

Spring 2017 Edition

# LOVE NOTES

Newsletter of Mennonite & Brethren Marriage Encounter

## SAVE THE DATE

### Marriage Encounters

April 21-23  
Southern Ontario

October 27-29  
Kenbrook Bible Camp,  
Lebanon

November 17-19  
Southern Ontario

### Engaged Encounters

Held at Kenbrook Bible  
Camp, Lebanon, PA

May 5-7  
August 4-6  
September 22-24  
November 17-19



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## Romantic Night Out 2017

The 34<sup>th</sup> annual Romantic Night Out for Mennonite and Brethren Marriage & Engaged Encounter was held Saturday, February 4, 2017, at Yoder's restaurant in New Holland with 211 couples in attendance. After a delicious meal of stuffed chicken breast and all the fixings, we were inspired and challenged by the drama group, *Piercing Word*. The group acted out the stories of Sarah, Hagar & Abraham, Rachel, Leah & Isaac, and Ruth, with their script coming directly from the ESV Bible. These stories were interspersed with readings taken from Proverbs 31 of the virtuous woman. After an intermission, the program concluded with a moving recitation of 1 Corinthians 13 and other passages that presented the Gospel message. What a worthy accomplishment to have memorized so much scripture. Thank you to the *Piercing Word* team!



During the evening an offering was received to help with the ministry of M&B ME & EE. After expenses the net income was \$10,280. This will enable us to continue providing encounters locally, as well as in Canada, Belize, Mexico, Ohio and other areas that request encounters. On behalf of those who have benefited in the past and those who will benefit in the future from Marriage and Engaged Encounter, we say a hearty thank you to all who were banquet sponsors and to those who gave toward the offering. Everyone working together helped to make this evening a success!



Save the date of February 3, 2018, for next year's Romantic Night Out!

May you be blessed!

~Mary Boll

*We have been given a tool to help us understand each other better.*

*We came feeling disconnected and are leaving with renewed hope!*

*Just the jumpstart our marriage needed to recover the lost practice of communication.*

*It was a stretching weekend. It taught us how to listen to each other's hearts and how to communicate on a deeper level.*

**“How would you describe your Marriage Encounter weekend?”**

*A time of much-needed focused attention on our marriage relationship.*

*Amazing and refreshing!*

**V O L U N T E E R**  
*all that's missing is U!*

We depend on volunteers to make weekends happen! If Marriage or Engaged Encounter has had an influence on your life and you would like to impact other marriages, we encourage you to think about volunteering in one of the following ways:

- **Engaged Encounter or Marriage Encounter presenters** – must be comfortable sharing about your marriage and talking in front of people (interested couples would need to go through a discernment process with the ME board)
- **Support couples**– help to set up and clean up from weekends, or help find prayer partners

A special thank you to all those who have served as presenters or support couples—some of you for many, many years! We may not be able to name you each individually, but we are very appreciative for your dedication and service to Marriage Encounter. Thank you!!

**Help us be good stewards of the resources God gives us!**

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