

Ottawa Newcomers Club Monthly Newsletter 2023





As another year draws to a close most of you will be in the midst of preparations for this festive season. This is a very special time of the year as it gives people a break from the hustle and bustle of our everyday schedules. It provides many of us with some time to enjoy the company of family and friends that is all too often missing for the rest of the year. I urge each and every one of you to reflect on these special moments and savour the relationships that we have tried so hard to cultivate over the years.

2023, without a doubt, has been one of the most exciting years for ONC. We were able to get all our activities up and running *and* start some new activities for our membership. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the convenors, many of us do not see all the planning that goes into organizing our activities and their commitment is greatly appreciated.

To the Board members, I thank them for their dedication to the continuing success of ONC and for their tremendous input to the proper governance of our club. They commit hours of volunteer time to make sure our members are provided with opportunities to continue learning about Ottawa, to network and socialize.

Lastly, to you the members, my sincere appreciation for your support of ONC and the pride you demonstrate at being members of our club, I hope this holiday season is an exceptionally good and safe one and that the New Year brings you much health, happiness and prosperity.

Nancy Starek
President
Ottawa Newcomers Club



VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Barb Kennedy

"December: A month of lights, snow, coziness, and feasts; time to make amends and tie up loose ends; finish what you started and make your wishes come true." — Unknown.



As we head into December, we sometimes get caught up in the hustle and bustle of holiday shopping, baking and, for some, travel. I hope that you are able to take time to breathe and appreciate the holiday lights, the Trees of Hope at Chateau Laurier, the holiday markets and at least one of the many Christmas concerts in the area.

You will notice that some monthly activities will not happen during December, but don't worry, they will be back in January. Thank you to all the convenors for providing us ways to meet up with other members.

I wish everyone a very safe and joyous holiday. Good cheer and good health.



We would like to let our members know that a donation of \$500 was made to the ***Ottawa Food Bank*** on behalf of our club.

It has been a long tough year for the Ottawa Food Bank. Our gift will provide healthy, holiday food to members of our community who need it.

Thank you to our members for making this donation possible!

Membership



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ONC continues to welcome new members, not only from across Canada, but increasingly from other countries. These new members found ONC through friends, internet searches, and other ONC members. Spread the word when you can; we are always open to new memberships for women new to Ottawa or those experiencing a change of life circumstances.



To Our New Members

Please welcome our eight new members, from near and far!

Lulu Yee moved from New York City and is now living in Rockcliffe.

Alicia Wright moved from New Zealand and is now living in the Whitehaven neighbourhood.

Paula McCann moved from Dublin and is now living in Old Ottawa South.

D. Santerre Brunette moved from Kemptville and is living in the Chapel Hill South neighbourhood.

Vaibhavi Dhote moved from India and is now living in Centretown.

Rhonda Beaudin moved from Saskatoon and is living in the Faircrest neighbourhood.

Denise Stocco moved from Victoria, BC and is living in Carlingwood.

Grace Sheng had a change of circumstance and is living in Nepean.

We hope you enjoy all the wonderful activities offered by ONC!

Correction: In November's newsletter, I wrote that Marg Manias moved from Halifax, New Brunswick! It should have read Halifax, Nova Scotia! (Do we have a Canadian Geography ONC activity?) Thank you to one of our new members for pointing out my error!

“Meet A Member” Corner

Hello! My name is Renée Boire LAGASSÉ. My husband Jacques and I moved back from San Miguel de Allende Mexico where we had been living for almost 10 years last December to be near our son and two grandchildren. I am an army brat. By the time I was married at 20, I had moved 11 times. My maternal language is French, my second language learned was German. Pretty much all my education was in English and I now speak Mexican Spanish pretty well.

I have lived in Germany, France, New Brunswick, Quebec City, Sherbrooke, Camp Borden, Toronto, Oakville and all together more than 45 years in Montreal which we consider our hometown. All that early moving around though played havoc on my education!

After spending most of my 20s trying to get specialized help for our handicapped daughter and after the birth of our son 8 years later I was finally able to finish my education and enter the workforce. I worked in the NGO sector and specialized in conference and event planning and fundraising.

