



May Court Club News

The May Court Club of Windsor

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It is truly an honour to have served as your president these past two years. They have been exciting, rewarding, and totally different than I expected. **I thank my wonderful Board of Directors: Alicia, Beth, Christine, Kathy, Linda, Liz, Mary, Mary Lou, Milka, Minelle, Nancy, and Sheila** for their commitment, their guidance, and their friendship. **I thank you, our May Court members**, for your suggestions, enthusiastic encouragement, and participation in all our functions. Your strength was demonstrated by how united you were when facing our most stressful and unforeseen challenge...the fire. **I thank our volunteers** who kept the shop open during the summer months and prepared the clothes for the Fall season. You ensured our presence in the community while generating funds for our initiatives.

On Saturday, April 2, we celebrated our **Grand Re-Opening**. May Court members, family members, and guests enjoyed cake, dessert, and coffee. We were honoured to have the Association President, Sandy Rothman, bring greetings, flowers, and words of praise.

Our **Potluck Dinner** on April 12th was quite different from last year. Rather than discussing our insurance claim, we celebrated our new beginning. There were smiles and applause as we acknowledged our hard work and perseverance. **Thank You to everyone** who brought in shop necessities for the "Shopper Shower". We received cleaning supplies, a Swiffer cleaner, coffee, office supplies, and so much more. We are always so surprised and marvel at the perfect assortment of food that was brought without a designated sign-up sheet. **Thank You Kathy Roy for organizing another fabulous event!**

The **82nd AGM** hosted by Windsor was a huge success. Our theme was "**Forever Blooming**" **Benevolence... Unity... Determination**. We wanted the theme to reflect our major source of revenue and that is our shop. Fourteen months ago, we were at a standstill; a fire destroyed our building, but we persevered and no matter the obstacles, the setbacks, and the challenges, we forever believed that we would re-open and continue blooming in the community. **Benevolence** because of the goodwill, the kindness, and the charitable actions of our members. **Unity** because the members came together, struggled together, and worked together. **Determination** because of our firm resolve and decision to adhere to our steadfast purpose to rebuild the shop. It would not have been accomplished without the diligent planning and work by the committee members and the May Court members.

We received many, many compliments, emails, and cards from our out-of-town delegates. They appreciated the warm welcome and all the events planned for them. **Thank You** to our **Co-Conveners, Alicia de Souza and Milka Brown**, our **Delegate Greeters, Jane Barlow, Mary Helen Pronger, Linda Monforton, and Anne Winterbottom**, our **Hospitality Room, Jennie Asick, Sheila Duval, and Kathy Roy**, our **Thursday Night Dinner, Elizabeth Strutt-MacLeod, and Donna Keelan**, our **Champagne Reception, Sharon Bellaire and Mary Lou Laliberte**, our **President's Reception, Linda Monforton at the home of Mark and Fely Sternbauer**, our **Flowers and Centrepieces, Linda Monforton**, our **Silent Auction, Lida Crestan, Linda Molnar, and Kathy Roy**, our **Raffle Basket and Hospitality Gifts, Nancy Allen and Kathy Roy**, our **Saturday Night Dinner, Elizabeth Strutt-MacLeod**, our **Photographer, Minelle Tousaint-Greene** and our **Windsor Brochures, Christine Beaudoin**.

The Association AGM is a time for all delegates to network, share ideas, and develop new strategies for each particular club. The delegates develop a friendship and are always there to offer support. Many times we think we are the only club with an issue and then we discover other clubs are facing the same problem. We are "sisters in spirit" as we brainstorm together to develop a plan of action for each club's community. During the Friday and Saturday of this year's AGM the budget was discussed and debated, club reports were read, and fee increases were resolved. Other topics of discussion were the recording of volunteer hours, raising our profile in the community, mentoring new members, collecting dues, mental health initiatives, how do we as an organization adapt to change, and of course "**funraising**".

The Wine and Cheese Reception on May 31st at the Westchester Place was a time for celebrating new members, past presidents, and of course our members. At the conclusion of our meeting, Minelle entertained us with a slide presentation with photographs of the Association AGM, accompanied by Randy Travis's "Point of Light". **Thank You to Jennie Asick, Linda Monforton, Kathy Roy, and Minelle Tousaint-Greene for a wonderful evening. Thank You Danielle Godin for hosting us in the Party Room.** I have included the lyrics of Point of Light, which I feel, reflects our commitment to our community because we are a "Point of Light".

President's Message

"Point Of Light"

There's a point when you cannot walk away
There's a darkness that everyone must face
There are heroes whose names we never hear

When you have to stand up straight and tall and mean the words you say
It wants to take what's good and fair and lay it all to waste
A dedicated army of quiet volunteers

There's a point you must decide just to do it 'cause it's right
And that darkness covers everything in sight
Reaching out to feed the hungry reaching out to save the land

That's when you become a point of light
Until it meets a single point of light
Reaching out to their fellow men.

All it takes is a point of light a ray of hope in the darkest night.
If you see what's wrong and you try to make it right you will be a point of light.

There are dreamers who are making dreams come true
Taking time to teach the children there's nothing they can't do.
Giving shelter to the homeless giving hope to those without.
Isn't that what this land's all about?

One by one from the mountains to the sea points of light
Are calling out to you and me.

All it takes is a point of light a ray of hope in the darkest night.
If you see what's wrong and you try to make it right,
You will be a point of light.

