



## DECEMBER 2011 - NEWSLETTER

### Letter from your President

This is our final newsletter for 2011. Three cheers to our secretary par excellence Rita Vassallo for producing our newsletters for 2011. The newsletters were very informative and helped to keep us on track and on tasks.

The year's activities have been many and varied. Successes have been achieved, as the overall objective rating of all activities which were tabulated at the last executive meeting, was a resounding 80%.

Which activity was your favourite? It might have been the visit to the Bata Shoe Museum or the Cooking demonstration at the Marriot Courtyard Hotel or ..... The details of these activities will be a part of my report at the upcoming AGM in January 2012.

I am encouraging all members and potential members of the CSA to attend the AGM and bring new ideas for activities in 2012, especially that we will have to plan relevant activities to celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary during the year.

Thanks to all who have contributed to the successes for 2011. Special thanks goes to Gladys Sierra who served the Association as Treasurer for a number of years. Further gratitude goes to the members of the Association who graciously hosted events in their homes during the year. And last but not least thanks goes to the members of the executive who worked tirelessly to keep the association events interesting.

Lola Ramocan  
President

### Look back: Our November event - Cookie Exchange

Seven members were at Rita Vassallo's residence and shared their "prize" cookies. Recipes were exchanged and everyone left the house with bags of cookies to share with their loved ones. Rita also served a light lunch.

### Upcoming Events

*The Consular Corps Association of Toronto  
Festive Holiday Luncheon  
For Diplomats, Spouses & Guests*

*Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011*

*at*

*The National Club, 303 Bay Street  
Toronto, Ontario*

*Reception: 12:00 Noon*

*Lunch: 12:30p.m.*

*Cost: \$40.00 per person*

*Cheque payable to the Consular Corps Association*

*Deadline for booking: December 9<sup>th</sup>*

*RSVP to: Mr. Michael Martincek, [slovakconsulateto@gmail.com](mailto:slovakconsulateto@gmail.com)*

*or Mr. Milo Vassallo, [mvassallo@rogers.com](mailto:mvassallo@rogers.com)*

The Annual Festive Holiday luncheon is always a wonderful way to end the year and spend some time with other diplomats in the Holiday Season. The Board encourages you to accompany your spouse to this event, but feel free to attend on your own if you so wish. Please ensure to book before December 9th.

### **January 13th - Annual General Meeting**

You are encouraged to attend the Annual General Meeting in January to elect and/or re-elect our Board, to know what the Board will be doing for the Association in 2012 and to put forth your own ideas. We also need to renew our membership for 2012. Our interim Treasurer will be sending out renewal membership forms for your completion. Further details will be given to you in the January newsletter.

### **Nominations**

A nomination sheet is being attached to your newsletter to elect a Treasurer and a 2nd V.P. If you wish to nominate a member for this position, please complete and mail it back before December 31st, 2011

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### **Website**

Our website is updated monthly and it provides information for you as well as links to places of interest in Toronto. We encourage you to visit the site. The password for accessing the newsletter is :- consularspouses

<http://www.consularspouses.org>

### **RECIPE OF THE MONTH - Kelsa Smith Mouskourov (Bulgaria)**

#### **Dessert - Neiman Marcus Cookies (makes 36) - *Deliciously sinful !!!!***

1 ¼ cup oatmeal  
1 cup flour  
½ teaspoon baking soda  
½ teaspoon baking powder  
¼ teaspoon salt  
2 ounces Hershey or Milka Alpine Milk Chocolate Bar - (grated)

½ cup butter  
½ cup sugar  
½ cup brown sugar  
1 egg  
½ teaspoon vanilla

1 cup Chocolate chips  
1 cup nuts (pecans or almonds)

#### **Method:**

Blend oatmeal in a blender to a fine powder.  
Combine oatmeal, flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt in a medium sized bowl.  
Cream together butter, sugar and brown sugar in a large bowl and add eggs and vanilla. Mix well.  
Slowly add oatmeal mixture and mix until combined  
Add grated chocolate bar and mix with your hands until combined.  
Add chocolate chips and nuts and again mix with your hands until combined.  
Roll into balls and place two inches apart on a cookie sheet .  
Bake for 10 to 12 minutes at 375°.

Nominations for the position of **Treasurer**

I hereby nominate

\_\_\_\_\_ as  
Treasurer of the Consular Spouses Association Board  
for 2012

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Member: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please submit before December 31st, 2011***

Nominations for the position of **2nd Vice President**

I hereby nominate

\_\_\_\_\_ as  
2nd V.P. of the Consular Spouses Association Board  
for 2012

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Member: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please submit before December 31st, 2011***