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Getting Across ...

NEWSLETTER OF THE HALIFAX COMMUNITY LEARNING NETWORK

UPCOMING EVENTS



Call 422-7648 for more information about any of these events.

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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENTS

Spring Garden Road Public
Library
Program

April 20th, 6pm

Halifax North Public Library
Program

April 21st, 6:30pm

Captain William Spry Public
Library Program

April 22nd, 11am

Keshen Goodman Public Library
Program

April 28th, 6:30pm

Literacy Solutions 2004 Professional Development for Volunteer Tutors

April 17th, 9:00am – 4:00pm

Halifax Military Community
Centre (HMCC)

Open Space Meeting

*Sponsored by Metro Council on
Continuing Education*

April 22nd & 23rd

HMCC

MAY

HCLN Network Meeting

May 13th, 9:00am

HMCC

JUNE

AGM & Year-End Celebration

June 10th

*Time and location to be
determined.*

Student Story

Special Olympics National Winter Games in P.E.I.

By Sarah Holesworth

Day 1

The games were pretty fun in P.E.I. When we arrived on the Island, we checked into the hotel that we were going to be staying in for a week. The rooms we had were very nice, especially mine and my roommate Beth's. Our room was big. We had a lounge in it with a tv and our bedroom was off the lounge with a tv in it as well. That's right, we had two tv's in our room, lucky ducks we were! The bathroom was nice and big too. I loved our room. The night we got there we had supper and relaxed the whole night. We also visited with some of our friends on the team. The ride over was nice but at the time I was not feeling very well at all so it was pretty much a lousy day for me. It was pretty neat going over the big Confederation bridge that leads to the Island over the ocean. The ocean was all iced

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The HCLN 10th Anniversary Publication

WRITTEN WORDS: Adult Learners Share Their Stories

is now available.

The Halifax Community Learning Network celebrated the launch of WRITTEN WORDS on March 24th at a gathering of Network members and program participants. The event was at the Halifax North Branch Library and was highlighted by individual author's read – ing their piece from the book.

Also at the celebration was Preston Mulligan, reporter with CBC Radio, who produced a small summary of the event which aired on Information Morning the next day.

If you would like a copy of the book, contact Tylor at the HCLN offices:
422 – 7648 or email hcln@ns.sympatico.ca.

You can also download WRITTEN WORDS as a PDF document from the Network website at www.hcln.ca.

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THANKS TO
THOSE WHO
CONTRIBUTED
TO MAKING THE
BOOK POSSIBLE.



FEATURED WEB-SITE



MATH IN DAILY LIFE

<http://www.learner.org/exhibits/arithmetic/>

This website looks at how numbers affect everyday decisions and offers some excellent ideas for lessons about cooking, home renovation/decorating and personal finances. It may also help you see the world through the eyes of someone who is coping with low numeracy skills.

(Taken from
Ready, Set, Know: A Handbook for New Tutors)

You can check out other valuable on-line resources at the HCLN website, www.hcln.ca/tutor.

If you know of other helpful websites, please let us know by emailing the information to hcln@ns.sympatico.ca

April 18th – 24th is Volunteer Appreciation Week!

HCLN would like to extend sincere gratitude and thanks to all the volunteer tutors who continually demonstrate their dedication to their community by donating their time to work with the students in our programs. The Network's success would not be possible without your support.

Special thanks, as well, go to the volunteer board members and administrative support, who work behind the scenes to ensure the continued quality of our programming: Joe Burke, Betty Dobson, Gail Ellsworth, Andrea Estenson, Cathy Gaudette, Tracey Jones, Gerard McNeil and Margie Naish – Buchanan.

Special Olympics National Winter Games (*continued from front page*)

over the day we crossed. The Opening Ceremonies were fantastic and a blast. Yes, we got to see ourselves on tv.

Day 3

We had practice at the Civic Arena where we did our figures in the afternoon. I placed 9th which was not too bad. After we did our figures, we got to watch the other skaters do theirs and also we went to watch the floor hockey teams play and cheer them on. During the evening they had a band come in and entertain us and the band was lots of fun. They played lots of cool songs to dance to.

Day 5

Today was our big day. It was competition day and I was in the hospital in the morning to get my side checked to make sure I could still compete. It was a very busy day rushing around getting things ready. I was so rushed that day it wasn't funny! I was lucky enough to get to have a shower before leaving for the rink and I had only 40 minutes before I was going to do my program. Whew, what a day! And what an experience! I had everybody telling me that I was a real trooper to be able to skate after being in the hospital all morning. I wanted to make my coach proud of me and to let her know that I was not going to back out. So I went out and did my stuff and won myself a bronze medal out of it. Actually I didn't know I won third place until my coach Mary Ann came and told me and when she did I jumped right into her arms and gave her a big hug. I couldn't believe that I won a national medal for figure skating.

After all our competitions and medals awards were done, we went and cheered on our Nova Scotian floor hockey team in their gold medal round, which they lost to P.E.I. It figures. They got silver - way to go Team Nova Scotia, good try! When the night fell we were pretty tired out so we went to bed a little earlier than usual.

Day 7

We didn't do a thing on our last day except for - you guessed it - trading our last minute pins and t-shirts etc. We had the most awesome dance that night.

Competing in front of a crowd was great feeling. Hearing them clap while watching your program was very exciting. The best part of it was getting lots of stuffed toys thrown to you.

Congratulations Team Nova Scotia for bringing home 52 medals!

Sarah's complete story can be found on-line at www.hcln.ca.

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