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SAVE THE DATE!
October 12 - 13 2012
Register by Sept. 12!

The Link is the official newsletter of the National Newcomers' Council of Canada. It is published three times a year and is distributed electronically to all registered Newcomer Clubs across Canada. Please contact the editor regarding deadlines and content republication.

2012 AGM – Host Club Announcement!

National Newcomers Council of Canada is thrilled to announce the host club for the 35th Annual General Meeting: Burlington Alumnae! This club has graciously accepted our very last minute request to organize this event and we are greatly appreciative of their generosity.

The date for the 2012 AGM will be October 12-13 with a registration deadline of September 12. The registration fee will be \$55 and will include the Friday Night Social for out of town delegates, breakfast on Saturday and all breaks. We look forward to working with the Burlington Newcomers & Burlington Alumnae Organizing Committee and will bring you updates and news as it happens! More information will be posted on our website! An AGM registration page can be found at the back of this newsletter.

Burlington, Ontario!



Located on the north-west shore of Lake Ontario, the beautiful and vibrant City of Burlington is one of many communities that make up the Golden Horseshoe on the Niagara Peninsula in southern Ontario, Canada. With a population of over 164,000, Burlington is one of four municipalities that make up the Regional Municipality of Halton. Burlington is conveniently located at the western end of the Greater Toronto area, and is just an hour north of the USA border.

NNCC Executive News

It is our pleasure to introduce your new Executive for the 2011-12 year, as elected at the Calgary AGM: President Adele DuPlessis; Past President Suzanne Brett Welsh; Registrar/Treasurer Rose Rohaly (subsequently resigned with regrets); Secretary Lisa Mina; Eastern Liaison Beryl Keilty; Central Liaison Reina Vipond; Western Liaison Irene Nevill (subsequently resigned with regrets); Alumni Representative Pearl Franko; Member-at-Large Bonnie Barber; Newsletter Editor Abigail Speltz (subsequently resigned with regrets); and Web Site Editor Verna Dennis.

We thank Irene, Rose and Abigail for stepping forward and offering assistance to National. Personal obligations and situations made it difficult for them to continue in their positions. They will be missed. In particular, Irene Nevill made a tremendous contribution to National as our Western Liaison for the past 2 years. Western clubs will undoubtedly miss her monthly updates and National will miss her tremendous energy and willingness to help the council have a stronger presence in the Western region. If you are interested in helping National out in any of these three positions, please contact Adele at president@nationalnewcomerscouncil.ca Please contact any of the executive with questions, comments or concerns via friends@newcomersclubcanada.com or their individual emails.

Greetings from Sarnia



Adele Du Plessis
President

Wishing our members a year filled with peace, love and happiness ... cannot believe that the year is already in February!

Sometimes we wonder what life is about, pretty much as we wonder what the National Newcomers Council of Canada (NNCC) is about. **NNCC is what each and every one of us makes of it.**

- + NNCC can be seen as a guiding body, a place to go to for advice and guidance.
- + NNCC can be seen as the wonderful provider of insurance, making our lives more peaceful and less worrisome.
- + NNCC most definitely organizes the greatest annual party where we get to meet fellow Newcomers, friends old and new, where we learn about the daily running of our clubs and where we find a wealth of knowledge and experience shared. Of course I am talking about the AGM, and if you have not yet attended an AGM, this year is your opportunity to do so. Burlington Newcomers Alumni is hosting our AGM in October and we hope to see you there! Enough of being a party pooper ... put on your fancy shoes and a smile ... I look forward to seeing you there. Let's see, shall we wear red shoes and take up the challenge to attend the AGM in Burlington?? I have a pair of red boots, so I am ready to go ;-)
- + Then of course, most important, NNCC is about friendship, long-lasting and brand new with an open-arm welcome. How easy it is to make friends, how effortless it is to give and to share when "Friendship is born at that moment when one person says to another: "What! You too? I thought I was the only one." (C.S. Lewis).

Please see the need for executive members as mentioned on the cover page. For those clubs that have not yet renewed, it is never too late - honestly, it is never too late. How can we shun a dear friend and how can we forget, therefore, for those clubs that have not yet renewed, or that decided not to renew, please reconsider. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very special thanks to NNCC's Executive for their hard work, for giving of themselves and for making themselves available to the members. We are taking their contributions and sacrifices for granted, and please know that it is not because we do not care, it is because they are doing so well.

Thanks again!