Hello my name is Lulu Yee. I am a California born American, married to an Icelandic. We lived in Reykjavik, and we moved here from New York City with our pug dogs. We live in Rockcliffe, where the Icelandic residence is. I love the access to nature, yet I miss NYC subways for easy city transportation. We have been living in Ottawa for two years.

I am a professional artist, painting and sculpture. I have exhibited my artwork and worked as an art director in San Francisco and Reykjavik. I like to work with my hands. One favorite Friends' date is "Mending sessions" where we try to fix our holey socks, hem clothes - then we solve world problems while we snack. Also, if anyone wants to go Nature Journaling, just put a small notebook in your pocket and let's go for a walk!

Early December, we make traditional Icelandic Laufabraud, ("leafbread"- cut snowflake designs in rolled dough), a fun group activity.

Thank you for welcoming me into your group. Please feel free to text or email me to say hi. (Forlulu@yahoo.com). I am on instagram as @luyeebee.

“Meet More New Members!!

Hello my name is Grace Sheng. My standing joke is “I was made in Taiwan” but I have lived in the US and Canada since I was 5 years old. I live in Nepean, near Algonquin College. I have been in Ottawa since university.

I am currently working full time for a nonprofit organization managing a hub for immigrant entrepreneurs. This is my second career as I worked for the City of Ottawa for 30 years. Now I do something that I am passionate about – helping immigrants establish a new life in Canada.

I am very active in sports such as golfing, cycling, hiking, downhill and X-country skiing, skating and snowshoeing. I also enjoy socializing and meeting new friends and am always open to engaging in new activities.

Although I have lived in Ottawa most of my adult life, my circumstances changed last year when my partner and I split up after an 11-year relationship. I joined Meetup and discovered there are many people out there that just want to meet and do activities. I decided to join ONC for the same purpose – to meet new friends and do activities that I enjoy. Unfortunately, I noticed that many of the ONC activities are during the daytime, but I will watch out for activities that are booked in the evening and on weekends.

Hello! My name is Vaibhavi Dhote. I am from India. I live downtown near Maclaren and Elgin. I arrived in Ottawa in October 2022. I was a registered Conservation Architect in India and have worked on Heritage Policies with the Government and am hoping to find a similar role for myself here.

I like to think of myself as a learner, so I like to learn new skills no matter how soon I give up those hobbies. I love crocheting, reading books and watching Korean dramas. I also love learning new languages and have been keen on taking up French learning.

I am trying to learn more about the city and trying out new things and meeting people who vibe with me 😊

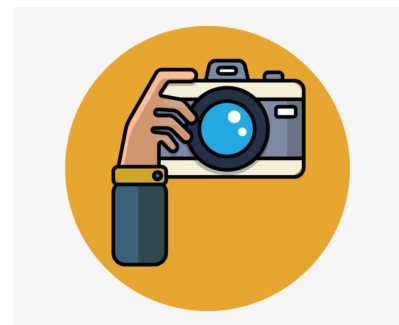
ONC Roster

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 Email: oncroster.kmr@gmail.com

Housekeeping Reminders.....

Photos at ONC



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

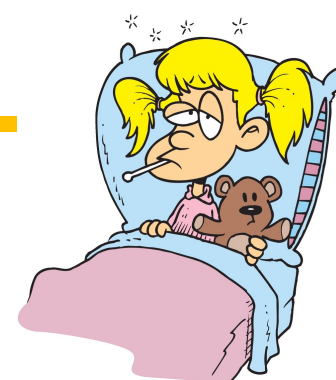
- Always **ASK** before taking that photo to create a comfort level for all.
- Check with your HOSTESS to see if they too are comfortable with a photo opportunity in their home and what the parameters may be.

We would like to continue to see photos taken at our wonderful events and outings and by no means are we 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**. Some member might prefer not to have their photo placed there. ONC Facebook is a closed group that we oversee 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!

Feeling unwell?



Please only attend an outing or activity if **you** feel well. If you attend an activity and feel unwell afterwards please advise Nancy Starek and your convenor. Transparency is critical for everyone's well-being.

