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*Giddy **U**p and Grow with **U**s*

CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

Our tenth anniversary year is coming to a close. What a roller coaster year it has been!

The excitement of having attained our tenth anniversary was tempered by financial issues. We had the Perfect Financial Storm. The changes to the Trillium Foundation grant application excludes us from almost any chance of getting any more funding from them, the conversion to electronic bingo at Chances resulted in a severe drop in income from that source, and last year's Hoedown did not generate the revenue that it usually does.

I am pleased to report that there is a light at the end of the proverbial tunnel and it does not appear to be a train. Increased bingo revenue, a first time fee increase, a successful Hoedown, the efforts of our fundraising committee and support from many of you has made a great difference. I truly want to thank everyone for their understanding and support.

We will be here in the fall. However, as for every small charity, funding will continue to be a challenge.

SPEAKING OF FUNDING ...

Donations of goods, such as tack and feed, and services, such as those of a veterinarian and farrier, are as vital to our association as your generous support! Thank you to ...

Marie Bailey
 Sue Anderson
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Donations can be made online by clicking "Donate Now" on our home page at <http://www.speqtra.ca>. **ALSO**, deposit any loose change in coin boxes at LCBO outlets in Belle River, Amherstburg, Harrow, Kingsville and Leamington to benefit SqEqTRA this summer. Every bit counts!

SpEqTRA CANNOT HAPPEN WITHOUT YOU!

The SpEqTRA Directors were pleased to nominate these individuals to receive the Province of Ontario's 2015 Volunteer Services Award at the Caboto Club in Windsor on April 16th ... Samantha Lehn (Student), Dylan Windsor (10 years), Martha Klassen (10 years), Linda Hyatt (5 years), Santiago Orneias (Student). Absent for the picture were Chloe Walker (Student), Sharon Manning (5 years), Kim Harrow (5 years) and Dianne Crichton (5 years).



Staff from the Royal Bank of Canada in Leamington have contributed their time at our "Pickin' on the Beatles" benefit at UMEI in April and again at the Pig Roast, Hoe Down and Silent Auction held more recently in June at the Leamington Marina. Thank you for your enthusiastic efforts!



SpEqTRA recognizes the volunteer service provided by one individual annually at our Hoe Down. Thank you for your dedication to our riders Ralph Phibbs!



Our community partners also make significant contributions to the Association's success. We gratefully acknowledge Gary & Judy Moody of Moody's Flowers in Wheatley.



Volunteers Always Needed

Visit <http://www.speqtra.ca> to find out more about us, then call Liz Windsor at 519-322-2463 to make a commitment.



FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Raffle for Ed Roach Originals



Pictured are 2 of 6 original watercolours donated by local artist Ed Roach. 1,000 tickets are being sold for \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00 with winners being drawn December 14, just in time for Christmas!

A-1 Chinese Restaurant in

Leamington provided guests with a tasty opportunity to support SpEqTRA on April 20. Mention of the Association to the server allowed us to receive a portion of that day's receipts. Thank you to our community partner of 4 years!

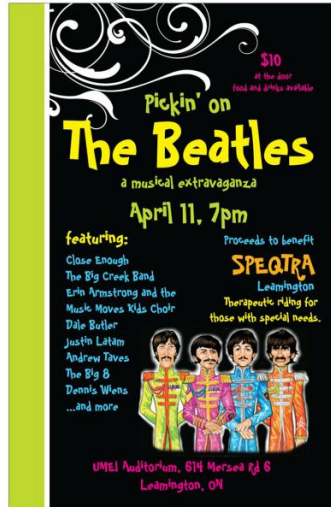
Pig Roast, Hoe Down and Silent Auction June 13 @ the Leamington Marina



Celebration of our 10th anniversary continued at our 10th annual Pig Roast, Hoe Down and Silent Auction. Look forward to more details on this special event in the September newsletter.

"Pickin' on the Beatles" April 11 @ UMEI

Thanks to Jamie Willms for coordinating the local talents of Justin Latam, Andrew Taves, Dennis Weins, Close Enough, Erin Armstrong and the Music Moves Kids Choir, Larry Dalbello, Judy Kenna, Mike Harris, Dale Butler and Friends, The Big Creek Band and The Big 8 for SpEqTRA's benefit. We're sure we heard someone on stage say, "See you next year" following the "Hey Jude" jam that ended that awesome evening!



July 17 - First day of Summer Session
September 15 - First day of Fall Session
November 2015 – Rock 'N Bowlathon @ Empire Lanes

ENJOY SUMMER!

"In riding a horse, we borrow freedom." --Helen Thompson