



***Fall 2011***

**April 13-15, 2012** Invite, Invite, **Invite**

While we do a little bit of advertizing in some church papers, we depend on encountered couples to invite couples they know to attend a weekend. While those of us who have been encountered know how valuable a weekend can be, it is difficult to get that message across in printed words.

Weekends really depend on you to invite. It's the only way your family and friends will know the renewed joy that a Marriage Encounter weekend can give. Please, pray for couples to attend this weekend. Invite all those who would benefit from a weekend, especially those you have invited before. Note these dates on your own calendar, to pray for the couples who will be attending, and be a prayer couple. Finally, plan to attend the walk-in. Couples on a weekend are heartened by the presence of the community. We are currently planning that the next weekend be held again at the Arden Park Hotel in Stratford.

Also, there is a Reunion weekend planned for July 6-8, 2012 in Dallas, Texas. See page 7 for more details.

To check for the latest information about what is happening in Ontario, visit [www.execulink.com/~recholm](http://www.execulink.com/~recholm), or Google Lutheran Marriage Encounter in Ontario if that's easier to remember.

**LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

**April 1-3, 2011**

Stratford

**Presenting Team**

Christiansen, Don & Judy

Guthrie, Ted & Jane

Mueller, Keith & Pauline

## Newly Encountered Couples

Anderson, Don & Wendy,	Brights Grove, ON
Barry, Jeff & Erin,	Wyoming, ON
Crealock-Marsh, Jeffrey & Martha,	Kitchener, ON
Evans, Chris & Jody-Lynn Routenburg-Evans,	Williamsburg, ON
Fitzgerald, Shawn & Lisa,	New Hamburg, ON
Follings, Ron & Lorraine,	Stratford, ON
Hart, Chris & Lynn,	New Hamburg, ON
Hillerup, Eigil & Sheila	Milton, ON
Ramseyer, Tim & Christine,	New Hamburg, ON
Smart, John & Robin,	Guelph, ON
Walch, Augustin & Birgit,	Stratford, ON

## Dear Ontario Lovers,

Wow! Are we excited. We decided to hold a single weekend each spring to encourage a fuller weekend. Eleven couples completed our April 1st-3rd weekend. What great news for Ontario Marriage Encounter. It turned out to be a good plan so we're going to try a one-weekend year in 2012. Invite all those deserving couples you know to our April 13-15, 2012, weekend. Wine 'em! Dine 'em! Sign 'em! Now! so we are ready for another successful weekend in 2012.

Love and prayers, Keith and Pauline

We ask anyone who would like to accept a loving task to call us at 519-662-2871 or e-mail us at [ireneqlab@golden.net](mailto:ireneqlab@golden.net).

## CHURCH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS.

There is a page of short bulletin announcements that you can give to your pastor or church secretary to include in your weekly church bulletin or your monthly newsletters, You don't have to write them; you just hand them in. They are in PDF format, and can be printed. You can find them under "Resources and Links" on the following website: [www.godlovesmarriage.org](http://www.godlovesmarriage.org). You might also add your own name as a contact or information couple.

## COMPUTERS AND MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

You've probably noticed the many references to websites throughout this newsletter. There is just so much information on the internet that we can access, and that can help us get the message out about Marriage Encounter.



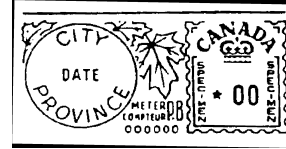
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Co-Lay Contact Couples	Keith & Pauline Mueller	519-662-2871
	Norm & Mary Ann Yost	519-656-2485
Clergy Contact Couple	Dick & Linda Holm	519-537-8948
Secretary	Eigil & Sheila Hillerup	905-878-5671
Finance Couple	Charlie & Nan VanSickle	519-363-3443
Presenting Couple Co-Ordinators	Keith & Pauline Mueller	519-662-2871
Registration & Name Tags	Irene Glab	519-662-1398
Weekend Facility Couple	**POSITION AVAILABLE**	
Weekend Co-Ordinator Couple	**POSITION AVAILABLE**	
Weekend Supply Couple	Gary & Marilyn Wilk	519-884-3992
Room Check Couple	Klaus & Linda Springer	519-273-2093
Presenters Potluck	Murray & Donna Schmidt	519-662-1362
Prayer Vigil Co-Ordinators	**POSITION AVAILABLE**	
Prayer Couple & Candle	Richard & Christine Snider	519-662-4694
Place Card Couple	Helen Weber	519-885-6094
Fridge Symbol Couple	Kevin & Jean Beattie	519-625-8053
Banner Couple	Glen & Linda Weitzel	519-655-2855
Support Letter Co-Ordinators	Jim & Angela Bishop	519-662-3877
Snack & Conference Room Couple	Darrell Mueller & Heidi Nielsen	519-662-9308
Communion Co-Ordinator	Vi Cook	519-742-9688
Weekend Potluck Co-Ordinators	Al & Brenda Atchison	519-273-5387
Circle Co-Ordinators		
K-W Area	Murray & Donna Schmidt	519-662-1362
New Hamburg/Wellesley Area	Don & Julie Leis	519-656-2322
Stratford Area	Roy & Faye Docking	519-273-1289
Woodstock Area	Frank & Marion Smith	519-537-6898
Georgian Bay Area	Charlie & Nan VanSickle	519-363-3443
Jewellery & Community Supply Couple	**POSITION AVAILABLE**	
Quest Editor Couple	Dick & Linda Holm	519-537-8948
Quest Printing Couple	**POSITION AVAILABLE**	
Quest Mailing	Irene Glab	519-662-1398
Quest Computer Label Couple	Garry & Carolyn Gibbons	519-662-1502
Community Events Couple	**POSITION AVAILABLE**	
Area Awareness & Publicity	**POSITION AVAILABLE**	

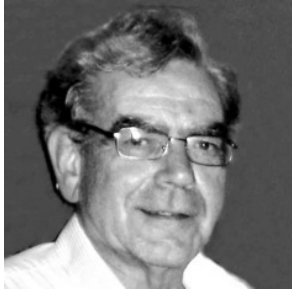
## THANKS TO ALL FOR SUPPORTING THESE LOVING TASKS.

