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OUR FIRST EDITION DEDICATED TO **FATHER PAUL CHARBONNEAU IN HONOUR, AND ETERNAL MEMORY**

**Father's Last Talk "PRIDE"
March 10, 2010**

What's the worst sin? *Pride!*
Pride! It's the sin of angels,
the sin of Adam and Eve.
I believe we will not
surrender our pride. That's
the devil, will not submit and
surrender like this so called
God! He was a human
being, a person like you and
I, seeing if we can believe
and trust that God loves us
so much he sent his son to
die for us on the cross not
because He loved us that
much, He did love us, but to
see if we could accept that
He was a human being, a
person like you and I, to
suffer everything, to see Him
like you and I, to believe this
and to respect and love Him,
that He loves us so much His
son had to die on the cross!

I don't want to believe that!
I have a hard time with it!
"Not my will but Yours be
done!" To believe that, that
He would love us that much
so His son could be human
like us in everything, in
everything, the way we feel
and so on.
In the Garden of
Gethsemane "Father", He
used to go and pray by
himself, "Father, if possible,
I don't want to go through
with this! Not my will but
Thine be done!"
Pride! The sin of angels, the
sin of Adam and Eve, that's
the sin of the devil! To
believe this and to respect it,
to accept it, it not only takes
honesty but it takes humility!
Humility is the same as
honesty! Humility! That's the
thing that you and I have to

come to grips with! Pride
sneaks in there, sneaks in
there with other people
criticizing, finding fault,
passing judgment! I think it's
the worse sin! It's something
some of us don't even
realize we have. We've got
to see it in ourselves. We
have to see it the same as
honesty! It's the sin of the
devil, the sin of Adam and
Eve and it's in us more than
we realize! Look at yourself!
Examine how you pass
judgment, condemn people,
criticize, find fault; husband,
wife, this one, that one, and
so on, passing judgment,
and who are you and I to
pass judgment on anyone?
Thank you!

Sincere thanks to
Linda Martin for recording
Father's last talk



**"WE WILL SOLDIER UP"
AND CONTINUE TO DO
YOUR WORK,
GOD'S WILL,
TO HELP THE OTHER
ALCOHOLIC THAT
IS STILL OUT
THERE SUFFERING**

THE NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

On behalf of the staff of the Brentwood News I would like to welcome everyone to the inaugural issue of the "new" Brentwood Newsletter. This issue is dedicated to the memory of Father Paul Charbonneau, Brentwood's founder and guiding light for over 45 years. Father Paul's last mission in Brentwood's long history was to ensure that the Brentwood tradition would continue long after had left

for his eternal reward. To that end he created the alumni association and decreed that the newsletter be revived. This newsletter belongs to the alumni, it has been created for you, through you, and it is yours to use as a tool to continue to communicate with the alumni body. We welcome all suggestions and submissions on how to make it better for the benefit of all. In this issue we have

included pictures from the women's 25th anniversary celebration, poetry from random submissions and some comments from the alumni that were solicited by members of the newsletter staff to commemorate Father Paul's life. These are a few examples of how this newsletter can be used and we hope to continue to expand and evolve its' content so that it truly becomes what father had envisioned.

If you wish to make a suggestion or contribute an article, essay, poem or other item that you feel would be appropriate for publication please direct it to the newsletter committee newsletter@brentwoodrecovery.com. All submissions will be reviewed by the staff before publication. Sincerely – Bernadette, Clyde, Gary, Jamie, Mary Anne and Al
The newsletter committee



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE-DON RUSSELL



I would like thank the Newsletter Committee for reviving the Brentwood Newsletter. Despite media such as the internet, e-mail and facebook to send and receive messages, it is quite pleasant to have a traditional

newsletter in your hands for enjoyable reading. I'm sure Fr. Paul would agree.

Brentwood has experienced much grief in the past year with the passing of Fr. Paul, staff and many of our alumni friends. Whereas Fr. Paul helped us through those painful times of loss before his passing, we now rely on each other just as Father taught us: "be there for one another".

Not a day goes by that I don't look

towards Fr. Paul's office waiting for him to call me in for a consult and a talk. We did a lot of that in the past year. I miss him dearly. Our last series of conversation was regarding the alumni. He was so pleased that we had established the Alumni Association for he knew that while staff and the board would change as time went by, Brentwood's message would continue to be carried on by the Alumni Association.

