



Happy Spring

Spring Newsletter

The May Court Club of Windsor

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Hopefully, winter has finally ended and we can look forward to a new season. Sales at the shop are brisk and donations are plentiful despite the inhospitable weather. The hard working crew of stalwart volunteers has been kept busy by the bags and boxes that continually arrive at our door. Our ongoing association with Déjà Vu Nu 2 consignment shop in Amherstburg provides us with quality donations every few weeks. We hosted a special event at the shop in February when a member invited her choir to an after hours shopping spree. If you would like to host a group to which you belong - book or card club, choir or craft group, call the shop to arrange your own after hours *May Court Mingle*. 519-252-1900.

We continue to implement suggestions in the marketing plan that was developed for us free of charge by students in a University of Windsor marketing class two years ago. Handwritten signs at the shop are gradually being replaced by professional ones courtesy of **Janet Harris**. We proudly offer business cards graciously donated by **Bonnie Belczowski** and **Helga Bailey**. Members were given flyers "What is May Court?", at the Christmas luncheon and asked to post them where they might be welcome. You can pick up more at the shop if you think of someplace to help raise our community profile. Our marketing director, **Bertha Albu** continues to reach out to media to promote us. We are working on improving our social media presence to appeal to a more diverse clientele.

The provincial AGM is on May 4 in Chatham this year – close enough for us to consider making our presence known in significant numbers. The phone tree will be calling with a survey to determine interest. If there is sufficient response, Milka will look into arranging transportation. Call **Milka** 519-735-6894 or the shop if you are interested. Time is short. The deadline to commit is March 31. There is an issue of an attendance trophy at stake and several clubs have already put down a challenge. Consider supporting **mj asick**, our Association President, and joining us for "the *Pride, the Passion and the Promise*" at the Retro Suites in Chatham.

An ongoing problem for many of the May Court clubs is that of succession, whether at the board level or just the general membership. We have a proud heritage as a volunteer service club that is worth working to preserve. We continue to slowly gain new members as friends and associates retire from their jobs and are seeking an avenue to volunteer. Younger women with families and busy work schedules find their time is precious. Any suggestions on how to encourage this upcoming generation to choose May Court as an outlet for their charitable spirit are most welcome. Call me at 519-255-1649 or email kroy53@hotmail.com with your ideas. Thank you for all you do, big or small, to keep us on our mission to support the children and youth of Windsor and Essex County.

Respectfully, **Kathy Roy**

President's Message

May Court of Windsor's Annual Wine Tour

Saturday June 8th, 2019



9:00 am

Bus leaving Sobey's Parking Lot off Manning Road

Shopping at Cindy's in Kingsville

Lunching at Colasanti's on Broasted Chicken

Tasting at Pelee Island, Black Bear & Muscedere Wineries

\$45.00

Stratford Trip

Tuesday, August 20th, 2019



We will travel by beautiful Badder Bus to Stratford for a matinee performance of **Billy Elliot** with music by *Elton John* and enjoy a delicious buffet meal at the Elmhurst Inn afterward. As always, we will play Bus Bingo and have Loonie Draws.



\$145.00

Please contact **Milka Brown at 519-735-6894** to reserve your tickets for either event.

Respectfully submitted by Milka Bown, Projects Director



Have you seen our new business cards and brochures?

When you're in the shop please note our beautiful new business cards designed by **Bonnie Belcowski** and **Helga Bailey** and printed by VistaPrint. *Thank You Bonnie and Helga!*

We have continued to be well stocked over the Fall and Winter and sales have been generally good with some decrease in January and February due primarily to inclement weather. Donations continue to come in and we are already in good shape for Spring and into Summer. We had 2 Christmas basket raffles (adult and child), and one for Valentines' Day. Our sales advertisement board is being improved and looking more professional with permanent pricing signage. The back lot drain problem has been attended to by Kathy Roy's son **Darren** and now only needs the occasional check in Fall for build-up of leaves. The 211 website for Windsor Community Information was updated. If you wish to view this link, it is:

<https://211southwestontario.cioc.ca/record/WIN1061?Ln=en-CA>

Most of the donated electronics are now being sold on-line by Bertha Abu's husband **Dave**, who also set up a camera surveillance and internal alarm system. Kathy Roy's husband **Chris** has also been giving a helping hand in various ways, especially in dealing with icy conditions. It seems they are our two male "**Friends of May Court**"! Donations of clothing and/or items were sent to Food Bank, Street Help, St. Vincent de Paul, Goodwill, Glengarry Lighthouse, Computers for Kids and small toiletries to Hiatus House. We have Prom dresses ready for searching graduating students. Thank you to all who have participated in any way at the Shoppe especially to the managers and the sales area and receiving area ladies. Thank you also to members who have brought new people to volunteer - there is always work to do. We continue to receive many positive comments in regards to layout, atmosphere and contents.

Respectfully submitted, Sheila Duval

Shop News

Social Report

A festive setting at the Windsor Yacht Club on December 8, 2018 created an enjoyable atmosphere for us to enjoy our Christmas Luncheon of turkey and all the trimmings. Our members were overly generous with their contributions of door prizes and donations of supplies and money for Drouillard Place. Thank you to all of you. It was great fun to perform our annual rendition of Twelve Days of Christmas with Barbara White directing. See Pot Luck advertisement on page 4!

Respectfully, Linda Molnar

A Gentle Reminder From Your Membership Treasurer...



If you have not paid your dues for the year 2018-2019 please note that dues this year are \$49.00 for General and Associate Members and \$29.00 for Life and Honorary Life Members. Dues paid after December 31st 2018 carry an additional \$5.00 fine.

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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 are now \$49.00 + \$5.00 (General and Associate) and \$29.00 + \$5.00 (Life and Honorary Life).



Annual Spring Pot Luck Dinner

Come join us for our Annual Spring Pot Luck Dinner
Riverside United Church

Tuesday April 16th, 2019 at 5:30pm



Mark Your Calendars...

For our last general meeting of the 2018-2019 year

Wine and Cheese General Meeting

Tuesday, May 28th, 2019 at 6:00pm

Carriage House

3663 Riverside Drive East, Windsor Ontario N8Y 4V3

