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With Love from L'Arche Avalon

We all know how much our music circle is loved. David Buley has now put that in video form. He highlights the love, laughter, and community we all feel through music circle in a wonderful video filled with inspiring moments. Take a look! You won't be disappointed: <https://youtu.be/VFmOVVDIqzI>



Greetings from the Chair

Although it is Good Friday as I write this, we are still in the throes of winter. The sunny days which intersperse the storms are so welcome and I am sure that we all look forward to the coming of spring.

By the time that you receive this Newsletter, Easter will be over; however, I hope that you were able to spend a peaceful, happy holiday with family and friends.

The building project is moving forward, and I trust that by this time next year you will see concrete evidence of all our work to date.

I look forward to getting together with you at our many activities. Please check your monthly L'Arche Avalon Calendar and join us whenever you can - and bring a friend.

Best regards,
Sheilah



Stronger Together

We Love Having Visitors!

This past March, members of L'Arche Avalon met with visitors from L'Arche Homefires in Wolfville, NS. Steven, a core member, and Grace, a L'Arche assistant met us for lunch at the mall. Established in 1981, L'Arche Homefires is a vibrant, thriving community full of love, laughter, and caring individuals. Consisting of five homes, an independent Living Support Program, and day programs, L'Arche Homefires is a meaningful part of the Annapolis Valley with members participating in all areas of society, including farmer's markets, churches, theatre, local politics and much more. It was great to be able to connect with our L'Arche family from another community!



Building Project Update

The Board of Directors continues to work diligently to move our building project forward. While our recent application for capital funding through the CMHC Affordable Housing Fund program was not successful, we have filed a new application under the federal government's Build Canada Homes program.

We are taking steps to hire our first full time employee, a project manager, on a one-year contract basis to assist with our ongoing relationship with the provincial government and also to strengthen and expand the L'Arche network. For the job posting, please see:

https://workforcenow.adp.com/mascsr/default/mdf/recruitment/recruitment.html?cid=b819cd6c-7031-46d9-906f-cee53ca863af&cclid=9200909054831_2&lang=en_CA&jobId=620228

We have retained **Raising The Roof** (RTR) to assist with our capital funding application and with management of the overall building project. RTR is also involved in the process of hiring an architectural firm to complete the design of our L'Arche homes.

The Board remains firmly committed to making L'Arche homes a reality in this province.

~ Lewis
Lead for the building project



Notice of Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled to take place on June 14th, 2026. Regarding full participation in that meeting, the by-laws of L'Arche Avalon require that persons be members in good standing for six weeks prior to the AGM. This year that deadline is May 3rd. This means that to nominate a member to the Board, to offer yourself for service on the Board, and to vote at the AGM, you must have paid membership dues by May 3rd.

There are three ways you may pay the \$20 membership fee:

1. You may pay through **e-transfer** to treasurer@larcheavalon.ca. Please indicate "membership."
2. You may **mail** the fee to L'Arche Avalon, P.O. Box 1573, Stn. C, St. John's, A1C 5P3
3. You may pay **in person** at one of our upcoming events, such as Monthly Gathering on April 19th.

Just to clarify, we like you to show your support by becoming a member, but you are more than welcome to participate in all our L'Arche Avalon events and activities, with or without membership. This notice is specifically related to your participation in the Annual General Meeting in June.



2026 L'Arche Avalon Auction

This year's auction was again marked by the generosity of families, friends, Community members and supporters in the wider community. People brought donations, volunteered time and effort in the preparation before and after the auction and bid generously on the items. Every year we learn how to do things more efficiently and have developed some expertise in running an auction of this sort. We made just over \$14,000, a gratifying sum which justifies all the effort that went into it from so many people.

There are many people to thank for the hours they put into this auction: Patti Bryant, Sarah King, Marilyn Andrews, Sheilah Mackinnon Drover, Maureen Mackinnon, Janelle Collins, Petra Sunner, David Buckley, Anton Buckley, Muggs Tibbo, Gail Eldridge, Catherine Ryan, Alda Halleran, the Sisters of Presentation and the Sisters of Mercy, Marilyn Lythgoe and Kathy Murphy. And thank you to all who bid on our lovely items.

