

Ottawa Newcomers Club Monthly Newsletter 2023



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Shelagh Spence



Happy New Year & Welcome 2023!

I am sure everyone is looking forward to a new ONC year full of activities & friendships as we explore winter in our Nation's Capital.

Please consider offering to support an activity you enjoy as some Convenors may be planning a winter getaway and would welcome assistance to continue events as planned.

Best Wishes for a Heathy & Happy New Year

Photos at ONC

A gentle reminder to those of us that like photos being taken, please keep in mind others do not.

- Always **ASK** before taking that photo to create a comfort level for all.
- Check with your HOST to see if they too are comfortable with a photo opportunity in their home and what the parameters may be.

I would like to continue to see photos taken at our wonderful events and outings and by no means am I asking you to stop taking photos, just asking all to be mindful as we do. Perhaps offer a photo opportunity by a tree or a sign etc. and those wanting to participate can be easily included.

If you plan to post on our **Facebook page - ask about that as well.** About 50% of our members are on ONC Facebook so that means 50% probably would prefer not to have their photo placed there. ONC Facebook is a closed group that Eve Moulding oversees diligently. Each year as members leave ONC their names are removed so only current ONC members that have asked to join our Facebook group will be permitted to participate.

Thanks to each of you for doing your part to continue to make ONC a great place to be!

Note: Agreements are part 4 of our Waiver document each ONC member signs upon joining our club and pertain to this topic. Please let me know if you would like to chat further. I am happy to do so.

Regards, Shelagh Spence ONC President 2022-2023





VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Nancy Starek

Happy New Year!

2023 is the beginning of a new chapter. After the last few years I feel 2023 is the year of connecting to friends new and old. We can all make this happen through participation in all the fun activities that our convenors have organized for you. Let's toast to yesterday's get togethers and look forward to tomorrow's bright future.

Wishing everyone nothing but health, wealth and endless blessings in the new year ahead.

Cheers 🍾🥂🎉 Nancy

Restaurant Guidelines

As many of our activities are in restaurants either as the main outing or at the end of an activity ONC would like to ensure that everyone knows our guidelines.



For most events we have been fortunate enough to have great participation and the administration has gone smoothly. With our break from restaurants over the past couple of years and for past members and new members over the last few months here are some reservation tips to keep in mind.

1. A reservation made is a reservation paid.
2. If you are not well send an email to the convenor *as early as possible and well before the arranged time*.
3. Check the roster to see if there is anyone in your neighbourhood that is interested in carpooling. The roster is updated on the 15th of each month and comes with the newsletter.
4. Just in case you can't find the restaurant please take the convenor's cell phone number with you. We are happy to guide you to the right spot.
5. ONC does not have a credit card or money in our budget to cover shortfalls.
6. Please pay your bill before you stand up to leave, if you need to leave by a certain time inform the wait staff after you have placed your order.
7. To maintain our separate bill process, considering current staff shortages and new wait staff at restaurants, we need to be mindful of these tips.

Looking forward to many more tasty meals with our fun membership!!!

ONC Roster

Did you move, get a new phone number or email address? Please email me with any changes or corrections. Please remember that the ONC Roster and *social* media are for our members only and shall not be used for commercial gain, political purposes, charitable solicitation or distribution to third parties.

Karen Roberts - ONC Roster Chair

oncroster.kmr@gmail.com

Tender Loving Care (TLC)

Convenor: Anna Nares
Email: naresanne@gmail.com



As we make new friends, conversation sometimes turns to sharing life's challenges.

If you know of any member who has lost someone near and dear to them, or who is seriously ill or has undergone surgery, please let me know so that a card may be sent & support offered. Or perhaps you or another member has something celebratory to share - an accomplishment, a new grandchild, a milestone birthday. Most of us are relatively new to Ottawa and if so, our circle of family or friends can be quite small in the beginning. ONC wants to be there for its members through all times of life.

Thank you for your help with this - we don't want to miss anyone! And remember, TLC continues throughout the year.

