

The Good Life

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

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***OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
PARTY*
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1**



After two very successful summer events, September 22 marks the first day of Fall. It's also that time of the year where your Board finalized the plans for our last social gathering of the 2018-year. Our annual Christmas party will be held once again at the Giovanni Caboto Club. Doors and bar opens at 4:00pm and dinner will be served at 5:30pm. **(SHARP!)** Santa has guaranteed us a good choice of door prizes and we were able to once again put together a surprise raffle!

Please Note:

If you are attending, we need you to confirm by Friday, November 20, 2018. This will ensure that we will have enough seating, so please mark your calendar and reserve early!

To reserve: please contact any of your Board members listed above.

The menu: *Antipasto Italiano & Bruschetta, Penne with Meat or Blush Sauce, Roast Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Tossed Salad with Radicchio in a Bread Bowl, Bread Rolls, Italian Pastry, Coffee and Tea*

****Drinks available at the Cash Bar****

***Also: Please let us know of any dietary restrictions/special! ***

NOTE: For all our Associate Members (if you have not paid) you can pay your 2018 dues at the Christmas Party!

Along with Barbara Peacock and Kim Kristy that became members earlier this year,
Please welcome our newest member Neil Cornwall!

The BBQ: Alas, as our members' thousands of years of collective experience can confirm, all things change.



This includes those we wish could endure. So first, the not-so-great news: the "Villa on Valentino Drive" is no longer available for us to enjoy. Gabe and Linda say new owners have assumed the concerns of climate change — the worries about the mood changes of the lake. We cannot begin to thank them enough for sharing their home with us these past years. The 2018

barbecue was one to remember. About 40 old friends gathered from near and far to break bread and tell stories again. We saw some of the "usual suspects", and were surprised and delighted to encounter people we haven't seen in many years. Somehow the years fell away, hearts grew lighter, eyes shone, laughter echoed. The weather also cooperated - and many guests were reluctant to finally drift off home - later than they usually might from an afternoon gathering. It is hard to overestimate the lasting joy such fellowship can bring - the affirmation of how fortunate we all have been. As for the future - it should not surprise any members to learn that your outstanding team is working through the options - and will soon have positive announcements about the venue for the 2019 event. **Cheers, Tom Aubin**



The Wine Tour: On Saturday August 25th, members and guests of the Southwestern Ontario chapter of the CBC Pensioners Association held our 4th annual wine tour. While it was an unusually rainy gray day, it was perfect weather for tasting some of Canada's great wines. Wine has been commercially made in the Essex County area since the 1860's. Perhaps it our latitude, our soil, or the breeze off the lake, we have access to almost twenty different wineries here. Our popular (two buses) wine tour, organized by the chapter and their friend from the Caboto Club, Alessandro Sorrentino. Four wineries were on the itinerary for the day Sprucewood, Muscedere, Coopers Hawk and Versace. First stop was Sprucewood Shores Estate Winery. It's a 35-acre winery producing Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and other varieties. The tour and tasting included a visit to the barrel room. Outside the stone winery, we learned the importance of bird control with the osprey platforms they built in the vineyard. Next was Muscedere Vineyards, a family run 15-year-old operation on 163 acres, and Muscedere grows 12 different varieties of grapes for its wines. Famous for its wine and outdoor pizza oven, it's where our group stopped for a relaxing lunch. Complete with a visit from the vineyard goat. Coopers Hawk Vineyards near Harrow was our third stop for the wine tour. This vineyard creates twenty-two different wines. The off- the -beaten path winery is one of the most interesting facilities in the area, with a commanding view of the vineyards. You can probably spot a hawk flying above the vineyards. They do a good job keeping other birds away from the growing grapes. Vivace Estate Winery Amherstburg was our final stop. It was the former D'Angelo Winery. So you know their wines come from a great lineage. Although it was the smallest winery we visited it also had the most packed tasting room. We gathered up our purchases and got back on board our buses for the trip back to where all the fun began in Windsor. With all of us CBC Pensioners reminiscing and getting caught up on our after CBC lives, I'm sure a good time was had by all. **Until next year, Dan Kennedy.**



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Kenneth Laing – February 15, 2018
Gérald F. Papineau – March 4, 2018

