



MARCH 2011 - NEWSLETTER

Welcoming letter from your President

It is with great pleasure that I extend warm greetings to the 2010 administration of the CSA of Toronto and congratulate you for carrying out the planned activities successfully in spite of the many challenges. I would also like to welcome newcomers and encourage them to join the Association and register as members.

Our membership is drawn from both career consular officers and honorary officers and I invite all to have an input and have active participation in the events for 2011. We are cognizant of the many challenges having to do with charitable and domestic issues for individual countries but the new administration is resolved to assist you in some of these efforts, help you to make new acquaintances, keep you engaged and for you to enjoy as well as explore Toronto and the Province of Ontario.

We are planning to bring the Association to another level of visibility with activities such as visits to places of interest, demonstration of skills, projects to assist the poor and vulnerable, closer and joint collaboration with the Consular Corps, social and fundraising events for you to bring along friends and family members as guests.

“Together, we can accomplish great things but we must not only act but dream, not only plan, but also believe.” (Anatole France)

Lola Ramocan
President

AGM held on March 3rd, 2011

The Annual General Meeting was held at the residence of our former President, Claire Dart. This event was very well attended and many discussions were held as shown in the detailed minutes sent to you earlier this month.

We wish to say thank you to Claire for hosting us at her residence and of course extend our heartfelt thanks for her leadership during her tenure as President.

Upcoming Events - Please keep these dates open

April 7th at 11:30 a.m. - Visit to Bruce's Mill Conservation Area - Maple Syrup Festival - Cost \$9.00 per person

Conveniently located off Highway 404, Bruce's Mill Conservation Area is a popular destination for residents of the City of Toronto and York Region. A guided tour is lead by an interpreter who will instruct us as to which trees make sap. We will also sample some of the maple syrup along the way

For those who need a ride we will meet at Fairview Mall (upper level by The Bay) at Don Mills and Sheppard at 10:40 a.m. to drive off at 10:45 a.m. Do dress for the farm with comfortable shoes.

Lunch can be bought there

Please contact Lola Ramocan at email: lola.ramocan@gmail.com

Please confirm your attendance before April 4th

May 5th - Demonstration of Art by Solange Escoteguy Cardoso

Our very own CSA member from Brazil, Solange has graciously offered to showcase her art at her residence. Details to follow in next month's newsletter.

Your executive committee has taken your suggestions from the AGM and are excited to organize and coordinate these events throughout the year. Your participation would be greatly appreciated.

New Executive members of the Board

President - Lola Ramocan
1st Vice President - Nigel Brown
2nd Vice President - Marisol Vega de Lashley
Treasurer - Gladys Sierra
Secretary - Rita Vassallo

Interest groups

We wish to encourage interest groups and would appreciate if anyone would be willing to take on the task of coordinating these groups
Book Group
Movie Group
Cooking Group
Walking Group - We are hoping to join Oakvalley Group.

New members

New members registered with the Association at our AGM
Mrs. Helen Martincek spouse of the Hon. Consul of Slovak Republic as well as Mrs. Itoua spouse of the Hon. Consul of Congo.

Website

We would like to advise you all that our website is being updated and that it should be up and running soon. As an executive committee we encourage you to log into our website to find out more of what is happening in our Association.

<http://www.consularspouses.org>

Your Board of Directors have volunteered to serve the Association and organize and coordinate our events for 2011. We wish to assure you that we will keep you informed and we plan to set up a welcoming committee to encourage new members to join our Association.

Rita Vassallo
Secretary

RECIPE OF THE MONTH - TAKEN FROM INTERNATIONAL CULINARY DELIGHTS - CSA MEMBERS 2005

Appetizer

CHEESE FONDUE (KASE FONDUE) -

350 grams Gruyere cheese, grated
350 grams Emmenthal cheese, grated
1 clove garlic
300 to 400 ml dry white wine
20 ml Kirsch brandy
10 to 20 grams cornstarch
Freshly ground pepper
Nutmeg to taste
600 grams white bread, cut in cubes.

Rub the inside of an earthenware fondue pot with the garlic. Pour in the white wine, bring it almost to a boil. Add the grated cheeses, stirring continually with a wooden spoon. When the mixture almost reaches the boiling point, stir in the cornstarch blended with the kirsch. Continue to stir, adding pepper and a little nutmeg. Transfer the pot to a spirit burner, which can be regulated. The fondue must be creamy, not too thick, but sufficient to coat the bread pieces well. Using a fondue-fork (heat resistant) dip the bread in the fondue and stir. The fondue should be kept at simmering point whilst eating.

Serve with dry white wine or black tea (without milk) and avoid drinking cold drinks for at least an hour after the meal.

Serves 4 persons.

**MONIQUE LEONCAVALLO
(SWITZERLAND)**