

JOHN  
PHILLIP'S  
JOKE OF  
THE  
MONTH:

What did the  
tie say to the  
hat?



You go on a  
head and I will  
hang around!

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# CLM POST

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## A Credo For Support

Do Not see my disability as  
the problem.  
Recognize that my disability  
is an attribute.

Do Not see my disability as  
a deficit.  
It is you who see me as a  
deviant and helpless.

Do Not try to fix me be-  
cause I am not broken.  
Support me. I can make my  
contribution to the  
community in my way.

Do Not see me as your  
client. I am your fellow citi-  
zen.  
See me as your neighbour.  
Remember, none of us can  
be  
Self-sufficient.

Do not try to modify my  
behaviour.  
Be still & listen. What you  
define as inappropriate  
may be my attempt to com-  
municate with you in the  
only  
way I can.

Do Not try to change me,  
you have no right.  
Help me learn what I want  
to know.

Do Not hide your uncer-  
tainty behind "professional"

Distance.  
Be a person who listens, and  
does not take my  
Struggle away from me by  
trying to make it all better.

Do Not use theories and  
strategies on me.  
Be with me. And when we  
struggle  
with each other, let that  
give rise to self-reflection.

Do Not try to control me.  
I have a right to my power  
as a  
person.

What you call non-  
compliance or manipulation  
may  
Actually be the only way I  
can exert some control  
over my  
life.

Do Not teach me to be  
obedient, submissive, and  
polite.  
I need to feel entitled to say  
No if I am to protect myself.

Do Not be charitable to-  
wards me.  
The last thing the world  
needs is another Jerry Lew-  
is.

Be my ally against those  
who exploit me for their  
own  
gratification.

Do Not try to be my friend.  
I deserve more than that.  
Get to know me. We may  
become friends.

Do Not help me, even if it  
does make you feel good.  
Ask me if I need your help.  
Let me show you how you  
can  
Best assist me.

Do Not admire me. A desire  
to live a full life does not  
Warrant adoration.  
Respect me, for respect pre-  
sumes equity.

Do Not tell, correct and lead.  
Listen, Support, and Follow.

Do Not work on me.  
Work with me.

"Norman Kunc and Emma  
Vander Klift"

Also if you wish you may  
watch Norman Kunc & Emma  
Van der Klift's video, "A Cre-  
do for Support" - spoken by  
members of San Luis Obispo  
People First at the following  
link;

<http://youtu.be/wunHdfZFxFxw>

"Submitted by Sherri Mokohonuk"

# Speaking Out Conference 2012



Left to Right

Dave G, John Phillip R,  
Bruce V, and Tyler M

*"All  
advocates  
should have  
a chance to  
experience  
this!"*

On October 12, 2012 four members of the Manitoulin Island Advocates set sail to a Conference for self advocates; held in Port Elgin, Ontario, with the assistance of four volunteers. Members that attended are: Tyler M: President of M.I.A.; John Phillip R: member; Bruce V: member; and Dave G: member.

This was the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Speaking out Conference but the first for Manitoulin to attend. It was a weekend full of learning for advocates from across Ontario. The conference included seminars on : Learning how to walk from a Dude in a chair= this was about the steps to take when you are advocating for a purpose; Public Speaking, self esteem, self confidence, overcoming communication barriers and how to advocate for change as well as advocating through letter writing and words

hurt, be kind; advocates against abuse.

Our advocates decided that they would like to host a conference in order to have advocates come to Manitoulin Island. They also brought information back that will teach other individuals at CLM how to speak out.

This was truly a learning experience for advocates and for the volunteers. My personal reflections about the conference are that if you give an individual the opportunity to succeed, that individual will succeed. The participation from CLM advocates was phenomenal, they can speak out, and we have to listen as well as give opportunities for growth.

When returning back to the island I asked each individual what they got

out of attending the conference and their replies are:

Bruce V: "Let's do this again sometime soon."

Dave G: "Yah"

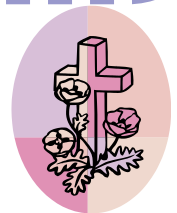
John Phillip R: "meeting new friends, I gave out all my contact cards"

Tyler M: "All advocates should have a chance to experience this."

Manitoulin Island Advocates would sincerely like to thank everyone that made donations and the volunteers that went along for the ride. Your generosity helped make this happen.

