



# Coast **TO** Coast

## VOLUNTEER

To be a volunteer is to actively express your gratitude for how good others have been to you.

To be a volunteer is to be "out there," making yourself accessible to those individuals who might be in desperate need of support.

To be a volunteer is to demonstrate your belief that, buried in the nucleus of everyone's heart, is the desire to do the right thing.

To be a volunteer is to believe that individuals can and will rise above adversity if given enough help and encouragement.

To be a volunteer is to believe that one individual can bring about a change and many volunteers can make a huge difference.

To be a volunteer is to find fulfillment in "doing".

Arnetta Glenn, Board Member, St. Leonard's House – Windsor

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**RECOGNIZING VOLUNTEERS.** St. Leonard's Society of London held a Volunteer Recognition Dinner in conjunction with their 2001 AGM this Fall. Four individuals were honoured for serving over seven years on the Board of St. Leonard's Society of London. From left to right: Janet McEwen, President of SLS London, Rebecca Howse, President of SLSC, Sandy McCallum and London Police Services Chief Brian Collins, who was the keynote speaker for the evening. For more details see p. 7.

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## News and Views

### TAKING STOCK

Late fall is a time to take stock – of where we are and where we want to go. So I thought I would take a brief look at some of the influences on the St. Leonard's world.

#### *Single-service or Wrap-Around?*

Community-based corrections is changing. It is increasingly difficult for the single program service to thrive – or indeed survive. Community Service Order programs and small halfway houses are examples of proven services that have been particularly

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### *Taking Stock (Continued from p.1)*

challenged recently. It is not that bigger is better, but bigger can definitely withstand more downturns – at a cost. Also, there is a growing awareness of the benefits of wrap around services. Clients gain considerably better access to supports in the community when providers foster connections and collaborations to a variety of services addressing client needs. This can mean that a broad cross-section of clients is welcomed to a specific program; or that a range of the community needs of the client are addressed, such as relationships with partners, children, and family; or that interdisciplinary links are supported. In each case the result is the same: strengthened service and fewer cracks. This in turn helps build the community and better attains the goal of social responsibility.

### *Residential Services and CSC*

Residential services for federally sentenced people are strained. We have yet to see concrete results from years of work on contracts which compensate social service agencies for their actual expenditures on residential services. We remain confident that the Correctional Service is committed to maintaining both the relationship with the agencies and to finding an appropriate mechanism to pay for the services they use. However, the reality is that doors continue to close on services that will not readily, if at all, be replaced.

### *Mandatory Minimums*

Mandatory minimum sanctions remain popular in some quarters, despite the lack of evidence of their efficacy as a means to reduce recidivism. The debate about their use continues. In women's services, the mandatory minimum sentencing discussion is linked to debate on the defences of necessity and provocation. Provocation, which was under active review by the Justice Department a few years ago, appears to have lost priority. Whether applied in sentencing, or in policy on the penitentiary placement of life sentenced persons, a mandatory minimum removes discretion from decision making. If criminal justice dealt with widgets, this might not be a concern. But it does not. Strictures that ignore the human and forget the individual diminish the system.

### *Restorative Justice*

Restorative Justice initiatives continue to expand in Canada. I am writing this just before Restorative Justice Week which celebrates responses to crime that address

harms done and healing. The restorative justice umbrella is asked to cover a wide range of justice interventions. Many focus on young people and many draw on aboriginal practises. Not all are equally welcomed by all communities. And just because a response is designed to be restorative does not guarantee that it will be carried out properly. As with any intervention, the integrity of the deliverer is key to the quality of the program. The processes must be safeguarded from power imbalance, social pressuring and manipulation on the part of any of those involved. However, the potential of restorative justice is just beginning to unfold and that should hearten those interested in a better justice system.

### *Voluntary Sector*

The intense interest in the Canada-wide Voluntary Sector Initiative should also encourage participants in social justice - whether, staff, volunteer, or client. As long as the renewed focus is on the sector, there is an impetus to address the concerns and limitations of our present formations. The calls to innovate and revitalize build awareness in the public of work that is often taken for granted. This should stimulate participation in volunteer action.

