



## FEATURE EMPLOYEE: MARY MANSFIELD

Mary has been with Selections since January 2001 and began volunteering as a library assistant at Aurora School. Mary learned many useful skills during this time such as shelving and categorizing books and working with children. When the time came to move on to a new job Mary was well equipped.

In May 2007 Mary began working as a merchandiser with Newswest organizing magazine displays. This was her first paid job. "It was very hard in the beginning, but it was like learning to ride a bike. It got easier." When Mary began she was told it takes everyone about 6 months to learn to do the job well. Mary worked very hard and as a result she developed a great system. She began with one store but now works in 3 stores. Mary enjoys variety every day . All three locations are very different.

Two years ago Mary set a goal to pay for a cruise with the money she earned. Mary fulfilled that goal this summer when she cruised to Alaska with her mother. She had a great time.

Congratulations Mary on a job well done!



### SELECTIONS 30th ANNIVERSARY ROCKIN' THE NIGHT AWAY



Dan Bingham, MC

On June 5, 2009 Selections hosted its first annual dinner and silent auction fundraiser, "Rockin' The Night Away". Approximately 160 people attended a night of fun, good food and great entertainment in true 50's fashion. Costumes, decorations and music gave the evening a true feel of the Rock n Roll era.

Colby Nargang performed Elvis Presley and Roy Orbison favourites while the crowd danced and sang along. Balloons were popped for prizes, beautiful items auctioned and delicious food was eaten. Selections raised \$4000.00. Overall a very good night.

A huge thanks to everyone who volunteered, attended and contributed. We could not have done it without you.

A special thanks to Magic 99 for their platinum sponsorship.

Here's to next year!!



Colby Nargang assists Marg Teasdale, Executive Director



Ariel Klein presenting gift to speaker Luigi Chiesa



Blair Lundy Keynote Speaker with Samantha McClellan, CDC



Colby Nargang wows everyone with Elvis and Roy Orbison hits!



A good time was had by all!!!



## Executive Directors Report

### SELECTIONS BOARD

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On a recent trip to Vancouver for my daughter Sarah's university convocation I was listening to a radio program. The topic was "What would you say in a letter to your 16 year old self." My first thought was "Never stay in a job you don't love." Life is too short and our jobs should be meaningful; we should feel that we are making a contribution every day. It is normal to have some off days but for the most part we should look forward to getting up and going to work each day.

This is what we have endeavoured to do through the last 30 years at Selections. Try to find jobs for people to love. We do not consider ourselves a job placement agency...we are a career support service that takes pride in matching clients and employers so both are satisfied and their mutual goals are achieved. From the days of the bottle depot till today the focus is on the client and helping them reach their full potential to be contributing citizens in their communities. Over the past 30 years we have assisted and observed the achievements of more than 350 clients. It has been extremely gratifying to watch their skills develop, their confidence grow and their lives take a whole new shape. I am just as thrilled as they are when they call to tell me they have just gotten a new job or their first pay cheque.

Through the years I have witnessed the deep dedication of staff who have taken genuine care and concern in the well-being and achievements of the clients they supported. Each day staff travel the city in rain, snow, sleet and sunshine, to provide the supports needed, be it a job interview, job training, medical appointments, or moral support and counselling ...they are there. The staff at Selections frequently go above and beyond by working evenings and weekends, whatever is needed by the client.

Selections has worked with over 400 supportive employment partners through the years. We have seen a dramatic change in attitudes over the years that has resulted in increased opportunities and wonderful relationships for our clients

Working in cooperation with the families of clients is very important. I want to thank our families who have been so loyal and supportive and have assisted with fundraising efforts through the years

Thanks to Marcia Hogstead, Susan Richardson, Todd Schnirer, Dwayne Trapp, Jerome Klein and Thomas Pullukatt Selections board members, who provide excellent leadership and support to Selections and myself.

We have received funding from both Federal and Provincial Governments through the years. Our current funding comes primarily from the Alberta Government through the Edmonton Region Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Board. Our thanks go to Hart Chapelle and the board and staff at PDD who have always been so supportive of our program and efforts.

I say thanks to all for the past 30 years, I have been truly blessed and I still love my job.

Margaret Teasdale

### SELECTIONS STAFF

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## Federal Disability Tax Credits

Disability amount: If a qualified practitioner certifies on Form T2201, **Disability Tax Credit Certificate**, that you have a severe and prolonged impairment in physical or mental function, you can claim the allotted amount. In the 2008 tax year, the non-refundable tax credit was \$7021.00. This amount is transferable in whole or part if the person with disability does not need it to reduce his or her taxable income. Claim up to ten previous years.

Other tax credits related to supporting persons with disabilities include: the **Caregiver Credit** and **Infirm Dependent Credit**.

## Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP)

A RDSP provides long term financial security for a beneficiary who has a severe impairment in physical or mental function. [www.cra.gc.ca/disability](http://www.cra.gc.ca/disability)

In Alberta, families wishing to assist an adult family member to open an RDSP are limited to adult guardianship. "Plan" continues to work with the government to provide better access for those without a legal guardian or trustee.

[www.plan.ca/Social Policy Actionplan.php](http://www.plan.ca/Social Policy Actionplan.php)

# CLIENT NEWS

Congratulations go out to Lori-Ann Hintz on celebrating her 10th Anniversary at Tony Roma's at West Edmonton Mall. Way to go!!



## NINA HAGGERTY CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

Nina Haggerty has a new address effective Aug. 24, 2009:

9225 118 Avenue Edmonton, AB

Phone:780-474-7611/Fax: 780-474-7601

info@ninahaggertyart.ca www.ninahaggertyart.ca



Congratulations to Courtney MacAngus who works as a mascot for the Edmonton Capitals. Razzle the bird and Louie the lion are two of her costumes.

What a cute chick she is!!!

## MARGARET TEASDALE'S

### 30TH ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations go out to Margaret Teasdale on her 30th Anniversary with Selections.

We celebrated Margaret's special day with a luncheon that included present and past board members and staff. Many funny stories of earlier years were shared.

We all wish Margaret many more years of continued success!!



## SPECIAL OLYMPICS

### PROVINCIAL SUMMER GAMES

Janet Carter beat her personal average score of 149 with scores above 180 in all her three games of 10-pin bowling. Janet says "It was the best experience I've ever had. I just reached out and followed through and did my best."

Bill Carter, Janet's dad, has coached bowling for 41 years in Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary and Edmonton.

Bill hopes some of his players will compete for Team Alberta when the Special Olympics 2010 Canada Summer Games are held next year in London, Ontario.

Janet Carter is a contender. Her 149 average is the highest in Alberta for s Special Olympics athlete.

Congratulations Janet, on your many accomplishments!



## PROVINCIAL SUMMER GAMES

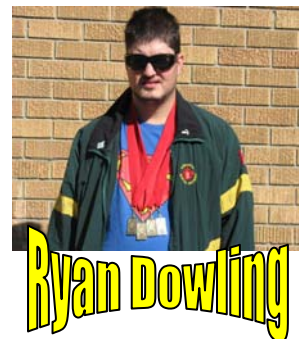
Ryan Dowling participated in the 2009 Provincial Summer Games in St. Albert in July 2009.

Ryan won 3 Gold medals in the 400m run, 200m run and 100m run.

Ryan also won a silver medal for the 4 X 100m relay.

Ryan will be representing Alberta in the Canada Summer Games to be held in Prince Edward Island August 15-29, 2009.

Congratulations and all the best to Ryan from all at Selections.



Congratulations go out to Brent Shipton for 4th and 5th place finish in the 100m, 200m, & 400m runs at the Canada Games.

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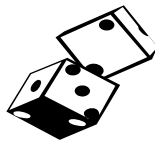
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Selections Annual General Meeting & BBQ  
Courtesy of Tony Roma's Restaurants  
Will be held on  
Saturday, September 12, 2009  
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the  
Rundle Family Centre  
in Rundle Park  
Hope to see you all there!



## CASINO TIME

It's that time of year again.  
Our casino dates will be Thursday, February 4 and Friday February 5, 2010. We will be looking for volunteers and will send out more information in the Fall.  
If you wish to volunteer please call Karen @ 780-461-5270.



## In Loving Memory



**PRESHENDRA PILLAY**  
"PRESHEN"  
April 2nd, 1969 - July 8th, 2009

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Preshendra (Pete) Pillay on July 7, 2009.  
Sincere condolences to Pete's family and friends.



We're on the web:  
[www.selectionscareer.com](http://www.selectionscareer.com)  
Selections is a not-for-profit registered charity. Charitable registration number  
BN#129778353 RR0001

THE SELF-ADVOCACY SUMMIT 2009  
OCTOBER 2, 3 & 4, EDMONTON AB  
A provincial conference organized by and for people with developmental disabilities. A chance to meet people, tell stories and practise self-advocacy in action!!  
To learn more, visit [www.sasummit.com](http://www.sasummit.com)

Special thanks go out to Dave and Heather MacAngus at Dale Carnegie Training for the use of their board room for our special meetings.  
Very much appreciated.



## 50/50-DRAW EDMONTON OILERS

Selections has been chosen to participate in a 50/50 draw for the Edmonton Oilers this season on Tuesday, January 12, 2010. We will need 65 volunteers.

If you wish to volunteer for this event please call Karen @ 780-461-5270.

More information to follow.