COVID reminder

COVID continues to be present despite vaccines, boosters, hand sanitizers and masks, the virus still persists. Learn about the latest information on public health measures, including masking and mask use. <https://www.ontario.ca/page/public-health-measures-and-advice>

Please only attend an outing or activity if **you** feel well. If you attend an activity and feel unwell afterwards please advise myself, Shelagh Spence Shelagh.spence@hotmail.com and your convenor. Transparency is critical for everyone's well-being. Thanks.



2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5 Mah Jongg	6 Scrabble & Card Games	7
8	9	10 Bridge	11 Grandmothering Group	12 Walk and Talk	13 Happy Hour	14
15	16 Movie/Meet n Greet	17 Bridge	18 Fun Lunch	19 Art Gallery	20 Conversation en français	21 Duplicate Bridge Dining Out – Let's do Lunch
22	23	24 Bridge Coffee & Chat	25 Afternoon Book Club	26 Woodsy Rambles	27	28 Netflix Movie Night
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To Our New Members

Membership

The calendar is about to turn to 2023. How can that be?

Since the last newsletter blurb, we have added another eight members. Most moved from other parts of Ontario and one came from Quebec. Internationally, we have added a member from the UK and another from Zambia.

Each one has received her name badge and, as I am fond of saying, please wear yours at in-person events. Those of you who attended the November Woodsy Rambles know that I don't always practice what I preach...

However you are celebrating the coming holiday season, all the best from all of us (that would be me) at the Membership Directorate!

Evelyn H Lazare

Membership Director

Email: membership.onc@gmail.com

Website: www.ottawanewcomersclub.ca

Please welcome our seven new members!!

Nancy Gorman – Nancy has moved from Uxbridge and is now living in Sandy Hill

Susan Brownlee – Susan moved from North Gower and is now living in Kanata

Bronwyn Meyer – Bronwyn moved from London, England and is now living in Old Ottawa South

Shirley Calhoun – Shirley moved from Timmins, Ontario and now lives in Carson Grove/Carson Meadows

Perpetua Mulikita – Perpetua has moved from Zambia and now lives in Alta Vista

Helaine Bessner – Helaine moved from Montreal and is now living in New Edinburgh

Lara Badke – Lara moved from Michigan and now lives in Alta Vista

Welcome ladies and a very Happy New Year!
We hope you enjoy all the activities offered by ONC!

“Meet A Member” Corner

Hi! My name is Olivia Gasser. I am from Paris, France. I live in Alta Vista. I moved to Ottawa in August 2022. I’m a mom of two girls aged 9 and 6. My professional background is finance. I have lived in India and Chile and I am multilingual - French, English and Spanish!

I have many interests...

walking, cooking, having dinner with friends, travelling, skiing, snowshoeing, reading and meeting new people!

Hello! My name is Fiona Boyd. I moved to Ottawa from Richmond Hill. I have lived in Wellington Village since May of this year. My last career was as a Data Scientist. I’m currently on a break. I haven’t decided if I want to retire yet - I'm 64. Thinking of doing something different. .. Maybe.

I enjoy reading, cooking, travel, photography, crafts (like knitting and crochet) and some walking.

I was born in London England and grew up in Trinidad in the Caribbean. I came to Canada in 2001 from UK where I lived/studied. I learned French and Spanish at school.

I am learning **Pilates online** and **refreshing my rusty French** through an app in addition to the French class for newcomers.

Hello ladies! My name is Jean Wills. I moved to Ottawa from Toronto and now live in the Alta Vista neighbourhood. I have been in Ottawa since October 2021. During my career I have dabbled in different professions; namely engineer, professor, auditing, risk management and data governance. I still have 5-7 years to go before retiring.

My hobbies include **Games, reading, tennis, cycling, skiing, snowshoeing, pickleball, movie screenings like TIFF...**Something about me that may surprise others ...**I paint in acrylics and I just might join the rifle club at RA Centre!**

Did someone say PICKLEBALL?

Pickle Ball in Ottawa

Ottawa Pickleball Association (OPA): [Ottawa Pickleball Association – Association de Pickleball d'Ottawa](#)

OPA offers leagues and instruction at all levels. Their website includes a list other pickle ball venues in the city of Ottawa: > Play > Ottawa & Area Pickleball.