*"Story by Wendy Friesen"*

## Farmer Pete: A Memorial



Peter B  
always had a  
smile and a  
handshake  
for everyone.

He truly will  
be missed.



Peter B was a good friend of mine. He liked animals, especially horses.

I met Peter back in the 80's. We used to feed the farm animals together. I didn't like feeding the chickens cause they would attack you.

I remember one time we went to the Kicking Mule Ranch and Peter was so excited. He kept saying, "horsey, horsey".

Peter was a loving friend and he was kind and shook hands with the people he met.

I used to go visit Peter at Maple Terrace and Hope

Terrace, and we used to sit outside in the summer and drink a cup of tea.

I'll never forget my friend Peter, his memories will live on.

*"Story by John Phillip R"*

## Harvest Ball 2012

By any measure this year's Harvest Ball was a smashing success, everyone had a great time. The Band, Double Barrel, were wonderful with lots of great tunes and some surprise special appearances on stage! The evening was made even more special with the attendance of our MPP, Michael Mantha. Michael was a great sport, he not only presented special recognition scrolls on behalf of his office and his colleague MP Carol Hughes but he also assisted with the presentation of recognition awards for all of the individuals supported by our community.



**CLM Group posing with Michael Mantha!**

There are so many people to thank for making this a special evening for everyone. To the ladies who worked in the kitchen and did not get home until 1:30 am, THANK YOU! To our staff who secured donations and prizes, danced, laughed, cared for and supported all of our community members, THANK YOU! To the local businesses who donated food and prizes for our door prize and spot dances, THANK YOU! To the Tehkummah seniors centre for welcoming our community to your wonderful facility, THANK YOU! To all of the members of our community who gave us the joy of your happiness and who danced and laughed with us all evening, THANK YOU!

I look forward to seeing everyone at our Christmas dinner on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Supervisor Ed's "Super Moments"

Community Living is on a roll and I would like to mention the achievement of staff and individuals in the planning and coordination of the First Inter-Agency CLM Halloween Party at the Royal Canadian Legion in Little Current. There were over 80 people in attendance including Community Living Espanola and Community Living Wikwemikong. This was an overwhelming success! And congrats to everyone for pulling this off, looks like we will be doing this again next year, bigger and better!

The Harvest Ball was a great event this year! We had our local MPP Mr. Mike Mantha from the NDP who showed up and helped out with recognizing CLM's individuals in the awards ceremony. Good job Mike! Double Barrel played some

excellent tunes with special guest on lead acoustic guitar; Tim! Way to Go Tim! The tunes were rockin' even John made a cameo appearance on drums and played some Beatles tunes! Way to pound those skins John! This was an entertaining evening for everyone. Katie also helped out with some announcements during the awards ceremony recognizing her peers. It was nice to see families, friends and the community at this event, congratulations to everyone for making this a success and a truly positive experience. Congratulations to community members, board members, staff and individuals for all of your hard work and dedication to this event year after year.

In addition to the Harvest Ball and the Halloween Party, there

was also a drumming circle organized by John that individuals had the opportunity to participate with notable success and enjoyment. Also Mr. Richard Lathwell from Sheguiandah conducted a meditation and did a traditional smudge and medicine teaching with staff and individuals at the main office of CLM.

A coming highlight for November is a joint project with Manitoulin Streams to bring environmental stewardship projects to the Day Program. The movement toward increased community presence and involvement is paramount to the success of individuals and CLM. Full steam ahead!



"Story by John Caruso"

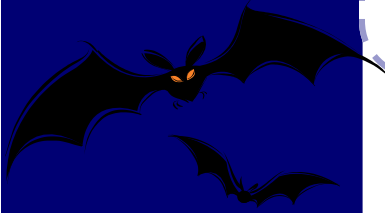
"Story by Ed Didur"



# HAPPY HALLOWEEN



*"Even Bert from Sesame Street stopped by!"*



**Bert from Sesame Street!  
A.K.A  
Frank**

## 1st Inter-Agency Halloween Party A Success

Our friends from Wik-wemikong and Espanola joined us for a fun day at our 1st Inter-Agency Halloween party held on October 24, 2012.

All of us from Day Program were busy for the past month making the decorations, which looked great!

All of us from Mindemoya got to take a bus to Little Current. It was big, noisy and yellow.

We enjoyed good food and socialized with new and old friends.

There were roughly 85 individ-

uals in attendance including royalty, super stars, animals, ghosts, goblins, aliens and even Bert from Sesame Street stopped by.

