

Bellwoods Newsletter

SUMMER
UPDATE



Left to right: Lori Holloway, Paul Williams, Prince Amponsah, Marilyn Woods, Michael Wrycraft, Maria Traccitti, Sandy Vanzeumeren and Heather Brien

GOOD NEIGHBOURS AWARD

On June 13, 2018 Bellwoods (BCCL) celebrated inclusiveness and accessible communities at our Elm Street location. This was our first event recognizing our good neighbours, valued partners and champions of accessibility supporting independent living in the community. Bellwoods has grown from its modest beginnings in a house on Kingston Road in 1957 to what is now a multi-site, multi-service organization that delivers services that truly transforms lives.

We invited some special guests as co-presenters to hand out the awards including Prince Amponsah (BCCL Sudbury Client), Michael Wrycraft (BCCL Supportive Housing Client), Marilyn Woods (Caregiver for Keith Woods - BCCL AO Client), and two Special Olympic Athletes (Sandy Vanzeumeren and Maria Traccitti).

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Bellwoods remains focused on its clients helping them to build the capacity to live as independently as possible in the community. The Good Neighbours Award recognizes the long standing support and dedication of individuals who have become valued partners and champions for services and Independent Living programs that strengthen accessibility. Awards were presented to: Ralph Wierzba, Pharmacist from Dales Pharmacy, Sandra Carpenter, Executive Director at Centre of Independent Living Toronto, Tim Neeb, President of

Mahogany Management and Vera Iwanow, Senior Program Consultant from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC). This celebration was spearheaded by Bellwoods External Relations Committee including Heather Brien (Board Chair) and Paul Williams (Committee Chair).

Bellwoods is continuing to build stronger, supportive communities around our clients. These connections are helping to ensure that our impact reaches beyond the services we provide.



CONGRATULATIONS!

From left to right: Lori Holloway, Tim Neeb, Ralph Wierzba, and Sandra Carpenter
Absent: Vera Iwanow

BELLWOODS ACCREDITED!

Bellwoods recently completed an accredited process with Accreditation Canada. We have maintained our Exemplary Standing under the Qmentum Accreditation Program. This is the highest ranking possible and represents an exceptional achievement for all clients, staff and partners who are part of the Bellwoods community. Our next survey will be in four years (May 2022).

This is a milestone to be celebrated, as it recognizes our commitment to providing safe, high quality health services. We recognize that our clients and staff are key to our success and that their contributions are integral to everything that we stand for and do. The focus going forward is to strengthen staff and client engagement and continue our focus on quality management and new innovations.



June 25, 2018

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Bellwoods 2018 Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Staff Recognition Awards was held on Monday, June 25, 2018 at St. Paul's Bloor Street. The Board business portion focused on past year activities related to finances, audit and tabling of our Annual Finance Report. It also included the Election of three new board directors (Ron Kelusky, Craig Knowles and Kate Wilkinson) and re-election of three members (Heather Brien, Angela Hantoumakos and Barbara Baca). Bellwoods appointed BDO Canada LLP as auditors for the 2018/19 fiscal year. Following the AGM, we recognized 36 staff members who achieved longstanding service milestones in 2018 that ranged from, five to 30 years of service.

Congratulations

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Asegedech Asefa
Robette Cabatingan
Tapasi Chatterjee
Lucia Corbacho
Uranchimeg Dambal
Sama Karaminia
Christine Keller
Terra Lynn Mercer
Charles Nwachukwu
Anne Persram

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Myrna Harriott
Rabbia Khan
George Nsubuga
Avis Patterson

25

Julieta Clarke
Donovan Sterne

20

Gloria Daniele
Patricia Douglas
Tessa James

30

Adrien Leblond
Mary Stowe

10

Lai Soon Ang
Helen Bustillo
Victoria Casero
Lisa Chalifoux
Paul Dakota
Alicia Drzewicki
Bahsen Habib
Sacha Heravi
Passang Lhamo
Rovelene Medina
Regina Quainoo
Shawn Reynolds
Donnette Salmon
Rhoda Senoga
Victor Sojobi



NEW BOARD MEMBERS Fall 2018

RON KELUSKY

DIRECTOR



Ron is Ontario's Chief Prevention Officer (CPO), appointed in March 2018 to oversee the Prevention Office within the Ministry of Labour. Prior to his appointment as CPO, Ron was President and CEO of Public Services Health and Safety Association (PSHSA), a Health and Safety Association of the Ministry of Labour. Ron holds a Master of Business Administration, Diplomas in Health and Human Resources, is a Certified Municipal Manager (CMM III) and is also a member of the Institute of Corporate Directors and Canadian Society of Safety Engineers.

CRAIG KNOWLES

DIRECTOR



Craig has worked for the Ontario Ministry of Finance and in management roles in the advertising and communication industries. Craig managed Toronto Centre Constituency and served as Executive Assistant to the Honourable Bob Rae between 2011-13. Craig has been active for over 20 years in the non-profit sector, primarily in strategic planning, fund development and volunteer co-ordination. Currently, Craig is a member of the YMCA Central Executive Leadership Council, and is an advisor on strategic partnerships and philanthropic opportunities.

KATE WILKINSON

DIRECTOR



Kate is the Lead, Policy and Strategy, at Health Quality Ontario where she works collaboratively with different stakeholders across the health care system to find solutions to complex policy problems. Kate has experience in strategic planning and in applying innovative approaches to policy or system development, including those learned from behavioural science and user-centred design. Kate holds a Master's of Science from University of Toronto where she carried out her graduate research on sleep, and a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and English.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

You are welcome to attend the public portion of Board meetings. If interested, please contact Bellwoods at (416) 696-9663 ext. 206 to confirm the meeting date and location.

- September 24, 2018 at 5:30 pm
- November 26, 2018 at 5:30 pm
- January 28, 2019 at 5:30 pm
- March 25, 2019 at 5:30 pm
- May 27, 2019 at 5:30 pm
- June 24, 2019 at 5:30 pm

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