Respiratory illnesses continue to be present despite vaccines, boosters, hand sanitizers and masks. Learn about the latest information on public health measures, including masking and mask use.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/protection-covid-19-and-other-respiratory-illnesses>

Restaurant Guidelines

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

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.

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



Tender Loving Care (TLC)

Convenor: Lynn Lanctot
Email: lanctot.social@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.



2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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					Card Games Scrabble	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Afternoon Bridge	Bridge (AM)	Monthly Members Lunch	Mahjongg Evening Book Club	Happy Hour (Zoom)	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Afternoon Bridge	Bridge (AM) Spanish Conversation	Grandmothering Group	Walk and Talk Knitting for Charity		Dining Out Duplicate Bridge
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Out and About		Bridge (AM) Woodsy Rambles	Afternoon Book Club			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
						Movie Night – Netflix (Zoom)

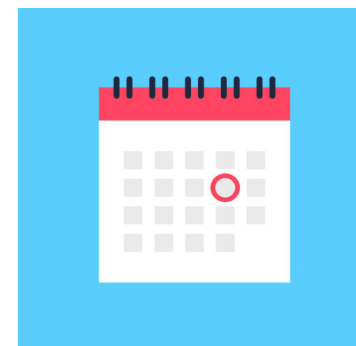
Join Me!!!

Date: December 2023

Time: Anytime!

Place: Anywhere!

Convenor: Elaine McCallum **Email:** alohafromelaine@gmail.com



JOIN ME is for spontaneous activities. If an ONC member would like company for a holiday activity, hiking, coffee, 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**. If you would like to be added to the JOIN ME list, please let me know.



There was a very enthusiastic bunch of bowlers who got together for bowling in November as a “plus one activity”. We would like to see how many keen bowlers there are amongst us to see if we should start a new monthly activity – ***The Ottawa Newcomers bowlers!!***

This would potentially be an evening weeknight activity.
Please email Barb if this activity would be of interest to you!
Email: claynat@aol.com

Members' Monthly Lunch

Location: Mill Street Brewery - Ottawa Brew Pub

Address: [555 Wellington St, Ottawa, ON K1R 1C5](#)

Date: Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Time: **11:00 a.m. - 1:30 pm** (*Lunch is starting early this month!*)

NOTE Attendee Limit: This month's lunch is limited to 20 attendees, so please be sure to use the [RSVP link](#) to secure your spot. It will be first come first serve.

Menu & Cost: We will be ordering from the menu which consists of items ranging in price from \$17 to \$28. There is lots of variety. Check out the menu [here](#) or visit their [website](#).

The Ottawa Brew Pub offers a variety of seasonal and specialty beers that are only available onsite in Ottawa! Located at LeBreton Flats, this 177-year-old building is rich in industrial heritage and charm – a unique setting to grab a pint, enjoy innovative food pairings, and even take a brewery tour.

Please remember: "A lunch reserved is a lunch paid"

Parking: There is parking available at the location.

RSVP by: Wednesday, November 29th

Please use this link to RSVP:

<https://forms.gle/jq8qrbToHpcp2EPo9>

Click on the link above to open the form or copy the link and put it in the address bar of your browser.

Questions?

If you have questions, the conveners for this event are:

Kelley Johnston: kellyjohnston@rogers.com

Louise Steeves: louise.steeves@gmail.com



Scrabble

Joint ONC/ONAC activity

Date: Friday, December 1st
Time: 10:00 am - Noon
RSVP: Sunday, November 26th
Cost: \$2 (covers the cost of the room rental)
Place: Barbara Kennedy's (Alta Vista area). Party room in my building
Convenor: Barbara Kennedy **Email:** claynat@aol.com



Calling all wordies to come play 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 up to 16 people. Coffee and tea provided, and we take turns bringing a snack to share. Plenty of visitor parking in the back of the building plus street parking.

Card Games

Date: Friday, December 1st
Time: 10:00 am - Noon
RSVP: Sunday, November 26th
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. We are a small group of women; 5-8 players. 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, from easy to challenging.