For a daily update of pickleball games in Ottawa: [0-0-2day \(zero-zero-today.vercel.app\)](#)

Editor’s note: Thanks for the info Marg Hancock!!



Meet a Volunteer... their Stories.....



My name is Arlene Prill and I am the convenor of the *evening book club* where the discussions take place in restaurants. I moved to Ottawa in October 2021 from Germany where I had been living since 1996. A change of circumstance made my daughter move to Ottawa and I, to return home – I'm a born Montrealer. It was quite the adjustment changing continents and cultures and moving to a city where I didn't know anybody. I had searched Newcomers' groups in Ottawa while still in Germany and ONC was the first result to pop up. I called as soon as I arrived here and I'm so very glad I did. ONC has ultimately made the transition that much easier by giving me the opportunity to make friends with amazing women! The activities are fun and the camaraderie is fantastic. I would highly recommend this group to anyone experiencing a change of circumstance or new to Ottawa. It has definitely been a lifeline for me.

Hi, I'm Julie Breeze.

I love hiking, traveling, cycling, and getting to know people. I have lived in Ottawa for over 30 years, and was an elementary school teacher. Then I retired and started joining groups hoping to make new friends and have new experiences.

I'm discovering loads of new hiking trails all over the Ottawa area that I never knew existed, and I'm delighted to be able to share some of them with the Newcomers in the monthly Woodsy Rambles. I love being able to share places and activities I enjoy with others, and being part of a volunteer-driven organization like ONC gives me the perfect opportunity to do so. I am loving being part of ONC, taking part in all kinds of activities, seeing new places, and getting to know so many wonderful people.



Spoiler alert from Julie...

I'm also going to be coordinating winter sports activities for us this season...see next page for details...

Some exciting news from Julie.....

Hi Ladies,

As the temperature drops and the snow falls, it's time to think about... winter activities! Ottawa is a fantastic place for winter sports of all kinds.

Do you enjoy cross-country skiing? Snowshoeing? Maybe you prefer skating on the Canal or on a wooded trail? Or maybe you have some other winter sport or activity that you enjoy.

If any of these appeal to you email Julie Breeze, at julie.breeze@yahoo.ca and I will add you to the winter activities email list so you will know what we are planning to do to make the most of the snow season.

Not sure whether or not to join the list?

Send me your name anyway. You don't have to join in anything unless you want to, and you will know everything that is happening if you are on the email list.



ONC/ONAC American Mah Jongg

Date: Thursday, January 5th

Time: 10:00 to 12 Noon

Hostess: Barb Ryan

RSVP: Monday, January 2nd

Convenor: Marita Bonk Email: marita.bonk@me.com



American Mah Jongg is a Chinese tile game usually played with 4 people per table. The object is to form the tiles into a hand. The first player to do so, wins. We are currently using the 2022 game card. Please bring your card.

The club has one Mah jongg game set. If you can bring a game for a table, please let the convenor know when you RSVP. To avoid disappointment, please RSVP early. A follow up email will be sent to players who did RSVP, confirming their spot and location where we're playing.

We do allow people to watch as we play, to see if they are interested in learning the game. Lessons are offered by Merle Haltrecht-Matte. Merle is not a member, but enjoys offering lessons in her home.

Currently, she is charging \$55 for 4 lessons (1.5 hours/lesson), plus \$12 for the playing card, which is needed to play Mah jongg. If you are interested in learning American Mah jongg, please contact Merle directly at savtamerle@gmail.com.

Evening Book Club

Hello Ladies

There will not be an evening Book Club for January 2023. ***The BOOK Club will reconvene in February with the book selection to be announced in the next newsletter.*** The members of the evening Book Club would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a healthy, safe and joyous Holiday Season.

See you all in 2023!