It is comforting to see how all our volunteers have continued to spend their time helping Brentwood. Without the alumni volunteers who spend over 50,000 hours per year we would be at a great loss. We as alumni have learned one of Fr. Paul's greatest messages: "It is in the giving that we receive."

Kay's Kafe has been a wonderful addition to Brentwood. A great place for good food as well as an opportunity for the alumni to share and socialize. We are especially blessed to have Kay

provide her famous chilli and sandwiches we enjoy on Wednesdays. A special thanks to Dennis White for his creative talents for doing such a great job with the artistic changes made in the Events Hall.

I am especially grateful for the staff and alumni support so freely given to each other as we went through our times of grave loss together. A special thank you to Fr. Bob for his decision to continue the Mass service each Sunday. Our Sundays would not be the same without the Mass.

On a personal note I would like to thank all the alumni, staff and Board of directors for their strong support. With so much love and care, it certainly makes my job fulfilling. I am confident Brentwood will continue to grow and stay strong so that we can continue to offer help to those in need of our programs.

With love, Don Russell

MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER- KAY RYAN



How do you crowd 50 years of a wonderful friendship into a couple of paragraphs. I wondered when I was asked to do an article on Fr. Paul for the Brentwood newsletter.

When we moved to Emeryville in 1961 and met Fr. Paul for the first time, Jim had been sober for ten months. Little did I know that this chance move would lead to a lifelong friendship. Fr. Paul knocked on our door after I had registered the children in school. Within fifteen minutes, I knew we had made the right move. Here was a man who cared about people, I felt safe and that never changed.

Wherever Fr. Paul went, he always drew a crowd. His death was no exception his room was filled with fellowship who did not want him to go. Father, for the first time since I have known him, was not in charge he lost that battle. God needed him his work was finished here. With a crowd of people sitting on his bed and a number of people kneeling beside the bed praying Fr. Paul gave in for probably the first time in his life. I called it let go, let God.

A crowd of Brentwood friends who had been holding vigil during Fr. Paul's last hours formed an honor guard as Fr. Paul's still body was carried to the hearse. This was to be one of the many guards of honor in the next few days.

Father's funeral was one fit for a king. His wish was to be laid out at Brentwood, which was his parish for many years. Bishop Ronald Fabbro and Fr. Bob Charbonneau officiated the Mass with Bishop Larocque in

attendance along with about twenty other Priests. At least 2500 friends and people from the community were in attendance. Fr. Paul was buried with his parents at St. Alphonsius Cemetery.

We have all lost a wonderful friend. In my opinion for what is worth, Fr. Paul is the best thing that ever happened to Windsor and we are all richer for having known him for all these years. I feel privileged to have known him for all these years and to have been a part of the founding of Brentwood along with Fr. Paul and Jim. To watch Brentwood grow, and the men and women grow along with it from two people to thousands. Without all of you, there would be no Brentwood. You have all been inspirational to me and will continue to be. We will continue Fr. Paul's work of helping one another.

Love Kay

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



To the Fellowship,
We have been very busy, and have worked hard in the past year to comply with requests and expectations of the LHINS (Local Health Integrated Network) which was set up by the Ministry of Health.

This requires attending many meetings and networking with other service providers.

The main job of your Board of Directors is to make financial decisions that affect the day to day business of running Brentwood and the decisions for the long term goals and financial health of our organization. To accomplish this we review items such as banking, investments, insurance, renovations, upgrades and many more items on a regular basis.

We are very pleased with the financial state of Brentwood. We are dedicated to putting things into place to ensure the financial future for our next generations by making the right decisions today.

Strategic planning for the future is also a key component. Father's wish to see an Alcoholic Youth Program is part of this plan. We are a united group for the good of Brentwood and we all do our best to faithfully serve you the alumni.

Just a reminder that there will be elections for the Board of Directors in the fall.

Your Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity, to thank all of the alumni and staff, for their endless help and cooperation.

