# The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Learning Centre for Hamilton

# The BEAR Bulletin

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#### IT'S OFFICIAL!

We are thrilled to announce that on September 16, 2018 the Hamilton Love of Learning Centre was officially opened complete with well-attended service in the Cathedral followed by a cake & coffee reception.

Currently there are four tutors working with seven children.

There is a waiting list of twelve

children and we are still on the search for more tutors.

For additional information and/or a tour please contact the Director at 905-228-1236 or office@dyslexiacentrehamilton.com



#### From Michael and Barbara Baxter

Nov 27, 2018

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As retired teachers, we became interested in the Hamilton \* Learning Centre and its program to help children with dyslexia. We began our Orton-Gillingham training in August under the guidance of O-G Instructor, Meredith Hutchings, and began tutoring at the beginning of September. Within 20 lessons we have seen positive results with the excellent 🙀 program. The students we are tutoring have completed level one and have started level 2. It is rewarding to see how they 🖈 are incorporating the concepts taught to develop their \* reading and spelling skills. Their confidence and self-esteem have greatly increased because of the programming. We encourage others to get involved as tutors with this much needed program.

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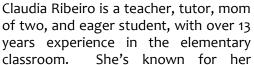
# SUPPORTERS CORNER

The Love of Learning Centre is blessed to have a number of individuals, groups, Lodges and Eastern Star Chapters that support the Centre financially. You are urged to support the events that they hold and take part in the festivities.

Participation in fun events = income for the Love of Learning Centre.

#### MEET THE STAFF

## **Director—Claudia Ribeiro**





commitment to helping students struggling with learning difficulties, and for her passion in learning new ideas and methods to help those students. Claudia is well-versed in all things dyslexia related, and is hoping to complete her Master's degree in the near future. When not immersed in the responsibilities of helping dyslexic students, Claudia enjoys spending time with her family and friends, reading, baking and running.

The Dyslexia Centre operates entirely on donations. Your continuing support is appreciated



## First Annual Year End BBQ

Thursday, June 13, 2019 we celebrated our 1st Annual Year End School BBQ with a sizeable group of Dyslexia Centre staff, supporters, sponsors and families.

Unfortunately, the rain precluded us having our barbecue outside but the Scottish Rite came to our rescue and was able to accommodate us at the last minute.

It was a great way to get everyone together to see the progress that is being made. Most heart-warming of all was the declaration of a some of our students who have been working diligently with their tutors in this first year. These young people indicated that their confidence level has improved as well as their reading skills and they are understanding their homework better than ever.

III Bro. Robert S. Whitmore 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander A.&A.S.R. of Canada made a surprise visit and we were thrilled to have him in to see how successful the Hamilton Learning Centre has been so far.

The hot dogs, sausages and hamburgers that were cooked up outside by some wonderful volunteer Masons were great and everyone was happy to dig in as well as the salads prepared by Scottish Rite Kitchen.



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To the parents who contribute refreshments for the students. We are grateful for your generosity and kindness

To all of our volunteers and volunteer tutors without their time, energy and knowledge we could not operate



There are many events throughout the year that help to fund the Hamilton Dyslexia Centre. We urge you to take part in as many as you can. Get a group together and make it a party.

## Save the Date: December 8th, 2019 at 2 p.m.

Once again the Cathedral Players (aka Masons and Eastern Star people) will be presenting a play in the Cathedral at the Scottish Rite. All proceeds go to the Dyslexia Centre. In 2017, we presented "The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge" which was really well received. This year we are presenting

## "Happy Hollandaise"

A British farce that promises to keep you laughing.

Tickets are:

\$25 performance only

\$60 performance and dinner (following the performance in the Banquet Room of the Scottish Rite.)

To purchase tickets see any cast member, contact Ken Laliberte or visit the Dyslexia Centre.

E-transfers for payment may be made to

ken.laliberte59@sympatico.ca or phone 905 543 9527 Please send a separate email verifying the number of tickets and whether they are for performance only or dinner & performance.



Volunteers are always needed at the Dyslexia Centre:

- Teachers
- Office Assistance
- Answering Phones / Greeting Visitors

If you have a half day a week that you can volunteer please call Claudia at 905-228-1236



BY TIM KOENIG

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"Produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Englewood, Colorado"

ΑII Claire Finley wants the perfect is Christmas. She's hired the celebrated gourmet chef Vilma Hasenpfeffer prepare her to Hasenpfeffer Hollandaise Sauce for her dinner guests — the new vicar and his very pregnant wife, Mary. Unfortunately, the chef is late, the guests are early and there are burglars loose in the neighborhood. To top it all off, Claire's father has been hit on the head and thinks he's the leading man in all of the West End theatre productions of the last 30 years! With the help of her quirky brother George, Claire tries to keep everything together as it continues to unravel in this side-splitting British farce. But once the mayhem dies down and the mixed-up identities unscramble, the true Christmas spirit shines bright in a surprise ending, which involves transformation, forgiveness, and a beautiful new beginning.