Arlene Prill

Scrabble

*****New*** this is now a joint ONC/ONAC Event!!**

Date: Friday, January 6
Time: 10:00 am - Noon
RSVP: Wednesday, December 28th
Cost: \$2
Place: Barbara Kennedy's (Alta Vista area). Party room in my building
Convenor: Barbara Kennedy **Email:** claynat@aol.com



Calling all wordies! If you have done crossword puzzles or wordle you'll love scrabble. Doesn't matter if you haven't played before. Very easy to learn. Come spend a lively morning playing and socializing. I have 4 board games so we can have 16 people. Plenty of visitor parking in the back of the building plus street parking. COFFEE and TEA will be provided.

Card Games

Date: Friday, January 6th
Time: 10:00 am - Noon
RSVP: Monday, January 2nd
Cost: \$2
Place: Barbara Kennedy's (Alta Vista area). Party room in her building
Convenor: Judy Mayer **Email:** judymayer000@gmail.com



Calling all card players! If you are interested in playing cards, or learning new card games, come on out. Doesn't matter if you haven't played before. Very easy to learn. Come spend a lively morning playing and socializing. I have many card games for any number of people, easy to challenging. There's plenty of visitor parking in the back of the building plus street parking. COFFEE and TEA will be provided.

Look forward to seeing you soon!

ONC/ONAC Tuesday Bridge Group

Where: Overbrook Community Centre, 33 Quill Street
(Between Donald St and Queen Mary)
Room location: Main floor at the end near the gymnasium
Date: Tuesdays **Time:** 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Cost: \$4.00 per time, per person (Exact change appreciated)
Convenor: Barb Vogan **Email:** cvogan@sympatico.ca
Home: 613-590-8229 **Cell:** 613-837-2520

While you do need to have played some bridge before, this is a fun and relaxed group with many different levels of players who are happy to learn from one another. You do not need a partner to play, however your spouse is very welcome to join us if they like to play bridge. COFFEE and TEA will be provided. Please bring your own mug and snack. REGISTER to play by the Friday morning before, by e-mailing Barb Vogan. Look forward to seeing you soon! **Note: In January we start back on January 10th.**

ONC/ONAC GRANDMOTHERING GROUP

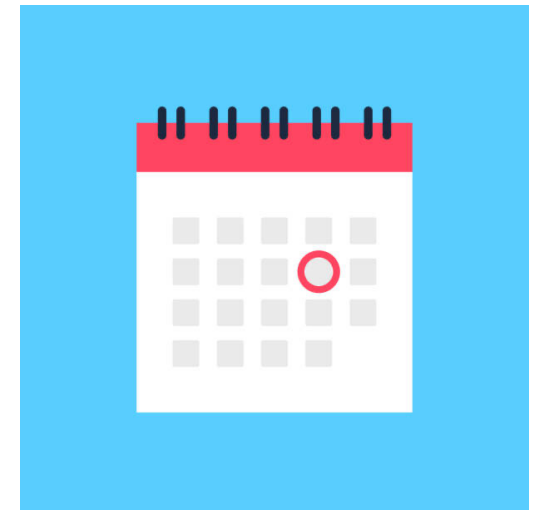
Date: Wednesday, January 11th and every second Wednesday of the month
Time: 12:00 pm to 2:30 pm
Location: Condo of Anne Nares, 417/Riverside or Hurdman Station on the LRT
(Details will be provided after signing up for the activity)
RVSP by: Monday, January 9th
Convenor: Anne Nares **Email:** naresanne@gmail.com



Join our lively discussion of the many joys and occasional challenges of Grandmothering. Beverages and soup or salad will be offered in addition to a lunch participants bring along for themselves. Group size is limited to eight members. A wait list will be established, if necessary.

Join Me!!!

