

Volunteer centre holds Christmas lunch for seniors



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On Wednesday, Dec. 8, the Misamisqui North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) in collaboration with the Municipality of Potton held its Annual Christmas lunch for seniors with approx. 80 in attendance. The dinner was held in the basement of the Catholic Church and the locale and a glass of wine was furnished by the "Club des Retraités" seniors' group. The traditional Christmas lunch (turkey, meatballs, potatoes, tortiére, salad...) was prepared by the Buffet Falaise d'Orford at a cost of \$20.00 per person with the Municipality of Potton absorbing \$10.00 per person of the cost.

Organized by the CABMN Senior Services (SAPA) team, Monique Gilbert

and Angelle Laplume with the help of volunteers, the dinner was a joyous one for all in attendance.

"We appreciate all of the support from our Municipality as well as the Club des Retraités and our precious volunteers," said Monique Gilbert, Coordinator of the SAPA services at the CABMN. "This is a special time of year and one we as CABMN staff truly enjoy as we bring friends together to share in holiday spirit."

Marie Timperley, a CABMN volunteer and SAPA participant contributed to the décor by furnishing chocolate and a candy cane at each place setting. The hall was decorated with bright festive holiday trimmings and the sound of laughter and fun filled the air. Vaccine passports were verified by CIUSSE/CHUS Senior Services Social Workers Annabel Hivert and Valerie Letarte at the request of the organizers. The two attended the meal along with Catherine Lusson, CIUSSE/CHUS Community Organizer and the event gave them an opportunity to share in a happy exchange with the community.

Municipal Council members, Christine Baudinet and Andre Ducharme were in attendance representing the Municipality of Potton. Ducharme was extremely



ANGELLE LAPLUME

impressed with the meal and the number in attendance.

Angelle Laplume has been working in senior services through the CABMN for over twenty-seven years and now works part-time alongside Gilbert.

"When you see this many people come out for an event your heart is left a little warmer," said Laplume. "I enjoy

my job so much that even after twenty-seven years I am in no hurry to retire; I'm having too much fun!"

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