

The Link FALL EDITION

Connecting Canada's Newcomers from Coast to Coast

2013 AGM ~ Ottawa, Ontario



The 36th AGM will be hosted by the Ottawa Newcomers' and Alumnae Clubs on Saturday, October 19, 2013. There will be a Friday evening Welcome Reception at the Ottawa City Hall Councillors' Lounge. On Saturday, a full day of meetings, elections and entertainment will be held at the Albert at Bay Suite Hotel.

Hotel rooms have been 'set aside' in the name of Ottawa Newcomers' - National Conference at the Albert at Bay Suite Hotel. In addition, members of Ottawa Newcomers' and Alumni will be opening their homes for billeting.

The ladies have been working hard to plan a wonderful and fulfilling stay in Ottawa. If you haven't yet decided whether to attend, please consider signing up now...don't miss this opportunity to meet fellow Newcomers from across the country!

The registration form can be found at the end of this newsletter. We hope to see you there.

**NATIONAL NEWCOMERS COUNCIL OF CANADA
36TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2013 OTTAWA ONTARIO**

Albert at Bay Suite Hotel

AGENDA

- 8:00 Registration & Hospitality**
- 8:15 President's Meeting hosted by NNCC President, Adele du Plessis**
Newsletter and Web Editors' Meeting hosted by NNCC Newsletter Editor, Rosemary Sorfleet and Lisa Mina, Central Liaison
- 9:15 Opening Welcome by the President of Ottawa Alumnae, President of Ottawa Newcomers and President of NNCC**
- 9:30 Icebreaker - Lisa Mina, Central Liaison**
- 9:45 Taters Skit - Beryl Keilty, Eastern Liaison**
- 10:00 Coffee Break & Share your story (how did Newcomers help you?)**
- 10:30 Business Meeting & Elections - Adele du Plessis**
- 11:15 Workshop Session 1 - Main Room**
Club Activities: "A Winning Recipe" - Adele du Plessis
- 12:00 Lunch & Networking**
- 1:15 Workshop Session 2.a - Main Room**
Round table discussions - Conflict Resolution
- 2:00 Coffee Break & Networking**
- 2:15 Workshop Session 2.b - Main Room**
Round table discussions - Marketing & Publicity
- 3:00 Entertainment**
- 3:45 Afternoon Business Wrap-up**
- Introduction of NNCC Executive for 2013-2014
- Announcement of Host City for 2014
- 2014 AGM Early Registration Draw
- Door Prizes and 50/50 Draws
- 4:15 Adjournment**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When I think of fall, I see the most beautiful colours in absolute abundance and realize that fall is a season of beauty, a time of rest and then of course regret. Regret that the summer is coming to an end, and regret that we did not do all those many things we wanted to do But there is one last chance to do the one very important thing that you neglected to pay attention to ... the AGM in Ottawa!

Please make every effort to be with us at the AGM in Ottawa, the season is a beautiful season and the city has much to offer. The AGM is on the weekend of 18-19 October (no not Thanksgiving weekend, though the memories of too much turkey may still be lingering). Look forward to reuniting with friends made over the years and to make new friends. Ottawa is not far from most of us in the GTA, so distance is not an excuse ... it should be a motivation! Hope to see you there. Deadline for registration is October 9th, there is a seat with your name on it.

Six new clubs joined NNCC and we welcome: Cowichan Valley Newcomers, Victoria Evening Newcomers Club, Bluewater Expat/Repat Network, Newcomers Club of Greater Victoria, Niagara-on-the-Lake Social Club, Saanich Women's Active Newcomers (SWANS), with two groups making enquiries on how to become members of NNCC.

It is with sadness that we share the news that two of our longstanding clubs no longer have the membership to sustain the clubs and are disbanding: Medicine Hat Newcomers' Club (1998) and North Vancouver Newcomers/ Alumnae (1980). We thank you for the hope and friendship you have offered to so many Newcomers over the years, for the contributions you have made to NNCC, to your communities and to the families that you embraced. You will always remain part of our family and will be fondly remembered.

Thanks to all the clubs that have submitted NNCC Membership renewals, much appreciated. We understand that summer is a difficult time to finalize payments, etc. and appreciate the efforts you have made. For the few clubs whose membership is still outstanding, we look forward to receiving your renewals.

Consider the challenge and opportunity to serve on National's Executive. If you have any questions on duties and responsibilities of the Executive positions, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be happy to share the joys (and tears) with you.

Enjoy the blessings of having a family over the Thanksgiving period and remember those members that are new to our community and NNCC family that are alone during this time. Reach out and invite them over to share friendship and a meal with you and your family.

See you soon in Ottawa!!

Adele du Plessis

WESTERN CANADA LIAISON

It's such a pleasure to see that so many clubs continued activities throughout the summer; golfing, hiking, art groups and walking to name just a few. We want to welcome newcomers to our area regardless of the month and by keeping some activities on going throughout the summer, we can do that. Members of The Comox Valley New-



comer's Club attended a 'Frock and Fascinator' tea party to commemorate the birth of Prince George of Cambridge and to re-connect with friends. There was a toast to the new Prince and lots of fun was had by all.