COFFEE and TEA will be provided. For directions or if you have any questions, please email me.

Look forward to seeing you soon!



Did someone say bridge??



We are so lucky as members of ONC to have three different bridge clubs available! Monday afternoons, Tuesday mornings and the third Saturday evening of the month.

Monday Afternoon Bridge

Place: Sandy Hill Community Centre, 250 Somerset St East. (free parking)
Convenor: Mary Ann Guy maryannguy@rogers.com
Date: Mondays - December 4th and December 11th
Time: Please arrive at 11.45; we finish by 3pm
December organizers: Mary Gibbons, marygibbons02@gmail.com or Vicki Brooks, vickimachattie@sympatico.ca

Fun and games!! Smile and be happy for the last two bridge sessions this year. 2023 has gone too fast.

We hope to see many OLD and NEW faces at our Christmas Social December 11, 2023. Expect prizes, special snacks and fun too...There is a \$4 cover charge. Please bring your own coffee mug. No partners are necessary. Name tags are helpful for newcomers to the group. Please contact Mary or Vicki to sign up for Monday bridge in December and to ask for more information.

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 across from the gymnasium
When: Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. We will play on Dec. 5th, 12th and 19th this month, weather permitting. 🖐️ No game on the 26th of Dec. , nor on the 2nd of Jan. We would restart on Jan. 9th. ❄️❄️❄️ Note that in case of a major snowstorm, you would receive a cancellation e-mail from me.
Cost: \$4.00 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 me or calling me at 613-837-2520. *Your name will be added to the list, and you will receive a confirmation email.

Our group looks forward to meeting you soon!

ONC/ONAC Saturday Evening Duplicate Bridge

Date: Saturday, December 16th (and every 3rd Saturday of the month)
Location: Qualicum Graham Park Community Centre 48 Nanaimo Dr., Nepean
Time: 6:45 P.M. – 9 P.M.
Convenor: Ann Powers
Email: annpowers87@AOL.com **Cost:** \$5 per team

Do you enjoy bridge? Have you considered playing duplicate bridge? Every third Saturday of the month, we welcome members to bring along a partner to test the waters in an easy-going environment. Along with the challenge of making the most of your cards, teams take turns each month buying Tim Bits to dunk with tea or coffee, vying for 1st, 2nd or 3rd prize. Please remember to bring a mug. If you are looking for a duplicate partner, don't hesitate to contact me as there may be other members looking to do the same.

Wishing you all a Festive Holiday Season and Blessings in abundance throughout 2024.

ONC American Mahjongg

Date: Thursday, December 7th
Time: 10:00 to 12 Noon
Hostess: Denise Wesselow
Convenor: Marita Bonk **Email:** marita.bonk@me.com
RSVP: Monday, December 4th to convenor



Please come and join us for American Mahjongg. We are now playing with the 2023 Mahjongg card. Please bring your card with you. A follow up email will be sent after the RSVP date to players who did RSVP, confirming their spot and address where we're playing. Please note that this month our space is limited to **14** players.

We do allow people to watch as we play, to see if they are interested in learning the game. Please contact the convenor if you would like to join us!

Evening Book Club

Date: Thursday, December 7th and the **1st Thursday** of every month

Time: 6:30 – 9:30 pm

RSVP: Sunday, December 3rd

Convenor: Arlene Prill **Email:** arlene.prill@outlook.com

Hostess: Kelley Johnston **Location:** Kelley's home, address to follow



Good Reads over Great Food coupled with lively conversation! What a perfect combination! For this book club, each person will choose a book and a restaurant, or you can host the evening's event at your home, whatever suits your fancy! There will be 12 women, 12 books and 12 restaurants or private homes! Are you ready?

How to participate: Send me an email telling me you'd like to join and I will put you in the group.

The book we will be reading for December 2023 is:

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

In the 1950s, Elizabeth Zott's dream of being a scientist is challenged by a society that says women belong in the domestic sphere; she accepts a job on a TV cooking show and sets out to teach a nation of housewives way more than recipes.