Gil Valley
Board Chair

THANK YOU DELORES & DON LOCK

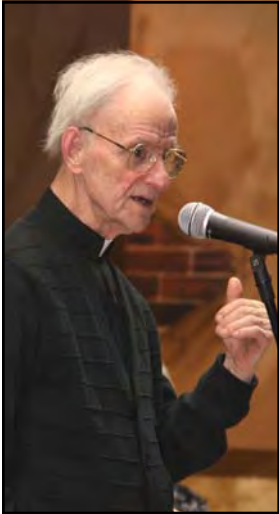


From left to right: Tim Jones, Patricia McLean, Don Russell, Becky Lock and Jean-Marc Pinard

Delores and Don Lock wanted to leave a gift that would benefit the people they loved. Delores had a great respect for the help that one of their dearest friends had received from Brentwood. Her gift to Brentwood will be used to create a "living memory" of Delores and Don Lock by providing a barrier-free residential room which will allow persons with serious mobility issues to fully participate in our program.

We are truly grateful for the guidance of Tim Jones (president/owner of Rock Harbour Wealth Management Inc.) and the loving spirit of Delores' sisters-in-law that made this all possible.

A WORD FROM FATHER BOB



My Brother

I started my recovery April-26-1981

This was the beginning point for Fr. Paul and myself to become genuine brothers.

Our respect for one another grew more and more over these last 29

years, enabling us to be also more "at home" with our dad, mother, sister, and brother.



Father Bob

Father Paul and Father Bob Charbonneau

FOUNDATION NEWS

Planned Giving "a helping hand"

On behalf of the Fellowship and their families, I would like to thank everyone for their support and assistance with their generous donations to the Brentwood Recovery Home. We are especially grateful for the newest forms of donations that are being presented to us. In the past few months we have received several Legacy Gifts which Bequests from the Estates of some our past friends and insurance policies have been assigned to us for future assistance. For all of this, we are truly grateful as we depend greatly on the support of the community that we serve. It is the generosity of people such as yourselves that allows us to continue to serve those that so desperately need our help. The Brentwood Recovery home has been working with Alcoholics and their families in Windsor and Essex County for 45 years. Once again, thank you, you are making a difference in the lives of local families that will last a lifetime

LOOK WHAT'S NEW AROUND THE HOUSE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

This section of the newsletter is being reserved for announcements. If you have an upcoming event, birth or death announcement, or other event that would be of interest to the alumni body please submit it to the newsletter staff at newsletter@brentwoodrecovery.com. All submissions will be reviewed before publication.

YOUTH GROUP

Meetings: Tuesday from 6:15pm -7:30pm September thru June

Summer Session: Meets every other Tuesday

Ages: 6-16 years accompanied by a

parent or guardian (who must attend parents meeting during the youth meeting) The Youth Group is open to all Brentwood Alumni, people on program.

We have group Sessions (Girls group, Boys group) the groups are also broken down in age groups as well. We share on different topics that relate to the children that attend Youth Group.

After the groups have share we have play time, where the children can do any number of activities. We have 8 computers (supervised by Leaders), we have arts and crafts, weather permitting the children go outside to play, hockey, basketball, skipping, soccer, etc. (all activities are supervised by Group Leaders).

We also on occasion have guest speakers that talk on a variety of subjects (Bullying, Fire Department, Police Department, and Mad Science).

We have movie night every month, where the kids pick the movie they wish to see (All age appropriate)

The last Tuesday of each month is Birthday night, where we celebrate everyone's birthday for that month.

We have pizza parties and on occasion we go bowling. (All Free).

If you require additional information, please contact:

Connie or Rob Smith (519) 251-9610

NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR FATHER PAUL CHARBONNEAU

BRIAN MASSE HONOURS FATHER CHARBONNEAU WITH A NATIONAL TRIBUTE IN PARLIAMENT

Ottawa, Ontario. March 31, 2010, Windsor West Member of Parliament Brian Masse honoured Father Paul Charbonneau reading the following statement in the House of Commons: Mr. Speaker, sadly, Windsor lost a truly inspirational man in Father Paul Charbonneau who passed away last week at the age of 87. Approximately 3000 mourners gathered for the funeral of this well respected community leader.

For many, Father Paul was a visionary of hope as the founder of the Brentwood Recovery Home. He was the driving force behind Brentwood since its founding the detoxification and recovery home to help alcoholics and substance abusers more than 46 years ago when he was a parish priest in Windsor. Brentwood has helped more than 20,000 people changing lives from despair to optimism for a better future.

