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Fall Newsletter

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Thanks to the continuing generosity of our donors, the loyalty of our customers, the hard work of our volunteers and the support of our members, the May Court Club of Windsor has had a very good year. We were able to distribute \$44,900 to 18 organizations supporting children and youth in Windsor and Essex County. Our event at the end of June was a joyous one indeed.

As we begin our new year, we say goodbye and thank you to board members **Beth Dagenais** and **Bertha Albu**. Beth has spent many years as the corresponding secretary for our club, efficiently handling our greetings to members and funding requests. Bertha has had a short, but very effective time as the marketing director, raising our profile in the immediate neighbourhood and the community in general.

We welcome **Bonnie Belczowski** to the board as our new corresponding secretary. We still need to fill the marketing director position to continue the awareness of our presence in the community. Look for the ad in the marketing director report.

As we look to the future, we plan to build on our past service to the community. We are looking to organizations that welcome volunteers as a means of raising our profile and fulfilling our original presence as a service organization. Current possibilities are assisting at the Downtown Mission, Hospice and Windsor Residence for Young Men. Any other suggestions are welcome. We would also need people to coordinate these efforts.

We welcome new members, **Pat Seguin** and **Angie Silvaggi**. We encourage recruitment of new members to our club and the board of directors. We are Windsor's best kept secret service organization. Spread the word.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Roy

President's Message

Projects Report

As Projects Chairperson it is my pleasure to arrange three yearly events which include the **Wine Tour**, the trip to **Stratford** and the **Card Party/Fashion Show**. These are fun-filled events. They are successful due to the continued support of May Court members, their families and friends.

This year the Wine Tour took place on June 8th. We boarded the school bus early in the morning and headed to Cindy's to shop. Our next stop was Pelee Island Winery where we sampled wine. Colasanti's was next on our itinerary where we enjoyed a delicious broasted chicken luncheon. We gave out many wonderful door prizes donated by our members. A trip to Black Bear Winery was followed by our visit to Muscedere Winery where many of us enjoyed the pizza from the outdoor oven along with delicious wine. We returned home tired and happy.

On August 20th we left early in the morning and travelled to beautiful Stratford aboard the Badder Bus. Once there we enjoyed lunch and shopping followed by the entertaining presentation of Billy Elliot. After the musical we travelled to the beautiful Elmhurst Inn where we had a wonderful dinner in a very pretty setting. We once again returned home tired and happy. The indomitable **Ann Clark** made our day!

Our Card Party/Fashion Show will be in the Spring of 2020. Details will be provided in our newsletters.

Thank you for your continued support of our fundraisers which I also label 'friendraisers.' Together we have fun as well as generating funds for the many needy children in Windsor and Essex County.

Respectfully Submitted by Milka Brown – Projects Chair

Social Report

This year's social events begin with our **Annual General Meeting** that will take place on TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 10 2019 at the **WINDSOR YACHT CLUB**. We will share a delicious meal, an informative meeting and an enjoyable social get-together. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Our Annual **CHRISTMAS TEA** will take place on SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2019 at **ST MARK'S BY THE LAKE** beginning at NOON. Enjoy scones, quiche and an assortment of sweets and savouries with your tea and coffee.

The **CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** is set to take place on SATURDAY DECEMBER 7 at the **WINDSOR YACHT CLUB**. Details to follow.

The **MAY COURT POT LUCK** supper is scheduled for TUESDAY APRIL 14 2020 to be held at **ST. MARK'S BY THE LAKE**. It's always a treat to share delicious food and pleasant company.

Details for the events will follow. The phone committee will inform you of all the information. Looking forward to an exciting and enjoyable year.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Molnar – Social Chair

Could you be our next Marketing Director?

