

The BEAR Bulletin

January 2020



MEET THE STAFF

Co-Directors

MICHAEL & BARBARA BAXTER

We are honoured to act as Co-directors of the Learning Centre for Hamilton.



We both come from an education background. Michael, from Ottawa Ontario taught high school English and History for 32 years in Saskatchewan. Barbara, from Theodore, Saskatchewan taught in elementary and high school settings specializing in Diversified Education for 31 years in Saskatchewan.

As present tutors, we believe in the Orton-Gillingham Program and the positive growth of reading/spelling skills it provides for students. Their confidence and self-esteem noticeably increase weekly.

We look forward to continuing our work with current tutors, volunteers and families. We are pleased to see the current growth the Center is experiencing and will help with continued growth with the direction and support of the Masons and tutor trainer Meredith Hutchings.

be a volunteer



Volunteers are always needed at the Dyslexia Centre:

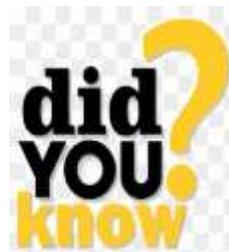
- Teachers
- Office Assistance
- Answering Phones / Greeting Visitors
- Special Projects

If you have a half day a week that you can volunteer please call 905-228-1236.

We are currently in need of a volunteer or volunteers to create and maintain an email catalogue of the people and groups that receive information from the Learning Centre.

Can you help???

- Orton-Gillingham is a well-regarded approach to teaching kids who struggle with reading.
- Orton-Gillingham's step-by-step approach is based on how children learn language.
- Students must master one reading skill before moving on to the next.



SUPPORTERS' CORNER

The Love of Learning Centre is blessed to have a number of individuals, groups, Lodges and Eastern Star Chapters that support the Centre financially. You are urged to support the events and take part in the festivities.

Participation in fun events = income for the Love of Learning Centre.

Please mark the events below on your calendar and participate as often as you can. The funds raised through these wonderful outside events help pay the bills at the Love of Learning Centre.



SCOTTISH RITE GOLF CLASSIC

Valley of Hamilton

Friday June 19, 2020 - Flamborough Hills G.C.C.

\$140 per player - Dinner Only \$45

See poster attached

BRANTFORD GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, June 13, 2020 - Greens of Renton Golf Club

\$140 per player

See poster attached

MASONIC BEEF & CORN ROAST

August 26, 2020

Ancaster Agricultural Society Fairgrounds

Adults: \$20 Children 12 and under: \$10

See poster attached

A ROSE UPON THE ALTAR

Cathedral Players

September 19, 2020 during Supreme Council

Scottish Rite Cathedral

More information to follow.

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE—THE LIVE RADIO PLAY

Cathedral Players

Scottish Rite Cathedral

Late November/Early December

More information to follow soon

SWEET TREATS FOR THE STUDENTS

At the Learning Centre we like to give sweet treats at the end of their lessons to the kids who work very hard.

Can you drop off *individually wrapped* candies or cookies for them?

Contact the Learning Centre office.
(no nuts please)

The Hamilton Learning Centre has a number of prospective teachers about to be trained in the Orton-Gillingham techniques but we need more! There is also a line-up of young people who want to learn. It is only a couple of afternoons a week....can you help?

Make a Difference!
DONATE

You can change the life of a child.

Volunteer staff and volunteer tutors manage the Learning Centre and work with the children.

If you are unable to **volunteer** your time consider making a financial contribution. Tax receipts will be issued for income tax purposes.



**The Dyslexia Centre operates entirely on donations.
Your continuing support is appreciated.**

Parents: Susan & Mario

September 2019

One year ago we were thrilled to find out that our son was accepted into the Dyslexia Learning Centre. He was entering grade 6 and did not enjoy school. He felt stupid, often came home crying and was reading at a grade 2 level in grade 5. Our son was being left behind, we felt it, and so did he. He had a wonderful, caring resource teacher that referred us to Dr Betty Johnson who tested him for Dyslexia and she recommended that we apply to the Learning Centre.

We were accepted and we started on this wonderful journey of learning and support. During that year, he worked with Michael, who is now such an important person in our lives. Michael worked patiently with him two times per week and we quickly started to see our boy grow into a more confident reader and student. His self-esteem has soared and he is much happier at school and at home. Thanks to the vision of Don Thornton of the Dyslexia Learning Centre and Michael we have a brighter path!

As he enters grade 7, we know that he will excel and we could not have felt that without the hard work and dedication from Michael and the team at the Dyslexia Learning Centre. We are forever grateful for this chance to help our son to reach his full potential and hope that other children will benefit from this fantastic program as it grows.

From the bottom of our hearts we thank you for what you have done for our son and for our family.



**Happy
Hollandaise!**
BY THE PLAYERS

December 8, 2019 there was another very well-received comedy performed by the wonderful "Cathedral Players". This show and dinner raised \$5600 for the Learning Centre.

