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Connecting Canada's Newcomers from Coast to Coast

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

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2012 AGM – See you in Burlington!

National Newcomers Council of Canada is thrilled to announce the host club for the 35th Annual General Meeting: Burlington Alumnae and Burlington Newcomers will co-host the 2012 AGM!

The date for the 2012 AGM will be October 12-13 with a registration deadline of September 12 (early bird incentives for August 15 and August 30!). 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 on page 7 of this newsletter. A tentative agenda is on page 8.

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.



Annual General Meeting 2012 ~ Club Success!

The 35th Annual General Meeting for National Newcomers Council of Canada is being held October 12 and 13 in lovely Burlington, Ontario. Your NNCC executive have been working hard creating a dynamic agenda with something for all clubs to look forward to, with take home ideas and solutions. A tentative agenda can be found on page 8. Summaries of the workshops are included here!

Workshop 1 ~ Club Governance

The first workshop of the day will focus on Club Bylaws/Operating Procedures, Insurance questions, Committee Structures, Incorporation and any other club governance questions or issues that are brought forward. It is important to note that while NNCC does not require Clubs to have any of the above, many clubs do look to NNCC for guidance in these matters. Clubs will be given template documents to take back with them to their executives.

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Greetings from Sarnia



Adele Du Plessis
President, NNCC

Summer is fast approaching, and so is our AGM. Time has a way of being our best friend and our worst enemy and before we know it, time has slipped away from us.

Our AGM in Burlington is going to be a great experience with a new format for the events of the day, providing valuable information to take home to our respective clubs and members. Please do your utmost to attend and of course register and make your hotel reservation at your earliest convenience. Reminder of my red shoes challenge, wear your red shoes to the AGM and the best pair of shoes will win a prize.

It is time for the renewal of our clubs' membership and insurance.

Congratulations to Nanaimo 21st Century Newcomers Alumni, our first club to renew their membership and insurance for 2012-2013.

As you know, NNCC is not a profit making organization; on the contrary, we try to keep our membership fees as low as possible, thereby making it feasible for our smaller clubs to be able to afford NNCC's membership and insurance. The AGM's are an essential tool to encouraging our clubs to develop and grow, to meet other members and most important to build long-lasting friendships, and even though the hosting club raises funds and contributes towards the cost of the event, NNCC do have costs and these cost are covered by membership fees. Your membership fees make the financial survival of NNCC possible and we thank you for contributing to the continued success and growth of NNCC.

Newcomers is about friendship, about growth and discovery as described by Anaïs Nin: "Each friend represents a world in us, a world possibly not born until they arrive, and it is only by this meeting that a new world is born." – Anaïs Nin, *The Diary of Anaïs Nin*, Vol. 1: 1931-1934

Wishing you a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you in October at our AGM in Burlington!



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

See page 7
for AGM
registration form!
AGM Agenda is on
page 8.
Please share with
all members!

AGM 2012 ~ Club Success *continued from page 1*

Workshop 2.a ~ Club Success & Growth

Building on a strong club foundation, through some of the mechanisms discussed in Workshop 1, Workshop 2.a will use a round table discussion to facilitate multi-club input around methods and opportunities for club success and growth. Social media and other advertising options will also be discussed. Tables will then present to the others and a broader group discussion will take place.

Workshop 2.b ~ Club Fun!

Successful club activities, monthly get togethers and other recreational and social opportunities are the reasons why members participate and stay with a club. What activities are enjoyed by other clubs and could be brought to your club. A summary sheet of club activities will be provided to delegates as a way to help bring new ideas back to home clubs and their executives!

Throughout the day, the over-riding theme of Club Success will prevail and we hope that by participating in these small and large group workshops, delegates will bring home inspirational ideas and practical solutions which will help their clubs stay healthy and happy!



Suzanne Brett Welsh
Past President,
NNCC



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....

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 sometime soon.

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!

Club Membership Reminders!

Club membership renewals are due June 30! Forms are included in this newsletter on pages 9-10. Dues are the same rate as last year. If your club has signed up for insurance in past years, The Co-Operators will send you the insurance premiums separately. Clubs just joining our insurance program need to send premiums to NNCC directly.

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!



Greetings from Vancouver



Creativity having abandoned me I'm sharing some direct quotations from a couple of pages from the fascinating novel I'm reading at the moment by David McCullough, The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris. I hope you enjoy them.

