



Spring Newsletter

The May Court Club of Windsor

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My Fellow May Courters:

Compared to the hectic and somewhat stressful last two years of restoring our beloved shop and hosting the 82nd AGM, my first 6 months as President have been fairly uneventful. This is not to suggest that the other Board members and myself have not been busy taking care of club matters behind the scenes, but I am pleased to report that May Court of Windsor is back to business as usual minus the additional hassles and worries.

The shop looks amazing and the ongoing stream of donations and resulting revenue since reopening has been very impressive. The Board looks forward to later on in the spring when the club will be in a position to distribute the bulk of this good fortune to organizations and programs servicing children and youth in our community. The activity level of May Court of Windsor will be picking up very shortly with a number of great events coming up in the next few months. We have the Annual Potluck meeting to look forward to on April 11th, the Wine and Cheese on May 30th, the Wine Tour on June 17th and last but not least the Stratford trip on August 23rd. Once again I look forward to attending the Association of May Court of Canada Annual General meeting in Ottawa this April together with our Vice-President Kathy Roy and four of our Windsor May Courters who will be taking on various roles with the Association in the next year. It is really exciting to think that three of the five executive positions at the Association level will be held by three of our own, namely Alicia de Souza as President, Mary Jane Asick as Vice-President, and Milka Brown as Secretary Treasurer. In addition, Linda Monforton will be assuming the role of Secretary/Treasurer to Mary Jane once she takes over the role of President next year. I am not only impressed but incredibly proud of these women as they take their dedication and expertise to another level and in such a big way!

On a similar note, I would like to formally recognize those at the grassroots level. Our clubs success, of course, would not be possible without the hard work, long hours and dedication of the remarkable women who make up our board of directors, the women who plan our special projects and social events, and the women who volunteer in various capacities in the 'shoppe'. Lastly, I would like to thank our general membership who have continued to support our various fundraisers and promote the goodwill of May Court in the larger community.

I would also like to remember those members the club has lost over the last year as well as send my best wishes for a speedy recovery to those who are currently facing challenging times with their own health and/or with the health of a loved one. You never know what cards life will deal us next but it is good to know that you will never be alone as part of the May Court Club of Windsor.

In closing I look forward to the pleasure of continuing to work with the executive and the membership as we serve and support those children in need in our community.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Strutt-MacLeod

President's Message

SHOP REPORT by Sheila Duval

Winter stock and sales have been good. In November sales were almost six thousand. December sales, although a short month due to holidays, were almost four thousand and both January and February were in the mid three thousands, still good when considering winter weather and lower prices with the winter sales specials.

Spring clothing is being introduced whilst winter clothing specials continue. We are well stocked for the warmer weather, but are getting low in household items. Please support the donation drive we shall be having (more about that elsewhere in this newsletter).

Renovation work is now complete with regards to insurance. A new sign still has to be installed and possibly some maintenance work on the exterior of the non-sales frontage. We now have a monthly cleaning contract with Clean Touch Maintenance and an unofficial agreement with Street Help for snow removal.

We continue to "recycle" with appropriate donations to Street Help/Homeless, St. Vincent de Paul, Windsor Residence for Young Men, Roseville School and the Food Bank. Pre-school books were donated to Storytime Nursery School in Essex after their fire. Electronics went to Computers for Kids and we had a Christmas items bazaar table at Heatherington School. We have also on a few occasions assisted individual needy people.

All of this takes a good number of volunteers and as the weekday ladies are mostly retirees, there are holidays, illnesses and other calls on their time which "crop up". I appeal to all able members to spare a few hours a week or alternate weeks to volunteer in the store. I'm sure you will enjoy it. Thank you to the daily Managers and the members and non-members who have worked this past year in the shop. We continue to have compliments about the "new" look and the pleasant, helpful atmosphere. I sincerely hope all volunteers find the experience rewarding and enjoyable. YOU DO A GREAT JOB!

Respectfully submitted by Sheila Duval.

A Gentle Reminder About Your Membership Dues...

It is at our Annual General Meeting in September that many members pay their dues. However, members have until the end of December to submit dues without incurring a fine of \$5.00 (in addition to their dues). If you have not already done so, payment at our Pot Luck Dinner on April 11th would be most appreciated. Dues at this time of year are \$47.00 + \$5.00 (General and Associate) and \$27.00 + \$5.00 (Life and Honorary Life).



Mary Lou Laliberte has moved. Her new address is

311- 2400 Sandwich West Parkway,
LaSalle ON N9H 2S8 519-967-7017



If a star appears on the address label of your newsletter, it means that your dues are in arrears. The dues for the year 2016-2017 are \$47.00 (General and Associate) and \$27.00 (Life and Honorary Life).

Two wonderful excursions are planned for this year.

Wine Tour on Saturday, June 17th, 2017.

Itinerary:

- *Leave from Sobey's on Manning at 9:00 a.m.*
- *Cindy's – shopping*
- *Pelee Island Winery – wine sampling*
- *Colasanti's – Broasted Chicken Lunch*
- *Viewpointe Winery – wine sampling and enjoying the beautiful view*
- *Muscedre Winery – wine sampling where we can also enjoy outdoor oven pizza*
- *Return Time is usually around 4:45 p.m.*
- *Door Prizes, 50/50 Draw and back by popular demand – the Loonie Draw*



Price: \$45.00

Please call Milka Brown at 519-735-6894 to make a reservation

Stratford Trip on Wednesday, August 23rd, 2017

Itinerary:

- *Leave from Sobey's on Manning at 8:00 a.m.*
- *Lunch and Shopping in Stratford*
- *Guys and Dolls Presentation*
- *Dinner at Elmhurst Inn*
- *Door Prizes, 50/50 Draw and back by popular demand – the Loonie Draw*



Price: \$145.00

Please call Milka Brown at 519-735-6894 to make a reservation

PROJECTS REPORT by Milka Brown

Pot Luck Supper



Riverside United Church

On April 11, 2017

5:30 PM



Please call or email Kathy Roy 519-255-1649, kroy53@hotmail.com if you plan to attend.

Our Christmas lunch at Beach Grove was well attended. We enjoyed the delicious food, welcomed three new members and sent food and a cheque to Drouillard Place. Quite a success!

Our next event will be our annual Potluck Supper at Riverside United Church on Tuesday, April 11 at 5:30 p.m. Plan to come and share your favourite dish with fellow members. **The shop is in need of small household items to sell. Check your drawers and cupboards for stray utensils, bowls, dishes, linens, knick knacks and doodads that are no longer useful to you and bring them to the potluck. We'll try and fill the van that will be parked outside to accept your donations.** The phone tree will call with a reminder.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Roy

SOCIAL REPORT by Kathy Roy

Welcome Donna, Bertha and Sakina!

We're delighted to announce there are three new members of The May Court Club of Windsor. Donna Keelan, Bertha Albu and Sakina Shahla were sponsored by Vice President Kathy Roy who brought their names forward at a recent Board Meeting. We are happy to have Kathy's mother Donna (who made the aprons for the shop together with Kathy) and two of Kathy's dear friends join as members. Welcome all.