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Rocmaura

a community of caring people

Honourary
Chair Sgt.
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Canada's
Ambassador
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Host CTV's
Cindy Day
&
Auctioneer
Tim
Maloney

**Help Us Get Our Wheels
Turning! We're raising
funds for a new
Wheelchair Bus & YOU
could WIN your own set
of wheels!**

**October 3, 2015
Saint John
Trade &
Convention Ctr.**



Car & Jewellery Draw

Tickets \$50 or 3 for \$100

Oktoberfest
Tickets \$125
with \$65 tax
receipt

We are now
accepting
auction
donations.

Sign up to be a
volunteer!

Call 643-7090

Don't Miss It!

Donnie & the
Monarchs special
reunion
performance!
Live painting by
Sharon Epic!
5-7 pm Reception
& Casino \$20,000
funny money incl.
5-8 Silent Auction
7pm Buffet Dinner
Live Auction
50/50 Draw
Prizes Gift Baskets
8:30pm-10:30
Entertainment





Our Staff helped raise \$2000 toward new CHINA at our Spring Breakfast May 24!



BUY A PLACE SETTING FOR \$75! OR MAKE A \$15 DONATION for a PLATE, BOWL & TUMBLER
(get a tax receipt with minimum \$15 donation)

Club Room Rental

Organizing an event? We have a comfortable meeting space for approximately 125 people available by donation to Rocmaura Foundation

Seats comfortably 17 round tables of six to eight

Theatre Style for up to 150

- Two long buffet tables
- Baby Grand Piano
- Kitchen & prep area
- Overhead screen, projector & PA

Great for showers, birthday parties & family gatherings!

Call Colette to book today!

Colette.sirois@rocmaura.com (506) 643-7054

You remember the first person to hold your hand...will you remember the last?

Please consider a donation to Rocmaura Foundation. Your help is needed to enhance our residents' quality of life and provide some of the comforts of home not funded by government.



Make life better for a friend, neighbour or family member in their "home away from home" at Rocmaura Nursing Home.

Contact Foundation Office (506) 643-7090

Former Encyclopedia Britannica Executive Comes Home

For the last ten years, Rocmaura has been home for Ninety year old Margaret Elizabeth MacDougall, but in her younger years, she was a world traveller and top executive in Chicago with Encyclopedia Britannica. Her neice, Marlene Garland, shared a little about her interesting life.

Betty was always known as 'Aunt Betty from Chicago' (because she had a sister in law whose name was also Betty MacDougall.) My Aunt was raised by my mother, because their mother died when my mom was just 16 years old. My mom was left to raise seven brothers and a sister. Betty always thought of my mother as her mother, much more than a sister.

Betty was born in North Sydney, N.S. Her father was a Policemen and Coal Miner. She was brought to Saint John by her brother and three sisters and worked in the office at Coal Consumers until they decided to move to Toronto to better their lives. At the age of 40, she ended up working for Encyclopedia Britannica in Toronto, was offered a promotion, and that's how she ended up moving to Chicago.

Betty worked in the accounting/payrolls division for sales and was involved with 250 divisions in the U.S. She never drove, she walked everywhere. She was a hard worker and devoted her whole life to it. She was never married or had children and always lived alone.



Betty had a very strong faith as a Roman Catholic. She loved to travel the world and took several trips every year including an annual vacation back to my mother's, who spoiled her. Her nickname was actually 'SITTY' because she liked sitting and getting waited on! But she was also very compassionate and loved to give to others. Although she was a very private person, her Friends, co-workers, & family were important to her.

Betty was stubborn and liked to be right. Even though she was Canadian she made it well know she was also an American. She loved to argue about politics and knew her sports teams like the Chicago Bears and Black Hawks.

She also loved movies. Most Sunday afternoons she would go to the matinee's in Chicago. She also loved sweets and a good cup of tea.

Betty enjoyed reading, shopping and fashion. She always had the latest styles. On birthdays, special occasions, and especially Christmastime, she would send us home boxes of goodies. We always had the latest in fashion; styles that would not arrive here until years later!

Betty didn't retire until she was 70 years old. She stayed in Chicago until she was 80; until my mother talked her in to coming back home to Saint John.

The hardest part for me now, is seeing her decline in health. I feel sad that she doesn't know us anymore, but when I think of her life, I feel very proud of what she accomplished.

My Aunt was very strong headed, but very soft hearted. As I went through her belongings after she moved into the nursing home, I found many letters from senior staff of Encyclopedia Britannica praising her, thanking her for her very hard work and expressing how much they respected her. Aunt Betty was a role model for me, and I will always admire her work ethic, honesty, and determination.



"As soon as you enter Rocmaura you just want to start singing ...WELCOME TO THE HOTEL ROCMAURA, SUCH A LOVELY PLACE, WHERE EVERYONE KNOWS YOUR FACE. I love it when you walk down the hallway and someone is always singing. I don't see the people who work there as staff, I see them as family. They totally ROCK! They go above and beyond the call of duty. LIFE IS GOOD AT HOTEL ROCMAURA . Thank you so much for going that extra mile. It is noticed for sure and sooooo appreciated!"

Mary Hewey

Her Aunt, Dorcas Powell, lives on Hopewell Court

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Payment by cash, cheque,
debit, visa or mastercard

Make a wish and maybe Rocmaura Foundation can help make it come true! The Foundation wants your ideas to enhance our residents' lives. We provide the "extras" not funded by government.

Your choosing to make a donation is a way to assist in the care of so many others. Of course, enhanced services and new equipment require monies not totally funded by government. Therefore, our fund-raising efforts by the Foundation are extremely important.

Our successes include the raising of:

- \$84,650 for the purchase of a new wheelchair van in 2003
- \$40,000 for the air conditioning project in 2004 & 2005
- \$20,000 for the purchase of various Resident medical equipment in 2004
- \$27,700 for the upgrade of the Resident main lounge in 2006
- \$62,000 for the Palliative Care Suite in 2007
- \$225,662 for Phase I of the Resident Wardrobe Project in 2010
- \$1000 for two Coaguchek blood testers in 2014
- \$1800 for Ventopedic Kit to prevent pressure sores in 2015
- \$60,000 for Phase II of new wardrobes on Hopewell court 2014 & 2015. We have just 12 left to built!
- \$2000 New China Dishes project underway in 2015
- \$3000 Thera Glide Rocking Chair for Trinity Court and Wheelchair Rocker platform for Terrace 2015

Pick up a green application form from the Foundation office and submit your wish list now!

Check your mail box!



Sr. Louise Arsenault helps send out 1000's of letters for our 12th annual Direct Mail Appeal.

Look for our new Val Pak Coupons in July & August!