BACK: Dave Monette (Father Abbott) Joe Barker (Inspector Abernathy)
MIDDLE: Kelly Mackey (Claire) Ken Brisbois (Larry) Linda Murray (Mrs. Abbott) Lee Kools (Director) Marjorie deMarchant (Wilma/Helga)
SEATED: Doug Swallow (Father) Fernando Vasquez (Ivan) Ian Johnson (George)
MISSING: Garth Powell (Director's Assistant) Bob Gordon (Stage Manager) John Scott (Sound Engineer)

President's Report

At the Annual General Meeting two new Directors were elected bringing our total number of Directors to seven. Here is a list of our Board of Directors and their areas of responsibility:

Ian Anderson	Secretary	Chair of Sustainability Committee
Michael Kirk	Vice President	Chair of Grants Committee
Mario Kovacevic	Director	Chair of Staffing and Promotion Committees
Kenneth Laliberte	Director	Chair of Fundraising Committee
Thomas Lewis	Treasurer	Chair of Trustees and Finance Committees
Don Thornton	President	Chair of Management Committee
David Walden	Director	Chair of Premises and Equipment Committee

We continue to seek those who would like to participate in this worthwhile and rewarding experience of helping those with dyslexia. In particular it would be helpful if we could attract a Psychologist to provide us with insight into the world of dyslexia from his/her perspective.

The Board is now structured along a more operational basis than it was during the period of formation of the Learning Centre which will allow it to become more involved in the setting of policy and less in the actual running of the Centre which falls under the control of the Centre Director who reports to the Board through the Chair of the Staffing Committee.

We have now completed our first full year of active operations and the Centre has experienced a satisfying period of growth. There are seven children actively being tutored by four Tutor Trainees with another three applicants to be trained this winter. Once these people have had their first set of instruction by our Tutor Trainer they will be assigned a child to commence tutoring which will probably be in March or April.

The Hamilton Wentworth District Board of Education approached us in November to see if there was some way they could cooperate with us and we are hopeful that this will bring additional teachers to us for training in the Orton-Gillingham approach to tutoring. This would prove beneficial not only for our Centre but also for the H.W.D.S.B. in their efforts to teach dyslexic children in their care.

Scottish Rite Golf Classic

Valley of Hamilton

In Support of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation
and
The Hamilton Learning Centre for Children with Dyslexia

INCLUDES

Check In 11:00

Lunch 11:45

Shotgun 1:00

Dinner 6:00

Presentations 7:00

Gift

18 Hole Scramble With Cart

Lunch

Dinner (Prime Rib)

Prize Table

(Prize for Every Golfer)

\$10 000 Hole In One

PRIZES FOR

Women's Longest Drive

Men's Longest Drive

Women's Closest to The Pin

Men's Closest to The Pin

FRI 2020
JUNE 19

Flamborough Hills G.C.C.
71 Highway 52 N.
Hamilton, ON. L0R 1J0

\$140 PER PLAYER
Dinner Only \$45

DEADLINE TO SIGNUP
JUNE 12th, 2020

CONTACT: Ken Adamson
@ 905 522-1622 Ext. 22 or
hamiltonvalleygolf@gmail.com

Cheques Payable To: Hamilton Valley Advisory Committee



Scottish Rite Golf Classic

Valley Of Hamilton



Individual and Team Entry Form

REGISTER YOUR TEAM OR AS AN INDIVIDUAL BY FRIDAY JUNE 12TH 2020 BY CONTACTING
KEN ADAMSON 905 522-1622 Ext. 22 or hamiltonvalleygolf@gmail.com

Name _____	Name _____
Address _____	Address _____
Telephone _____	Telephone _____
E-Mail _____	E-Mail _____
Name _____	Name _____
Address _____	Address _____
Telephone _____	Telephone _____
E-Mail _____	E-Mail _____

*This form can be mailed to Ken Adamson, 4 Queen St. S. Hamilton L8V 1B2
or emailed to hamiltonvalleygolf@gmail.com*

MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: HAMILTON VALLEY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Challenge Trophy

The Barton Lodge Golf Challenge Trophy will be given to the lowest scramble score to a Lodge Foursome consisting of all lodge members.

\$140 per Golfer

- Gift
- Lunch
- 18 Hole Scramble with Golf Cart
- Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin (Men and Women)
- Hole In One Contest \$10 000
- Dinner
- Prize Table
- (Dinner Only \$45)



Brant Lodge 45/Brantford Scottish Rite

Annual Charity Golf Tournament

In Support of the Dyslexia Learning Centre

Food and Cart Included
Games and Prizes
Raffles and Silent Auction
\$140

JUNE 13th, 2020

Registration 10:30

Tee off 12:00

For Tickets Donations and Sponsorships Contact Ron Stinson (519) 755-8372

The Greens At Renton

RR #4 969 Concession 14, Simcoe
ON N3Y 4K3

24th. ANNUAL MASONIC BEEF & CORN ROAST

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 26th, 2020



IN SUPPORT OF

ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

TO SUPPORT ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA RESEARCH AND PROGRAMS

and

LEARNING CENTRE FOR HAMILTON

ANCASTER AGRICULTURE SOCIETY FAIRGROUNDS (Marriott Hall)

630 TRINITY Rd. (CORNER OF NO. 2 HWY & TRINITY Rd.)

EXIT 55 OFF HIGHWAY 403

OPEN: 4:30 p.m. CORN: 4:30 p.m. DINNER: 6:00 p.m.

ADULT TICKET - \$20.00 (13 Years and Over)

CHILDREN'S TICKET - \$10.00 (12 Years & Under)

CHILDREN 5 and UNDER - (NO CHARGE)

EVERYONE WELCOME, COME AND JOIN US FOR A GREAT ROAST BEEF DINNER,
FRESH CORN ON THE COB AND AMAZING DOOR PRIZES

RAFFLES - CASH BAR

FOR TICKETS Email: masonic.beef.corn@gmail.com