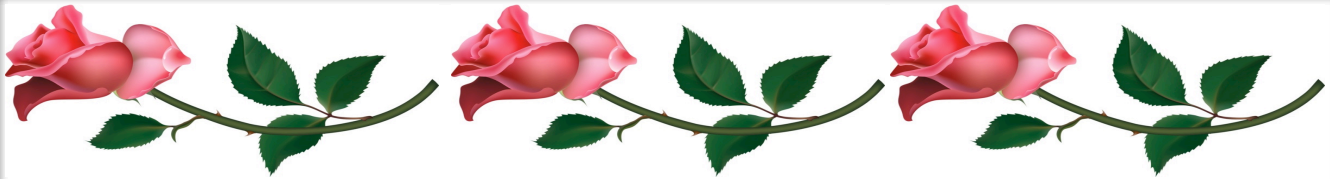
Seeking a creative and motivated May Courter to assume the position of Director-at-large/Marketing. We are following suggestions from the Marketing Report by University of Windsor students presented to the board in April 2016. The mandate outlined in their marketing plan emphasized **three areas in need of attention**. Please contact Minelle Toussaint-Green or Kathy Roy or call 519-252-1900 to leave your name and contact information during business hours.

* **EXPAND CLIENT BASE FOR SALES AND DONATIONS**

* **UPDATE AND MODERNIZE THE STORE'S IMAGE**

* **INCREASE PROFILE IN THE COMMUNITY**

Marketing Report



We are pleased to announce that Dorothy Marentette is our first Rose Member!

There has been a new membership category added to the three with which we are familiar. New members are known as General Members. At ten years members become Associates and those who have been members for 25 years or more are known as Life Members. Those who have served as President are Honorary Members. **Rose Members** are those who have been active in the past but are no longer able to actively participate in meetings or at the shop. To acknowledge their past contributions, the Board of Directors chose to create this category. Rose Members neither pay dues nor have voting privileges. To nominate a member to this category please contact a board member.

The shop was scheduled to be open 3 half days per week during July and August. However most of the regular volunteers for Wednesdays and Thursdays have continued to staff two full days to deal with donations and preparation for Fall, hence we have been open 2 full days and 1 half day. Thank you to all who have participated in a successful summer season. We have had some very good sales to clear out stock and continue to recycle and donate clothing and items when appropriate. We shall be returning to the regular shop schedule on September 3/19 and are already well stocked for the Fall.

Respectfully submitted by Sheila Duval

Shop Report

Business Report

May Court Business Members

Thanks to all our May Courters who volunteer their Saturdays to staff our shop. This year we will operate with one manager and three salespersons each Saturday. The schedule has been sent out and we are looking forward to an exciting and profitable new year. Our hours are from **11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** and we ask that members **arrive by 10:45 a.m.**

The Shoppe will be closed **October 15th**- Thanksgiving weekend; **November 9th** - Christmas Tea; and **December 7th** - Christmas Luncheon. Hope to see you soon at the Shoppe.

Sincerely, Linda Monforton



A Gentle Reminder From Your Membership Treasurer...If you have not paid your dues for the year 2019-2020 please note that dues this year are \$50.00 for General and Associate Members and \$30.00 for Life and Honorary Life Members. Dues paid after December 31st 2019 carry an additional \$5.00 fine. Dues for 2019-2020 are \$50.00 (General and Associate) and \$30.00 (Life and Honorary Life).

Respectfully submitted, mary jane asick

If a star appears on the address label of your newsletter, it means that your dues are in arrears. The dues for the year 2018-2019 were \$49.00 + \$5.00 (General and Associate) and \$29.00 + \$5.00 (Life and Honorary Life).



Annual General Meeting

Windsor Yacht Club

Tuesday, September 10, 2019



5:30PM Arrival

6:30PM Dinner

\$40



Wine and Cheese General Meeting

mary jane asick, Linda Molnar, Linda Monforton
Kathy Roy and Elizabeth Strutt-MacLeod

Our Wine and Cheese General Meeting was a successful and enjoyable event. It was an evening to relax, appreciate the dedicated work of our members, and visit with May Court friends, old and new. Strong relationships are formed through working together toward common goals. As always the appetizers were delicious and the common question was... Red or White? The room was filled with conversation and laughter. We would like to thank **Bev Watson** for providing the perfect venue at St. Mark's Church Hall for our meeting. Please join us next year for our next Wine and Cheese General Meeting.

As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands
one for helping yourself, the other for helping others
-Audrey Hepburn-



Respectfully submitted,
mary jane asick

