



MAY COURT CLUB OF CHATHAM

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 10, 2015

Dear May Court Members,

APRIL SPRING TEA

Our April Meeting on Saturday, the 18th, is always a good time to get together with friends and celebrate the return of warmer weather – we hope!

It will be held at DEER RUN GOLF CLUB 12 noon – social
12:30 - lunch - \$18
Meeting to follow

Guests are welcome at our Spring Tea. **RSVP Anne Winch** 519-380-9087 paawin@bell.net
by **SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH**.

Come enjoy a glass of wine, a scrumptious lunch, tea (of course), and vote **for which major fundraiser** you think our club should endeavour to host **in 2016**.

There are 5 suggestions:

1. Women of Distinction Dinner – to honour local women who have distinguished themselves in their chosen field of endeavour. Spring 2016. Revenue from ticket sales, raffle, silent auction. Would raise the profile of our club, and could be held every other year. Held previously by the YMCA. They have offered to help us.
2. Home and Garden Tour – would need at least 6 locations (3 homes and 3 gardens). Spring 2016. A revival of our former tour. Complimentary glass of wine and hors d'oeuvres at one garden location. Could add a raffle, even Silent Auction.
3. Gala Dinner – could be a very classy event held at The Armouries or Club Lentina, for example. Members could work in groups to make table centres and décor to be auctioned. Could be held either in the Spring of 2016 or November 2016 to celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season. Revenue from ticket sales, auction, raffle. Music and dancing?
4. Marketplace – members would donate preserves, baking, sewing, knitting. Could be combined with a luncheon, Bridge Party. Revenue from ticket sales, goods sold, raffle. Fall 2016 probably best time after canning season.

5. “Dreams Come True Raffle” – 1,500 tickets at \$20 each would be sold over an 8 month period on items valued at \$9,000 (purchased and donated). This fundraiser could be combined with one of the above suggestions, and could be modified to suit the committee.

The **MEMBERSHIP Committee** welcomes our 7th New Member this year!

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The **BINGO Committee** is looking for volunteers! You would be required to act as a hostess, along with another May Courter, for a two hour shift at Riverview Bingo Palace. The set-up has changed, and the job is not nearly as onerous. Last year, Wendy’s group added over \$3,000 to our earnings. Please contact WENDY BLOOMFIELD if you are willing to be trained.

JOANNE GAMBLE and her hard-working team are busy planning **THE PAINTED HOUSE** to be held on FRIDAY, MAY 29th at Club Lentina. Don’t forget to sell those tickets and return your form and money to JANETTE CARROLL or NANCY McCORMICK by May 22nd. The more people who attend our event, the more money we will raise to support our ELB Programme.

PEGGY SEAMAN and her crew have RAFFLE TICKETS for you to sell to your friends. For \$5, you could win hundreds of dollars worth of gift certificates and donated products. Draws to be held at The Painted House.

We are very grateful to those local artists who are donating works of art for our auction. But we need small items painted by our members to make the Silent Auction a success. Hopefully, you will contact LINDA CREWICK or SUE CUMMINGS with details of your contribution. No item is too small.

PENNY MCGREGOR and PEGGY SEAMAN will be our delegates to the **ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING IN ST.CATHARINES**. If you would like to attend the Annual General Meeting Dinner on May 2nd at Stone Mill Inn, please contact Penny for details.

Have you marked Friday, June 19th on your calendar? The **80th ANNIVERSARY DINNER** of the May Court Club of Chatham will be held at Maple City Golf and Country Club.

Please send any **pictures** you have of past years to:

Digital copies: **Lynda Homeniuk** by email: homeniuk@sympatico.ca

Physical copies: **Shirley Loyer** at 3 Souriquois St., Chatham or bring to the May Court Tea
Deadline for accepting pictures is Apr. 18, 2015

You will be receiving your invitation soon! MARG THOMPSON's committee has some great surprises.

SUE CUMMINGS, our representative on **KAVCO** (Volunteers' Association) invites us all to "Celebrate Volunteers" on Thursday, June 4th 3:00 to 6:00 PM at Kingston Park. It is free to any member. There will be a barbecue, entertainment and door prizes.

NOMINATIONS for the BOARD OF DIRECTORS (2015-16) may be made in writing, signed by 2 members in good standing, and accompanied by the consent of the nominee, to be sent to DIANE BRECHT, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, by THURSDAY, APRIL 16th (not less than 14 days prior to the meeting of the Nominating Committee.)

LYNDA HOMENIUK, our Membership Convenor, has attached our updated **MEMBERSHIP LIST** to this email. Please make a copy of it for your reference. You may not have the names and addresses of our 7 new members.

The dedication, enthusiasm, and support of our members never cease to amaze me. Hope to see you at The Spring Tea.

Penny McGregor