### *The Aftermath*

Finally, the impact of the September 11<sup>th</sup> acts of terror has not yet fully unfolded. The immediate aftermath has focussed on retribution, heightened security, and fear for safety. How Canada follows through its reaction will have implications both on how we do our business and on our everyday life – in ways that we cannot yet see.

Combined with economic uncertainty, there is a real danger that the needs of the social justice sector will be ignored or attention to them indefinitely delayed. There is also a real danger that restrictions on human rights will be put in place without a sufficiently critical examination of their necessity. Lastly, there is a real danger that we will be disheartened. Now, more than ever, we need to affirm the importance of our efforts to achieve safer communities and to promote a responsive and responsible justice system. That is where I want to direct my energy and how I think we need to approach the coming year together.

Best wishes to all of you through the holiday season.

**Elizabeth White, Executive Director, SLSC**

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# BOOK REVIEW

## GETTING JUSTICE WRONG: Myths, Media and Crime.

*Nicholas Cowdery. Allen and Unwin: 2001*

Those of us who are involved in attempts to inform the public about criminal justice matters will find this book by Cowdery to be both useful and inspirational. The author has practiced criminal law for over 30 years and since 1994 has been the Director of Public Prosecutions for New South Wales, Australia. He is currently the President of the International Association of Prosecutors. These credentials make his analysis all the more compelling.

His point of departure is his concern about the ill-informed feeding of the public's anxieties and prejudices by talk radio hosts. For him, the discussions on these programs have a tendency to get justice wrong, which results in failing policies and a misallocation of government resources. He attempts to set the record straight and provide an overview of how criminal justice happens and why it happens as it does. The information he provides is, of necessity, at variance with the view expressed in the talk radio shows and in the tabloid press. He is particularly critical of what he calls the "law and order auctions" that occur during elections.

The book has ten chapters that cover a number of themes, including the criminal law in action, policing crime, the drug problem, youth crime, domestic crime, sentencing and a closing chapter on future directions. The book is about crime and justice in Australia but one could easily substitute Canada and the book would make sense to us as far as the overall picture he paints. He makes it clear that just as talk radio hosts paint a picture in black and white, he is concerned to paint in more subtle colours with a fuller palette.

Of particular interest to St. Leonard's Society of Canada, especially its Social Action Committee, is his discussion of sentencing. He is particularly critical of the trend towards mandatory minimum sentences and deplores their popularity with politicians, especially at election times. He states that "mandatory sentences are sentences that are prescribed by Parliament in such a way that the courts have no ability to decide an

appropriate penalty in an individual case." He notes that mandatory sentences would be better described as "mandatory imprisonment". Cowdery firmly believes that the punishment should fit the crime and the criminal, and that Parliament cannot do that in advance.

He notes that apart from increasing public expense with unnecessary incarceration, mandatory sentences pose the following dangers:

- Adverse impact on the independence of the judiciary. They also have an adverse impact on first time offenders and on prison populations.
- Reduction in guilty pleas. He argues that mandatory schemes cause guilty pleas to dry up and result in clogged courts, increasing court backlogs and legal costs.
- Increase in charge bargaining. Plea-bargaining transfers the act of discretion from the courts (where it is accountable) to the prosecution (where it is not accountable). The results, he asserts, usually disappoint victims.
- Unjust sentencing. Cowdery notes that mandatory sentences are usually imposed for offences committed by disadvantaged members of society, especially minorities and women, whose disadvantage carries over to their experience of the criminal justice system.
- Lack of criminal justice support. He claims that in Australia there is little support for this form of sentencing by those involved in criminal justice agencies. These functionaries see little merit in mandatory sentences and rarely act to support them.
- Danger to law enforcement. He expresses the view that this type of law increases the risk to police and others in the enforcement chain in that desperate and violent offenders will more likely take measures to avoid capture and punishment. With mandatory sentences there is no incentive to cooperate and every incentive to injure or kill in an attempt to avoid a long automatic sentence.