Father Paul was dedicated to his faith and built a home of love for those in need. He has left us with a place that many still call home today. With all of his accomplishments Father Paul was also a recipient of many awards

- The Canadian Silver Jubilee Award**
- Doctorate of Law Degree**
- The Order of Ontario**
- Queen's Confederation Medal**
- Windsor Achiever of the Century**
- Golden Jubilee Medal**
- The Ontario Medical Association Award.**

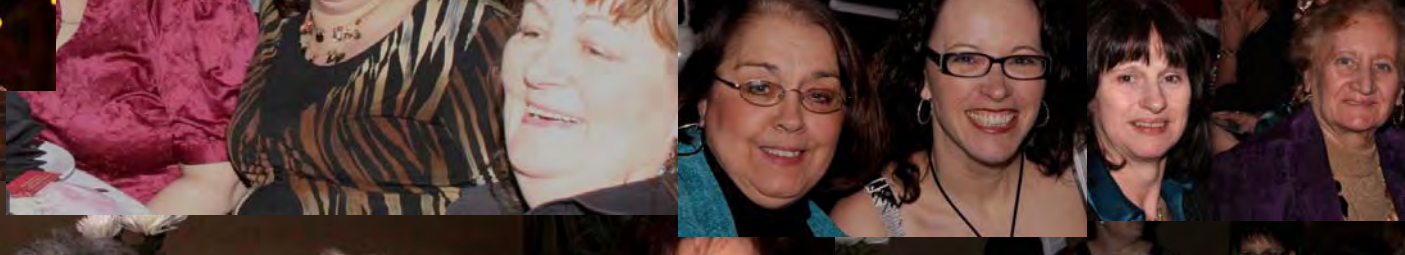
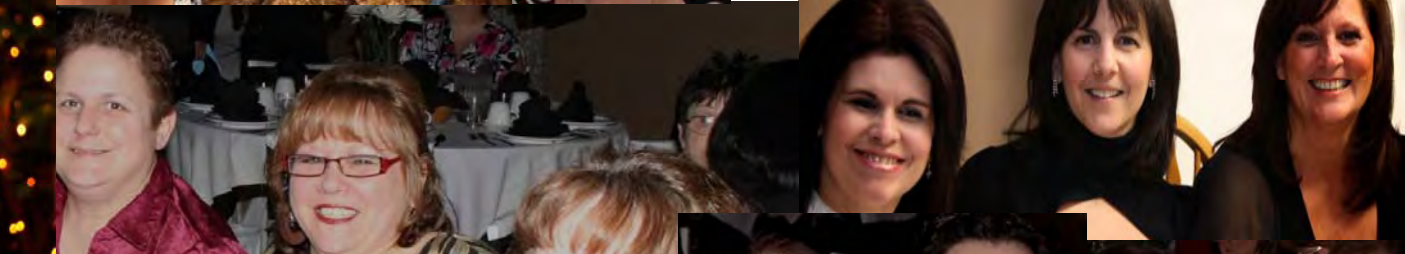
I say to Father Paul's immediate family, and the entire Brentwood family, that Father Paul was a great inspiration to all. He will be missed by our entire community. He made life better for so many and his Brentwood legacy will inspire future generations.



Brian Masse presents a plaque to Kay Ryan in Honour of Father Paul Charbonneau at The Brentwood Recovery Home

Brentwood Women's 25th Anniversary

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all who attended and all who made this very special event unforgettable



FATHER PAUL CHARBONNEAU 1922-2010

Welcomed home into the arms of the Lord on March 22, 2010 after being cared for by his Brentwood Family. Father Paul was born on July 3, 1922. son of Alphonse Charbonneau and Anna Gignac. Survived by his sister, Helen Pratt of Windsor, (Gordon Pratt, 1994) Father Robert A. Charbonneau of Maidstone, and predeceased by his brother Leonard A., 2005, Evelyn Johnson, 2006, of St. Claire Shores Michigan. He is also survived by 17 nieces and nephews & by his cousins Sister Mary Charbonneau, s.n.j.m. Sybil Belanger, Windsor, and Sondra Pesta, California. He was a much loved life-time best friend of Jim (2006), and Kay Ryan and their family. He will be

missed by the entire Brentwood family, past and present. After graduation from Assumption College High School, he entered St. Peter's Seminary in London. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 22, 1948. He served as parish priest/pastor at Our Lady of Mercy, Sarnia, St. Anne's, Tecumseh, and then served as Air Force Chaplain in Germany for five years. On his return, he was assigned to Sacred Heart in LaSalle, St. William's in Emeryville and Precious Blood, Windsor. Father Paul has dedicated the last forty-five years to Brentwood and has been instrumental in changing the lives of many families from this area and beyond. Father Paul has been the recipient of many awards:

1977 Canadian Silver Jubilee Award, Doctor of Law Degree from the University of Windsor 1988, Order of Ontario 1989, Queen's Confederation Medal 1992, Windsor Achiever of the Century 2000, Golden Jubilee Medal 2002, Ontario Medical Association Award 2005 and was named Honorary Member of various local Service Clubs such as the Rotarians, Local 880 Teamsters, Windsor Police Association.

Father Paul you will forever remain in our hearts. Your life of service to your fellow man will not be forgotten.

Rest In Peace

"Well done good and faithful Servant, come take your rest." Matthew 25:21

Father Paul has always been my shining example of faith, trust and forgiveness. He has helped me with my connections to God. His peace because of his faith has taught me to trust all my needs with God. Father Paul has always been my shining example of faith, trust and forgiveness. He has helped God. Now I'm more capable to live in the moment and be there for whoever God puts into my life daily. Tim K

Father gave us hope and direction that we could trust. He had a way with encouraging us. He showed he had faith in us. Even though he had love for all of us when he talked to us he made it feel personal and special. He always saw the positive in us. He showed us by example how to live our lives. Ezio P

Father was the glue that kept our family together. He guided me, my wife and sometimes our son when we were lost and needed direction. He reassured me when I was uncertain and gave me the strength to do what needed to be done for my own growth or the sake of or family. He showed me the how of being a father, husband, son, brother and friend. He loved me so that I may love them. Thank You Father. Ron G

When I think about Father Paul I will always remember his smile, his honesty and his wisdom, he would lighten up a bad situation in moments the words come out of my mouth. Father was genuine, unique and light hearted and always ready to challenge the disease. I will always carry that bond we had with me forever. Thank You Father Paul! Eric R

Father Paul was like having a personal Jesus with his compassion and unconditional love. To me he was the closest to feeling God in a human being. He never gave up on me and gave me the love that I needed all my life. I am forever grateful to have met him and for him to have been a part of my life. Melinda G

Father Paul was to me a Father, kind, loving, patient and forgiving. He loved life, people and enjoyed a good laugh. He will be in my heart and mind forever. Dave A

Father meant the difference between whether I was going to live or die. He gave me the opportunity to live an honest life instead of a drug and criminal invested life. He gave me quality of life. Life changing, thought changing, and behaviour changing gifts. Teri K.

"Father Paul was the person in my life that believed in me more than I did in myself. He was the person that I could give all my good, bad and ugliness to and still come out feeling worthy. God Bless Father Paul." Tania H

"Father Paul gave me my life back and he was my father and my best friend, he meant the world to me and I would have done anything for him. I loved Father with my whole heart and every ounce of my being and I miss him terribly, without Father I would not still be alive today." Noella D

Father Paul helped me get my life in order. The hardest thing I had to do was look at myself and no one else. I struggled through my first 3 years of sobriety trying to figure out what I was supposed to do. Without the Brentwood Recovery Program that Father Paul started and the dedication that he and others put into it, I don't think I would be here today. I have the utmost respect for Father Paul and what he has done to help others like myself. Finally, if everyone could do half of what he did to help others, and that's a tall order, this world would be a better place. Thanks to Brentwood I will be celebrating 15 years of sobriety this May which have been the best years of my life. Mark C

Father Paul meant the world to me. He was and will continue to be a positive influence in my life. He saved my life and his kindness, love, and compassion were examples to live by. I miss hearing his power and enthusiasm through his voice. I always enjoyed his talks even if the truth in his message scared me from time to time. He continues to be a great role model. I will continue to give thanks for Father Paul. John D