Warmest regards, see you in Burlington!!

The purpose of the National Newcomers Council is to act as an advisory body, facilitate the exchange of ideas between clubs, promote and/or publicize newcomer organizations....



Host Clubs for 2013 and 2014!

Host Clubs for National Newcomers Council AGMs are set for the next few years! Ottawa Newcomers Club (with the support of Ottawa Alumni) has offered to host 2013 and Truro & Area Alumni (with the support of its Newcomers Club) has offered to host 2014! We are having early discussions to perhaps bring the AGM back west for 2015 - with the help of one of our Vancouver Clubs! Hosting is a lot of fun - we give you lots of help - and your club gets the chance to showcase its beautiful town or city. If your club would like more information please contact

Adele via president@nationalnewcomerscouncil.ca



Suzanne Brett Welsh
Past President,
NNCC

Greetings from Calgary

This year is flying by. Before we know it October will be here and with it the next **Annual General Meeting** for National the weekend of **October 12/13**. Plans are well underway, and you will find a registration form near the back of this newsletter.

We will be seeking a few **new executive at the AGM**—please consider volunteering in this capacity. It is a pretty fantastic way to meet fellow Newcomers from across Canada and connect you and your club with National and all that it does.

We hope your club has found the many things National does in terms of general support and information (through your regional representatives as well as The Link) and the new (affordable!) club insurance program, helpful and relevant. We are constantly looking for ways to connect with Clubs and do more for you, and recently offered **regional teleconferencing with club Presidents** as a way for club executives to “meet” and discuss any issues their clubs may be facing. This teleconference was such a wonderful way to connect with clubs from coast to coast that Adele will be offering it again in early March.

I would like to extend a quick welcome to our newest club -**the Victoria Newcomers Club for Men!** It is lovely to have you join the National Newcomers Council family of clubs.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns—I love to hear from you. I look forward to seeing as many of our clubs as possible at the October AGM - the Burlington Newcomers & Alumnae are ready to welcome you!

NNCC
2012
Annual
General
Meeting
Burlington,
Ontario!
October
12-13, 2012

DID YOU KNOW?

The NNCC Friendship Pin was a Millennium Project for the National Newcomers Council of Canada. We have recently added to this offering with the Alumni/Alumnae Pin. A similar pin which is distinguished by a plaque denoting Alumni or Alumnae (this can be changed to suit the individual order or can be ordered by a club to reflect its name). Many thanks to Lise Marvell of the Cornwall Alumnae Club for conceptualizing and bringing this idea to National!

These pins are manufactured in Canada by Bond Boyd, making jewelry for over 60 years; lifetime guarantee, are made of bronze and plated with 25K brushed gold - guaranteed not to tarnish - and are 1.5" wide. The regular Friendship pins are sold for \$20 at the AGM or \$25 including shipping & handling to any address across Canada. The Alumni/Alumnae Pins are also available at the AGM for a price of \$27 or by mail for \$32. Order forms are online at www.nationalnewcomerscouncil.ca. Please remember to stipulate if you are ordering “Alumnae” or “Alumni” pins. Thanks!



NATIONAL NEWCOMERS COUNCIL OF CANADA

STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENSES

Year ending November 30, 2011

Membership Registration	\$2,567.07	
Pin Deposit	\$250.00	
TOTAL REVENUE		\$2,817.07
AGM Printing	\$378.59	
AGM Travel	\$2,400.00	
Bank Charge	\$48.74	
Pin Purchase	\$804.30	
Postage	\$31.75	
Telephone	\$59.17	
Web Hosting Renewal	\$144.79	
Insurance	\$226.00	
Misc	\$63.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$4,156.34
Net Income (Revenue - Expenses)	-\$1,339.27	
Opening Balance		\$3,440.29
CLOSING BALANCE (Opening + Net Income)	\$2,101.02	

Greetings from Vancouver

February inevitably ushers in thoughts of love, roses, chocolates and cupids. However, I'd like to leave you with a poem by Dinah Maria Mulock Craik, which reflects the love we find with good friends. Such as those we've found at Newcomers.



FRIENDSHIP

Oh, the comfort –the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person,
 Having neither to weigh thoughts,
 Nor measure words-but pouring them
 All right out-just as they are-
 Chaff and grain together-
 Certain that a faithful hand will
 Take and sift them-
 Keep what is worth keeping-
 And with the breath of kindness
 Blow the rest away.