**There are still loving tasks that need your special touch! Please prayerfully consider these! A Loving Task is a two year commitment. For more information as to what a specific task involves, call your nearest Lay Contact Couple. You can make that important call that helps to make things happen.**

## Our Volunteers



Ontario Marriage Encounter relies heavily on volunteers who lovingly do many tasks to support Marriage Encounter in Ontario. One of those couples who have supported our weekends over many years have been our dedicated weekend coordinators, Ed ♥ Darlene Illman of Stratford. They have decided to retire from this loving task. We will miss their enthusiasm for each weekend and the gift of themselves to M.E. A big Ontario hug and thank you to the Illmans. Best wishes for their successors.



Another of our volunteers passed away on January 11, 2011. Robert Weber was 63 years old, He and Helen were married for 41 years. They were our fridge symbol couple. I believe that Helen hopes to carry on with that loving task for a little while longer. We thank Helen for all the fridge symbols they have made in the past, and pray for comfort for her and her family.

Did you know that over 11,000 couples were encountered last year? Can you even begin to guess how many volunteers it took to make that happen? Please consider how you might volunteer. Check the loving tasks list for positions available.

## SOME DIALOGUE QUESTIONS

Successful marriage requires falling in love many times with the same person. HDIFAT (How do I feel about that)?

How do I feel when you smile at me? DFILD (describe fully in loving detail).

Would I like to attend the ILME Reunion in Dallas next summer? Why, or why not? HDMAMMF (How does my answer make me feel)?

## Marriage Encounter Brochures

If you have any old Marriage Encounter brochures, please check the postal code for Irene Glab. If you still have the old code, please change it to N3A 1L5. New brochures are available. Please ask Irene for the number you need.

You can also download the new brochures from the District One website: [www.godlovesmarriage.org](http://www.godlovesmarriage.org) . Both brochures (bifold and trifold) are sent in PDF format and fit on an 8 ½ x 11 sheet. You would need to include the following on each brochure:  
Registrar: Irene Glab  
325 Grandview Blvd.,  
New Hamburg, On N3A 1L5.  
519-662-1398

## Donation receipts

We now have a new donation receipt number for Canada Revenue agency. This means that we can issue tax receipts for any gifts to Marriage Encounter in Canada.

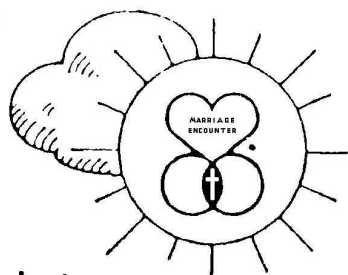
We have also arranged, through FaithLife Financial, to accept PAP (Pre-Authorized Payment). If you wish to give the gift of a weekend (or a part of one), you can now do so with a small monthly gift, which is also tax-deductible.

Gifts can be arranged through our treasurer, Nancy VanSickle (see pg. 4).

## International Reunion

The next International Reunion is being held in Dallas, Texas, July 6-8, 2012. Dallas in July? The hotel is air-conditioned! Theme: "SONGS IN THE KEY OF LOVE" Featured Keynote Speakers: Steve and Annie Chapman.

For more information check [www.ilmeone.org](http://www.ilmeone.org) and click on reunion for a video tour, and then visit [www.ilme2012.me](http://www.ilme2012.me)



*Let your  
couple love shine!*

Our Ontario area is twinned with the area holding their weekends in Espoo, Finland, or sometimes in Porvoo.

We are invited to write love-letters to the couples in Finland, and then send them to the contact couple. Anna and Kari have volunteered to take our email or snail mail love-letters to the hotel, which is about 10 minutes from their home. You need to allow at least two weeks for snail mail packets to get to Finland. The average group is about 32 couples.

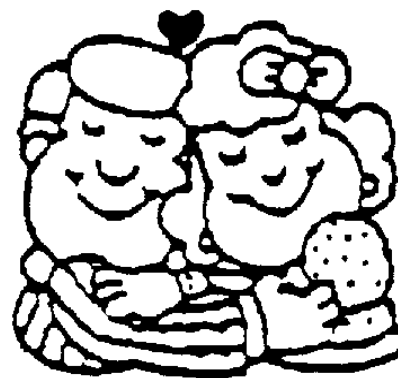
The fall weekend will be number 250 in Finland (Anna Ålander was so excited about that), being held November 4–6. Their spring weekend is set for March 23-25.

The prayer couple for snail mail is:  
Mia Aarnivala-Saunanoja and Olli Saunanoja  
Muskettietie 9 B 8  
02680 Espoo  
Finland

Their email address is [mia.aarnisoja@saunalahti.fi](mailto:mia.aarnisoja@saunalahti.fi)

Perhaps we can keep this in mind and have love-letters ready to send to Finland.

If you email a single love letter, they will make sufficient copies for everyone.



*Editor's note:* A few items have been repeated from previous newsletters. The reason is to give newly encountered couples the information, or as reminders in case you've misplaced the information.