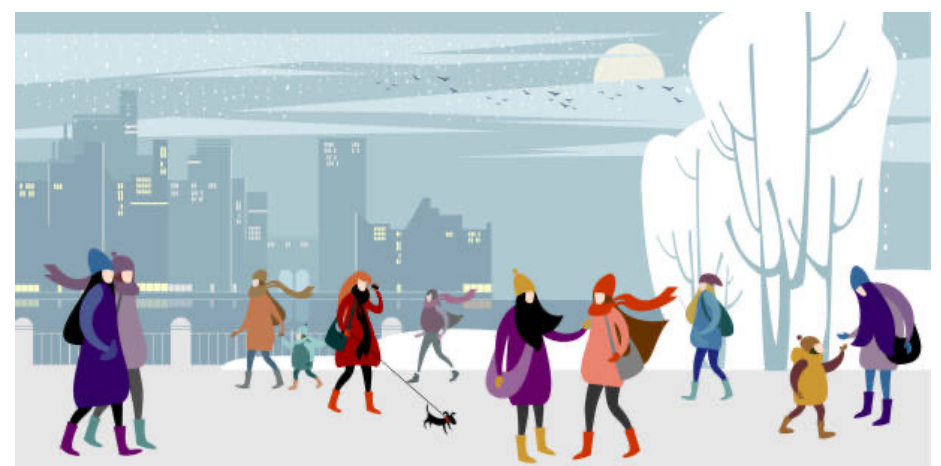
Date: 2023
Time: Anytime!
Place: Anywhere!
Convenor: Elaine McCallum
Email: alohafromelaine@gmail.com



JOIN ME is about spontaneous activities. If an ONC member would like company for skating, skiing, coffee, friendly cards, a concert, a walk, or whatever, they e-mail the convenor with details of date, time, place, etc., with their e-mail and phone number. The convenor forwards the invitation to Join Me members, and if they're interested, they contact **the person making the request**.

Walk and Talk

Location: Walk along the Rideau Canal
Starting at Canal Ritz, 375 Queen
Elizabeth Driveway
Date: Thursday, January 12th
Time: 1:30 pm (winter hours!)
Parking: Free parking in the Canal Ritz restaurant parking lot
Convenors: Nicole O'Hara & Dorothy Black
Email: nicoleohara8@gmail.com dorothyandkenblack@gmail.com
RSVP: Thursday, January 5th to nicoleohara8@gmail.com



Our first walk of 2023 will take us along the Rideau Canal, walking along Queen Elizabeth Driveway, past Lansdowne Park and back along the Canal. This is a beautiful area of the city, perfect for a winter stroll. We may even see skaters, depending on ice conditions.
We will meet at the Canal Ritz restaurant for a hot drink after the walk.

Convenors: Karen Roberts and Nienke Smith

Out and About

EMAIL: kmroberts414@gmail.com

Out and About will be taking the month of January off. All the best wishes for 2023 and we will see you in February!

*There will be no Monthly Members' Lunch in January.
Hope to reconnect with everyone again in February.*

*Diane Laundry and Myra Gerchicoff
Co-conveners*

Monthly Lunch

Place: Zoom

Date: Friday, January 13th

Time: 4:00pm

RSVP: Wednesday, January 11th

Convenor: Shelagh Spence **Email:** Shelagh.spence@hotmail.com



Let me know if you'd like me to add you to our Happy Hour list as we welcome 2023.

Any plans in store for you this year? Hope you will join for a friendly chat!

ONC/ONAC Movie Meet n Greet

Place: Landmark Theatre, Kanata
Date: Monday, January 16th
Convenor: Susan Gloyn **Email:** susangloyn1@gmail.com



HAPPY NEW YEAR 🎉🥂

After a busy holiday season seeing family and friends, it's time to now relax in a comfy recliner, and for us to reconnect. We will see: A Man Called Otto.

We will go to a nearby restaurant before the movie to meet n greet. Please do NOT reply, that you plan to attend, until you receive my update, and have already bought your ticket, thank you. If you have NOT already signed up to be on the current 2022/2023 movie list, and wish to be notified monthly, please contact me.

Fun Lunch

PLACE/AREA: Alta Vista
HOSTESS: Anne Nares
DATE: Wednesday, January 18th
TIME: 11:30 a.m.
CONVENER: Francine Lamarche **EMAIL:** francinelamarche@icloud.com
RSVP: Monday, January 9th



Fun Lunch is a great opportunity to meet ONC members and share a lovely meal and wine, while getting to know each other better. You may bring an appetizer, salad, entree, dessert or white wine. The convener will monitor the menu in order to avoid having too much food of one category and not enough of another. Should it be the case, you may be asked to bring something else.