Happy reading everybody!

Place: Zoom

Date: Friday, December 8th

Time: 4pm – 5pm

RSVP: Wednesday, December 6th

Convenor: Berjis Anvar **Email:** berjis.anvar@gmail.com



Join us for a pleasant hour of virtual visiting on the Zoom platform.

We will discuss special Holiday events in Ottawa, and our own traditions for celebrating the Holidays.

To join, please RSVP to Berjis at the email address above.

New Activity!! Spanish Conversation



Date: Tuesday December 12th and every 2nd Tuesday of the month

Time: 2:00 – 3:30 pm

RSVP: Friday, December 8th

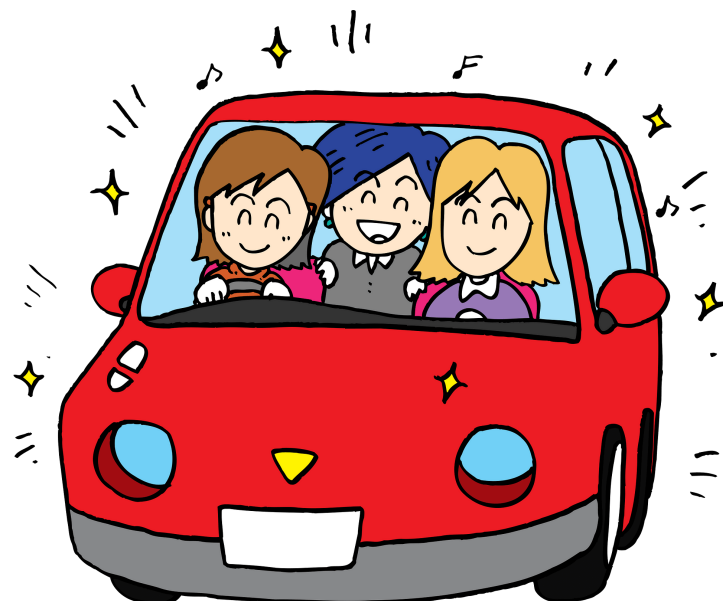
Convenor: Renée Boire Lagassé

Email: redboire@gmail.com

Join us for tea or coffee and cookies and intermediate and more Spanish conversation the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2 pm (or 1:30 if better for all) at 1166 Wellington West Retirement Community. Parking for guests in garage if needed. Cups always scarce here bring your own if you care to. Hasta pronto!!

Carpooling

Carpooling is a great option to assist members without cars, to get to know each other, to address parking issues at the event and to help tackle climate change. The event-confirming email will list all attendees. Feel free to reach out to offer a drive or ask for a drive!!



ONC/ONAC Grandmothering group

Date: Wednesday, December 13th
RVSP : **December 1st or sooner** by email A.S.A.P. to Shelagh
Time: 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Cost: **\$5 per person**
Convenor: Shelagh Spence **Email:** shelagh.spence@hotmail.com
Hostess: Sandy Stalder
Location: Beautiful Condo Party Room off of Riverside Drive
(south of Mooney's Bay, north of Hunt Club Rd.)
Planning Committee: Sandy Stalder, Lois Cherniak & Shelagh Spence



Please join us for a Holiday Celebration "Grannie" style.

To accommodate LOTS of Grannies, Sandy has kindly offered to book her condo party room for this occasion! Let's share Holiday Traditions old and new as we navigate the festive season with our excited little ones!

Please indicate what you would like to bring in your RSVP response:

- A favourite Holiday Appetizer
- A Sweet Christmas Treat
- Bottle of White or Rose Wine
- Sparkling water or juice & veggies or chips & dip or fruit etc.
- Lois and Shelagh will ensure we have a good variety of nibbles.
- The party room has a full kitchen with oven and refrigerator.

Best Wishes for the Holidays!

More details will follow to those interested in attending!

Shelagh, Lois & Sandy!

Monday at the Movies

Unfortunately Jacqui is no longer able to convene this event. We need a new convenor in order to keep this activity going. A big benefit for you, the convenor, is that you get to choose the movie and the cinema!