Father Paul has meant the world to me. I hear people saying Brentwood gave me my life back. The deeper truth is that through Brentwood my life was worth getting back. A big part of that process was seeing Father and feeling for those moments I was with him, that I was the most important person in the world right then. The value that he put on me was so healing because I did not feel worthy most of the time but yet he was for me. The message was unmistakable and then when he had my attention I could even listen once in a while! May his good work continue to the end of times through us who have received and believed. Monica C

Father Paul was like a second Dad to me. I came here at 21 without any hope and I was depressed. I couldn't see the light at the end of the tunnel. He was the one who kept me going at first on hope, and he guided me throughout the steps in my life, family, relationships, career, marriage, then kids. At first it was Father who could lift my spirits, then it became the women and Father. I felt so loved and cared for by him- and I loved him. Chantal G

Father Paul gave me a place to belong. A family to love me. Freedom from my demons and an education. He loved me and believed in me. For that I am eternally grateful. Gloria M

Father Paul was my spiritual mentor. He taught me respect and how to have true love of self in order to be the wife, mother, and daughter that I always wanted to be. Toni T

From the moment I met Father in 1985, He gave me exactly what I needed. I needed direction in my life and hope, and He continued to do so even in his last breath. Joan Z

I miss Him so much. Father meant love to me, I think of the wisdom that He had to work with the Alcoholic and His wonderful sense of humor. I loved His jokes. Also I think of how He helped Rob and I put our marriage back together and helped our family throughout our recovery. The relationship I had with Father was special, I never allowed that with my own father. Thank-you Father Paul I will cherish our special moments. Connie S

Father scared me at first, I took everything He said to me personally. Then after being here awhile I had a thirst to hear Him talk because I learned to separate that it was not me personally He was attacking the disease. Then the fear left and I learned to appreciate his teachings and what he was trying to show us and that was how to live life for others, how to be their for people, and to care for somebody other than myself. He was a very kind and gentle man. Lori H

"To me, Father Paul meant Hope. Strengthened by his Faith, I was able to hope to be a better person. Through his direction, I made my daily commitment along that path and life became more meaningful. His last request was that I pass it forward." -Mark R

"Father Paul was a real life Saint - the one person who gave me faith in humanity." -Shannon T

"Love, respect and honesty - and the biggest one is love! He was all about unconditional love, no matter how many times I screwed up, he always accepted me. -Joan S

"Father Paul made me feel that when I first came in I was accepted and there were no questions - and he didn't judge me. He gave me the help that I needed unconditionally. He was just a man who was full of love."_Gerry S

Father-He was the father I never had. He let me be me; I never had to be phony. I could go to him when I needed help, like a real father. What I liked about Father? He was my height!!! Sue R

I remember him for his love and his wisdom. Beata O

Our first contact with Father Paul was in 1982 with a desperate phone call begging for help. We were living in Toronto at that time and my wife had been told to contact Brentwood. Father Paul let her know that the only requirement was willingness and he clarified that Brentwood was not a "golf club". He further claimed he would send a bus ticket , if needed and so our relationship began - simple, accepting, loving and touched with humour. We came to Windsor not having a clue but drawn by what we know today was a love for the broken. He showed us how to forgive, heal, have a marriage, be parents and give back to others who were suffering - how to love and be loved.

God gave us the gift of his precious Father Paul to teach us how to live spiritual lives. Now he has called him back home. Our honour to Father is to pass on what we have been freely given. We are forever grateful to Father Paul and will continue to care for the people who come in our lives. Alice& Charlie

"He was the one that made me believe that I wasn't the only one that I wasn't alone in my feelings. He always made my feel that there was hope - and if anything he showed me what it was like to be generous." George C

Father Paul changed my future. I could see myself ending up, friendless and alone, in a one-room apartment above a hotel with a bed, dresser and hotplate. I had an uncle who lived like that. My wife of 23 years and 4 teenaged children had left me. Today, because of Brentwood, my wife and I celebrate 44 years together. We live in our family home of 39 years in constant contact with our 4 adult, successfully settled, children. I am surrounded by a large 'other family' at Brentwood, with many close and caring friends, THANK YOU Fr. Paul. Jerry D

I believe that Father Paul is truly one of the great spiritual leaders of our time and all the good works he has done, will long survive his passing. His love will live in all our hearts and we give to others what was so freely given to us.

