



Zdravets

WINTER 2007/2008

CANADIAN MACEDONIAN PLACE

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

First an apology for the long delay since the last Zdravets. But, we have been busy! The Board of Directors has undertaken a mega renovation of Canadian Macedonian Place that will please and astound you. Renovations are now complete. The renovation committee of Stan Thomas, Marilyn Trentos, Vonna Bitove, Susan and Mary Niczowski, Paul Phillips and Zlatka Cokov, has worked diligently over the past two years, making sure that all the work has been done properly and according to current building and fire codes. Two fantastic galas have taken place to pay for these renovations, first honouring Lou Turpin, who designed Terminal 1 of our airport, and last year honouring Mike Zaforovski, the president of Nortel. Both were very successful and will be reported on separately. The renovation and redecorating committee will report separately as well.

When you come to visit you will be greeted by a canopy over the front door graced with a beautiful new sign stating who we are: **Canadian Macedonian Place**, with the Macedonian flag proudly displayed on one side and the Canadian flag proudly on the other side. When you enter the building you will see the vista of our beautiful ravine through the renovated dining room, and stairs going down to our new lounge with fireplace and bar, as well as displays from the Canadian Macedonian Historical Society. There is a separate TV room for quiet viewing and another warm fireplace in the dining room. There is a very attractive patio and garden area at the front which the residents can't wait to use in the spring. All furniture has been replaced. The residents are very happy with the renovations.

What makes our residents most happy is the weekly visits by Olga Sandolowich. Olga has the uncanny knack of knowing just how to get them active and to participate in light exercises and folk dancing. You should see them do the oro! Olga comes every Tuesday from 3:30 – 4:30 PM and she invites everyone to visit CMP at that time and participate.

We are planning an Open House for the general public in the spring. But don't wait till then. Come and visit us and see what we have done. It is a Place where you would be proud to live as well as your loved ones. Rental prices are significantly lower than other apartment buildings and offer a lot more!

At this time of year we wish you a very Merry Christmas, Sreken Bozjik, Happy New Year and Sreknja Nova Godina.

Virginia Stoymenoff



new staircase and lower lounge

SPECIAL THANKS!!!

SUMMER FRESH SALADS
MARTHA'S GARDEN
TRIPLE "A" CHEESE

Niczowski Family
Arrigo Family and
Stanwyck Family
for Your kindness and generosity...
always supporting our Home,
as well as all of CMP's
fundrasing events!

Vonna Bitove for donating a beautiful Christmas tree, decorations as well as helping with the holiday decorations...



DR. Chris P. Stefanovich and Mrs. Vasilka Stefanovich for donating medical supplies.

DR. DRAGI DENKOVSKI &
DR. MILAN DENKOVSKI
continued support of CMP!

Chris & Pauline Stavro for your great generosity... and the beautiful flower beds in front of our Home, and always bringing seasonal fruits for our seniors.

The Ladies Auxiliary of St. Clement of Ohrid Church and all the ladies for visiting with us at Christmas and Easter...as always they fill the tables with delicious home-made piti, pastries fruits, drinks and gifts for the seniors...Biser Orchestra always comes with the Ladies and they too add a great touch to the festivities...everyone enjoys the friendship, the food and the Macedonian song and dance!

See you soon!

Mary & John Tricus and
Lina & Risto Dimitrievski for donation of fresh seasonal fruits and vegetables.

The Ladies Auxiliary of St. Dimitrija for the delicious pita - vijalnik.

Louis & Frances Anastas for always remembering us at Christmas...and bringing beautiful poinsettias.

Elsie Karfilis donated trays of sweets and clementines at Christmas in memory of her mother Baba Elinka Kourtis and father in law Dedo Karfilis both resided in our home.

Braka Miladinovci - Literary Group of St Clement Church visited with us and gave us an evening filled with poetry, and also brought us delicious homemade goods.

CMP Board 2007-2008

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Guests from Australia - Gosti od Avstralija!
Sam (Sime) and Lina Boicos



Front landscaping: new patio screens, large rock with the numer, front patio with a rock fountain (if you come and visit us now there is much more to be seen!)