The author bases the majority of his arguments in this book on the foundation of rights and includes as an appendix the United Nations General Assembly "Universal Declaration of Human Rights". This was an easy book to read, and it was refreshing to see the perspective of an Australian prosecutor who attempts to set the record straight on matters of justice.

**Donald G. Evans, President, Canadian Training Institute**

# Bolton Day 2002

# La Journée Bolton 2002

## Taking Responsibility for Community Safety

Safety is a paramount concern for all of us. The prevailing rhetoric of fear ignores the many successful initiatives for community safety that serve our society. Join us on Friday May 31, 2002 and let us share with you why we believe that our communities are safe. Hear from community agencies and service providers both within and outside of government while we explore programs and processes that work to keep our communities safe. Talk with community volunteers and social justice workers from across Canada about how we can all work together to keep our children, our families and our society ever safer. Renew your commitment to promote best practices in your community.

Striving for justice for all creates the opportunity for safety for all. The Bolton Day will highlight safe practises for children, youth who work with youth to resolve conflict peacefully and programs for adults in our neighbourhoods which promote integration after prison safely and responsibly. The benefits of halfway houses for adult offenders and intensive supports for adults at risk of acting criminally will be demonstrated. The role of and need for public understanding of safety and security issues will be discussed. How each of us can expand the space for living safely will be a key outcome of the day's discussions.

St. Leonard's Society of Canada exists to prevent crime and promote responsible community living and safer communities. On May 31, 2002, together with colleagues in social justice, we will sponsor a day of active learning that will provide tools and understandings of creative, effective responses to key safety issues that affect us all. Together we will make a difference.

**Watch for a registration form in our next issue of *Coast to Coast*, or contact our Ottawa Office for additional information.**

## La Sécurité de nos communautés – Assumer nos responsabilités

Nous sommes tous et toutes en ce moment préoccupés par notre sécurité. Toute la polémique de la peur faisant présentement rage obscure cependant l'impact qu'ont plusieurs très bonnes initiatives qui assurent déjà, selon nous, la sécurité de nos communautés. Joignez-vous à nous le 31 mai 2002, nous vous ferons part au cours de cette journée de nos observations sur le côté sécuritaire de nos communautés. Des organismes communautaires ainsi que des intervenant(e)s oeuvrant dans nos ressources, et au sein du gouvernement, vous parlerons des programmes et des façons de faire qui favorisent déjà la sécurité de nos communautés. Venez vous entretenir sur les façons d'améliorer encore plus la sécurité de nos enfants, de nos familles et de nos communautés avec des bénévoles et des intervenant(e)s du Canada entier impliqués dans le domaine de la justice sociale. Votre souhait de privilégier les meilleures pratiques dans vos communautés sera renouvelé lors de cette journée.

Nous croyons que de tenter de faire ce qui convient pour tous favorise en soi la sécurité de l'ensemble de nos communautés. La journée Bolton mettra en évidence, entre autres, les meilleures pratiques pouvant favoriser la sécurité de nos enfants; les meilleures pratiques auxquelles ont recours certain(e)s adolescent(e)s, intervenant auprès de leurs pairs afin de régler leurs conflits de façon paisible; et les meilleures pratiques favorisant la promotion de la réinsertion sociale sécuritaire et responsable dans nos communautés des adultes suite à une incarcération. La raison d'être de nos maisons de transition pour délinquant(e)s adultes et le support soutenu que nous offrons à ces personnes à risque sera démontré. Deux des sujets qui seront abordés lors de la journée sont le rôle de l'ensemble de la population dans la protection de la communauté et les besoins des délinquant(e)s adultes. Nous nous attendons à ce que la journée nous permette de d'étendre notre espace dite sécuritaire.

