatives with the voluntary sector and SLSC will work with her as a member organization. We will miss Susan's enthusiasm, and commitment to the issues that SLSC addresses. The research she completed and the input to SLSC policy development during her employment was greatly appreciated. She has been part of our team for almost three years and her departure is sadly felt. While we miss her, this is *à bientôt*, and not goodbye. Good luck Susan!

Summer's end also meant it was time to say goodbye and thank you to our student, **Carrie Gurnsey**. Carrie worked closely with Carole Mallows on the Good Practices Manual project, interviewing agencies across the country. She also contributed to policy backgrounders and was a great addition to the Ottawa office. We wish her well in her future endeavours.

## Neither Coming Nor Going

**Becky Howse**, after three years as Society President and three more as Past President, has been given a rest from the duties of the Executive Committee though she continues to serve as the Board delegate from St. Leonard's Society of London. Her dedication to our work has been and remains very much appreciated and we know that when we need her talents, she will be ready to assist. Thank you Becky!