Please have your food and serving utensils ready when you arrive. For those who supply the wine and appetizers, please be prompt. Regular attendees will bring a dish from each category at least once during the year. A guest list is created on a first come basis once the newsletter has been published. A hostess can accommodate a limited number of guests, so it is best to sign-up early to avoid any disappointment. If you wish to attend, please email me indicating what you would like to bring.

The maximum number of attendees for this event is 8 members. If you cannot attend after you have signed up, please inform me right away by emailing me at francinelamarche@icloud.com as there may be a wait list and someone else could take your place.

Closer to the date of the event, an email will be sent with the address and parking information

Art Gallery Visit

Place: Ottawa Art Gallery

Location: 50 Mackenzie King Bridge

Date: Thursday, January 19th

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Convenor: Nancy Kellett

RSVP by: Monday, January 16th **Email:** kellett.nancy@gmail.com



Join us on Thursday, January 19, as we visit the impressive Ottawa Art Gallery, home to the arts and artists of the Ottawa-Gatineau region. The Gallery has a permanent collection of over 1000 works, as well as numerous exhibits, and houses the city-owned Firestone Collection of Canadian art.

There is no entry fee. Located behind the Rideau Centre, entry is at 10 Daly, or 50 Mackenzie King Bridge.

We will meet up inside the doors, just in front of the gift shop, at 10:30 am.

There are lots of places to go for lunch afterwards, for those who are interested.

Remember to wear your ONC name tag!

Conversation en Français

Date: Vendredi 20 janvier

Heure: 12 heures

Lieu: Westboro

Hôtesse : Dianna Ericson

Organisatrice: Dianna Ericson

RSVP: Lundi 16 janvier

Courriel: dericson@bell.net



Rejoignez-nous pour un après-midi de conversation en français. Tout niveau de prise de parole est le bienvenu. Apportez un repas léger ou un café et un scone si vous le souhaitez.

Dining Out – Let's do lunch

Place: Deacon Brodie's Pub, 247 Elgin St.
Date: Saturday, January 21st
Time: 11:30 am
RSVP: Thursday, January 19th
Convenor: Lois Cherniak **Email:** lois.cherniak@gmail.com



Start off the New Year by meeting up with ONC members for lunch or brunch. Check out their menu online.

This is a Scottish style Pub with over 400 whiskies, daily specials and monthly Scottish tastings. Apparently, they have a train that travels around the pub on a track just below the ceiling.

ONC/ONAC Evening Duplicate Bridge

Date: Saturday, January 21st
Location: Qualicum Graham Park Community Centre
48 Nanaimo Dr., Nepean
Time: 6:45pm to 9pm
Convenor: Ann Powers
Email: annpowers87@AOL.com



Do you enjoy playing bridge but are reluctant to play duplicate bridge as you may think it too serious for you? Well, ONC/ONAC invites you to join our duplicate club. This easy-going group meets every third Saturday of the month at the Qualicum Graham Park Community Centre. The only prerequisite is to come as a duo, either with your partner or another ONC/ONAC member.

Interested? Please contact me!

“Plus 1”

We will reconvene next month!

Coffee and Chat

Place: IKEA, Pinecrest Shopping Centre, 2685 Iris St

Location: Restaurant, Top Floor

Please look for us towards the back corner of the restaurant!!

Date: Tuesday, January 24th

Time: 10:30 am

Convenor: Denise Wesselow dwesselow@yahoo.com

Co-convenor: Nicole O'Hara nicoleohara8@gmail.com

RSVP: January 18th by email to dwesselow@yahoo.com



Join us for Coffee and Chat and meet members old and brand new and exchange notes on our wonderful new lives in Ottawa!

Afternoon Book Club

Date: Wednesday, January 25th

Place: Karen Cormier's home (Riverside/Bank Street)

Time: 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Convenor: Karen Cornier

RSVP: ktcormier@icloud.com Please RSVP early as space is limited!