And how about another easy recipe for a cold morning!

"Land of Nod" Cinnamon Buns from the ACES Best of Bridge series.

20 frozen dough rolls, 1 cup of brown sugar, ¼ cup vanilla instant pudding, 1/2 TBSP Cinnamon, ¾ cup raisins or nuts (optional), ¼ -1/2 cup melted butter

Before you put the cat out and turn off the lights, grease a 10" bundt pan and add frozen rolls. Sprinkle with brown sugar, pudding powder, cinnamon and/or nuts or raisins. Pour melted butter over all. Cover with a clean damp cloth and leave at room temperature overnight. In the morning, preheat oven to 350 and bake for 25 minutes. Let sit for 5 minutes and turn out on a serving dish. Now aren't you clever?

Hope you like them.

Pearl Franko, Alumnae Liaison

Greetings from Truro

I've been involved with Newcomers for many years, living in cities from East to West, retiring in Truro, Nova Scotia to be close to our families. I have attended every Annual National Meeting since 1996 and had a wonderful time in Calgary in September past, celebrating the 50th Anniversary. I would like to say a big "Thank You" to the Calgary "Cow Girls" for a great convention. At present, I am the Secretary of our Truro and Area Newcomers Alumnae and we have a very active group. I enjoy hearing from the Newcomers Clubs in the Atlantic Provinces and reading about other clubs in the "LINK". I am also hoping that someone in the Atlantic area would come forward and take my job! It's an easy one but after 16 years I feel someone else should have the opportunity to join our wonderful National Executive. The Eastern Liaison lives in the Atlantic area (Nova Scotia, New Brunswick PEI or Newfoundland) and maintains liaison between Council and member clubs in Eastern Canada, and provides input and votes on policies. Please contact me if you have any questions

In Friendship, Beryl Keilty - Eastern Liaison



THE VALUE OF A SMILE

It costs nothing, but creates much. It enriches those who receive without impoverishing those who give. It happens in a flash but the memory of it lasts forever. None are so rich that they can get along without it, and none so poor that they have none to give. It creates happiness at home, fosters good will at work and it is the insignia of friendship. It is daylight to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad and nature's antidote to trouble. It cannot be bought, borrowed or stolen. It is of no earthly good to anyone unless it is freely given.

In the course of a day, if someone is too tired to give you a smile, why don't you give them one of yours? Nobody needs a smile as much as one that has none left to give.



Greetings from Mississauga

Hi everyone,

Please send your club items of interest (stories, milestones, photos, etc) to me for posting on our web site. And please do enter our Annual Photo & a Story Contest 2012. Our theme this year is Newcomers' Fun. It's your opportunity to show the rest of the country how much fun you have in your club. Let's share our best fun ideas! 2012 Photo and Story will be published in our Newsletter "The LINK" and on our web site.

Photo & Story Contest Topic: *Newcomers Fun* ...

Contest Rules: The winning Newcomers' /Alumni Club will receive a complementary Friendship Pin to be awarded at your September General Meeting to the member who submitted the photo/story. Contest deadline - in time for our AGM Newsletter "[The LINK](#)" July 1st, 2012. Please send your Club's story and photo (with .jpg attachment) by email to web@nationalnewcomerscouncil.ca.

Or to our Newsletter Editor at newsletter@nationalnewcomerscouncil.ca

Verna Dennis, NNCC Web Editor



National Newcomers Council of Canada

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friends@nationalnewcomerscouncil.ca

History of the National Newcomers' Council of Canada

In May 1978, the National Newcomers' Council of Canada (the "Council") was formed. Its aims are:

- (a) to act as an advisory body to member clubs;
- (b) to provide an up-to-date Register of paid-up member Newcomers clubs and their Alumnae clubs;
- (c) to facilitate the exchange of ideas between clubs;
- (d) to promote and/or publicize Newcomers organizations; and
- (e) to supply information and assistance to people wishing to establish a Newcomers or Alumnae club.

The **National Newcomers' Council of Canada** is not a governing body. Each Newcomers Club is self-administered with its own By-Laws and the Council does not interfere with the running of these clubs. The Council shall supply information, guidelines and advice as requested by interested individuals or clubs. For more information, check out our website:
www.nationalnewcomerscouncil.ca.



We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.nationalnewcomerscouncil.ca

NNCC Call for Nominations

As per the bylaws of the National Newcomers Council of Canada, the current executive is permitted to stay in their positions for a one year term. At the 2012 AGM in Burlington a new slate of executives will be elected by the attending membership.

