

# Manager's Report

The Management Team welcomes newcomers Lisa Owen as Business Office Manager, Lana Sanderson-Neeb as the Shelter Manager and Shannon Drainville as Interim Community and Fund Development Coordinator. These three women join Executive Director, Casey Weichert, Sexual Assault Manager, Bernice Connell and the rest of the Administrative Team in managing and working with the programs offered by Women's House Serving Bruce & Grey.



**Lisa** hails from Vancouver BC, where she worked at the Cythera Transition House Society as a Residential Manager. She has also held the position of Substance Abuse Counselor at the Alouette Correctional Center for Women as well as multiple roles at the Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver. She completed her B.A. and her M.A. in Sociology at the University of Guelph. Lisa is originally from Harriston, ON and is happy to be back in Ontario in order to be closer to her family. Lisa brings a determined work ethic and enthusiasm for women's rights to our organization and we are grateful to have her.

**Lana** has returned to this community after being away for several years. She brings back with her extensive experience gained from several years working in the violence against women sector. Having used her skills as a social worker in both front line and management roles at various shelters in Ontario made her an excellent choice as manager for our counseling team in the shelter program. Lana's feminist perspective and commitment to ending violence against women will ensure that quality service is continued for women and children who have experienced violence from their intimate partner.



**Shannon** joins our team from Haileybury, located in Northern Ontario. She has a Social Service Worker diploma from Northern College, where she sat on the Board of Governors and on Student Council as Director of Communication. She has experience working for charities as she worked for the Classic Theatre, a non-profit live entertainment theatre for several years. Shannon was in every position from Administrative Assistant to Child and Youth Worker to Interim General Manager at the Classic Theatre. Shannon has also worked as a counselor at a woman's shelter in Haileybury. She is thrilled to be a part of the Women's House team.

Welcome Lisa, Lana and Shannon!

## May is Sexual Assault Awareness Month!

Sexual Assault Services Crisis & Support Line:

1-866-578-5566

Volunteer Program:  
519-372-1113 Ext. 225



### Help End Sexual Violence!

#### What YOU Can Do to Help:

- ◆ **DO** tell her that it's not her fault. Nobody invites sexual assault or wants to be sexually assaulted
- ◆ **DO** refer to a hospital, clinic or doctor that can provide medical help and testing for unplanned pregnancy, HIV and STD's
- ◆ **DO** refer to Women's House Sexual Assault Services or the Ontario Coalition of Rape Crisis Centres at: [www.sexualassaultsupport.ca](http://www.sexualassaultsupport.ca)
- ◆ **DO** support and respect her choices. The coping strategies this person is using have helped her to survive
- ◆ **DO** believe her and protect confidentiality. Tell her this, too
- ◆ **DO** invite a speaker from Sexual Assault Services to your group or meeting
- ◆ **DO** speak up when you see or hear behavior that degrades women and promotes sexual violence
- ◆ **DO** support Women's House *Serving Bruce & Grey*

#### \*Feature Sponsor - AREVA NP Canada Ltd.\*

For 3 years now, AREVA NP Canada Ltd. has hosted a charity curling bonspiel with all of the proceeds going directly to Women's House. On January 14, 2011, AREVA handed a cheque for \$10,000 over to Women's House. Also involved in the event were the corporate sponsors: Canberra, Crosby Dewar Inc, CUSW, Bruce Power, and E.S. Fox Ltd. Thanks AREVA— we are extremely grateful for your commitment to us!



# Volunteer Appreciation Day 2011



Honouring 10 Years of Volunteer Service to Women's House

\*Missing from picture: Mary Anne Kukoly

#### DID YOU KNOW?

International Women's Day started in 1908, when 15,000 women marched through New York City demanding shorter hours, better pay and voting rights.

## International Women's Day

We laughed, we cried, we laughed so hard we cried, but more importantly we celebrated the accomplishments and achievements of women past, present and future. International Women's Day celebrated a 100 year anniversary this year and Women's House put on a classy and exciting event to celebrate on March 4, 2011.

The celebration was once again held at the CAW Family Education Centre, Port Elgin and dinner was served by Executive Chef Paul Johnston. Attendees were entertained by MC Merry Macartney of Merri-

mac Communications, and were treated to the highly comical and informative skit "Women of the Century" that depicted women throughout this past century.

The Woman of Distinction award was also

handed out to Lorraine Boucher of Port Elgin for her outstanding community involvement throughout both Bruce and Grey Counties.

The evening ended

with comedians Laurie Elliott and Allyson Smith from Yuk Yuk's Comedy tour. These two women left attendees in stitches as they discussed their own trials and tribulations they have experienced as women.

On April 16, we celebrated all of the hard work and dedication our volunteers exhibit throughout the year. Along with celebrating all of our volunteers, we also presented several volunteers with plaques acknowledging 10 years or more of service to Women's House. Volunteers were also served a delicious lunch donated by Glenda at Aunt Mable's Restaurant in Port Elgin.

