

## Greetings From Gary



Gary in Retirement Mode

Another successful summer has passed and it was a very special one for me as it marked my last summer as Camp Director. For the past 39 years, I have had the pleasure of working with caring staff, amazing guests and wonderful parents and caregivers. As I ease into

retirement I will stay on 3 days a week to work with our rental groups, property management and fundraising. I shall miss all of you very much.

The camp is in good hands as we have hired Erin Mlotek to lead us. Erin has been involved with the camp since 2007 and many of you already know her. Please join me in welcoming her.

## This and That...

- After our summer camp ended, we offered a one week camp for individuals with Autism in association with TRE-ADD. It was a very successful program that we hope will continue next summer.
- With help from our Property Department and Flavian Pinto, cabin 4 will be getting a complete overhaul. To all former staff that lived in cabin 4, come and take some pictures soon!
- We are working on a few changes for the 2015 summer camp such as being able to submit all of your forms on line and changing from cheques to credit card only. More information to come soon. If we don't have your email, drop us a line.
- Next summer will mark our 50<sup>th</sup> year in providing camping programs. To celebrate this achievement we will be hosting a staff and guest reunion the last weekend of September 2015. Stay tuned to

## Marisa's Corner



I would first of all like to thank all of the staff, guests and families who supported me this past year as I underwent treatment for Breast Cancer. Your well wishes meant so much to me. Thank you.

The camp has seen many improvements over

the past several months and many of these changes you might have not even noticed. For instance, four of our buildings received new roof shingles, the basement of the farm house was renovated, new siding was installed in parts of the dining hall, additional paving of our road occurred and new backup generators were installed for most of our buildings.

our website for more information.

[www.shadowlakecentre.ca](http://www.shadowlakecentre.ca)

- Erin will be looking into the possibility of offering weekend and seasonal weekend respite programs at Shadow Lake.
- Have a great winter everyone and we look forward to seeing you in the summer of 2015. Best wishes always.



# A Message From Erin



This summer went by so fast! It was an exciting and very successful season, as Shadow Lake served close to 700 guests! Our team of staff deserves a huge thank you for being extremely dedicated, enthusiastic and helpful, and for creating a wonderful summer for our guests. Great job everyone!

## Here is some of the feedback we received:

*“My two daughters, aged 13 and 17 had their best summer ever. As soon as they got through our front door, they said they are going back next year!”*

*“Thank you all for taking such good care of me. My*

*parents felt comfort in knowing I had a good time and was safe. It was wonderful experience.”*

*“I love camp! I can’t wait to go again next year!”*

*“Staff were great, the activities were so fun and I made lots of new friends!”*

According to our guests, when asked what they liked about camp, 80% said everything, 10% said boating and being in the water, and 10% said meeting new friends.

When asked what they would change, 98% said nothing, 1% said no to serving hot dogs, while another 1% did not like the rain or bugs.

We will see what we can do about the rain, bugs and hot dogs for next year!

I would personally like to thank everyone for being incredibly welcoming and supportive these past couple months as I started in this new position!

See you all next summer!

# A Little Help From Our Friends

Once again, Rick Taylor and Linda Bousfield from Hub International organized our annual Shadow Lake Golf Tournament. This successful tournament has been in operation for the past 46 years and has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for our camp. Many thanks to Rick and Linda for their incredible support.

The good people from Scotiabank once again participated in their day of community service by providing us with 50 volunteers who helped the camp by painting, moving furniture, washing windows and spreading top soil. A big thank you to a great group of people.

We were completely surprised when we ordered a golf cart from Bennett Golf Carts; the day it was delivered, Ryan said, “Each time I come here I’m so

impressed with the work you do, I’d like to donate this golf cart to the camp.” We are in awe of our great community partners!

Thanks to the generosity of the Farnell Family from Verdun, Quebec, we were able to purchase a picnic shelter in memory of Bruce Walling. Bruce’s family and friends attended a memorial service here in July to officially open the shelter.



# Sad News

This summer, we were all saddened by the news that Kalisha (Sunshine) Seymore and Serena Knapp had passed on. Camp was a special place for these two lovely young women and we will miss them deeply. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families.



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