

Youth honour Sutton's Boulay family for their fifty years of memories



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Nestled on the side of Mont Sutton, the Hotel Horizon overlooks the surrounding hills and valley. The beautiful scenery, ideal location and breathtaking views may be what draws one to the hotel but after a visit or two, it becomes clear that the hotel offers so much more.

The Hotel Horizon has been family operated since its grand opening in 1962 by the Boulay family. 150 acres of magnificent trails, panoramic views and personalized service no matter the occasion or event; for the Boulay family, it is all about offering personalized service with attention to detail. After 50 years of welcoming guests, they have perfected their "people" skills.

The hotel can accommodate individuals and families with their 44 guest rooms, indoor pool, hot tubs, tennis courts...and the banquet hall can seat 175 guests for weddings, reunions, meetings and events. The grounds are well kept with flower gardens and lots of great places for photos.

For the youth in the Missisquoi North Youth Centre Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) and Former Youth Involvement (FYI) groups, the Horizon has long been the location for their annual workshop Retreat weekends each year. The Boulay family have accommodated every need the group has requested and there has never been a problem that Danielle Boulay can't solve!

At their recent Retreat weekend in November, the 25 youth attending wanted to honour the Boulay family and their 50 year anniversary in a special way. Each member of the group shared their favourite memory from their time at the hotel and the group presented the family with a special treated wooden bench with a plaque celebrating "50 years of Memories at the Horizon." The



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The SADD and FYI youth congratulate Guy and Phyllis Boulay, Danielle, Claude and the entire Boulay family.



bench was presented with an enlargement of a family photo taken at one of the retreat weekends. The youth requested that the bench be put in a special location so that they and others would see it as they return for each retreat or special occasion held at the hotel.

The presentation was an emotional one for all. The youth and youth centre staff have developed a lasting friendship with the Boulay family. The bond is a strong one that has grown from respect and love.

So, here's to fifty more years of memories on the Horizon.