Volunteer Appreciation Day was also the perfect setting for the bench and tree dedication for Barry Fuller, who passed away last year. Barry was the "Man of the House" and provided many dedicated hours to volunteering at Women's House. Casey Weichert, Executive Director, is pictured below cutting the ribbon for the dedication ceremony, along with staff and other volunteers of Women's House.



Bench and Tree Dedication for Barry Fuller, "The Man of the House" 1943-2010

This evening would not have been possible without our Prestige Media Sponsor: MyFM, our Prestige Event Sponsor: Bruce Power and our Corporate Sponsors: H.Bye Construction, Ontario Power Generation, Meridian Credit Union of both Port Elgin and Kincardine and the Power Workers' Union.



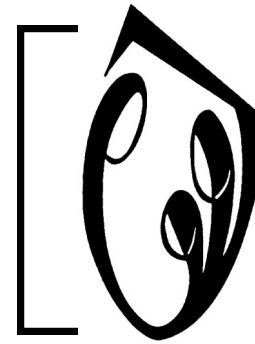
Woman of Distinction, Lorraine Boucher (left), with her nominator, Catherine Parr

#### Our Mission

We will provide services, within supportive environments, to women 16 years of age and older and their children who have or are experiencing abuse, sexual violence or homelessness. We base our work from a feminist, anti-racist, anti-oppression framework that embraces diversity, inclusiveness and equality. Our commitment is to social change through education and advocacy in order to achieve social justice for all women.

#### Our Vision

To achieve an atmosphere in society in which all are respected, safe and valued as individuals. In the interim, we need to provide a safe container which nurtures, heals and encourages growth to full potential.



## Women's House Serving Bruce & Grey Newsletter—Spring 2011

Kincardine Office: (519) 396-9814 ~ Fax: (519) 396-7800  
 Owen Sound Office: (519) 372-1113 ~ Fax: (519) 372-2075  
 Mailing Address: Box 760, Kincardine, ON, N2Z 2Z4  
 Website: www.whsbg.on.ca

Crisis Phone Number: 1-800-265-3026  
 Local: (519)-396-9655  
 Sexual Assault Crisis Line: 1-866-578-5566

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**Chippewa Golf & Country Club**  
 Tel: 519-797-3338 \* www.chippewagolf.com

**2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament Sunday, July 10, 2011**

ENTRY FEE IS \$110.00 PER PERSON & INCLUDES

18 holes with power carts \* Coffee & Tim Hortons Donuts at Registration  
 Goodie Bag \* Use of Practice Range \* Lunch \* Hole-in-One & Closest-to-Pin Prizes  
 Chippewa's Famous 'All you can Eat' Buffet Dinner \* Chance to win a trip to Hawaii  
 \* Grand Prize Draw a Lifetime Membership to Chippewa \*

Registration starts @ 11:00 a.m. followed by Lunch & 1:00 p.m. T-off \* 4 Person Scramble

Please visit our website at www.whsbg.on.ca to download our entry form. For further details call Shannon Drainville at 519-396-9814 ext. 225 or Chippewa Pro-shop @ 519-797-3684. Deadline for entries is Monday, June 27, 2011



### Annual General Meeting

June 29, 2011

Bruce Power Visitors' Centre

RSVP to Shannon at (519) 396-9814 Ext.225

#### Women's House Fall Gala

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, please email me news about upcoming events

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#### Women's House Fall Gala

**October 22, 2011**

- ◆ An Evening of Dining, Dancing and Socializing
- ◆ Both Silent and Live Auctions
- ◆ Elimination and Diamond Draw

Early reservations are accepted in June by contacting  
 Shannon at: (519) 396-9814 Ext. 225

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### Spring Has Sprung!

As the grass gets greener, the tulips start emerging and the birds start chirping, Women's House continues to offer the vital programs and services to the women and children in need in our community, regardless of season. No matter what the weather is doing outside, the atmosphere inside Women's House is always positive and nurturing.

The daffodils may be blooming outside, but often times the women staying with us aren't able to see all

the beauty that spring brings. This is where our dynamic, professional and committed staff comes into place. Our counselors, transition workers, child witness counselors, sexual assault counselors, child and youth worker, and all managers and administrative staff work extremely hard to assist those women and children in abusive situations to see the beauty in their own lives, as well as the world around them.

With the blossoming flowers, the appearance of animals and the new colours emerging in our nature, take time to think of those who are

unable to see the beauty in this beautiful season.

Please enjoy this bi-annual newsletter from Women's House. We hope that you learn a little more about how we try to bring beauty to the lives of women and children every day.



#### Women's House Serving Bruce & Grey - Programs and Services



Women's Shelter



Community Development



Sexual Assault Services



24/7 Crisis Lines



Group Counselling



Volunteer Opportunities



Outreach Counselling



Child Witness



Transition and Second Stage Housing Services

### All Second Stage Units are Open

The third and final Second Stage Housing Unit opened for occupancy on January 1/2011. This building, located in Kincardine, includes 4 units

available to women and their children for up to one year after their stay at the shelter. Women's House now has Second Stage Units in Warton, Port Elgin and Kincardine to serve the needs of all three communities.

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Second Stage Housing Unit, Kincardine