Please contact Barb Kennedy at claynat@aol.com if you would like more information about what is involved.



Walk and Talk

- Location:** Old Aylmer, Quebec
- Date:** Thursday, December 14th **Time:** 10:00 am
- Meeting Spot:** La Bascoche (Old Aylmer Cultural Center) next to “La Famille” statue
120 Rue Principale, Aylmer
- Parking:** There is street parking behind the cultural center and across the street on a side street that doesn't have parking time restrictions.
- Convenors:** Joanne Block and Denise Wesselow
- Email:** dwesselow@yahoo.com
- RSVP:** by December 11th to Denise Wesselow

Join us this Christmas season for a walk around the old town of Aylmer. The Old Aylmer district centered on Principale Street has a mix of bistros, craft beer spots, art galleries and small gourmet grocers. We will wander down Principale Street and into some of the small neighbourhoods adjacent to it. The walk will take about an hour. We will end our walk at either the British Pub for lunch or the British Cafe for coffee depending on participants' wishes.

Knitting for Charity

- Date:** Thursday, December 14th
- Time:** 1pm to 3pm
- Place:** Alta Vista Public Library (basement room) 2516 Alta Vista Dr.
(** a small fee will be collected each month to cover the room rental of \$16).
- Convenors:** Sandra Browne and Mary Gibbons
- Email:** san.browne@Hotmail.com marygibbons02@gmail.com



We welcome knitters of all levels (beginners to skilled) from ONAC/ONC who would like to join us. Those with the skills will help others get started. We have now adopted a new project in support of Health Partners Intl Canada (HPIC). This will be hand knit, very cute “Izzy” dolls which are included with packing of medical aid shipped to overseas destinations, and then distributed to young children at the receiving end. (see link hpiccanada.ca or google izzy dolls). We look forward to seeing you on December 14th with lots of 'izzy doll' and other conversations. Don't forget your name Tags!!

Dining Out - Let's Do Lunch

Location: Pelican Seafood Market and Grill

Address: [1500 Bank St, Ottawa, ON K1H 7Z2](#)

Date: Saturday, December 16, 2023

Time: 11:30 a.m.



NOTE Attendee Limit: This month's lunch is **limited to 8** attendees, so please be sure to use the [RSVP link](#) to secure your spot. It will be first come first serve.

Check out the variety on the [menu](#) or you can visit their [website](#).

A bit about the restaurant from their website: The Fish Market opened on Merivale Road back in 1978 and for over 40 years we have been committed to our founder Gilles Roy's mission: "to serve our customers: superior quality seafood, friendly service and good value." Pelican opened in its present location in 1985 and added the restaurant (Grill) in 1996.

Today Pelican is the gathering place for Ottawa's South end community that attracts customers from across the city and is a destination for tourists seeking Ottawa's best seafood dining experience. Our fresh fish, excellent fare, warm atmosphere and friendly, personable staff keep 'em coming back.

Parking: There is ample parking in the shopping plaza where the restaurant is located.

RSVP by: Wednesday, December 13th

Please use this link to RSVP: <https://forms.gle/M8c1wUNt3rJDhgwd9>

Please use this form to confirm your attendance. Click on the link above to open the form or copy the link and put it in the address bar of your browser.

Questions?

If you have questions, the convener for this event is:

Louise Steeves: louise.steeves@gmail.com

Fun Lunch

We will not be hosting a Fun Lunch in December as the date is very close to members' individual Holiday Celebrations. If you are interested in hosting a Fun Lunch, please let me know, we have openings to host in January, March, April, and May.

As a host you determine the number of people you are comfortable having in your home. The host does not have to prepare any of the meal, they do often provide coffee, tea, and water. Fun Lunch is a great opportunity to meet ONC members and share a lovely meal and wine, while getting to know each other better.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in the New Year at a fun lunch!

If you have an interest in hosting a fun lunch, please connect via email at kellyjohnston@rogers.com

Art Gallery Visit

Convenor: Nancy Kellett

Email: kellett.nancy@gmail.com

See you in January! Happy holidays everyone!

