



Winter Newsletter

The May Court Club of Windsor

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My Fellow May Courters

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new members and a heartfelt welcome back to our committed members of years gone by.

I feel truly honoured to be serving as President of the May Court Club of Windsor. The past two years have just flown by and while I have learned so much, I realize how much more there is still to be learned to keep up with The May Court Club of Windsor's tradition of excellence.

I have been very fortunate to have had such a wonderful mentor in **Mary Jane Asick**, who has so graciously offered to continue to provide guidance and support when needed. When I look back at her legacy, I am simply amazed as to how she managed to accomplish so much in such a short period of time while balancing a full-time job and responsibilities at home. She is certainly to be commended for her hard work, diligence and her relentless dedication to the success of May Court of Windsor. I hope that I will be able to continue where she left off and garner that same kind of energy, commitment and respect from the executive and membership alike. Likewise, I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our tireless local executive. Rarely does one see a group of such remarkable women who have so beautifully exemplified the qualities of benevolence, unity and determination in their efforts toward the betterment of those in need in our larger community.

These past two years were incredibly busy ones for the hard-working women who spear-headed the restoration of the May Court Club Shoppe as well as those who took the lead in the planning and implementation of the highly successful 82nd Association AGM in Windsor this past April. I was so proud of our club with its membership so rich in history, talent and commitment when the Association Executive as well as the Presidents and Vice Presidents of the other eight May Court Clubs sang our praises over and over again as they spoke of the AGM and our newly re-opened beloved shop. None of this would have been possible without the amazing team of executive/committee members and their respective teams of dedicated

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volunteers who made what often seemed to be impossible into something very possible.

I would like to recognize those ladies who volunteer at the shop. Those tireless and often what appear to be thankless hours of hard work have not gone unnoticed! Our shop has blossomed into an increasingly lucrative not-for-profit business which has not only helped to more affordably clothe the community which surrounds it and provided much needed items for their homes, but has provided the club with the revenue to continue to fund our many community projects. I would also like to thank the general membership for your support of our various fundraisers, special projects and your attendance at May Court General Meetings. This interest and flow of ideas and energy is what made this club what it is today. As the saying goes, "it takes a village..." and there is no doubt that our membership has embraced this whole-heartedly as we continue to grow as a club and support those most vulnerable and/or needy in our community. I extend a special thank you to all shop volunteers who take home garbage from the shop. This is especially appreciated since we no longer have a garbage bin behind the shop.

As President, I look forward to representing The May Court Club of Windsor at the Fall Meeting of The Association of May Court Clubs of Canada in Cambridge and attending the 83rd Association AGM in Ottawa in April. These two annual events allow executive members of the clubs to share both the accomplishments and challenges that each of our respective clubs are encountering in the anticipation that we may gain knowledge and expertise from each other to take back and share with our members at large.

On the local front, I encourage you to continue in your support of special fundraising events such as the recent highly successful Fashion Show and Card party (our largest yet – thank you **Milka Brown**) and the up-coming Christmas Tea on November 12th, as well as continue to participate in general meetings with the next one scheduled for December 10th. The executive of The May Court Club of Windsor needs and greatly appreciates your thoughts and ideas to help us in both furthering and continuing our club's services to Windsor and Essex County.

Thank you again to everyone for all your good wishes and support. Enjoy the lovely autumn weather and I look forward to seeing you next month.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Strutt-MacLeod

CONGRATULATIONS, mj!!

At the Fall Meeting of the Association of May Court Clubs of Canada held on October 20 and 21st in Cambridge Ontario our Past President Mary Jane Asick was elected the 2017-2018 Association Vice President.

We are very pleased that since 2013 there have been Past Presidents from Windsor serving on the executive of Association. Milka Brown was Association President in 2014-2015 and Alicia de Souza is currently Association Vice President.

Mary Jane will begin her tenure on the executive at the Annual General Meeting of Association in Ottawa in April 2017. She is pictured here modelling at the Card and Fashion Show at the Yacht Club.





Check this off your "To Do" List

Please check your Annual Report carefully to ensure that we have your name and address and other contact information correctly entered. While you have that report in front of you, please make the following corrections: Linda Molnar's email address is lmolnar19@gmail.com

Please add Kaye McMann to the list of members and her contact information
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LaSalle, ON N9J 1B9

The shop continues to be well-stocked with sales increasing. The September sales were \$4,059. October sales will be equal to that or better. However, we still need more help, especially on Thursdays. Renovation work to the front sales side brick has started and hopefully will not disrupt sales to any degree. During this time entry will be through the non-sales side. We had some minor flooding in the rear non-sales side caused by the outdoor drain blocking from stones and dirt being washed from the higher grade parking lot. Thank you to Irene Hoffman and Pat Sutton for clean-up and to Nancy Allen for some strenuous yard work. Recently we had a problem with the electrical supply which proved to be due to hydro work being done in the neighborhood so thankfully it was resolved without loss of business. We continue to manage our own garbage and minor cleaning but would appreciate input regarding a small cleaning service to do an occasional heavier cleaning. Thank you to Irene, Pat and Louise for getting items out to the sales side. Thank you to all who volunteer their time and effort in the shop. I sincerely hope you find it not only rewarding and fulfilling but also enjoyable.
Respectfully submitted by Sheila Duval

Shop News

Social Report



Card Party and Fashion Show

Our Annual Card Party and Fashion Show was held on Saturday October 1st at the Yacht Club. We enjoyed a bright sunny day featuring fashions by **Linda's** and **Bella Bridal**. Club members Marilyn Cope (left) and Linda Molnar (right) were just two of the models featuring fashions which were both comfortable and stylish.



Thank you to everyone who supported the Wine Tour and the Stratford Trip during the past summer. Your continued support of the Fashion Show and these fundraisers is greatly appreciated.
Respectfully submitted by Milka Brown, Projects Director



A Gentle Reminder From Your Membership Treasurer...

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 Christmas Tea or Luncheon would be most appreciated.

Dues for 2016-2017 are \$47.00 (General and Associate) and \$27.00 (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 2016-2017 are \$47.00 (General and Associate) and \$27.00 (Life and Honorary Life).





Christmas Tea

Our Annual Christmas Tea will be at
Riverside United Church

On November 12th, 2016

12:00 Noon

Tickets \$10.00

Christmas Luncheon



Come Celebrate the Holidays!

Beach Grove Golf and Country Club

12:00 noon

December 10th, 2016



Put this into the mail to **Kathy Roy, 2319 Gladstone Ave, N8W 2N9**. Deadline for reservations is **December 3, 2016**. **Members of the phone tree will quote you the price of the luncheon**. Make cheques payable to **The May Court Club of Windsor**. Please print your name and the number of tickets you require. Please bring a non-perishable food item which will be delivered to Drouillard Place along with our usual collection for a Christmas basket.

I, _____ will attend the Christmas Luncheon on Saturday,
(please print)

December 10th, 2016. I enclose a cheque for _____ for _____ tickets.

(Signature)

NOTE: 72 hours notice is required for cancellation.