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CNIB Garden Party

The CNIB Garden Party went really well, and the weather was perfect. We sat in the shade near the Lions' tables at the end of the parking lot with our L'Arche Avalon banner very visible.

The Lions are known worldwide as a Service Club and were certainly a service for us that day! They were VERY helpful to me in getting our things out of my car and set up as well as taking down and loading.

The Lions from different clubs in the metro area were making and serving free hot dogs, hamburgers, and water. Maureen and I brought a box of 28 popsicles which I had sitting on a bed of ice in my cooler and adults and children alike enjoyed those.

One of the CNIB organizers of the Garden Party said that a few other organizations like ours couldn't come because the day had been changed from the rainy Saturday to Sunday. Also, the firetruck and some other attractions, as well as some musicians had to cancel; however, everyone there had a lovely afternoon. There was a bouncy castle and games for the children, and it was a relaxing afternoon of food and fun.

We'll watch for it again next year and hope that lots of our L'Arche Avalon friends join us.

~Sheilah

Greetings from the Chair

Dear friends,

As we turn the corner on what has been a wonderful summer and turn our minds to fall, we can't help but reflect on what an amazing summer it has been.

Although many of our L'Arche activities are curtailed for the summer, we have enjoyed our picnics at the lake, and the city provides activities that our members have enjoyed such as the outdoor Harbourfront Concerts, and the Regatta which is celebrating its 207th year. Some of our members will be watching and or volunteering as helpers at the Canada Summer Games being held in the city in August which is very exciting.

Your Building Project team continues to meet with government in the interest of moving our dream of building two homes in the city to a reality.

In October, our Regional Leader, Coryn Stehouwer will visit to spend two days of fun with members and friends at the Rotary Sunshine camp. Watch our Facebook page and your emails for details of the event. Save the dates – October 25th and 26th.

I trust that your summer has been an enjoyable one and that we will see you back at activities in the fall.

~Sheilah

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Most Tuns!

Anton received a dart award! for ***Most tuns*** - and look how happy he is.

This however might be less due to the award itself than to his feeling of being included.

Anton is part of a dart player league and plays darts with some help by one of his buddies, every Tuesday at the wonderful Geraldine Rubia Center. For darts and other activities, they try a lot to accommodate everyone. Anton has not much understanding of rules or even the 'why' throw darts anyhow. But he is part of the team, and all efforts count, are appreciated, applauded and enjoyed!
Inclusion in action! And a very social environment! Thank you to all the organizers at the Center.

Photo credit: Jodie Thornbury

~Petra

L'Arche Visitors from Cape Breton

On July 21st, L'Arche Avalon hosted a Meet and Greet when L'Arche Friends Kits, Ravi, Trevor, and Sandy arrived from Cape Breton for a ten day stay. They had driven from Nova Scotia and, as they had their own transportation, they were able to explore the sights of St. John's and travel outside the city. They met many members again at our weekly Thursday lunch for a BBQ at Quidi Vidi Lake and joined Maureen, Janelle, and me at the Regatta where they watched a couple of races and got lunch from vendors around

the pond. They returned to Nova Scotia via Argentia on the 31st having spent a very enjoyable ten days.

~Sheilah

L'Arche Avalon 2025 **Yard Sale**

This year's Yard Sale took place on July 1st and was a huge success with crowds waiting to shop from the opening. People had been donating and collecting items since the Auction fundraiser in March. Marilyn was the cashier, Brendan, along with Janelle and Maureen, managed the hot dog stand. The final total was over $3000!! Thank you to all who donated, shopped, or helped in any way. A special thank you to Deluxe Dry Cleaners, The Lantern, the Sisters of Mercy, and the Presentation Sisters.

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October 25-26, 2025

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Saturday Oct 25 10am - 4pm

Sunday Oct 26 10am - 2pm

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Coryn and Anna are excited to get to know you all of you through music, games, art, and of course...food!

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