

Hunt Club: My Community



'Harmony in Cultures'

Canada's 150th Birthday Celebration in Hunt Club
Sue McCarthy

Welcome to Canada's 150th birthday! This issue of Hunt Club: My Community will focus on Canada's 150th birthday celebrations in Hunt Club.

According to the 2011 census, the ethnic origins of people who live in Hunt Club include English, Irish, French, Scottish, German, Lebanese, Somali, Italian, Chinese, Polish, Aboriginal, Congolese, Nigerian, Jamaican, Haitian, Vietnamese, Syrian, and Hispanics from various countries. We live in a very culturally diverse neighbourhood, much like Canada as a whole.

Accordingly, your Community Association (HCCO) is collaborating with the South East Ottawa Community Health Centre (SEOCHC) and 4 other partners to hold a 150th birthday celebration that will celebrate our cultural diversity.

This FREE event, 'Celebrating Harmony in Cultures', will take place on **Saturday, May 13th** (rain date June 3rd) from **11 am to 4 pm at McCarthy Park**, beside the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre on Paul Anka Drive. The intent of our festival is to showcase the traditions of our various resident cultures through dance, music, storytelling, cultural exhibitions, art and games.

Included in the celebrations will be an opening ceremony and blessing by an Aboriginal elder, greetings from dignitaries, performances by Les Chansonniers d'Ottawa (singing and dancing), the Nepean Panharmonic Steel Band, Claudia Salguero band and Somali storytelling. There will be a live art installation performed by Chinatown Remixed Live Art, stilt walkers as well as children's activities. There will be information, craft and food kiosks as well as face painting and

henna hand art. Volunteers will present free samples of ethnic cuisine and there will be a free barbecue. Mark your calendars now for a fun celebration on Saturday, May 13.

Volunteers Are Needed

Here is YOUR opportunity to engage and show support for YOUR community! We are looking for volunteers to assist with various activities at the event. We are specifically looking for volunteers to contribute an ethnic dish from one of the following cultures:

NORTH AMERICA: First Nations

CENTRAL AMERICA: Nicaragua, El Salvador...

SOUTH AMERICA: Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru...

CARIBBEAN: Puerto Rico, Trinidad and Tobago ...

EUROPE: Great Britain, France...

MIDDLE EAST: Lebanon, Syria, Jordan...

AFRICA: Somalia...

ASIA: China...

The first 21 people to volunteer will receive an honorarium to help cover the cost of the ingredients to make your dish. We know you're out there and can whip up some finger-licking food to show off your heritage! Please send all of your contact information to christine-ottawa@sympatico.ca by Friday, March 24, 2017.

Food, Arts & Craft Kiosks

We are looking for food vendors as well as arts and craft artists to set up booths at the event. There will be a small fee, which will go towards defraying the costs of our event.

For information on the event or to register as a volunteer or vendor, please contact:

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Christine Johnson christine-ottawa@sympatico.ca

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Sign up for on-line delivery of 'Hunt Club: My Community',
the quarterly newsletter that keeps you in touch with your neighbours.

Visit <http://hunt-club.ncf.ca> and click the SUBSCRIBE button.

Ones and One Hundred & Fifty

Matthew Page

For Canada it was time to celebrate 150 years of memories. For Rima and Adnan, who had emigrated from Syria a year earlier, it had been a year of firsts. Adnan had held his birthday in Canada for the first time. He had attended his first day of school at Holy Family. Mother and son had shared their first ice cream cone after Adnan's first soccer game. And it was the first time that Rima did not have to worry about her son going outside to play.

So when Rima told Adnan about the upcoming Hunt Club Community celebration of Canada's 150th birthday at McCarthy Park the boy was ecstatic. His excitement was short-lived though, as his face took on an urgency that only a five-year old can manage.

"Mom," Adnan said, his voice leaving no room for compromise. "You'll have to learn 'O Canada'. We sing it at school. I can teach you."

Rima smiled. "That sounds fun, Adnan."

And with that, the two spent the following weeks practicing. They practiced while they walked to and from school. They sang while they cleaned the dishes after dinner. They learned both the English and Bilingual versions because Adnan wanted to make sure they were prepared; the Bilingual version gave her troubles but he insisted.