Conversation en Français

Organisatrice: Dianna Ericson
Courriel: dericson@bell.net



Nous ferons une pause pendant décembre. Passez de bonnes fêtes de fin d'année. Nous nous reverrons en janvier.

Out and About

Place: St. Francis of Assis Church
Location: 20 Fairmont Ave (corner Wellington)
Date: Sunday, December 17th
Time: 3pm
Convenors: Linda White & Barb Kennedy
RSVP: Email Barb at claynat@aol.com once you have bought your ticket

DESCRIPTION: December's Out & About activity is a special outing to the Ottawa Choral Society's Christmas Concert "A Christmas Tapestry" (works for choir, brass & organ). This concert will most certainly sell out fast, so I strongly encourage you to order your ticket ASAP if you are interested in joining us.

We are buying our tickets for Tier C Floor (\$35.00 less \$5 if you apply code VOX2324). Jo-Anne Bacon, one of our members, sings in this choir and she provided us with this code.

Here is the link to get your tickets:

<https://www.simpletix.com/e/a-christmas-tapestry-tickets-148079>

Send me an email at claynat@aol.com if you are interested in joining us and we can discuss meet up point and possible dinner afterwards.

PARKING: There is parking in the church parking lot (if you get there early enough). Otherwise, there is street parking on many of the streets around the church.



Woody Rambles

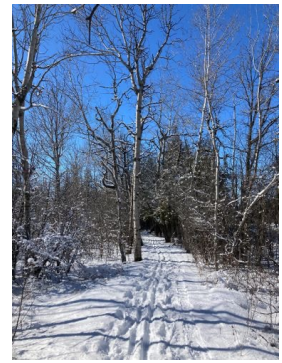
Location: Stony Swamp

Date: Tuesday, December 19th

Time: 10:00 am

RSVP: Friday, December 15th

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



Stony Swamp is a lovely part of the Greenbelt known for its friendly chickadees who may land right on your hand. This trail is almost entirely forest, with some boardwalks through the swamps for which the area is named. After the hike we will have lunch at East Side Mario's in Bells Corners.

Afternoon Book Club

Date: Wednesday, December 20th
Place: Karen Cormier's (Riverside/Bank Street)
Time: 1:00pm to 3:00pm
Convenor: Karen Cormier
RSVP: ktcormier@icloud.com
Book: **Small things like these**
Author: **Claire Keegan**



It is 1985 in a small Irish town. Bill Furlong, a coal merchant and family man, makes a discovery while delivering an order to the local convent. This discovery forces him to confront both his past and the complicit silences of a town controlled by the church.

"Plus 1"

Convenors: Karen Cormier/Nancy Starek
RSVP: ktcormier@icloud.com

HOSTS NEEDED!

We need hosts for the new year - Starting in January!! Please let us know if you can host a potluck. It doesn't need to be a sit-down meal. Finger foods over a glass of wine and good conversation would be great. Can't host but would like to pitch in? Why not choose a group activity and help plan it?

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

Date: Saturday, December 30th

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Movie: Here Today

Convenor: Mary Mathew

Email: marymathew64@hotmail.com

RSVP : Tuesday, December 26th



This movie is a sweet, light-hearted comedy drama, about a veteran comedy writer Charlie Burnz. Billy Crystal plays the role of the writer superbly, and a loud but warm Tiffany Haddish (Emma) co-stars. One gets a glimpse into upper-class Jewish families and their fun-filled ceremonies. There are also some hints of politicians. Comedy aside, the movie provokes interest about the planning needed when faced with a serious disease that one in ten can get as they age. It is a great movie to watch as the year turns. Everyone is here today.

Coffee and Chat

Convenors: Dorothy Black dorothyandkenblack@gmail.com
Nicole O'Hara nicoleohara8@gmail.com

Coffee and Chat will take a Christmas Break in December. It would fall on Boxing Day and no doubt we'll all be busy with the shopping deals or even better with family and friends!

So, here's wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

See you all in January 2024.



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.

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

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 Diane Laundry at diane@dianelaundry.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 in September and February every 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 and 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.

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