We would like to invite our members from across Canada to consider serving on this wonderful council in any number of ways: as newsletter or web editor; as a regional liaison; as secretary; or as registrar/treasurer. The only restrictions are related to those representatives of certain regions (the representative member should reside in the related region).

It is not a requirement to be able to attend the AGM (although it is a great time to meet and get to know each other a bit) and teleconferencing has replaced face-to-face Executive meetings. Computer access or skill is recommended but not essential unless you are newsletter editor or web editor. If you would like more information about these positions please feel free to contact President Adele DuPlessis (president@nationalnewcomerscouncil.ca).

GOODBYE AND THANK YOU

Friends, Newcomers, and Alumni in the West - greetings!

I regret that, due to pressure of other commitments, I am taking "early retirement" from my role as Western Liaison. The past two years have been great fun and it has been a pleasure getting to know our Region and its Newcomers and Alumni/Alumnae clubs as well as being your representative on National. I have met some wonderful individuals, too. I wish you and your clubs all the best for the future and I thank you for your great support during the past two years. Maybe we will meet again in the future. If you need to get in touch with National, please visit the NNCC website (www.nationalnewcomerscouncil.ca) and follow the "Contact Us" link.

Once again, goodbye and thank you.

Irene Nevill



AGM REGISTRATION FORM
NATIONAL NEWCOMERS' COUNCIL OF CANADA
35th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, October 13th, 2012 **BURLINGTON ON**

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone (c): _____ (t) _____

Email is required for e-ticket distribution and information and update distribution – if you do not have email please provide an alternate contact for this purpose. Mail distribution will not be possible.

Name of your Club _____

Executive Position (if applicable): _____

AGM REGISTRATION FEE: \$55.00 (includes Friday Night Reception, Continental Breakfast, Breaks & Lunch on Saturday). Please register early as tickets are limited. **Registration deadline is September 12, 2012** (see below for early bird incentives). Note: **Before September 1**, registration fees are **transferable or refundable less a \$5 processing/admin fee**. **After September 1**, registration fees are **100% non-refundable, but are transferable**. An "early early bird" prize of a NNCC pin will be drawn for delegates registered by August 15th. An "early bird" prize of a NNCC AGM 2013 registration will be drawn at the meeting from all who registered by August 30th.

FRIDAY EVENING WELCOME RECEPTION, October 12 starting at 7:00 p.m. (Welcome Reception – extensive menu). Hosted by the Burlington Newcomers & Burlington Alumnae AGM Planning Committee to welcome NNCC Executive and member delegates and their guests, at the Observatory at Discovery Landing at Spencer Smith Park situated on Lake Ontario. AGM attendees have the Friday reception fee included in their AGM fee (non-alcoholic plus 1 alcoholic beverage included).

Will attend? Yes No

SATURDAY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

October 13, 2012 starting at 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Holiday Inn Burlington Hotel. Includes breakfast, lunch and 2 breaks. **Luncheon Menu** is comprehensive and has been chosen to accommodate any vegetarian requirements.

Any specific dietary concerns? _____

ACCOMMODATION – HOTEL OR BILLETING

HOTEL: Rooms have been "set aside" in the name of **Burlington Newcomers & Alumnae** at the **Holiday Inn Burlington (3063 South Service Road, Burlington)**. Each room has 2 Queen size beds and cost is **\$120.00** per night, double occupancy plus tax. In-room internet access included. We have a limited number of rooms set aside for Friday October 12; reservations must be made by **September 12, 2012**. Use the following code to ensure proper rate: **1028434**. Call: 1-888-639-4443.

BILLETING

Do you wish to be billeted? Yes No **If yes** – Please answer the following questions:

Do you wish to share a room? Yes No If yes, with whom _____

Arrival date and time: _____ Smoker: Yes No

Allergies: (specify – pet, etc.) _____

ARE YOU CARPOOLING? Yes No

If so, names of carpooling members: _____

Carpool contact person: Email _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON

Name: _____

Phone: _____

If you have any questions, please email Suzanne Brett Welsh at sbwelsh@ucalgary.ca call at 403-836-5631. Please complete form before **August 30th** (for early bird draw) or **September 12** (end of registration), enclose your cheque for **total fees** made payable to **National Newcomers Council of Canada** and mail to:

Suzanne Brett Welsh
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