"The man was incredible. He took all of the bad things that I had stored down inside of me and turned "them around and made them into a library that I would be able to go back and look at so that I would be able to help somebody else." John R

"I always saw Father Paul as a patient, always loving and understanding father." Dan S

"Father Paul is truly my inspiration - the role model for patience, acceptance, forgiveness, gratitude and balance. He inspired by living the life he wanted us to live." Gary T

PAST EVENTS

Father Paul Golf Tournament

Father's golf tournament was held on June 19, 2010 at Orchard View Golf Course. We would at this time like to thank all Sponsors, the golfers and all who donated door prizes to help make this golf tournament another great success. A special thanks to all the volunteers and staff at Orchard View for their time and help.

Rick St. Denis and Rob Smith

Talent Show- May 1st, 2010

It was my pleasure to be a part of the Brentwood Talent show for the fourth year. This year's Talent Show was by all accounts, one of the best. The children of the alumni and friends of alumni, as well as the adults, were outstanding. The most touching moment was when Kay's chorus serenaded her to the tune of "You Needed Me". The entire night of songs, poems and dances was dedicated to Father Paul Charbonneau, who was a great supporter of the talent show over the years. Many thanks to all the organizers, participants and the audience for making the show a truly entertaining and spiritual experience.

Lia Nicolas
Talent Show Organizer



Benefit Dinner for Brian Cogliati

Held at the Navy Club
Friday June 10th, 2010
A large group effort on behalf of the Brentwood Alumni to put a very successful evening together, from selling ticket to baking, or just buying a ticket and attending, another example of the fellowship with people helping people.

Ed Suchiu

Benefit Dinner for Stew Robinson

I would like to thank all who attended our fund raiser to fight cancer for my dad (Stew Robinson) Sunday May 16th, 2010. It turned out to be a huge success because of all the family and friends which attended this tribute. A total of 450 tickets were sold as well as another 20-30 walk-ins on this special day. We had over 40 door prizes, 25 raffle prizes donated by our generous community. We were able to raise over

\$5000 for our dad while he fights his lung and liver cancer. Again, I would like to personally thank all volunteers, everyone who donated, pastry bakers, and especially YOU who attended. Greatly Appreciated.

Yours truly, The Robinson Family

Anthony Bracewell Violin Recital

Held Friday May 28th, 2010
St.. Andrew's Church
On the 8th anniversary of the death of his father Rob, Anthony played in honour of his father. The concert was held to raise funds for Anthony's College education. The event was well attended by Brentwood Alumni.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Kay's Kafe will be closed for the summer months and will be reopening in September. Thanks for your support!

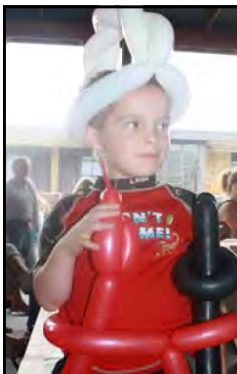


KAY'S KAFE
OPEN WEDNESDAY
NOON UNTIL 2:00PM

Brentwood Family Picnic June 28th, 2010

What fun! Thanks to all! We all know that very little happens at Brentwood that is not a collaborative effort and involves the vision and heart of many. The committee would like to thank all the alumni that have given generously of their time to ensure that others enjoyed the picnic. A warm and heartfelt thank you goes out to so many generous spirited alumni who donated many of the 'give aways' for the events.

Hope to see you all again next year.
Murray, Chairperson, Social Committee



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraising and Special Events Committee

The Fundraising and Special Events Committee was formed to raise money for needy families.

Our special events include sales of lottery, and Dodge Challenger tickets. We also travel to different places to sell tickets such as: Chatham, Mississauga, Father's Golf Tournament, and Grand Bend. This year's draw for the Dodge Challenger will be held here at Brentwood on Saturday July 24th at 6pm, followed by a dance.

Our office is open Wednesdays 9am – 7:30pm, Fridays 9am-7:30pm, and Saturday mornings after graduation we also sell raffle tickets

I would like to take this time to thank everyone for all your support and all your hard work – the Alumni are the strength of Brentwood!

Jim Voegeli

Social Committee

Greetings and congratulations to all of you. What fun you will have reporting the 'Brentwood News'.

I'd like to share with the fellowship the good times involved in planning the Brentwood Annual Picnic. As a committee we feel such positive energy as we move along. More about that after June 27th.

