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NEXT MEETING: Tuesday October 2, 2012 at 6:30 in Hall of Nations.

NEXT HPR MEETING: Sunday October 7, 2012 at noon in the Hall of Nations.

LADIES' AUXILIARY LUNCHEON: Wednesday October 10, 2012. Hosted by House of <u>Ukraine</u>. Cost is only \$3 each.

MEMBER NEWS

<u>September meeting minutes:</u> These have been mailed or emailed with this newsletter to save time. Please read so that they can be approved (with any corrections needed) at the October meeting.

<u>Birthdays for October</u>: Jean, Ernie, Aileen, Chris, Meegan, Dorothy, Sharon, Antony, Alexi, Neil, Victoria, Linda.

Anniversaries for October: Harry/Mary (63 years) and Bob/Josie.

<u>Audit Committee</u>: Shirley, Maureen, Jean and Delphine will meet in October to audit the Treasurer's books 2011-2012 fiscal year.

Nominating Committee: Rachel, Steve W, Beryl and Betty will present the nominations slate for 2013 officers at the October meeting. Please call Rachel at (858-354-1871) or Steve W. at (760-571-5456) before Oct 1st if you would like to be on the slate.

Report on September meal meeting: WELL DONE DIANE! Diane launched "British Invasion Catering' with a wonderful meal of bangers with mash, carrots, mint peas and onion gravy. (Suzanne, Diane's partner, was not able to attend). Joel was THE kitchen assistance.....great job by Joel also. Thank you both. We look forward to great meals at future events.

<u>December meeting decision</u>: We are breaking with tradition this year. Our Christmas party meeting will be at the Hall of Nations on Dec 4 at 6PM. It will be catered by "British Invasion Catering" (Diane and Suzanne!). The cost will be no more than \$15 per person (not decided yet). We will play the "gift game" and have entertainment. Mark your calendars!

<u>HPR 75th Anniversary Souvenir books:</u> These are now for sale in the cottage for \$4 each. We have a dozen on consignment from HPR.





HOSTING AND HOSTESSING AT THE COTTAGE

Thank you to our volunteers.

Call our hosting chairperson, Fran Weekley to volunteer for future dates. 619-262-5512

Commitment is from 12 noon to 4PM, providing light refreshments and milk (teabags and sugar are provided) and chatting with the visitors. Donations are accepted for upkeep of the cottage.

(Cottage must have the doors open a minimum of 4 hours between 12:00 noon and 5:00pm)

Sept 2 Fran

Sept 4-meet "British Invasion Catering"

Sept 9 Jim and Jing

Sept 16 Terry with Paul and Jennifer

Sept 23 Roy and Eileen Sept 30 Will and Hilary

Oct 2-meet Diane
Oct 7 Steve G.

Oct 14 Jeff and Becky

Oct 21 open Oct 28 open



Reminders: It is acceptable to take \$6 per host from the donations towards cost of milk and food-just let the Treasurer know for accounting purposes.

Also, please let Fran know if you notice that any supplies need to be replenished.

Lapel Pins and 75th Anniversary Mugs

There are lapel pins and mugs on display at the cottage. If a visitor donates to obtain one, please let Mel know when turning in the donations money.

KUDOS TO DIANE









THE W-C

An English school teacher was looking for a place to stay in Switzerland. She called on a local school teacher to help her find a convenient apartment. Once the apartment was found, she returned to London to retrieve her belongings.

She did not remember having seen a washroom in the apartment, or as she calls it, a W-C (Water Closet). She wrote to the local school teacher in Switzerland, asking him if there was a W-C in the apartment or in proximity.

The Swiss school teacher who did not know the English expression, was intrigued by the abbreviation, W-C, not at all imagining that she was talking about a washroom. He finally asked the parish priest what it could mean. Both of them concluded that she must mean a Wayside Chapel, abbreviated as W.C. The woman received the following letter a few days later:

Dear Madam,

The W-C is situated 14 kilmetres from the apartment, in the heart of a magnificent park. There may be 150 people seated there at one time, and it is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.

Certain people bring their meal and have a pic-nic. On Thursday, there is an organ accompaniment. The acousticques are very good. The least sound can be heard by all. It could interest you to know that my daughter met her husband at the W-C. We have just begun a collection for the purchase plush seats. We believe that this responds to a long-time need, since the present seats are filled with holes.

My wife, being of a delicate nature, has not been able to go regularly. In fact, she has not gone in six months. Naturally, she suffers not being able to go more often.

I conclude here, assuring you of my desire to satisfy you in all possible ways, and I would be happy to save you a seat, either in the front or by the door, as it would convenience you.



Those halcyon days of yore!