The lazy days of summer are over and September brings with it a flurry of behind-the-scenes activity as club committees, conveners and organizers prepare for another busy and exciting Newcomers' year. A full range of activities are once again underway and you can get involved by volunteering to assist; it's a great way to meet new people.

I'd like to extend congratulations to the following clubs for reaching anniversary milestones: Calgary Nu Grads 50 years, Newcomer's of Edmonton 45 years, West Vancouver Newcomers' Alumnae Association 30 years, Comox Valley Newcomer's 25 years, Comox Valley Newcomers' Alumnae 25 years, Saskatoon Newcomer's Club 25 years and White Rock/Surrey Newcomer's Club 20 years.

Brand new to National Newcomer's this year is the Cowichan Valley Newcomer's, welcome.

To all the clubs in Western Canada, if you have an idea or something you want to share with other Newcomer clubs, let me know and I can include it in the newsletter. I'm looking forward to connecting with you in the near future.

Yours in friendship.

Cindy Dixon

CENTRAL CANADA LIAISON

Community Group Benefits:

It can be so stressful to move, suddenly you are cut off from your regular group.

There are lots of benefits to being a member of a community group. People feel more secure when they know that they have others around them who share their same experiences.

Being a part of Newcomers is a sure way of connecting with people who have the same interests as you, getting exposed to people of different cultures, sharing stories of moving to your city and socializing with each other.

As the fall arrives, also with it comes people who have moved to your community during the summer months and are craving a sense of belonging to their new community.

Please make it your mission to welcome new people to your community to Newcomers and help to spread the news of our awesome group. If you live in a newer neighborhood, try to introduce yourself to new neighbors. If you have connections with a realtor, give them your local Newcomers information so that they can pass it along to any new people to the community.

Have a great year.

Lisa Mina

EASTERN CANADA LIAISON

Greetings from the Atlantic provinces, especially Truro, the Hub of Nova Scotia, where the 2014 AGM will be held.

It is hard to believe that another year is almost over and plans are being finalized for the trek to Ottawa next month. I attended the National meeting held in Ottawa in 2006 and had a wonderful time, especially seeing the RCMP Musical Ride!

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Ottawa.

In friendship.

Beryl Keilty

SECRETARY

It feels like only yesterday that the AGM was in Burlington. I do hope to see many of the new friends I have made at the AGM in Ottawa.

Do consider serving on the Executive of National Newcomers, it is a great opportunity to improve your skills, to make new friends and to give something back to your fellow Newcomers.

Have a peaceful Thanksgiving with your loved ones.

Wishing you safe travels and see you in Ottawa.

Margaret Patrick

MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Just a reminder that Newcomer and Alumnae/Alumni pins will be available at the AGM for the price of \$20.00 for a Newcomer pin and \$27.00 for an Alumnae/Alumni pin.

The pins may also be ordered online at www.nationalnewcomerscouncil.ca, with an additional \$5.00 for postage and handling. Please remember to stipulate if you are ordering "Alumnae" or "Alumni" pins.

Thanks and hope to see you in Ottawa.

Bonnie Barber

NB. "Alumnae" refers to female, "Alumni" refers to male graduates - of Newcomers - in this case.

ALUMNAE/ALUMNI REPRESENTATIVE

Welcome to a new year with Newcomers' Alumnae/Alumni and best wishes for a successful AGM in Ottawa.

Meryl Hadlow

NEWSLETTER

I'm looking forward to attending my first AGM. I'll have my camera at the ready, but if you think you have taken the perfect shot, please send it to me, along with a short 'blurb'.

In addition to photos, I'm sure there will be lots of stories to tell after the AGM and I hope you will send them to me to share with everyone in the next edition of The Link.

Have a good year.

Rosemary Sorfleet

PHOTO/RECIPE CONTEST

Here is a sampling of photos submitted for the contest...please visit the National Newcomers' website for more...



Winnipeg Newcomers' Alumnae Club
Western Night



Mississauga Newcomers' and Acorn Club
Garden Group Christmas Potluck

What Does NNCC Do For Your Club?

The National Newcomers Council of Canada was formed in 1978 in answer to the growing need of new and existing Newcomer clubs to connect with each other and find general administrative support. The NNCC is not a governing body and cannot set the rules by which each club operates. Each club is self-administered: by-laws are set according to a minimum provincial requirements, and each club can further establish procedures through standing rules. The NNCC provides assistance in the formation of new clubs, and will promote existing clubs through the national website (www.nationalnewcomerscouncil.ca).

Recently the NNCC established a very low cost/affordable general accident/liability insurance policy for all clubs across Canada. Details have been shared with each club's executive and premium information is at the end of this issue of The Link.