Finally the big day arrived. They were one of the first to arrive at McCarthy Park because Adnan wanted to make sure they had the best seats. Soon the park started to fill and the festivities got underway. Adnan was in awe of the spectacle. He was held rapt by the First Nations' storytelling, danced to the music, showed off his soccer skills with his teammates, laughed at the stilt walkers, and devoured some cake. And then almost as soon as the day had begun it began to wrap up. It was truly a celebration of culture and harmony and Canada.

People began to fold up their chairs and shake off their blankets. Rima looked at her son expecting a huge smile but instead saw disappointment. At first she couldn't understand why. He had had so much fun all day. Then she realized what had the tears welling in Adnan's eyes.

She stood up and nervously began, "O Canada..."

The people around her stopped what they were doing and stared.

"Our home and native land. True patriot love..."

An older couple beside her joined in. Then the family nearby added their voices to the trio. Simultaneously five players and two coaches from Adnan's soccer team doubled the efforts, and soon the sea of shining voices

spread from one side of the park to the other. Rima looked to her son and saw tears streaming down his face as he belted out the words as loud as his little lungs could muster.

As the anthem came to an end, Adnan rushed to hug his mother, burying his face in her thigh. Rima smiled. It was a moment she would never forget.

Oh, and it helped that, for the first time, she totally nailed the Bilingual version.

Essay Writing Contest

Glenn Clark

President, Gloucester Historical Society

Canada celebrates its 150th anniversary as a nation in 2017, and to mark that event, the Gloucester Historical Society will have a writing contest for Grade Eight students on the theme "Life in Gloucester 1867-2017."

Originally, all the land bordering the Ottawa River east of the Rideau River to the Cumberland boundary and south to Osgoode Township belonged to the Township of Gloucester. Parts of the township were annexed to the City of Ottawa over the years, and eventually the incorporated City of Gloucester was amalgamated into Ottawa. The Hunt Club community lies within the boundaries of the original Gloucester. Our historical society aims to preserve and celebrate the history of this area.

Entries will be up to three typewritten pages long, longer if maps and photos are included. A cash prize of \$150 as well as a framed certificate will be awarded to the top English and the top French entries. Second and third prize winners in both English and French will receive \$100 and \$50 respectively.

Closing date is April 30, 2017, with the award being made in June 2017 at the winning schools. Entries may be in English or French, about any aspect of Gloucester history (for example: a person, place or event), with a strong focus on evidence gathered from primary and secondary sources.

Further details are available on our website, www.gloucesterhistory.com

Les Chansonniers d'Ottawa à Hunt Club!

Eh oh, vous aimez le chant choral? Ne manquez pas le mini-spectacle des Chansonniers d'Ottawa lors de la grande fête ici à Hunt Club, le 13 mai, pour célébrer le 150^e anniversaire du Canada. Nous vous convions à notre grand spectacle de fin d'année les 9 et 10 juin prochain. S.v.p. consultez notre site web pour plus d'informations:

www.leschansonniersottawa.com

River Ward Happenings

River Ward Women's Day Event



“Extremists have shown what frightens them the most: a girl with a book”
Malala Yousafzai

On Monday March 6 from 7-8:30pm at Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre (3320 Paul Anka Drive), I will be hosting River Ward's Women's Day event with three prominent Ottawa women who will be part of a panel discussion. Join me and Deputy Police Chief Jill Skinner, Senator Anne Cools and Journalist Carol Anne Meehan as they describe their successes and challenges in their particular industry, how their industries have evolved over time and advice for younger women and girls who may want to enter their respective profession.

I invite you and your family to join me in celebrating International Women's Day with a panel of prominent female leaders. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact my office.

River Ward Earth Day Event

On Saturday April 22 from 2-4pm at Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre (3320 Paul Anka Drive), I will be hosting River Ward's annual Earth Day event, featuring an environmental trade show, guest speakers, locally elected representatives and my essay contest winners will be announced. New for 2017, I will be hosting an essay contest for students in grades 7, 8 and 9 who will be asked to submit their thoughts and vision on what a sustainable Ottawa will look like 50 years from now. The essay contest is sponsored by Hydro Ottawa and cash prizes will be awarded to the top three authors. For essay rules and criteria, please contact my office.

