

The Good Life

Newsletter of the Southwestern Ontario Chapter of The CBC Pensioners National Association

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I personally was very happy to be finished with winter and looking forward to the sunny months ahead. Once again your Board has organized two (2) events for this summer's gathering. Our annual summer **BBQ is scheduled for Saturday, July 14; starting at 3:00 pm.** Once again Gabe and Linda have graciously opened their home for our gathering. **The address is 799 Valentino Drive, Belle River.** As usual we will provide the hamburgers, hotdogs, bottled water, soft drinks, coffee and tea. A dessert or pre-BBQ snack is always welcomed.



NOTE: Please notify us of any dietary restrictions.

RSVP (by email or telephone) to one of your Board members if you are planning to attend.

Directions From E.C. Row:

Take E.C. Row to the end of Belle River and turn left on #2 and follow the curve to the right and continue to Golf View Dr. and turn left. Drive 150 yds. to the lake and turn left on Valentino Dr. (4th house on right) Parking on left.

Note: To our Associate members who will be attending the BBQ, the 2018 dues of \$25 can be paid then.



IT IS OUR 4th annual Essex County Wine Tour on Saturday, August 25, with the Caboto Club Wine Tours. The bus (**air-conditioned!**) will leave the Caboto Club at 10:15 AM and we will visit 4 wineries in this order: **tasting-Pelee Island Winery; tasting & lunch-Muscedere Vineyards; tasting-Cooper's Hawk Vineyards and final tasting-Vivace Estate Winery.** There will be 3 to 4 tastings at each winery and

we will have raffle prizes drawn on the bus between each winery trip. Returning to the Caboto Club around 5:30pm. At the end of the day, a table has been reserved back at the Caboto Club to accommodate our entire group, should any or all wish to stay for a thin crust pizza dinner.

Cost is \$35/SWO Member Chapter and a guest. Non-Members are \$65/person.

We will follow past practice so 'first booked, first reserved!' Plan to book yourself, spouse and friends early by contacting any of your Board members.

NOTE: FOR OUR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, 2018 DUES SHOULD BE PAID AT THE BBQ!

PLEASE WELCOME:

****Barbara Peacock and Kim Kristy, our two newest PNA/SWO members!****

JUST A FEW OF OUR CHRISTMAS 2017-PHOTOS



To view the entire collection of photos of our past Christmas Party and other events on Facebook, copy or paste this link: https://www.facebook.com/SWOChapterCBCPensioners/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

Good food, good conversation and seeing old friends again brought the Christmas spirit to the retirees' dinner at the Caboto Club on December 2nd, 2017. Close to 100 people attended this year's party. Some travelled from as far away as the Golden Horseshoe. And thanks to a gesture by the Ontario Region of the CBC Pensioner's Association, even non-members were able to attend. That's because the association combined this year's membership drive with the party so it was free for everyone who attended whether or not they intended to join the association. Southwestern Ontario Chapter president Gino Piazza pulled double duty as master of ceremonies and updating the members on local activities this year and what's planned for next year. Then Ontario Regional President of the CBC Pensioner's National Association Gerry Head reported on what's available to members through the CBC Employees Assistance Program and gave a brief update on the Federal Government's Bill C-27 and it's the proposed amendments to the Pension Benefits Standards Act which is currently on hold. Gerard Malo also acknowledged the retired members of Radio Canada in attendance. With association business out of way it was time for food, drink and good cheer. Door prizes and 50/50 draws were drawn throughout the evening along with the "mystery prize" which was finally revealed: a four nights stay in a 4 hotel of your choosing in Florida. Our thanks to the Caboto Club for their usual wonderful dinner and stellar service! Looking forward in seeing all throughout the year at our other events! – Rob Miller*

Please note: The following who contributed prizes for the 2017 Christmas Party: Amica at Windsor, Belleview Golf Club, Giovanni Caboto Club, Home Instead Senior Care, Honey Bee Ham, La Salle Travel-Tina Gray, Manny & Elizabeth Pacheco, Motor City Community Credit Union, On The Water Miniature Golf, The Cheese Bar and Willow Creek Golf Club

On behalf of the SWO Chapter of the CBC Pensioners' Association thank you all:
Gino Piazza, Sandy Tymczak, Jackie Kervoelen-Cheslea, Gerry Goulet and Manny Pacheco

Calendar Alert: 2018 Christmas Party – Saturday, December 1.