



Spring Newsletter

The May Court Club of Windsor

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My Fellow May Courters,

It has been a long, cold, winter with plenty of snow but looking outside today, and feeling the warmth of the sunshine coming through the window, reminds me that Spring is right around the corner. We have some wonderful May Court accomplishments to celebrate and events to look forward to attending.

I am thrilled to report that the May Court Club of Windsor Shoppe is not only back to business as usual but is doing better than ever. At our most recent board meeting we were advised that shop donations and sales have already exceeded our previous year. Once again the Board looks forward to later in the spring when the club will be in the position to distribute the bulk of this good fortune to organizations and programs servicing children and women in our community.

In light of our shop's impressive sales and our many other successes, I would like to formally recognize those of you who have made this possible. None of these financial and other accomplishments would 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, the women who volunteer in various capacities in the 'shoppe', and our general membership, who have continued to support our various fundraisers and promote the goodwill of May Court in the larger community.

On a social note, the activity level of May Court of Windsor will be picking up very shortly with a number of events coming up in the next few months. We have the Annual Potluck meeting to look forward to on April 24th, the Wine and Cheese on May 29th, the Wine Tour on June 23rd, our Cheque Presentation Event at the end of June, and, last but not least, the Stratford Trip on August 21st.

I look forward once again to attending the Association of May Court Clubs of Canada Annual General Meeting in Oakville this May together with our Vice-President Kathy Roy and four of our Windsor May Courters who now or will shortly hold important roles on the Association Executive. We are so very proud of Alicia de Souza as this year's Association President, Mary Jane Asick as Vice-President, and Milka Brown as Secretary-Treasurer. Linda Monforton will soon be assuming the role of Secretary-Treasurer as Mary Jane Asick takes over the Association President's role this May. This will be a very bitter-sweet weekend for me as I will revel in the excitement of the many activities on one hand, but be reminded that this may be my last time to engage with the many impressive women I have met and have come to know from other May Court Clubs across Ontario.

Lastly, I would like to remember those members the club has lost over the last year and extend my thoughts and prayers to those who are currently facing challenging times with their own health and/or with the health of a loved one. As I have learned firsthand this year, we never know what cards the game of life will deal us next, but it is good to know that we will never be alone as part of the May Court Club of Windsor.

In closing, I thank you all for your ongoing commitment to the founding principles and practices of our beloved May Court Club of Windsor and I wish you only the very best as we enjoy the gentle reminders that Spring is right around the corner with the prospect of many more sunny days, new starts and promising tomorrows.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Strutt-MacLeod

President's Message

SHOP REPORT by Sheila Duval

We have been well stocked over Fall and Winter and sales have been good other than a few days, primarily due to bad weather and our usual Christmas/New Year closure. Presently we have early Spring clothing out, Winter clothing on sale, an Easter Basket raffle and are well stocked for Spring/Summer clothing but could use more non-clothing items. Please remember us when you do your Spring cleaning!

The back yard clean-up was done and a fence will be installed this Spring. Fire equipment has been updated and two new extinguishers installed and the inspection from the Fire Department completed. New LED security nightlights have been installed.

Clothing/items have been recycled to **St. Vincent de Paul, Street Help, Food Bank, Computers for Kids** and **Goodwill**. Children's books were donated to the **Literacy Program** and to the **Multicultural Council Day Care** along with some toys. Graduation and Prom dresses were donated to **New Beginnings for Students**. We also participated in the **Annual Christmas Bazaar** at **Heatherington School** and received a sizable donation of Beanie Babies from one of the vendors.

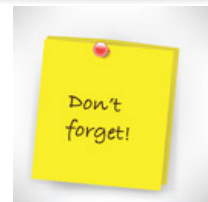
Thank you to those members and Friends of May Court who have given extra time over the Winter to cover for illness and holidays of other members. Thank you to all who support us by shopping at the store.



Remembering Jett

A memorial for **Jett Brookes** will be held at Janisse Funeral Home at 1139 Ouellette Avenue on March 24th, 2018. Jett is the grandson of **Mary Lou Laliberte**, a Past President and our current Treasurer. We extend our deepest sympathy to Mary Lou for the loss of a treasured grandson.

Dues for the 2017-2018 year were \$48 (General and Associate) and \$28 (Life and Honorary Life) and were due at the end of December. If you have not paid your dues for this year, please do so and add the late fee of \$5 when you do - \$53 (General and Associate) and \$33 (Life and Honorary Life).



Congratulations!

Bertha Albu and Linda Molnar are the newest members of our Board of Directors. Bertha is Director at Large with a marketing portfolio and Linda has been Social Director since September, working with Vice-President Kathy Roy, our previous Social Director.



We regret that Linda Molnar's email address is incorrect in our new members' directory. Please note that her address is lmolnar19@gmail.com.

Mary Lou Laliberte has a new address: 403-11917 Tecumseh Road East Tecumseh ON N8N 3J3 Tel: 519-996-6651



If a star appears on the address label of your newsletter, it means that your dues are in arrears. Late dues for the year 2017-2018 are \$53.00 (General and Associate) and \$33.00 (Life and Honorary Life).

Milka Brown is happy to report that she has finalized the itineraries for the Wine Tour and the Stratford Trip. She is looking forward to seeing you at these fundraisers, which are also 'fun'raisers! Please call Milka to book your reservation for the Wine Tour or Stratford (or both!)



WINE TOUR

Saturday, June 23rd, 2018

We'll be stopping at **Cindy's** in Kingsville (Famous Lemon Sale Weekend), **Pelee Island Winery** for tastings, **Colasanti's** for Broasted Chicken Lunch, **Black Bear Winery** for tastings (new to our tour this year) and **Muscedre** for tastings and outdoor oven pizza. We will have **door prizes, Loonie Draws and 50/50**. Please join us for a fun-filled day. The price is the same as last year.

\$45.00



STRATFORD TRIP

Tuesday, August 21st, 2018

We will be at the Festival Theatre to see **The Music Man**, followed by Dinner at **Elmhurst Inn**. Of course we will have the famous **Bus Bingo, door prizes, Loonie Draws and 50/50**. This wonderful trip is now **sold out**. Call Milka if you would like to be put on a waiting list in the event of cancellations. The price is the same as last year.

\$145.00



PROJECTS REPORT by Milka Brown

A delicious turkey dinner was enjoyed by forty-six members at **Beach Grove Country Club** to celebrate our **Christmas Luncheon**. Thanks to everyone who shared in the celebration. Four boxes of canned goods were collected, and a cash donation was presented to Drouillard Place. Marina Clemens was very appreciative of May Court's generosity.



Pot Luck

TUESDAY APRIL 24 2018

DINNER 5:30

Riverside United Church

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Phone Committee will send a reminder.



WINE and CHEESE

TUESDAY MAY 29 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Location to be announced.

Phone committee will let you know.

HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!

THE ASSOCIATION OF MAY COURT CLUBS OF CANADA'S 84TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



MAY 4TH AND 5TH

OAKVILLE ONTARIO



Please consider joining the six members of our club who will be delegates or members of the Association executive at this year's AGM. There is a tour of Oakville planned for any member who would like to be at Saturday's dinner. The dinner is \$75 and the tour is complimentary. You will have to book your own accommodations. Delegates are staying at the Holiday Inn on Argus Road. If you have friends in the Hamilton, Burlington or Oakville area, perhaps this would be a great time for a visit! The theme of this year's AGM is **"You've come a long way Lady!"** Email Alicia de Souza at aliciatherese49@gmail.com and I will send you a registration package by email. You might prefer to call me at **519-300-5491** for further information.