



The Quebec Association of Retired Teachers

QART NEWSLETTER MARCH 2015

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President's message :

The winter months of January and February have been brutally cold and, needless to say, we are all looking forward to Spring. For those of you who are reading this newsletter from a beach at a southern resort, we hope you realize what lucky folks you are, especially this winter. Enjoy your time in the south and think of us, when you have a chance.

For the annual Saint Patrick's Luncheon, I have, once again, booked the CASA GRECQUE in Montreal North, same venue as last year. The cost increased by only a dollar , pretty good , considering that every time we return from grocery shopping, not only is the recycled bag a little lighter but so is our wallet.

The Spring Social at Pius X Culinary Institute is scheduled for April 22nd. We ask that you mail your cheque to Patrick Griffin no later than April 15, 2015. The past few socials at Pius have been absolutely fantastic. The meal is always a first class 5- course gourmet meal ,well worth the price of a mere \$ 22 with tax and tip and glass of wine included. You can't beat that !!!

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY, DOROTHY COX !!!!

CONGRATULAIONS to Dorothy Cox who just turned 100 years young this January. Dorothy is an Honorary QART member who still participates in most of the QART luncheons and meetings accompanied by her daughter, Cynthia , also a QART member and former executive member.

All the very best to you , Dorothy, and continued health and happiness ! A short bio written by her daughter, Cynthia Tyler can be found on page five.

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In Memoriam

DENNIS BONAPARTE, husband of **BERTHA BONAPARTE**

FRANK BOUSHEL, former vice-principal at Marymount High School

IOWN CHRISTOPHER, former teacher at Msgr. Harold Doran High School

CHIARA DORA DI MARCO , mother of **FRANK DI MARCO**

Dr. THOMAS FRANCOEUR , former professor at St. Joseph Teachers' College

JOHN McMAHON, former teacher at JOHN F. Kennedy High School

MAGDALEN MURPHY, former teacher at St. Kevin's School

JOHN ORTUSO, former principal at St. Edmund of Canterbury School

PIETRO PIETRACUPA, husband of **GLORIA PIETRACUPA**

SHARON BANKS RASYTINIS, former vice-principal at Vincent Massey Collegiate and principal at Frederick Banting School

GIORDANO ROSA- DEL-VECCHIO, former teacher at John F. Kennedy High School and former Director General of the Sir Wilfred Laurier School Board

GUY ZENAITIS, member of QART, former teacher at Lester B. Pearson High School, and husband of **MARY ZENAITIS**

QART has, indeed, lost one of the most generous , considerate members this past January. Guy Zenaitis has been making the QART labels for the Newsletter mailings , as well as the QART Membership cards for many, many years. Guy will surely be missed. Our continued thoughts and prayers go out to Mary Zenaitis, QART's executive continuity officer.

We appreciate Steve Dursa 's generous offer to take on the task of making the QART labels and membership cards. On behalf of QART, thank you so very much.

QART SAINT PATRICK'S LUNCHEON

DATE : Wednesday , March 18, 2015

Time : 12 noon

Place : Restaurant **CASA GRECQUE** 10651 Pie 1X and Amiens **Montreal North** in the Forest Shopping Centre , four streets north of Henri Bourassa . (514) 325-2000

This luncheon is a four-course meal including soup & salad , choice of 6 main entrees :
filet of sole , filet of salmon, butterfly shrimp, chicken brochette, steak or souvlaki .
It also includes a choice of two desserts : baklava or house cake plus coffee/tea.

COST : \$ 18 (tax and tip included) Individual bills . Pay server at table. BYOB (wine or beer)

RSVP before March 13 , 2015 cathybarrow32@yahoo.com or phone Ron or Catherine at (514) 457-2854 Guests are welcome.

QART SPRING SOCIAL

DATE : Wednesday , April 22, 2015

Time : 11:30 a.m.

Place : St. Pius X Culinary Institute

The luncheon menu is always a gourmet 4 - course meal that will include a glass of wine.

Cost : \$ 22 (including tax and tip) *Please make your cheque payable to QART and send it to :*

Patrick Griffin QART Treasurer, 413 Tremblay, Lasalle QC. H8R 2W5

Deadline : April 8, 2015 GUESTS ARE WELCOME !

Contact Patrick at : Patgriffin44@gmail.com

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date : May 13, 2015

Time : 1 p.m.

Place : St. Pius X Adult Centre Room 1254

The meeting will be followed by a brief presentation regarding the advantages and importance of becoming a Strathcona Desjardins Credit Union member, one of which is saving \$\$\$.

**Guest speakers : Alessandro Ciminelli ,
Director General of Strathcona Desjardins Credit Union**

Sean Taylor : mortgages etc. (family members and friends)

A question period will follow.

Prior to the AGM : on May 13, 2015 at Pius X

In room 1254

TIME : 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. A MUSICAL INTERVAL

All interested members are invited to watch 2 DVD's which Al Toffi has offered to bring in. The pieces to be presented are:

Johannes Brahms – Piano Concerto number 1 - Daniel Barenboin (piano)

Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra – by Simon Rattle - conductor

On behalf of QART, let me take this opportunity to thank Al for his presentation at our February meeting, on the wonderful world of Classical Music and the benefits of listening to music, in general, and classical music in particular. Those in attendance were very much impressed and appreciative of the research which went into the talk. Once again, many thanks.

Dorothy Cox ... 100 Years Young

Dorothy was born in Dartmouth , Nova Scotia on January 18, 1915, apparently on a very cold and blistery winter evening just before midnight . She married my dad, Gaston on Dec. 21, 1945. She had 3 children Georda, Donald and Cynthia . She was employed with the Montreal Catholic School Commission and worked for 20 years, first as a substitute teacher and then school secretary. She worked at various schools and retired from St. Brendan's School in 1980. A beautiful retirement party was held for her at the Ritz Carlton Hotel , Montreal . She was alsoblessed with twin grandchildren, Don and Audrey, the year she retired on July 1980 and now has a great grandchild also an older grandchild, Angela and a younger grandchild Paul all by herson, Don. Dorothy retired in May ,1980 from the MCSC.

submitted by daughter, Cynthia Tyler

Christmas Luncheon

The Christmas Luncheon at Terre Mare was a huge success. There were 78 people in attendance. A total of \$ 265 was raised for Sun Youth in our half/half raffle and the tax receipt was won by Ruby Wood along with five monetary gifts won by those who purchased raffle tickets. Everyone had a great time.

HELPFUL HINTS & SAFETY TIPS

At the February meeting, I was approached by a QART member who gave me some very useful brochures for anyone in their family who has mobility, equilibrium or medical issues. The brochure includes a number of items which may be purchased in order to offer effective solutions for assistance, comfort and safety in daily activities. To learn more about these aids, please contact : ACTIVATE in Plaza Pointe Claire 285A Boul. St. Jean , Pointe Claire . 514 – 671-1234 . More details regarding a Home Assistance Program will be in the QART June Newsletter.

SEE YOU IN THE SPRING !