Message from the Social Committee.....

On Wednesday, December 19th, 2007 we hosted a cocktail party at Canadian Macedonian Place. The invited guests were the sponsors of the two fund raising galas that I had the pleasure of co-chairing; the Silver Gala honoring Mr. Louis A. Turpen in 2004 and the Mike Zafirovski Tribute Gala in 2006. As you know, both of these evenings raised the funds that we needed to proceed with the renovations of Canadian Macedonian Place. And renovate, we did!!!

The recent gathering was a chance to raise a glass of holiday cheer and showcase the refurbished home that a group of very dedicated Macedonians built in 1978. This home, which has been and continues to be a residence to so many of our beloved Babas and Dedos has been restored and returned to its former glory, a home that we can all be proud of. The initial plans which included a new roof and a grand new staircase to the lower lounge were expanded and enhanced to include new furniture in all the common areas, carpet and tiles throughout the building, new and much improved lighting, sprinkler system, fire alarm panel, intercom, ensuite fire horns, heat/smoke and CO2 detectors, landscaping and sitting areas in the front, a new waterfall, a new sign, a new entrance and much much more.

The Board has been busy and so has the Renovation Committee chaired by Mr. Stan Thomas. The Décor committee, chaired by myself, got a much needed helping hand from Vonna Bitove and Susan and Mary Niczowski. The busiest of all though, has been the onsite coordinator, our very competent administrator, Zlatka Cokov. She has endured the chaos of the past year and for that we are all grateful. We also thank our residents for the continued patience throughout the inconveniences that they endured.

Our cocktail party in December was a chance to also thank all the supporters that helped raise the funds. A special naming ceremony and tribute was paid to Mr. Mike Zafirovski who was present to accept a token of appreciation from the Board and to witness the unveiling and naming of our dining room, "The Zafirovski Family Dining Room". Mike's success in the business world first with General Electric, then with Motorola and now as CEO of Nortel, garners him much respect in the business community in North America. His family's personal donation in support of our recent gala was one of the largest single donations and the Gala in November 2006 that paid tribute to him was by far the most successful fund raising event in our Macedonian history.

Other Macedonians that were thanked and recognized at our cocktail party included the Bitove Family, whose continued support of the home and their large donations throughout the years have been incredible. Also, Mr. Gus Philipov, whose company Nortown Electric, did all the electrical work during the renovations at much reduced costs to us. We also recognized Mr. Tom Bitove who, on that day, was awarded the Order of Ontario.

All in all, we have much to be thankful for and proud of. We look forward to welcoming you to the home in the near future (stay tuned) so you can see the renovations first hand. We are also busy planning another Gala event which not only will serve as a fund raiser but will continue to bring the Macedonian community together and raise the awareness of our fine heritage amongst the business community.

Marilyn Trentos



L-R 1) Jordan L. Bitove, Mike Zafirovski; 2) Jordan L. Bitove, Mike Zafirovski, Stan Thomas; 3) Vonna Bitove, Mr & Mrs Penzo, Marilyn Trentos; 4) Lillian & Tom Ylkos, Yana Branov; 5) George Koroloff, Alex Mishos (back), Eva Marzewski, Lilly Pliakes; 6) Dotsa and John Bitove JR; 7) Winston and Kesheyl (back) Von Schilt, John Bitove JR, Stan Thomas, Eva Marzewski; 8) Gus Philippov, John N. Bitove SR, Angelo Argiro, Mike Zafirovski

D O N A T I O N S

RECEIVED FROM June 2006 to February 2008

DONATIONS...