Sincerely yours,
Riley Brockington
City Councillor (River Ward)
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Membership has its benefits!

Brian Wade

Now is a good time to become a member of the Hunt Club Community Organization (HCCO). Why, you may ask? Aside from the chance to have a voice regarding a wide variety of community issues, HCCO members are now entitled to a 20% discount on selected fitness memberships at any one of the City of Ottawa's 23 fitness recreational facilities, effective immediately.

To be eligible for the 20% discount, you will need to present your HCCO membership card and/or letter of membership when registering for your fitness membership. Current HCCO members will be issued new membership cards and letters.

Membership in the HCCO for one year, valid from Sept 1 to August 31, costs \$10 per family. This membership fee goes towards the production of this newsletter and the many free community events sponsored by the HCCO.

To join, please go to our website, complete and return the membership application form or simply mail your \$10 cheque made out to 'HCCO' along with your name, street address, phone number and email address to:

HCCO Memberships
3320 Paul Anka Drive,
Ottawa, ON K1V 0J9

To arrange for the pick-up/drop-off of your membership form, fee and/or card, please email Brian Wade at volunteer@brianwade.ca.

We appreciate your support.

Hunt Club Cares Garage Sale

Sue McCarthy

Time to clean out your garages, basements, attics and cupboards! Spring and spring cleaning are on the horizon. Gather up your gently used household treasures and prepare for the 3rd Annual 'Hunt Club Cares' garage sale, to be held rain or shine, from 8 to 12 on Saturday, June 3rd.

Set up your sale in front of your home. Apartment and condo dwellers can set up in front of the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre on Paul Anka Drive.

Register by either calling Linda King at 613-260-7897 or by email at: huntclubcares@gmail.com. Free signage will be delivered to your door and your address and what you're selling will be posted on social media. Your donation of \$5 or more will help to send underprivileged kids from our community to the South East Ottawa Community Health Centre (SEO-CHC) camps this summer. Feel free to copy and distribute the enclosed flyer to encourage others to participate in this great community event.

Thank You Reception
for Volunteer Deliverers of our Newsletter

On December 5th, many of our 60 volunteer deliverers came out and were treated to some fabulous food fare from Burrito Gringo and Metro, as a gesture of thanks for their commitment to our 'Hunt Club:My Community' publication.

With funky Canadian music playing in the background, attendees had fun filling in trivia questions from the 16 newsletters of our first four years of publication.

Thank you to Councillor Brockington for joining us to celebrate our this event.

We welcome more help to deliver our newsletter four times a year. Please contact christine-ottawa@sympatico.ca

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If you have an article that you would like to submit for our next issue, e-mail it to suemccarthy1952@gmail.com
We welcome your ideas for future issues; please submit them to us or come to our monthly meetings to discuss them.

We thank our local businesses who make **Hunt Club: My Community** possible and ask that you support them.

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“Hunt Club Cares” Garage Sale

Saturday June 3rd - Rain or Shine - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.



- * Set up in front of your home
- * Apartment and condo dwellers set up in front of the Community Centre
- * Quelle belle façon de redonner à notre communauté

Free signage delivered to your door. Social media and maps will post your address and what you are selling.

Donations of \$5 or more will help send underprivileged children from our community to the SEOCHC Camps.

A great way to give back!

Clip and save: Saturday June 3rd– Hunt Club Cares Garage Sale

For Registration & Information:

Call Linda King at 613-260-7897 or email: huntclubcares@gmail.com

CELEBRATING HARMONY IN CULTURES

CANADA'S 150TH BIRTHDAY BASH IN HUNT CLUB



When: Saturday, May 13, 2017
(Rain Day: Saturday, June 3, 2017)

Time: 11:00 am—4:00 pm

Where: McCarthy Park in Hunt Club-Riverside Park (3320 Paul Anka Drive)

Cost: Free

More Detail: Call Valérie Assoi, 613-247-1600 ext. 326

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