La Société St.-Léonard du Canada a pour mission de favoriser la prévention du crime et à promouvoir l'engagement de nos communautés dans leurs propres sécurité. Avec nos collègues impliquer dans le domaine de la justice sociale, nous vous convions le 31 mai 2002, à une journée de discussion qui proposera des outils et une compréhension innové des façons de répondre à nos préoccupations liées à notre sécurité. Ensemble nous pouvons faire la différence.

**Il y aura un formulaire d'inscription dans le prochain numéro de *Coast to Coast*. Pour obtenir de plus amples renseignements, veuillez joindre notre bureau à Ottawa.**

*YouCAN! International Youth Conference on  
Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution:*

**Resolve It 2002 – A Peace Odyssey  
February 21-24, 2002, Toronto, Ontario**

YouCAN! is excited about the opportunity to build our Third International Conference. It is an opportunity for young Canadians and youth from around the world to be engaged with ways to peacefully resolve conflict. We congratulate all young peacebuilders from all over the world in making their communities safer places to live. Please feel free to contact us or visit our website at [www.youcan.ca](http://www.youcan.ca).

Our Third International Youth Conference on Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution, will be held in Toronto, Ontario, February 21-24, 2002. This event is completely organized and run for-youth-by-youth and we are seeking to invite 400 diverse youth from across Canada and 150 youth from around the world. This year, YouCAN!'s international partnerships will include teams of 15 youth representing Brazil, Colombia, El Salvador, Jamaica, Bosnia, Rwanda, Congo and South Africa.

This conference provides the opportunity not only to learn about techniques and options in developing the individual skills necessary for peacebuilding, but also affords the experience of developing lifetime bonds with participants from all across the country and around the world. Broadening their horizons, these youth will interact together in an environment that is safe, friendly and conducive towards information sharing and networking. Before youth return to their home communities, they will

also have the opportunity to create an action plan on how to resolve a particular conflict (issue) in their community.

Our objectives:

- To give youth, youth-serving agencies and federal and provincial governments across Canada the opportunity to network, share best practices and develop action plans in the area of youth conflict resolution and violence prevention.
- To integrate the skills and processes of conflict resolution into Canadian youth culture and promote the peaceful resolution of personal, community and societal conflicts.
- To establish a Canadian network of youth peacebuilders that take action on issues that concern them.
- To highlight, affirm and empower youth peacebuilders and encourage these youth to take responsibility for dealing positively with conflict and work together with adults to build peaceful communities.

If you are interested in attending this conference, please contact us by sending your name and address to:

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We will send you a registration package in October. You can also visit our web-site at [www.youcan.ca](http://www.youcan.ca) to download the final report from our previous conferences.

Please feel free to call us toll free at 1-888-4YouCAN (496-8226), by fax at 1-613-233-3700, or by e-mail at [info@youcan.ca](mailto:info@youcan.ca). Please ask for Dave Farthing, Executive Director, or Robert Paiement, Senior Advisor. If you are in Toronto, please contact Neil Richardson at (416) 939-3413. We look forward to hearing from you soon.



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## Volunteering in Restorative Justice

Restorative Justice continues to be a growing focus within Canada and throughout the world. St. Leonard's has always actively supported efforts contributing to a more restorative or transformative justice system and they continue to do so with the addition of me as a volunteer. My name is Jennifer and I just returned from doing my Master's degree in Criminology at the University of Cambridge. I am new to Ottawa and was looking for an opportunity to volunteer in an area that is close to my interests. And those interests are definitely related to Restorative Justice! I also worked with St. Leonard's in Brantford during one of my summer jobs. Working with community service orders still remains one of the highlights on my résumé. I'm glad I was able to return in a volunteer capacity.

My first task was to update the Restorative Justice links on the website, which I completed just recently. I hope to keep them updated so that there are no dead links. Since the field is growing so rapidly, it can be hard to keep up with all the new developments. The web as a research tool can be good and bad in this respect since it can hold so much information, but unfortunately it can take a lot of time to sift through. Collections of links, when they are done well, are an excellent tool for researchers and for anyone else interested in a topic.