The Steve and Sally Stavro Family Foundation	1000
United Way of Greater Toronto	1240
Dr Robert B Givelas	100
Helen Hatzimihail	50
John and Mary Ouslis	25
Mary Sialtsis	200
Lilly Pliakes	25
Mr & Mrs Peter Strumos	50
Trifon & Maria Nickou	30
Tom & Christine Stoikos	20
John & Olga Saroff	20
Linda Argiris Hernandez	25
Zora	200
H & T Hatzimihail and T Moskou	30
Lois & Louis Kostandoff	100
John & Catherine Mitroff	100
Ms Menka Trimbee	75
Cisco & Vera Fillcoff	50
Mrs Christina Liuzia	25
Olga Sandolowich	100
Vasil & Yana Branov	80
Macedono-Bulgarian Orthodox Church	
Sts Cyril & Methody	1000
Adams, Masin & Tilley	1300
Adie & Stan Thomas	120
George Vlahos	300
William and Christine Ziskos	100
Nikola Vucicevich	100
Thomie Larkin	200
Pero and Zlatka Cokov	100
Vonna Bitove	500

In Honour of Marilyn Trentos & Thomas Strezos Wedding Day

James Belshaw & Frank Carroll 200

In Celebration of Tom and Magda 50th Wedding Anniversary

Dorothy & Marilyn Trentos and Family 200

In Honour of aunt Crissie Christina Mladen 90th Birthday

Chris Paliare and Eva Marzewski 100

In Honour of Christina Mladen 90th Birthday

Hope Paliare 50
Christina Mladen 25

In Honour of Alex Laco 80th Birthday

Virginia Stoymenoff 35

In Honour of Jim Tipoffs' 100th Birthday

Tanny Andreoff 25
Chris, Doreen, Kevin & Steven Tipoff 100
Helen Spero, Cindy & Rick & Mark & Chantal
and great grand kids Stacey, Julia, Tyler &
Chloe 100

In Honour of Victor Paskaleff 85th Birthday

Virginia Stoymenoff 25
Nick & Daisy Koleff 20

In Honour of Denny Juma 80th Birthday

Lillian & Tom Ylkos 50

MEMORIALS...

In loving memory of dear wife Kay (nee Patskou) Wilson

John Douglas Wilson 5000
Mr Frank & Mrs Dorothy Wilkinson 100
Mr Ed & Mrs Yvonne Wilson 100

Memory of Evan & Alexandra Andreoff

Virginia Evans 20

Memory of Jamie Andreoff

Helen Spero 25

Memory of John Anthony 37 years

Lorraine Anthony 20

Memory of Tony Bodanis

Maryann & Stan Koteff 25

Memory of Demetra Bunda (35years)

Renzo and Sophie Tanel 150

Memory of Chris Chreston

Louis Mousmanis 50
Nick & Vangie Mousmanis
and Vi Williams 50

Memory of Diana Curley

Mrs Nada Stancheson 100

Memory of Boris and Sandra Damoff

Mervin and Violet Glase 20

Memory of Pavlo Dimitroff 42 years

Christina Liuzia 55

Memory of all our loved ones

Risto & Lina Dimitrovski 25

Memory of Elsie Evans

Virginia Evans 20
Virginia Stoymenoff 25
Louie & Frances Ouslis 20

Memory of parents Chris & Elsie Evans

Memory of nephew Jason Madden
Mrs Diana Thomas 100

Memory of a wonderful lady Vassa Evans

Angie Zoy Panzoff 20

Memory of Vassa Evans 1 year

Krista Koteff & Jeff Ruben 25
Maryann & Stan Koteff 50
Kim & Jason Koteff 25

Nicole Koteff, Charles Zimmerman and
Cameron Koteff-Zimmerman 50

Stan & Carol Christoff 100

Memory of Vasil and Vesa Michael (Fotovskiy)

