

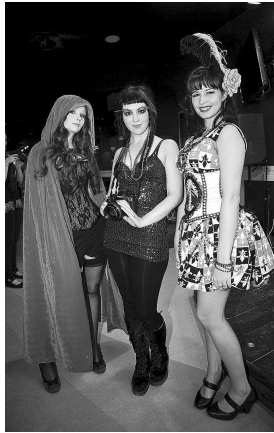
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Drawn and Plastered M'Arty Gras Juss Jazz

Drawn & Plastered presents a monthly themed art night where artists of many different disciplines mingle with costumed models representing the theme. The latest adventure was a Louisiana themed M'Arty Gras held at Juss Jazz. Next up is Drawn and Plastered Creates Anarchy at the Cavern on April 25.

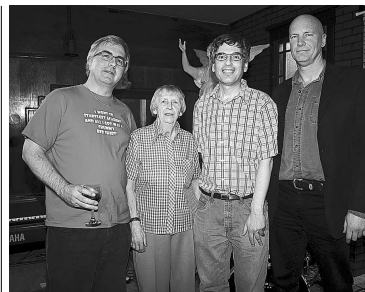
At far left, representing Drawn and Plastered (L-R): Angela Sutherland, Holly Halltone and Meg Bergerson.

Left (L-R): Testa Rhind (model), Katerina Yefft (model), Grant Goss (photographer), Tim Der (videographer), and David Oro (artist)

SMD Foundation

The Society for Manitobans with Disabilities and Easter Seals Manitoba teamed up with Cupcake Corner April 3 for a sweet fundraiser. Drivers passing through Confusion Corner had the chance to pick up dozen mini cupcakes, a Starbucks coffee and a copy of the Free Press for \$15, with half of the proceeds going to support vital programs and services for Manitobans with Disabilities.

Front: Lucie Diane (volunteer); Back (L-R): Simone Dondo (volunteer), Tammy Hildebrand-Ardiles (SMD Foundation), Adam West (Hot 103 FM)



VPW 11 Reunion at Aqua Books

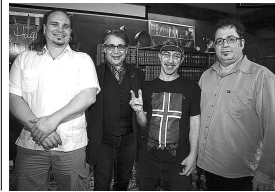
An eclectic gathering hardly describes the VPW 11 Reunion held at Aqua Books. Attendees were treated to old clips and live talk from many of the Winnipeg's popular, public access television shows. Above (L-R): Chris Rulkowski, Marion Clemens, Marshall Corral and David Cille.



Four Points by Sheraton Winnipeg Harvest

In answer to Winnipeg Harvest's current urgent need for high-protein items, the Four Points by Sheraton hotel donated 30 turkeys and prepared a gourmet turkey dinner for Harvest volunteers.

(L-R): Kate Brenner (director of development, Winnipeg Harvest), Ty Wells (volunteer chef), Ali Chioua (Four Points corporate chef) and Neil Fishman (Four Points assistant manager)



(L-R): Kelly Hughes (Aqua Books), Magic Mike Likey, Johnny Stizle and Marty Gold.

Random acts of kindness

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It was a happy day, thanks to Happy Joe's

In early February, I went on my lunch hour to the Safeway on Keewatin Street and Burrows Avenue, having already purchased our office group lottery tickets from the Esso across the street. In my haste to get as many things done as I could in an hour, I showed the tickets, \$12 worth, into a pocket of my purse that apparently wasn't snapped closed very well. The ticket was folded up along with the sheet of paper that had our company's name and the

names of the eight people in our little lottery group. I guess as I entered the Safeway, the ticket and the sheet of paper must have dropped out of my purse. Shortly after I got back to the office, the phone rang and the caller was Geri (I hope I have spelled that correctly) from Happy Joe's Lottery Kiosk in the same mall. She called to inform us that someone had turned in our lottery tickets to her kiosk. I was ecstatic. I

hadn't even purchased the ticket at her kiosk. Thank you so very much to the person who turned in the ticket along with the sheet of names to Happy Joe's. And thank you so very much, Geri at Happy Joe's, for taking the time to look up our company's phone number, calling the number and asking to speak with anybody whose name was on that list. You both made our day with your honesty.

— Kathryn Terry

Firefighter to the rescue

MY son Fabian, who uses an electric wheelchair, and his worker Andrea were on their way home when the wheelchair stopped working. They were a few blocks from home. You can put the wheelchair in manual operation and push it, but it is very heavy. Andrea called me at home to say she was in a bit of a pickle as she was so tired out from pushing and didn't think she could make it home. I set out to find them, and when I

did a retired firefighter had stopped his car to help. He was a very nice man and told us that he was retired and volunteered at the firefighters museum. He invited my son to come and visit sometime. We thanked him so much for helping us, but thought he deserved a special mention in random acts of kindness.

— Kim, Kreuzer, Fabian Torcia and Andrea Saurette

Promise to pay it forward

MY vehicle got stuck in the mud at Maple Grove Dog Park late one Saturday afternoon in March. A gentleman saw me digging myself in even more as I tried to back out of the mud. He tried to help get my wheels straight so I would get out easier, but that didn't work. So he went to get his big truck and pulled me out with a tow rope. After I got unstuck, I promised to pay it forward. I could have called C.A. to come, but this very thoughtful person helped me. I thanked him and I hope he reads this, but I forgot to get his name. I really, really appreciate what you did for me. You didn't have to. Thank you so much for helping me.

— Alison Powell

Water, kindness hit the spot

MY wife and I went to see The Artist at the Globe Theatre. The escalator to the third floor of Portage Place was not functioning. For an 82-year-old asthmatic, it was a long haul up. By the time we handed our tickets to the young usherette, I was puffing sobby. Imagine my surprise when the same young lady ran after me, clutching a cup of cold water in her hand and saying: "I noticed you were puffing, sir. Will this help?" How kind, how thoughtful.

— Bruce Miles

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