In the spring of 1853 Harriet Beecher Stowe having completed the new novel *Uncle Tom's Cabin* sought anonymity by travelling abroad. "The book had caused the greatest stir of anything published in America since Thomas Paine's *Common Sense*." (page 211). She was able to move about Paris unknown. She described herself as a little bit of a woman, about as thin as a pinch of snuff, never much to look at in my best days. She loved Paris and spent hours at the Louvre. Her whole being was "seized and controlled" by the painting *Raft of the Medusa* by Theodore Gericault showing the tragic victims of an 1816 disaster at sea.

She wrote: " I gazed until all surrounding objects disappeared, and I was alone in the wide Atlantic. Those transparent emerald waves are no fiction. They leap madly hungering for their prey. That distended sail is filled with the lurid air. The dead man's foot hangs off in the seething brine a stark reality. What a fixed gaze of despair in that father's stony eye! " (page 217).

It is a terrific book and well worth reading! I hope your spring is lovely and flowers grow in abandon.

Pearl Franko, Alumnae Liaison

Tell Your Newcomer Story!

We often hear the make or break stories of newcomer members - how finding their local Newcomers club was a life saving event - how the friends made and experiences had were fundamental to their lives. It is these stories that help National and the local Clubs stay focused and tuned to the needs of their members - please put your story in writing to share at the October national meeting in Burlington! The stories can be mailed to sbwelsh@ucalgary.ca for compilation.

Or plan to attend the National Meeting and be a part of the special session where delegates share these moments with others. We feel strongly that these shared stories will inspire many and help us all in our journey as Newcomers members and executives. Please encourage your members to tell their stories with your club and with National - it is a common thread that connects us all.

Greetings from Truro

Greetings from the Atlantic Provinces. What a great time of the year to visit the Atlantic Provinces, so much to do and see. At the present time, you could enjoy Lobsters, Fiddleheads and soon pick Strawberries. Our Truro alumnae group is very busy planning our annual Wine and Cheese party where we entertain the Newcomers Club. In June, the Newcomers Club is planning a "ROYAL JUBILEE TEA " and the Alumnae is invited. I am sure the girls will be wearing their Fascinators. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the annual meeting in Burlington. Have a wonderful Summer.



In Friendship, Beryl Keilty - Eastern Liaison

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 Alumnae) has offered to host 2013 and Truro & Area Alumnae (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

Reaching Out ~ making new friends

Recently National heard about a Newcomer club extending temporary membership to a sister club member who was visiting for just a short period of time (a couple of months or so). No membership fee was charged, and the temporary member was allowed to participate freely in the club activities and events. What a lovely gesture and one that will surely pay itself forward as the temporary member shares her wonderful experience with others! Perhaps this is something for other clubs to consider as a way of expanding their reach and extending their friendship base! It certainly sounds like it was a wonderful experience for both the visitor and the host club.

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 ...*

Thank you to Janet Grunsten and the Winnipeg Alumni for the lovely photos - Newcomers Fun - Royal Wedding Celebration for our Photo and a Story Contest. These photos will be posted on our web site soon.

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 toweb@nationalnewcomerscouncil.ca. Or to our Newsletter Editor at newsletter@nationalnewcomerscouncil.ca

Verna Dennis, NNCC Web Editor

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National Newcomers Council of Canada

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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). You can see job descriptions at www.nationalnewcomerscouncil.ca.



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 and receipt 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. NNCC executive will assist with transportation to / from the host hotel for this event.

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 (NO BILLETING OPTION THIS YEAR)

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.

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
35 Valley Creek Cres NW Calgary, AB T3B 5V2

National Newcomers' Council of Canada Conference & AGM

Tentative Agenda

October 13, 2012

Holiday Inn Downtown, Burlington, ON

8:00 Registration & Hospitality

8:15 Presidents' Meeting ~ Hosted by Suzanne Brett Welsh, NNCC Past President

Newsletter Editors' Meeting ~ Hosted by Lisa Mina, NNCC Secretary

9:15 **Opening Welcome** ~ President of Burlington Alumnae, President of Burlington Newcomers; President of NNCC; other greetings?