I also want to develop a picture of all the things that St. Leonard's affiliates are doing to contribute to the Restorative Justice effort. I know that many have something to add and it would be great to have a current tally of everything. One of the challenges of Restorative Justice is that there is a lack of good evaluation research. Perhaps we can begin to contribute by having a full picture of the work that goes on in our own organization.

Restorative Justice Week is coming up as well, so an update is timely. This event, which takes place November 18 - 25, is organized by the Chaplaincy Division and the Restorative Justice and Dispute Resolution Unit of Corrections Canada, as well as the Interfaith Committee on Chaplaincy in Corrections. The theme this year is "Giving Voice to Hope". The week allows time for concentrated thought and meditation on the principles of Restorative Justice, and gives the faith community an opportunity to address the issue at a national level. A wide variety of writings from the faith community are available on the Corrections Canada website, as well as a list of the events of the week. There are also links to the past two successful Restorative Justice Weeks.

I hope these brief updates on Restorative Justice are useful. Affiliates can expect to hear from me soon to discuss your Restorative Justice programs. I look forward to working more with you all at St. Leonard's!

Jennifer Sharkey, SLSC Volunteer



## Your Opinion Matters: Evaluating *Coast to Coast*

**At the St. Leonard's Society of Canada we are continually trying to offer the best possible service for our members. To do this we need your help! Please take the time to fill out this questionnaire so that we can continue offering information you appreciate while addressing your valued suggestions on areas of improvement.**

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Please tell us what aspects of our newsletter you enjoy and look forward to reading?

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What would you like to see in future issues? (e.g. a permanent client views section, more diverse community perspectives, better graphics/layout, etc... )

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Please mail your responses to the address listed on the back. Thank you for your time.

# SOCIETY INFO

## St. Leonard's Society of London

### *AGM and a New Program*

*This past week I had the pleasure of speaking with Peter Aharan, Executive Director of SLSL, concerning their recent AGM and their recent development of a new youth diversion program.*

**CK:** Peter, I understand your affiliate recently held a volunteer recognition dinner during your AGM. Could you please give our readers some background information on this event and the people your society honoured?

**PA:** This past year has marked the fifth anniversary of our Community Justice Circle program and the International Year of the Volunteer. As with most non-profit organizations, without the continued support of our many dedicated volunteers, from our Board members to our program volunteers, we could not function and flourish. To recognize their countless hours we held an awards dinner with 130 of our current Justice Circle volunteers in attendance, and we honoured four volunteers who have each given over seven years of service on our Board of Directors. Our honoured recipients included: Janet McEwen, Sandy McCallum, Rebecca Howse and acting Chief Brian Collins of the London Police Service. Chief Collins was also the guest speaker for the evening where he conveyed a strong support for the work of St. Leonard's in the London community, recognizing that police can not be all things to all people. Previous to the awards dinner we held a one-day training activity, facilitated by Rick Prashaw, geared towards the volunteers in the Community Justice Circle Program which focused on the principles and foundations of Restorative Justice.

**CK:** Well, congratulations to the recipients on behalf of SLSC! I was hoping you could share with our readers information on the new pre-charge diversion program for young persons your organization started this past November.

**PA:** With the expected enactment of the Youth Criminal Justice Act and the demise of the Young Offenders Act, SLSL saw an opportunity to create a program that would divert more non-violent youth away from the formal criminal justice system. Thankfully the London Police Service agreed with this assessment and a committee was formed to develop and implement a diversion program.

The program, under the management of Alice Lewis, will facilitate the direct referral of summary and hybrid offences where the maximum penalty is less than five years. First time offenders will have the opportunity to be diverted to community programs identified in cooperation between the Police, the youth's parent(s)/guardian(s) and the program staff. This program is in no way intended to facilitate the net-widening of the system; there is a clear memorandum of understanding between the London Police Service and SLSL that only youth who would have been formally charged will be diverted into the program. Another key element of the program is that each response is tailored to the needs of the individual rather than a one-size-fits-all approach. This voluntary program offers the offender an opportunity to realize the impact the crime had on the victim while responding in a least intrusive, proportional manner to the crime committed.

