

Spirit of the Community

Photo: Doris Buffett-MacDonald



Nena's co-owner Rami Ayash, left, with staff members Theresa (cook), Andy Tidd (manager) and waitress Debby are up at the crack of dawn and ready to serve you!

Hot, fresh and made to order Nena's Breakfast House serves up the best meal of the day

by Doris Buffett-MacDonald

You like your eggs how? Well, that's not a problem at Nena's Breakfast House, where manager Andy Tidd and the gang are serving up the finest of fare—whether a full-course breakfast or a noon-time snack!

Located on the corner of Wyse and Albro Lake Roads, Nena's opens at 6 a.m. weekdays, 7:00 a.m. on Saturday and 7:30 a.m. on Sunday (closing at 6 p.m. each day). The early bird special will perk up your day, and is a reasonable \$4.95 for two eggs, three slices of bacon and

toast. They also serve eggs benedict, omelettes, French toast, steak and eggs, liver and onions, grilled cheese, BLT sandwiches, and plenty of snacks for those on the go.

Rami Ayash and his business partner Michael Lowen are the owners of this timely and appreciated addition to our Dartmouth North community.

"The response from the public has been so encouraging," Ayash says. "I think the friendly atmosphere—because everybody knows me from ShowTime Video—has helped. Our

home-style cooking is a welcome alternative to more expensive fast food, and the location is right around the corner for a lot of our regulars. It has succeeded beyond our expectations."

Manager Andy Tidd has been on board right from the first day, back in February, when Nena's Breakfast House opened its doors to the public. Andy is helped with the day-to-day operations by two waitresses and two cooks.

Drop by, and let Nena's staff prepare a delicious breakfast for you, just the way you like it, and you won't have to do the dishes! You can reach the staff at Nena's at 406-0006. Bon appetit!

What does home mean to you?

The Public Good Society of Dartmouth sets out to find the answer

by Leigh Beauchamp Day



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From left: Dennis Pilkey, Public Good Society of Dartmouth board member; Marilyn Marcon, Bernie Hart and Gail Boyle, community volunteers familiar with housing issues in Dartmouth.

At the end of May the Public Good Society of Dartmouth (PGSD) invited members of the community to an event called Chili and Conversation. The focus was on the question, "What does home mean to you?"

Comments didn't limit themselves to conversation. The tablecloths were large sheets of blank newsprint. Few could resist using the pens and coloured markers to put down their comments. These, and the comments written on similar paper that was taped to the walls, will be collated and

reviewed by the society.

"We thought this was an easy and organic way to collect information from people," said Joanne Bernard, PGSD board member. "People like to talk while they eat."

Community volunteer Marilyn Marcon thought the evening achieved its goals.

"It was a good place to hear knowledgeable people talking about housing issues that are very important to me," she said.

"If Dartmouth wants things to change we need more publicity to get these issues heard," said Gail Boyle, another community volunteer. "We need more events like this one, and decision makers at the municipal and provincial levels should attend."

"Lack of proper housing, high rents and unsafe condi-

tions are why people are moving away," Boyle added. "It is too bad when people have to move away to get the help they need. So many people in the community have no one to speak for them. I'm glad the Public Good Society is looking into these issues."

"Safety and affordability were the main themes of the evening," said Dennis Pilkey, PGSD board member. He also shared one of the written comments: *Home is not feeling ashamed of where I live.*

"I was impressed by the depth of thinking and the variety of comments," Pilkey added. "People in low-income housing are judged through a different lens. We sometimes forget that. It is up to us to try to find answers to these challenging problems."

Congratulations!

The **ROTARY CLUB OF DARTMOUTH** would like to congratulate the Take Action Society of Dartmouth and Maya Warnock of the Excalibur ADHD Association on receiving Paul Harris Fellowship Awards in recognition of their contributions to our community.



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Watching over our community: Dartmouth North Neighbourhood Watch was presented with the Minister's Award for Leadership in Crime Prevention on Mar 27. The award was presented by the Honourable Ross Landry, Attorney General and Minister of Justice (right). Receiving the award on behalf of the organization are past chairperson Gerry Brown and current chairperson Sylvia Anthony. Congratulations to everyone who participates in making this organization one of the most active of its kind in the HRM!

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