9:30 **Ice Breaker** ~ Verna Dennis ~

9:45 **Taters Skit** ~ Beryl Keilty

10:00 **Coffee Break & Share your Story (how did Newcomers help you?)**

10:30 **Business Meeting & Elections**

~ Adele DuPlesis ~

11:15 **Workshop Session 1** ~ Main Room

~ Club Basics: Bylaws, Operating Procedures and Insurance ~

12:00 **Lunch & Networking**

1:15 **Workshop Session 2.a** ~ Main Room – round table discussions

How Does Your Garden Grow ~ Club Success and Survival

2:00 **Coffee Break & Networking**

2:15 **Workshop Session 2.b** ~ Main Room – round table discussions

How Does Your Garden Grow ~ Club Fun

3:00 **Entertainment**

3:45 **Afternoon Business Wrap-up**

~ Introduction of NNCC Executive for 2012-2013

~ Announcement of Host City for 2013 ~ 2013 AGM Early Registration Draw ~

~ Door Prizes and 50/50 draws

4:00 **Adjournment**

**NATIONAL NEWCOMERS' COUNCIL OF CANADA
APPLICATION FOR COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP
NEW OR RENEWAL**

2012 - 2013

Club Name _____

Please check one

New (welcome new friends) ***Associate** membership
Renewal (welcome back old friends) **Updating** of records only

*Please include an email address for each contact as this is how
NNCC communicates with its member clubs.*

PRESIDENT (Contact 1)

Name _____

Area Code-Phone No _____ E-mail _____

MEMBERSHIP or OTHER – please indicate position: _____ (Contact 2)

Name _____

Area Code-Phone No _____ E-mail _____

NEWSLETTER or OTHER – please indicate position: _____ (Contact 3)

Name _____

Area Code-Phone No _____ E-mail _____

Club Website _____

Club E-Mail Address _____

Year Founded _____ **Membership # at Year End** _____

ANNUAL DUES – no change in fee structure for 2012-13

Up to 25 members.....\$20.00	126 to 200 members\$70.00	Associate members*\$ 5.00
26 to 50 members.....\$40.00	201 to 300 members\$80.00	Dues Enclosed \$ _____
51 to 125 members ...\$60.00	301+ members.....\$90.00	Please remit by June 30, 2012

*An Associate membership is open to any person whose term with a Newcomer Club has expired and there is no Alumnae group, or to a person who was affiliated with a Newcomers Club and moves to a place where there is no Newcomers Club available.

Web-Site Publication Permission is IMPLIED with submission of this form (not including email addresses). If you do not want your club and executive contact information published please indicate by signing below.

***Permission is **NOT GRANTED** to publish club and executive contact information on the NNCC website.**

Name _____ Position _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please provide contact information for any other Newcomers'/Alumni Club in your area

Club _____ Contact _____

If you know of anyone in your Club who would be willing to serve on the National Council, please provide name and contact information:

Cheques are payable to **National Newcomers Council of Canada**. Mail to National Newcomers Council of Canada:

Adèle DuPlessis Registrar/Treasurer, 261 London Road, Sarnia, ON N7T 4V9 (Phone: 519-491-9541). Email: registrar-treasurer@nationalnewcomerscouncil.ca.

**Please see page 2 for optional liability & blanket accident insurance for member clubs.
Only for clubs not in the insurance program already.**

**Fill this out only if your club is applying for insurance for the first time.
Clubs who are renewing will receive an invoice from The Co-Operators directly.**

Club Name:	
Number of Members:	Incorporated (not required for GLI OR BAI): No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
OPTIONAL INSURANCE OFFERED through the NNCC, underwritten by The Co-Operators.	
NEW – General Liability Insurance Option: \$32 + \$0.25 * number of members = _____	
NEW – Blanket Accident Insurance Option: \$0.25 * number of members = _____	
NEW – Directors & Officers Insurance Option – please contact Co-Operators Insurance Co directly.	
Insurance premium \$ _____	
Plus PST/HST \$ _____ <i>please add PST or HST at your provincial rate (AB exempt)</i>	
Total insurance premium enclosed rounded to the nearest dollar: \$ _____	
<i>The remittance of the above insurance premium indicates agreement with the policy as written by the Cooperators Insurance Company, with coverage for General Liability and/or Blanket Accident. Policy will be in effect July 1, 2012 thru June 30, 2013.</i>	
Name _____	Date: _____
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Title: _____	Signature _____
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