The NNCC provides support, opinions or general advice on major issues but our coast to coast executive can be called upon to assist if requested at the local level. The NNCC may also be able to provide website space to member groups at a lower cost than other providers. Please let us know if you are interested.

National Newcomers Friendship Pin

Did you know?

The NNCC Friendship Pin was a Millennium Project for the National Newcomers Council of Canada.

These pins are:

- Manufactured by Bond Boyd, making jewelry for over 60 years; life-time guarantee.
- Approximately 1.5 inches
- Made of bronze and plated with 25K brushed gold. The pin will not tarnish.
- \$25.00 each including taxes and shipping and handling.

Friendship Pins are available at the AGM or by order form.

You can find an order form at www.nationalnewcomerscouncil.ca.

Quantities are limited.





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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.

NNCC Call for Nominations

As per the bylaws of the National Newcomers Council of Canada, the current executive are permitted to stay in their positions for a one year term. At the 2013 AGM in Ottawa 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 du Plessis (president@nationalnewcomerscouncil.ca).



REGISTRATION FORM
NATIONAL NEWCOMERS' COUNCIL OF CANADA
36TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2013
OTTAWA, ON

PERSONAL & CLUB INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

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

Email is required for e-ticket and receipt distribution as well as 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: \$59.00 (includes Friday Night Reception, Full Breakfast, Breaks & Lunch on Saturday).

Please register early as tickets are limited. Registration deadline is September 18, 2013. An "early early bird" prize of an NNCC pin will be drawn for delegates registered by August 15th. An "early bird" prize of an NNCC AGM 2014 registration will be drawn at the meeting from all who have registered by August 30th. 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**.

FRIDAY EVENING WELCOME RECEPTION October 18th starting at 7:00 p.m

Hosted by the Ottawa Newcomers Alumnae Club who will welcome NNCC Executive and conference delegates, at the **Ottawa City Hall Councillors' Lounge in downtown Ottawa**. NNCC Executive will assist with transportation to/from the host hotel for this event. **Will attend?** Yes No

SATURDAY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING **October 19th starting at 8:00 am (to 4:00 pm)**

Albert at Bay Suite Hotel. Includes breakfast, lunch and 2 breaks. Luncheon Menu is comprehensive and has been chosen to accommodate any vegetarian requirements. Please note any dietary requirements _____

TRAVEL INFORMATION AND OPTIONS

HOTEL: Rooms have been "set aside" in the name of Ottawa Newcomers—National Conference at the Albert at Bay Suite Hotel (435 Albert Street) Each suite has two double beds and the cost is \$149.00 per night (a two bedroom suite is \$199.00 and a Superior two bedroom is \$229.00, single or double occupancy plus tax. In-room Internet access included. We have a limited number of rooms set aside for Friday, October 18th; reservations must be made by September 18, 2013. Call 1-800-267-6644.

Would you like to be billeted? Yes No Please indicate any allergies _____ Do you smoke? Yes No

Are you willing to share a room with another Conference attendee (twin beds)? Yes No Please provide a name if applicable.

Are you carpooling? Yes No Carpool contact person's Email _____

Names of carpooling members _____

Are you in Ottawa on Sunday, October 20th? If you are, Ottawa Newcomers and Alumnae Clubs will plan an event or excursion. Please indicate if you would be interested in participating Yes No Maybe

Emergency Contact Person (Name, Relationship & Phone) _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have any questions, please email Lisa Mina at imina@live.com or call her at 519-491-8617

Please complete this form before August 15th (for early, early bird draw), August 30th (for early bird draw) or by October 9th for registration deadline (subject to accommodation availability). Enclose your cheque made payable to National Newcomers Council of Canada and mail to: Lisa Mina, 162 Cassandra Blvd., Sarnia, Ontario N7S 6M9

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

2013 - 2014

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

Up to 25 members - \$20	126 to 200 members - \$85	Associate members* - \$ 10
26 to 50 members - \$45	201 to 300 members - \$100	Dues Enclosed \$ _____
51 to 125 members - \$70	301+ members - \$110	Please remit by June 30

*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 du Plessis Acting Registrar/Treasurer, 281 London Road, Samia, ON, N7T 4V9 (Phone: 519-401-9541). Email: president@nncc.ca.

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

*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 \$ _____ please add PST or HST at your provincial rate (AB exempt)	
Total insurance premium enclosed rounded to the nearest dollar: \$ _____	
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, 2011 thru June 30, 2012.	
Name _____	Date: _____
Title: _____	Signature _____
Name _____	Date: _____
Title: _____	Signature _____
Please provide a non-PO box or street address for the certificate to be mailed to:	
Name: _____	
Street Address (not a PO Box as the courier will not deliver): _____	
City: _____	
Province: _____	Postal Code: _____
Does a second party require a copy of your certificate? If yes, please provide their address (non-PO Box or street address require):	
Name: _____	
Street Address (not a PO Box as the courier will not deliver): _____	
City: _____	
Province: _____	Postal Code: _____

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