

What's Happening



PROGRAM PLANNING / CLIENT LUNCH
The HIV Support Services team are in the process of planning client events / workshops / groups and programs for 2017/2018 and welcome your thoughts ideas and input.
For more information or to attend this event contact ...
HIV Support Services team 519-434-1601
rnewman@hivaidsconnection.ca

Social Support Groups

- ◆ PHA Café – social support drop in group
- ◆ Woman’s group – social support specifically geared to women living with HIV
- ◆ Winners Circle – social support group for long term survivors living with HIV/AIDS

For more information on these groups and other client activities at RHAC contact HIV Client Services 519-434-1601 / rnewman@hivaidsconnection.ca

Client Call List

Want to get more involved in Regional HIV/AIDS Connection? Contact a member of client services staff and ask to have your name added to the Client Reminder Call List and you will be notified by a dedicated volunteer for upcoming events



Client ED Lunch
Friday March 17, 2017
Come and discuss HIV Client Services with the E.D. of RHAC and Client Service staff for more information contact HIV Client Service Team 519-434-1601
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SPEAK OUT!!!
Have a voice in the RHAC PHA newsletter If you would like to contribute to the next or for that matter any edition, please speak with Rob Newman Peer Support Worker 519-434-1601 / rnewman@hivaidsconnection.ca

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SPEAK OUT

A Newsletter For and By PLWHA



It's not a goodbye it's a thank you

When putting this quarterly newsletter together this small publication needs to carry a lot of information. This double sided single sheet of paper needs to inform readers as to what's new while also bringing you the standard fair of the goings on of Regional HIV/AIDS Connection and in particular the HIV Support Services department. The flip side is reserved for current news, special events and often writings from PHAs.

This edition is reserved to honour a friend, colleague and champion to many; Gloria Aykroyd.

Gloria came to the Infectious Diseases Care Program (IDCP) formerly the HIV Care Programme in 1991. At that time AIDS was 10 years old, treatment was scarce and people were dying. There is no way to sugarcoat the horror that was happening during those early days. That time in the history of HIV/AIDS saw a lot of burnout from social support work, medical staff and the like. The injustice, stigma, discrimination faced by people living with AIDS was also felt by those who stood firm with them. Gloria was right there ... and she stayed.

Gloria immersed herself in the work for 25 years, served on the boards of Regional HIV/AIDS Connection, John Gordon Home and was there at the beginning of Camp Wendake baking bread in the kitchen and stubbing her toes on the rocky shores of Lake Huron. On the first day of her retirement she spoke at the World AIDS Day Candlelight vigil

She was for many the calm before and after the storm.

Soon there will be a gathering of friends, colleagues and clients at the offices of Regional HIV/AIDS Connection to celebrate her work and wish her well in her retirement.

This will prove to be a popular event so should you wish to join in the celebration please contact ...

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