The 'New Picnic Committee' I'm happy to announce is quickly becoming the 'New Social Committee'. On a personal note, I'd like to thank the entire committee for their seemingly tireless attention to detail and 'stick-to-it-iveness'. We have shared many laughs along the way. What fun to get to know this bunch!

So we are relatively new but have lots of energy and creative spirit to serve the fellowship.

Good luck "Newsletter Committee", we are looking forward to your first edition.

Murray,
Chairperson, Social Committee

UPCOMING EVENTS

Vanessa Day
August 16, 2010
at Deb's Diner

Brentwood Dream Home Lottery Kick-off
September 2010

Brentwood Walk-a-thon
September 11, 2010

Ticket Purchase Deadline– Midnight July 21, 2010

2010 DODGE CHALLENGER R/T LOTTERY



Grand Prize
2010 Dodge Challenger R/T
Plum Crazy
Valued @ \$51,844.82

Draw Date: Saturday July 24, 2010 @ 6pm
Draw Location: Brentwood Recovery Home
2335 Dougall Ave. Windsor, On

Tickets: \$50 ea.
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Where People Need People

**Alumni Poetry
Dedicated to Father Paul**

FATHER PAUL

Now here's the tale of Father Paul
The boldest, wisest man of all
He was round and bald and kinda small
Everyone he knew was very tall

But Father Paul had the strength of an ox
Especially when he gave his talks
He drew in crowds and massive flocks
While his message blew off their socks

For when he spoke he was not shy
Sometimes his words would make you cry
And he'd always catch you in a lie
And give advice for you to try

Sometimes he roared really loud
Especially when he addressed a crowd
I think the lions would be proud
But afterwards he never bowed

In fact he seemed so very humble
The crowds amazed as he would rumble
About life's troubles that make you stumble
And cause your world to slowly crumble

He spoke of truth and love and hope
And helped us all on how to cope
For those real lost, he'd throw a rope
I'm surprised they never made him Pope!

If you had a question on your mind
Or got yourself into a bind
It was always him you'd go and find
To open your heart and eyes so blind

But you always had to wait your turn
Or Father Paul would get real stern
He'd clench his lips while his cigar would burn
It would only take once for you to learn!

In his waiting room, you'd grab a chair
And everyone would stop and stare
And always ask you why you were there
It seemed that everyone had a care

If Father Paul thought you needed it
He'd make you wait, he'd make you sit
Till you opened up to share a bit
Then with his cigar still half lit

He'd open his door up a crack
And everyone would straighten their back
As he called in another pack
Of desperate lives who'd gotten off track

And you dare not ever misconstrue
Who his finger pointed too
You'd just pretend that you knew
Or his impatience really grew

See Father Paul was a busy man
With lots to do and lots to plan
He had groups to lead and meetings he ran
I guess that's why he hired Stan

It never mattered to Father Paul
How much you'd slip, how far you'd fall
Or whether your problem was big or small
He just sat and listened most of all

And if his mood was really good
And you told him something you weren't
sure you should
He'd laugh from his belly, oh how he would
That's when you knew you were understood

But when he told you what to do
Sometimes it really puzzled you
And so you'd go off and you would stew
But if you listened you always grew

Year after year Father Paul inspired
Unemployed hearts were rehired
Burnt out souls were re-fired
And dear, sweet Father Paul he never even
retired!

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Our Father

Who lives in Brentwood
Paul is his name
Our family has begun,
God's will is being done
in Brentwood. As it is in Heaven.
Father feeds our hungry souls,
And teaches us to forgive each
other, As we have been forgiven.
He leads us and directs us
And never neglects us.
He delivers us from our
selfishness and despair.
The power of love is here.
The glory of God is here.
In his kingdom,
Our family forever and ever.
We Thank You Father Paul!
Amen. *Marty*

Innkeeper of our Hearts

For many years
We have come to your house
Our hearts full of confusion and
pain
You opened the door Invited us in
Since then how our lives have
changed
We were lost
In the dark
You held the candle so we could see
You gave us the tools
To slowly work
With your guidance to set us free
Our hearts were opened
To let love in
And return it to those in our life
You never judged
Were always there
To listen to our fears, struggles
and strife
The time has come
To say goodbye
Though how fortunate and grateful
we feel *A Grateful Heart*

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