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HOW YOU CAN HELP

All of us have been moved by the horrifying events occurring in the Ukraine. This is a truly overwhelming human tragedy. Many innocent people have suffered immensely, losing their lives, losing family members, losing their homes, being orphaned, seeking refuge in far off countries. As we witness this abject display of needless human suffering, we are each moved to help in some way.

One way to help and show our support for those suffering is to donate. Donate our money. Donate things of value. Donate our time. Donate our prayers.

To make a monetary donation, consider contributing on-line. The Red Cross has a webpage for its Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis appeal, https://donate.redcross.ca/page/100227/donate/1. They will email you back your receipt within 24 hours.

If you want to donate to some other charity, consider Canada Helps. It has a webpage, https://www.canadahelps.org/en/donate-to-ukraine/. There are many charities described there. Choose the one you like, donate, and get a tax receipt emailed back to you.

For those who prefer to phone in their donation, there are many notable charities that are operating special campaigns for the Ukraine. Among others are the Red Cross Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal at 1-800-418-1111, and Development and Peace (Caritas) at 1-888-664-3387.

For those who prefer to give items of value or give their time as volunteers, consider contacting a local Ukrainian Church. One such parish is

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 6185 10th Avenue, Montreal, QC H1Y 2H5 514-729-8842





ST. PAT'S - RECORD NUMBERS ATTEND

The St. Patrick's Luncheon proved to be a great success. A record 61 persons attended the celebration. This was all the more remarkable considering that the COVID-19 Omicron wave had almost caused the cancellation of this event.

The luck of the Irish was on our side this year. The provincial restrictions relaxed just in time. No social distancing was required; the only regulation in place was the mask mandate. Scarolie's maintained its reputation. The food was excellent, affordable, and ample. Many could not finish their meals, and had enough left over to take home for another lunch the next day.

QART always goes all out for St. Patrick's. Many thanks go to Annie Schaffhauser and Caroline Korzec for decorating each table with appropriate Irish decorations and for setting up the prize table.

Rose Anne Lashchuk, Frank Fitz, and Carol Gregor each won a free meal. Carlo Stepancic won the bottle of white wine; Lydia Fitz, the red; Bertha Bonaparte, the orange. Cathy Barrowcliffe, Helen Stepancic, and Emilio Iannetta each won a bottle of Bailey's Irish Cream. Jerry Baumann, Stefanie Derewecka, and Maria Laurienzo each won a box of chocolates with an attached Tim Horton's gift certificate. Howard Soulis won a stylized leprechaun coffee mug sporting a mini bottle of Bailey's. Finally, Michael Lichacz won a pair of Irish coffee mugs with a box of Irish Breakfast tea.

All were winners when Annie passed out to each attendee an Irish chocolate coin from her pot o' gold.

This gathering will be hard to beat.































NOTICE OF THE QART AGM

Our financial year ends on March 31st, 2022. This means that soon afterwards our books gets audited, financial statements are prepared, and we have an AGM.

This year, QART will hold its AGM at 11:30 AM on May 25th, at the Casa Grecque restaurant, 10651 Pie IX, in Montreal North. Once the AGM is concluded, we will celebrate lunch before we head off to a well-deserved summer vacation.

The fiscal year ending also means that QART will soon start to collect its memberships dues for 2022-2023. We count on your support.

SPRING FLING

Our Spring Fling lunch will be a real change of pace. It's going to be at Bistro Sawadika (Thai, Vietnamese, Chinese) located in the heart of Ville St.-Laurent. The JULIETS have gone to this restaurant on more than one occasion and speak highly of it. It offers good food at a reasonable price.

The luncheon will take place on Wednesday, April 20th at 11:30 A.M.

The menu consists of a SOUP, an IMPERIAL ROLL, and the CHOICE of 1 MAIN COURSE plus RICE; all for the price of \$17.00 plus TAX. Coffee at \$3.00, or tea at \$1.50, are extra. Bistro Sawadika is a BYOB restaurant, so you can bring your wine.

If you want to join us, you'll have to move quickly. **The deadline to fix our numbers with the restaurant is noon, Tuesday, April 5th**. Call Annie at 438-342-8535 or send her an email at azuk1024@gmail.com. Guests are welcome.

The Bistro Sawadika is at 1800 Cote-Vertu, on the south side of Cote-Vertu, just east of Marcel-Laurin boulevard. Its phone number is 514-339-1188.

As is our way, all will be eligible to win one of three bottles of wine. Also, for our paid-up regular and honorary members, there will drawings for 3 free meals and 2 \$25 gift certificates from Scarolie's.

Come celebrate spring with us. We're looking forward to seeing you there.

IN MEMORIAM

FRANZ SEVERIN AUF DER MAUR, brother of QART member THAIS AUF DER MAUR

GREGORY CHRISTOPHER, former member of QART and former teacher at MacDonald-Cartier High School on the South Shore

MARIA ELAGO D'ORAZIO, former teacher at Honoré Mercier School in the Jerome Le Royer School Commission

SISTER HELEN GRAY, C.N.D, former teacher at St. Willibrord School in Verdun

ELAINE LECLERC,, member of QART, former teacher at Queen of Angels Academy and wife of the late Michael Leclerc who was a Past President of QART

JOHN JOSEPH McDONAUGH, former teacher and guidance counsellor in the Baldwin Cartier School Commission

LEO ALFRED MOORE, former Vice-Principal at Laurendeau-Dunton School and at LaSalle Catholic High School

RITA LOUISE MORRIS, former teacher at St. Thomas High School in Pointe-Claire

DENIS O'DRISCOLL, former teacher at Belmont School in Montreal

OLIVE WOOD OLIVER, former teacher at Edgewater Elementary School in Pincourt

MARY ORNAWKA, former secretary in the Montreal Catholic School Commission and wife of honorary QART member, THOMAS ORNAWKA

SISTER MILDRED PETERKIN, S.S.H., former teacher at Sacred Heart School of Montreal

GLORIA SCHENKE, member of QART, former teacher at St. Willibrord's School in Chateauguay and at Leroux High School in LaSalle

KATHRYN DELORES TOFFI, daughter of the late QART member ELIA TOFFI