Theme: Mental Health

Book: *Anxious People* **Author:** Frederick Backman (2020)



In a small town in Sweden a bank robber on the run locks himself in with an over-enthusiastic estate agent, two bitter IKEA-addicts, a pregnant woman, a suicidal multi-millionaire and a rabbit. In a series of dysfunctional testimonies after the event, the witnesses all tell their version of what really happened.

New members are welcome.

Come out and enjoy great conversation with other avid book readers!

Woodsy Rambles

Location: Beryl Gaffney Park

Date: Thursday, January 26th

Time: 10:00 am

RSVP: Sunday, January 22nd

Convenor: Julie Breeze Email: julie.breeze@yahoo.ca



Ottawa has a fantastic wealth of beautiful forest trails. Let's get together and enjoy a hike through nature's bounty. This month we will hike by the Rideau River and Jock River starting at Beryl Gaffney Park, in the south end of the city. We will walk for about an hour and a half. Following the hike, those interested can go for lunch at Cindy's Restaurant near Hunt Club and Prince of Wales Drive for delicious food and great conversation.

ONC/ONAC

NETFLIX

MOVIE NIGHT

Place: Watch the movie anywhere, anytime you want.
Discussion will be on zoom

Date: Saturday, January 28th

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Movie: The Reader

Convenor: Mary Mathew **Email:** marymathew64@hotmail.com

RSVP : Monday, January 23rd

An older movie, but a masterpiece by Kate Winslet, is *The Reader*. Based on a German novel set in the background of post-world war II, Hanna Schmitz (Kate) tries to progress with her life and forget her past as a guard in a Nazi concentration camp. At the death camp, she followed the rules, but her actions caught up with her, post war. Around 1958, she starts an erotic relationship with a young man, who falls in love with her. Her approach to their relationship is stunningly involved, yet cold. Human emotions of remorse, guilt, and shame hang over their relationship as she had bigger things to hide. Unfortunately, a war crime trial identified her, and she quickly disappears, imprisoned for life. The boy had no clue where she disappeared, until he began studying law. During his course, he sat for war crime hearings. Here is where he shockingly realized, she was on trial. Rated 7.4 by IMD, the movie does have mixed reviews because it shakes the social fabric of society. Kate goes on to win best actress, and the movie wins best motion picture, at the 2009 Oscars.

ONC FACEBOOK PAGE

When we are unable to meet in person for ONC activities, the Members' private Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ottawanewcomersclub/> is a good place to go.

You will find information about online get togethers using Zoom such as: Happy Hour and movie night.

Members of the page can post listings for free about events like: concerts, plays, film festivals, tours of museums and all sorts of other events, even ride sharing.

Members are welcome to post information, in accordance with the Page Guidelines, that would be of interest to other ONC members or to ask questions and seek advice about Ottawa resources like health care, home renovation specialists, etc.

In order to join the **ONC Facebook page**, one has to join Facebook. Note that the ONC Facebook page is a Closed Group and can only be viewed by ONC members.

For advice/help on joining Facebook safely and securely, contact Eve Moulding,
everlily04@gmail.com

ONC's WEBSITE

<https://ottawanewcomersclub.ca/>

The colorful interactive homepage is open to the public and contains information about the club, its activities and how to join.

Once one becomes an **ONC** member, access is provided to the private **Members-Only** area through a special Username and Password. The Password is changed once or twice a year for security reasons.

What can you find on the ONC Website? In the members-Only area you will find the following:

- A Message from the Club President
- Activities information and a Photo Gallery
- An Interactive Calendar of Activities
- The latest Newsletter and an Archive of past issues
- Membership Renewal Information / Waiver Forms
- The current Board of Directors, their contact information and their Job Descriptions
- The Club's By-Laws and the Annual Financial Statements
- Links to Government Services, Utility Companies and Social Organizations

ONC Website Calendars and some emails from the Newsletter ARE INTERACTIVE!

When preparing to reserve or indicate your participation at an ONC event, Convenors' email addresses are now hot links on the **Website** Calendar. Click on the email address and your default email program will open with the Convenor's email address already filled in.

2022 – 2023 Ottawa Newcomers' Club Board

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