



The Church of St. John the Evangelist, Kitchener ON EAGLE'S WINGS

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The Mayors' Dinner

Margaret Hendley

Saturday evening April 15th, after a COVID enforced lapse of three years, the 34th Annual Mayors' Dinner in financial support of The Working Centre was held for about 800 people in Bingeman's Centre with St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church again present at a Patron Table, which was noted in the programme. The tireless Eli Boich repeated his task of organizing the table which consisted of: Eli Boich, John House, Ann and Al Couglin, Sarah and Simon Guthrie, Mike McGill, Claire Smith, Brian and Margaret Hendley. Brian and Margaret hosted a pre-dinner gathering at their Waterloo home for the St. John's group which provided an opportunity for everyone to meet and chat a bit prior to the formal dinner.

The MC's for the evening were the ever affable Neil Aitchison and Talk Show Host Mike Farwell. The theme of the night was "Responding To Homelessness" with the overriding concept that community service is the rent we pay for the place we call home. After dinner the speakers included the mayors from Kitchener, Waterloo and Cambridge as well as Joe Mancini, (Director of The Working Centre), Nadine Green, Laura Hamilton and Fr. Toby Collins (from A Better Tent City), Nikki Britton (from the SOS Team of The Working Centre) and Craig Beattie, (from Perimeter Development Corp). Updates were given concerning A Better Tent City as well as the



plans to renovate 97 Victoria St. (currently home of used items for sale at Worth a Second Look and St. John's Kitchen, which was housed in our own parish hall for its first twenty years.) This renovation will include 44 units of affordable supportive housing as well as a new home for St. John's Kitchen. Although many of the speeches were very meaningful and gave us all much background on the needs of the homeless, and the various social support efforts of The Working Centre, the most personal and powerful messages were several video interviews of individual homeless people in our community who spoke with heartfelt convincingness of the need for a place to call home.

If you desire more information about the efforts of The Working Centre, or wish to donate to this most worthy cause visit: 97victoria.theworkingcentre.org

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Bales – Hispanic Farm Workers

Rosemary Cliff

I am very happy indeed to tell you that on Friday, April 21, I and two other ladies, one from St. Columba and the other from All Saints, Waterloo, met with Fr. Matt Kieswetter and Fr. Enrique Martinez to drop off all our donations. This time there were four churches that participated and it proved, once again, to be very successful. All together six bicycles were loaded onto Fr. Enrique's truck, together with numerous boxes and bags which were squeezed into the cab. We collected four bicycles and St. Andrew's were able to donate two more and in talking with Fr. Enrique I understand that in a few days he was going to collect sixteen bicycles from various parishes in London which will make it much easier for the farm workers to be able to get to the volunteer run store to pick out what they need. Previously volunteers had to take the clothing to the farm workers as they have no transportation. As well we (St. John's) collected \$150 in donations and this was matched by a generous donation from the ACW. Fr. Matt provided wonderful hospitality and we sat and chatted over tea, sandwiches, fruit and cookies! It is good to get to know one another and hear about what other parishes do for outreach and, of course, about other people's lives.

A heartfelt thank you to all those who contributed clothing, money and bicycles. It is very much appreciated. If and when you do out your closets/cupboards, please spare a thought for the farm workers and put aside any items of clothing that you no longer need as there will be another request in the autumn.

'Everything Old is New Again' Tea

Jean Wright

We are as up to date as possible. Tickets are selling well and hats have been sold, leaving hats for the auction. Keeping in mind the hats have been judged beforehand for the best hat prize. Forget that it's not your colour, shape or design. Buy it. It is my hats that are judged, not you. There is still time to volunteer to help at the tea. Sign up at both entrances to the church.

"Everything Old is New Again' Tea

See you **Saturday May 13th 1:30 – 4pm**



Large Print

Anne Hopewell

There are now large print copies of the Order of Service available as you enter St. John's. We also have large print Hymn Books. If you need assistance to locate them ask the Greeter on Duty.