



## *Winter 2012*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

So far, there's more snow on the letters above than there is on the ground around Woodstock. We hope that the new year finds you happy, healthy, and looking forward to another year with all its possibilities. Your Ontario board is also looking forward to another year of Marriage Encounter events.

The first one is a **Day of Renewal** on **SATURDAY, FEB. 11, 2012**, at the Living Waters Community Christian Fellowship, 345 Hincks St., New Hamburg. We begin with a program at 3 p.m. on Five Love Languages, then a potluck supper, followed by fellowship, and on our way home about 8 p.m. Please indicate if you plan to come or not to Sheila Hillerup, [ehillerup@cogeco.ca](mailto:ehillerup@cogeco.ca)

Next is our weekend. We are only planning one weekend this year so note the information on the next line:

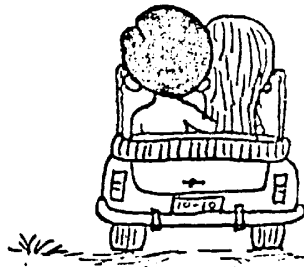
## **April 13-15, 2012   Invite, Invite, Invite**

Marriage Encounter relies on each encountered couple to spread the message. You are probably still seeing the benefits of you weekend in your own relationship. How many years has it been? Has it been worth it to you? Wouldn't a weekend have similar benefits for family and friends? They will never know unless you invite them. You probably needed some prodding to get you on a weekend. Please don't hesitate to prod a little - not too much, but often!

We also have DVD's as handouts if you feel unable to get the message across, or if you want some extra help. Please don't hesitate to ask for a copy (or several copies) to pass along. Just ask Dick & Linda Holm for the number you need: [recholm@execulink.com](mailto:recholm@execulink.com)

You might also hand out brochures with the registration form attached. The brochures can be downloaded. At the moment we are unable to complete registration forms on line, although we can certainly provide any information that way.

Finally, at least so far a plans go for this year, there is the



## INTERNATIONAL REUNION

to be 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.ilme.org](http://www.ilme.org) and click on reunion for a video tour, and then visit [www.ilme2012.me](http://www.ilme2012.me)

It's too late to get the reduced rate, but it's not too late to register!!! Several couples from Canada have already registered. If you plan to go, you may want to get some Canadian flag pins, just for yourselves, or to pass out as souvenirs. No doubt our American friends would like them, but they might be especially prized by our international visitors. Your MP's office should be able to provide them for you.

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER AND THE INTERNET

We are trying to limit the amount of paper that we put out, and the amount of mailing that we do. One of the ways will be to put the Quest on line. Beginning with the Fall 2011 issue and continuing with this issue, you can now go to our Lutheran Marriage Encounter in Ontario website, [www.execulink.com/~recholm](http://www.execulink.com/~recholm) and read or download the newsletter.

If you wish to receive your Quest in electronic form, please email Dick Holm at [recholm@execulink.com](mailto:recholm@execulink.com) with that information.

If you are inviting someone to a weekend, and want to give them a brochure with registration form, you can ask Irene for brochures, or you can 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

They can also contact Irene directly at [ireneglab@golden.net](mailto:ireneglab@golden.net).

You have probably already noticed the web sites for the International Reunion this summer. You can get your registration from one of those sites.

You may have seen an announcement about Marriage Encounter in your church bulletin or newsletter. Sheila Hillerup contacted all the congregations of the Eastern Synod in Southern Ontario. However, some of you attend other churches. Also, some churches just don't pay much attention to such mail, so you need to be intentional in your church.

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 monthly newsletters; 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. Note: the 800 number is now out of service.

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## L O V I N G                      T A S K                      L I S T

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

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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
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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. The loving tasks are listed on page 4 and 5 of this newsletter. There are several openings listed as \*\*Position Available\*\* This means that no one is currently doing that and that someone from the executive is filling in, if possible. Most of these tasks occur only a few times a year.

We ask anyone who would like to accept a loving task or find out what such a task entails to call Keith and Pauline Mueller at 519-662-2871 or e-mail them via Irene Glab at [ireneglab@golden.net](mailto:ireneglab@golden.net).

## **JEWELLERY AND MEMORABILIA**

Check out the various items available with the Marriage Encounter logo on them - anything from t-shirts, polo shirts, candles, stationery, name badges, mugs, pens, and lots of other items. They can be seen at [www.wmegifts.com](http://www.wmegifts.com)

## **COUPLE TESTIMONY**

Please send us your "Couple Stories." Let us hear how Marriage Encounter has enhanced your marriage relationship. Note the letter on page 7. Please send to the Quest editor (currently): [recholm@execulink.com](mailto:recholm@execulink.com)

## **SOME DIALOGUE QUESTIONS**

Love is a decision; Respect is also a decision. HDIFAT? (How do I feel about that?)  
Together, with God, we can create a truly extraordinary marriage! HDIFAT?  
Communication is understanding; not determining who's right. HDIFAT?

## **What ME Means to Us!**

We were first encountered in Nov of 88. At that time we came off the weekend full of energy ready to dialogue and become part of the Marriage Encounter Community. It lasted for quite a while. As time went by the dialoguing became less and we weren't involved as much. The friends we had made were updated at Christmas with interesting and entertaining family letters. There seemed to be something missing again and a Quest arrived at our door. Looking at the Loving tasks, there was a vacancy for Secretary Couple. The little light bulb went off and we became Secretary Couple. About a year into our task we decided that an Anniversary Weekend was long overdue. We came off this past weekend again with energy and getting back into the community by accepting the invitation to the Woodstock Circle. We have started dialoguing again and have refreshed friendships. We are looking forward to the Renewal Event in Feb. Hope to see many of you there.

Love Eigil & Sheila Hillerup

Editor's note: Eigil and Sheila just attended a deeper weekend in Houston, Texas, Jan. 20-22, 2012, and are preparing to write talks in order to become presenters on future weekends.

## Donations

We have arranged, through FaithLife Financial, to accept PAP (Pre-Authorized Payment). When inviting, (only if you are asked about the cost) let the couple know that their support for Marriage Encounter can be done at the weekend, by post-dated cheques, or by PAP. Weekends are still supported purely by donations received on a weekend, which can be any amount. However, the quote for the weekend is \$525, although the board is looking at ways to lower that cost.

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 tax-deductible. Your personal gifts can be arranged through our treasurer, Nancy VanSickle (see pg. 4).

## International Partners

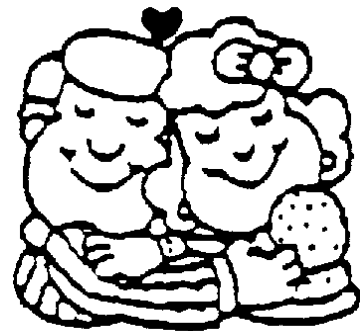
Our Ontario area is twinned with the area holding their weekends in Espoo, Finland, or sometimes in Porvoo. We are invited to write love-letters to the couples in Finland, and then send them to the contact couple. Anna and Kari Ålander have been our contact couple for the past few years. Just recently a new prayer couple has taken on this loving task, although Anna and Kari are still very much involved!

Their fall weekend in 2011 was number 250 in Finland (Anna was so excited about that). Their 2012 weekends are set for March 23-25, 2012 and November 2-4, 2012. You need to allow at least two weeks for snail mail packets to get to Finland. The average group is about 32 couples.

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:* Again 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.