

Winter Newsletter



The May Court Club of Windsor

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Greetings May Courters!

It's been a busy start to our new year. Once again we participated in Open Streets in September. We held a special sale and added over \$300 to our funds. The opportunity to expose so many people to May Court was priceless. Volunteers are always appreciated at this 4 hour Sunday event.

We continue to benefit from the generosity of our donors – both from our regulars and newcomers. Consider dropping by to help unpack the mountain of bags and boxes that are often in the shop. No special skills are needed and the regular crews will welcome you with open arms and sometimes goodies.

This year's fall association meeting was one of the most valuable I have ever attended. The experience of participating in the creation of a strategic plan for association was extremely informative. Our efforts were guided by Joan Shatilla, a retired professional who offers her services to non-profits for "dinner and a glass of wine ". It would be worth pursuing creating our own Strategic Plan, since we have no vision statement, mission statement nor five year plan. "If you don't move forward, sooner or later you begin to move backward."

I've had one suggestion for a service project. Mary Lou discovered that when she went to deliver a pink book to a member she knew who hadn't picked it up, the member was excited by the visit. This led to the idea that anyone who knows a member who cannot come to an event to pick up her annual report might consider taking it to her. Annually, we have quite a few books which are not claimed. Consider hand delivering a book to someone you haven't seen at an event in a while. There may be more places that May Court members could add their expertise. If you have an idea and are willing to be the contact person, please let us know by calling the shop or sending me an email to kroy53@hotmail.com.

The phone committee is busy by now passing on details for upcoming events. You'll also find the details in the newsletter. Hope to see you there, and bring a friend.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Roy, President

President's Message

Thank you to all of you who have supported our fundraisers by buying tickets and contributing to Raffle and Door Prizes.

Work on Projects for 2020 will begin in January. A Spring Fashion Show, a possible Wine Tour and our Stratford Trip, all are going to be works in progress this winter.

It is a pleasure to serve you as Projects Director.

Respectfully submitted by Milka Brown, Projects Director

Our Annual General Meeting was held on September 10, 2019 at the Windsor Yacht Club. Forty-nine May Court members joined for an informative and enjoyable evening. Our guest speaker, Officer Bianca shared tips to keep the shoppe safe and well protected.

Come for TEA!

Our **Annual Christmas Tea** will be held on SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2019 at ST. MARKS BY THE LAKE from 12:00 - 2:00PM. This year's plans are in the capable hands of Milka Brown and Alicia de Souza. Come join us for a special afternoon of festivities and entertainment.

Come celebrate the Holidays!

The **Christmas Luncheon** will be held on SATURDAY DECEMBER 7 2019 at the WINDSOR YACHT CLUB from 12:00 - 3:00PM. A turkey dinner is on the menu. Donations for Drouillard Place will be collected. Hoping you can join in the festivities.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Molnar – Social Director

Check out the advertisements on the last page of this newsletter.

From our Corresponding Director



I am delighted to be taking on the role of Corresponding Secretary for the May Court Club of Windsor. In the last few months, we wished a *speedy recovery* to **Kaye McMann** and let **Elaine Janosik** know we were *thinking of her*. *Condolences* were extended to **Madelon Kidd** and **Kathleen Hubbell** for the loss of their husbands, and to **Janet Harris** for the loss of her brother-in-law. The Club received *thank you letters* from the three Catholic Central students who received scholarships in June.

Respectfully submitted by Bonnie Belczowski, Corresponding Secretary

Please consider being our Marketing Director

We are still searching for 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 OUR CLIENT BASE FOR SALES AND DONATIONS**

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

*** INCREASE OUR PROFILE IN THE COMMUNITY**

Shop Report

We are well stocked for Fall and Winter and will soon be putting out Christmas items/clothing, so please visit the shop to browse and buy - "the price is right".

We now receive regular clothing donations from Deja-vu store in Amherstburg and recently received many donations from Seasons LaSalle and from a referral from Winmar.

We donated some Children's winter coats to a needy community in Peru (through our Accountant), and continue to donate unsold and substandard items and clothing to various local charities. Presently we have a motorized wheelchair with fully charged battery for sale. If you know of someone in need, please let them know. The shop will be closed for two weeks over the Christmas holidays starting on Thursday, December 19th, and will re-open on Thursday, January 2, 2020.

Thank you to all who are involved at the store. We can always use more volunteers, especially in the preparation (non-sales) area. It is a rewarding experience both with the fellowship of co-workers and the knowledge that so many children, youth and adults benefit from our efforts.

Respectfully submitted, Sheila Duval, Shop Director

PS. I wish you all a Happy Christmas Season and good health in the coming year.

The Association of May Court Clubs of Canada Fall Business Meeting Report

Your President Kathy, Vice President Liz, and I attended the Association's Fall Meeting in Oakville. The meeting was productive, informational, and an opportunity for sister Clubs to highlight successes and ask for input from others. Joan Shatilla, a professional Strategic Planning facilitator, conducted sessions to help us develop a Strategic Plan for our clubs. It was quite an energetic weekend! I would like to also report the following information, which is in the Association's Annual Report 2018-2019.

Total Membership	1,248 Members
Total Funds Raised	\$1,243,547.00
Total Financial Aid	\$817,844.00

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL MAY COURT MEMBERS!!!!

Respectfully submitted, mary jane asick, Past President, The Association of May Court Clubs of Canada



A Reminder From Your Membership Treasurer... Most members pay their annual dues at the September Annual General Meeting. 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.

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). See above for 2019-2020 dues.



Christmas Tea

Come join us at St. Mark's Church By The Lake

Lakeshore

On November 9, 2019 at noon

RSVP to Alicia de Souza at 519-300-5491

\$10 at the door



Christmas Luncheon



Join us for our 2nd general meeting of 2019-2020

December 14, 2019

12:00 noon

Windsor Yacht Club

RSVP to Linda Molnar at 519-956-9296 by

December 7, 2019

\$30



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