On Saturday, June 25th, a full bus of members and their guests ventured on our **Annual Wine Tour of Essex County**. We enjoyed shopping at Cindy's, Foxgloves, and Colasantis and enjoyed the wine tasting at Pelee Island Winery, Muscedere Vineyards, and Colio Estate Wines. The tour would not be complete without the delicious chicken, coleslaw and warm donuts at Colasantis. **Thank You to Milka Brown for another successful fundraiser.**

On Tuesday, August 16th, another full bus will leave for **Stratford** to enjoy the musical "A Chorus Line". I can predict that the bus will be alive with talking and excitement. Bingo, door prizes, and the dinner at the Elmhurst Inn will be a huge hit! **Thank You to Milka Brown for organizing this fantastic trip.**

Our Fall Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 20th at Beach Grove Golf and Country Club. We will introduce our new Board of Directors and again be entertained by Minelle's slide presentation of the Association AGM. This is also the perfect time to pay our dues of \$47.00 for General and Associate members and \$27.00 for Life and Honorary Life members.

I extend my best wishes to our new president, **Elizabeth Strutt-MacLeod**, who has shown expert leadership, knowledge, and commitment to May Court. As I pass to Liz the President's gavel, bell, and pin, I quote our founder Lady Aberdeen, who in 1898 said "...elect from amongst yourselves one whom can acknowledge...as having power to lead all that is lovely and true and pure and of good report." I am sure that Liz will provide that leadership for another successful year in our club. I also extend my best wishes to **Alicia de Souza** as she begins her new role as Vice President of Association.

Love...Luck...Laughter
Respectfully submitted
mj asick

Please note: The following motion was passed at the June 7th, 2016 Board Meeting:

"Motion: If at the end of a May Court year (June 30) a member's dues are in arrears two years, her name will be removed from the roster prior to publishing the next roster."

The shop did very well with donations and sales to the end of June and there were many compliments on our renovated venue. We have remained open 3 afternoons a week in July, attracting returning customers with our sales and much appreciated air conditioning. We hope to continue in August and already have the "Back to School" and "New Fall Arrivals" on display.

The shop will be closed for the last week of August, reopening with regular hours on September 6th. We continue to need any volunteer hours you can spare, especially on Thursdays, and hope you will also support us with both donations and purchases.

Thank you to the very dedicated volunteers for ensuring our summer program is being a success and for readying us for the next season.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Duval

CORRESPONDENCE SINCE APRIL

Cards sent out:

Sympathy - family of Margaret Hebert, Jamie Lynn Stachow (mother-in-law), family of Joan Guignon, Joan Padbury (grandson)

Thinking of you - Elaine Janosik, Loretta Buckner, Rosaline Clark, Mary Caruso, Jennie Asick, Kathy Hanson

Letters & Cheques sent to:

Canadian Diabetes Association

Connections Early Years Family Centre

Drouillard Place

Kiwanis Club of Windsor

Learning Disabilities Association

Windsor Homes Coalition

Windsor Police Service - Camp Brombal

Windsor Essex Therapeutic Ride Association

Respectfully submitted by **Beth Dagenais** who asks that you contact her at 519-970-9337 regarding any member who should be sent a card.



It never ceases to amaze me to see the variety of delectable dishes that appear at our annual potluck! More than 40 May Courters gathered at Riverside United Church on April 12 to enjoy the culinary creativity of our fellow members. I hope you were one of them. Thanks go the board members for their help in the kitchen and beyond. They can always be counted on for door prizes, kitchen jobs and help organizing. An invaluable team.

In May, members enjoyed a wine and cheese gathering at Westchester-on-the-Lake to welcome new members and share stories of our very successful Association AGM in April. Thanks go to Danielle Godin for providing the venue and mj Asick, Jenny Asick, Linda Monforton and Liz Strutt-Macleod for the goodies.

Our next General Meeting will be the **Annual General Meeting at Beach Grove Golf and Country Club on September 20th**. You will be receiving a call in early September about this first general meeting of the year. Come with a friend!

Respectfully submitted by **Kathy Roy**

Projects Report

All those who attended the two recent May Court Fundraisers (Wine Tour and Stratford Trip) enjoyed happy times of fundraising and “friendraising.” The Wine Tour was well attended. We sampled wine at three wineries, shopped at Cindy’s and Foxgloves and enjoyed delicious food at Colasanti’s (Broasted Chicken Dinner) and Muscedre Winery (outdoor oven pizza). The Stratford Trip will offer members and friends a full bus of women enjoying a game of “Bus Bingo” hosted by Milka and Alicia as well as door prizes and a 50/50 Draw. The musical, *A Chorus Line*, promises to be a delightful performance and the day will be topped off with a delicious dinner at the Elm Hurst Inn.

Milka thanks all those who have supported the May Court Fundraisers. She also encourages you to attend the Fall Fashion Show and Card Party Luncheon at the Windsor Yacht Club scheduled for Saturday, October 1st, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted:

Milka Brown

Fall Fashion Show

&

Card Party Luncheon

Fashions by Linda’s and Bella Bridal

When: Saturday, October 1st, 2016 at 12:00 noon

Where: Windsor Yacht Club

Price: \$45.00

For Reservations please call **Milka Brown** at 519-735-6894



If a star appears on the address label of your newsletter, it means that your dues are in arrears. Please send your dues of \$46.00 (General and Associate) or \$26.00 (Life and Honorary Life) for the year 2015-2016. The dues for the year 2016-2017 are \$47.00 (General and Associate) and \$27.00 (Life and Honorary Life).