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Newsletter

September 2015

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

### **CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE**

Welcome back! I hope that you had great fun with your summer activities or had the opportunity to take some well deserved relaxation time.

Our eleventh season is under way. Most of our former students and volunteers have returned to us and we welcomed several new ones. We are looking forward to another busy and fruitful year.

### **SUMMER SESSION**

The Programme Coordinator has reported that our summer programme went without a hitch. We had twenty-one students participate. The weather co-operated and we did not have to cancel any lessons because of extreme heat. This the first year that we haven't had to do so!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who gave up a portion of their summer vacation to give us a hand. We really appreciate what you do for us! Without you, there would have been no summer programme.

## ***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.



### **SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN ...**



If you wish to see SpEqTRA in the Leamington Christmas Parade this year, we need your help! A signup sheet will be posted in the lounge shortly or you may contact Dorothy or Liz to indicate your interest. We need firm commitments for the evenings of November 26 and 27 to participate in this festive community event. If we don't have firm commitments from a large group, we unfortunately will **not** be able to participate again this year.

## **THANK YOU! DANKE! GRAZIE! OBRIGADO! MERCI! BEDANKT! GRACIAS!**

No matter what language it's said, we are grateful to the following individuals and organizations for their generous support: Paul Lichaa, the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 324 of Wheatley, Setterington's Fertilizer and Dr. Joanne Zamparo.



1 pony saddle, 1 pony girth, 2 Western saddle pads, 2 therapeutic saddle pads, 2 halters, 1 set of pony reins, 1 set of long leather reins, 4 leads, 3 helmets and 1 manure fork were itemized on a wish list submitted to the Leamington Lions Club. They made our wishes come true.



Donations can be made online anytime by clicking "**Donate Now**" on our home page at <http://www.speqtra.ca>



It's true that every bit adds up! The coin boxes which were located at LCBO outlets in Belle River, Amherstburg, Harrow, Kingsville and Leamington to benefit SpEqTRA last July resulted in just over \$340 dollars raised to support SpEqTRA!

Hoedown sponsors for 2015 last June deserve mention for their support of this annual event. They are:



Migration Hall  
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## FUNDRAISING IDEAS AND ACTIVITIES

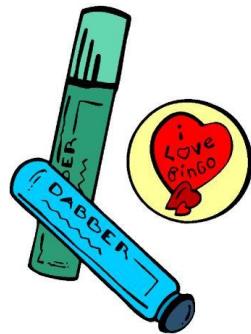


### **Stop!! Don't Throw It Out Yet!!**

We are working with Value Village on a fundraising initiative. We will be selecting a day when people may bring their donations to the store in Leamington. They will be kept separate from other donations and at the end of the day they will be weighed and we will receive some money for them. If on that day you will not be able to take your items to their Seacliff Drive East store, there will be storage space at the farm for you to bring your items and we will transport them for you. Watch your e-mail account, posters in the lounge or our web site for details.

### **B-I-N-G-O!**

Are you a BINGO lover? Would you like to try it? Very shortly we will be selling tickets to a special Bingo night. If you purchase a \$15 ticket, you will receive \$30 worth of Bingo product to play. For every ticket redeemed, SpEqTRA receives \$15. For every ticket sold but not redeemed, we get \$10. Soooooo ... mark October 29<sup>th</sup> on your calendar and join us at 6:00 p.m. at Chances Gaming Centre, 14 Mill Street, Leamington for some fun. Tickets must be purchased/ordered ahead of time. Contact Liz at 519-322-4373, or Dorothy St. John at dstjohn44@live.ca.



### **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!



November 21, 2015 – Rock 'N Bowlathon @ Empire Lanes from 6 to 8 p.m. More information and pledge sheets coming soon and are currently available on our website.



*"The essential joy of being with horses is that it brings us in contact with the rare elements of grace, beauty, spirit and fire.*

--Sharon Ralls Lemon