There were many prizes to be given. Some included Best costume and Best spirit.

One of the biggest highlights was when Tyler took up the microphone and became the MC for the party. Tyler did an amazing job hosting the different games and events, such as musical chairs, best dancing competitions and spot dancing. Tyler did a professional job

presenting the awards and thanking all the participants for coming to join in for this wonderful event.

At the end of the party we all received a treat bag.

We hope next year we can have another Halloween party and that Tyler can once again be our host!

Thanks to everyone for their help! We give our heartfelt appreciation to Tyler for his work as MC.

*"Story by Myles and Day Program"*



**Lynn, Tyler, and Chantal enjoying the Halloween Party!**

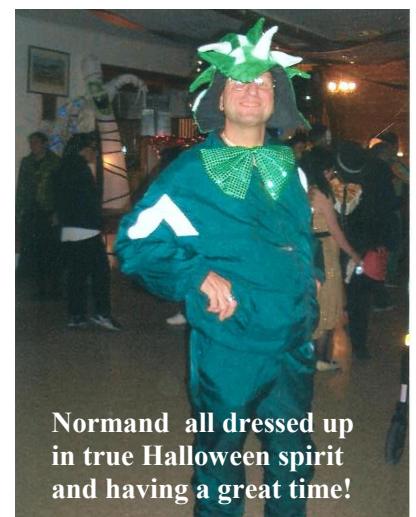


**The Lone Ranger and Tonto!  
A.K.A.  
Phillip and Keith**



**Patricia and Phillip**

**Patricia came all the way from New York to attend the Halloween party with her sister Jane from CLE!**



**Normand all dressed up in true Halloween spirit and having a great time!**

# Halloween Haunts on Manitoulin

It was a dark and dreary night in the magical forests of Manitoulin Island. From out of nowhere, two small children appeared. How did they get there?

The little girl had no shoes on her feet, only thick socks to go with her Halloween princess costume.

The boy was bigger than the little girl and he was dressed as Frankenstein.

No adults were in sight, and no one knew how they got there.

Suddenly, through the deathly silence, there was a loud noise. It sounded a lot like howling.

The little girl and boy looked in the direction of the howling and the little girl bravely howled back.

As the Children stared into the dark forest, they saw large green and red eyes staring back at them. The trees began to move and crack, and then without warning, there was a hungry vampire. He had blade sharp teeth, green and red eyes, and his tongue was sticking out and slithering like a snake.

The children screamed in terror and took off as fast as they could to get away from the scary Vampire. They ran through the dark forest during the stormy and dreary night, with the vampire close behind.

Without warning, the ghost of the great grandfather of the little girl appeared right behind the children and in front of the vampire.

The Vampire lunged to bite the children, when almost magically the ghost whacked the vampire on his nose.

In shock, the vampire stopped on the spot and began to cry and cry and stated "why did you do that, I was only playing".

Once the children realized the vampire was a good Vampire, and was just playing a trick because he did not want to give treats. They all held hands and skipped home together.

So if you are ever in the forests of Manitoulin Island, don't assume things are always as they appear.

*"Story by The Day Program Group"*



**"And  
the little girl  
bravely  
howled  
back!"**



## CLM Birthdays-Happy Birthday Everyone

### October

Eric. T.

Heather. H.

Roger. H.

### November

Anthony. C.

Linda. M.

Wallace. D.

Tyler. M.





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Community Living Manitoulin is an incorporated non-profit agency offering residential, vocational, and community services to adults with developmental disabilities.

Community Living Manitoulin currently operates 4 group homes, a Supported Independent Living program, a Life Skills program, a Transitional program for young adults, a Respite program, a Supported Employment program, and a Consignment store.

Community Living Manitoulin serves over 60 individuals with developmental disabilities across Manitoulin Island and employs close to 60 staff. We are led by a volunteer Board of Directors that works with the Executive Director and the Management Team to ensure the individuals we serve attain their goals of independence and inclusion within their communities.

*Inspiring Possibilities*



## **Special Thanks**

A very special thank you goes out to all the individuals who came together to make this years Annual Harvest Ball a roaring success! We thank each and every one of you who made this years event one to remember.

A very special thank you also goes out to all the individuals at Day Program who took the time to make all the decorations and organize the first inter-agency Halloween party! It was a great time had by all and that would not have been possible without all your hard work! Thank you so very much!