**Cathy Ann Kelly, Research Assistant, SLSC**

*I would like to thank Peter for taking the time to talk with me. If you would like more information concerning any of the programs mentioned please contact SLSL.*

## House of Hope, Ottawa

### *Expanding House of Hope*

*This past year House of Hope opened new offices at 211 Bronson Ave, a community resource center in the downtown area. I had the pleasure of speaking with Wayne Pagani, co-ordinator of their Employment Readiness Program, concerning the expansion of House of Hope's offices and programs including Employment Readiness. The framework for this program was originally developed by staff at our London affiliate. Although House of Hope staff have adopted this program, they have redesigned it to make it relevant to the clients they serve in the Ottawa community.*

**CK:** Wayne, can you tell me a little about why House of Hope chose to expand at this time?

**WP:** We basically had outgrown our present address and needed to accommodate more staff. I will give you a brief history of the society and a background on its growth. Since House of Hope was first opened by Yvon Leblanc 27 years ago no major work had been done on the structure of the building, outside of clients doing patch work here and there. Two years ago the Executive Director secured funding from the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation to complete a three year restoration project. Through these renovations we can now accommodate 27 beds! The restructuring of the organization also led to the development of programs other than the traditional residential only program that had existed thus far. Over the last four years House of Hope has developed programs in employment readiness and many other programs that meet client's and the communities needs. This overall growth has translated into more case managers needed on site and other staff to support the increased client capacity. Given various logistical reasons, e.g. zoning regulations, the next logical step was to start an outside office away from the house.

**CK:** Can you expand on what programs will be offered at the new offices?

**WP:** There are three main services offered at the Bronson Centre, the Employment Readiness Program, administrative services and the Family Support service for families of incarcerated people. I will speak mainly concerning the Employment Readiness Program as this is my area of expertise.

The **Employment Readiness Program** offered by the House of Hope is a voluntary five-day intensive program with an overall objective to cover all elements of career and vocational development. This objective is achieved while introducing clients to various community based services where they can continue this process immediately following completion of the program or at any time in the future. This would include a wide range of activities from obtaining an OHIP card to financial or credit counseling to résumé preparation and career counseling to upgrading education as some examples. The program is comprehensive in this respect with individual objectives being developed during the week and focused on in the follow up portion of the ERP. The House of Hope is contracted and funded by Correctional Service of Canada for three weeks of follow up, however this has been extended based on the clients needs and funded by the House of Hope. The Employment Readiness Program is offered to both residents and the community with a minimum of four federal clients in each workshop.

The **Family Support Service** is another program run out of the Bronson Centre. This program, co-ordinated by Jillian Crabb, offers support for families with incarcerated members. Originally offering front-line support this program has become KABI, Kids Affected By Incarceration, a research project assessing what children need when a parent is incarcerated. Included in the new centre are the offices for the administrative services for House of Hope. The Executive Director, Karen Morehouse, can now be reached at this new address.

**Cathy Ann Kelly, Research Assistant, SLSC**

*Thanks to Wayne for taking the time out of his busy schedule to talk with me. If you would like further information concerning House of Hope's programs please contact Wayne Pagani at the number listed on the back of this newsletter.*

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from St. Leonard's Board and Staff

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## Comings and Goings

SLSC has benefitted from the efforts of two new volunteers this Fall. Sumit Vijayvergiya, who created our new website as a summer student, has graciously agreed to continue to maintain it as a volunteer webmaster. He can be reached at:

[slsc\\_webmaster@on.aibn.com](mailto:slsc_webmaster@on.aibn.com).

Another volunteer, Jennifer Sharkey, has donated her time to revise and annotate our Restorative Justice Links page of the website. To see that update, go to [www.stleonards.ca](http://www.stleonards.ca) and click on "Restorative Justice Internet Sites". Also, check out Jennifer's article on p. 6.

Thank you both for your generous help!

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