Memory of Leonida Ziskos
Christine and William Ziskos 300

Memory of my brother Dr Thomas Geleff 11yrs

Mrs Victoria Floras 50

Memory of sister Helen Gichoff

Sophie Uvakov 50
Hope Paliare 100

Memory of mother Helen Gichoff

daughter Marianne Toth 100
daughter Florence Christie 100

Memory of aunt Helen Gichoff

Tom & Mary Mladen 100
Michael Mladen & Paula Butler and Family 75

Caryn Mladen 50

Faith & Noel Croxon 100

Slavica Vasilevska 150

Lile & Mirko Stankovic 150

Virginia Mladen 50

Chris Paliare and Eva Marzewski 100

Memory of husband, father and dedo George Hatzopoulos 20 years

Petra Hatzopoulos 100

Connie & Brian Parkinson and
Mary & George Spanopoulos 100

Memory of Andrew Humphries

Hope Paliare 50

Faith & Noel Croxon 100

Memory of Jim Kalles

Virginia Stoymenoff 25

Memory of Art Karkanias

Shana Mitchell 30

Memory of Steve Kiosis J

Danny & Elsie Mangos 50

Memory of Doris Lazaroff

Samuel Lazaroff 35

Memory of Luben Lazoff

Milca Novak 50

Memory of Lou Lazarou

Helen Spero 25

Memory of Thelma Malinas

Louie & Frances Ouslis 20

Memory of Marina Marko

Merry Hough 25

Virginia Floroff 25

Mr & Mrs J Jamiolkowsky 25

Memory of Loza Markoff (Stavroff)

Memory of Florence Evans
Faith & Noel Croxon 100

Memory of Louie Mladen 16 years

Christina Mladen 25

Memory of Vana and Peter Mousmanis		Memory of Norman Paliare		Memory of Loza Stavroff	
Memory of Nellie Mousmanis		Hope Paliare	25	The Bitove Foundation	100
Memory of Rick Williams		Faith & Noel Croxon	150		
Louis Mousmanis		Memory of Boris Zissoff		Memory of Peter & Vasilka Stoicheff	
Nick & Vangie Mousmanis		Gwladys Zissoff	100	Boris & Joan Stoicheff	600
and Vi Williams	400				
Memory of parents Elena and Lazor Nanos		Memory of my dear mother Dona Papamarkova		Memory of George Stoyanovich	
Frederick & Thomie Larkin	200	Mrs Helen Keevil	200	Lorraine Anthony	75
Memory of dear brother George (Goche) Nitsos from Banitza		Memory of Thomas Pascol		Memory of Sophie Strezos 7 years	
Mike & Mary Nitsos	25	Jim Paliare	10	Memory of Vasiliki Papatheodorou	
In loving memory of husband, father and dedo William Bill Novak		Memory of son David Sandolowich 20 years		Peter Strezos	100
Milca Novak, daughter Maria and grandchildren Christina, Andrew and Samantha	200	Olga Sandolowich	200	Memory of Mrs Tanovich	
Memory of Bill Novak		Memory of husband Ron Sandolowich 4 years		Peter Strezos	50
Stan and Adie Thomas	100	Olga Sandolowich	200	Memory of Mirche Tasev	
Memory of parents and sister Virginia		Memory of dad Lambro - October 1963		Dr Dragi Denkovski	100
Chris & Stephanie Peroff	20	mom Dana - January 1991		Dearly missed Olga Tipoff 4 years Jan 14th	
Memory of Vera Mandal		brother John - October 1998		James Tipoff	
Memory of Mary Paul		Katherine Spero	75	Chris, Doreen, Kevin & Steven Tipoff	
Memory of my dear brother		Memory of Walter Stancheson		Helen Spero, Cindy & Rick & Mark & Chantal	100
Memory of Vassa Evans		Angeolo and Pat Theodore	100	Memory of father Jim Trentos	
Hope Paliare	50	Maryann and Stan Koteff	25	Memory of baba Vana Trentos	1000
Memory of Mary Evans		Mr Kenneth & Mrs Marle Erskine	25	Memory of cousin Perry Tzigeris	
Mr & Mrs Chris Kiproff	40	Joe & Karen Brinkman	100	Linda Argiris Hernandez	15
Petkovski Family (Sophie, Leffie, Christine & Terry)	100	Dr James Kiproff	100	Memory of father Kitse Vasseff 31years	
Chris Paliare & Eva Marzewski	100	Memory of Milka Stasseff		Margie & George Vassoss	25
Hope Pliare	25	Christina Liuzza	55	Memory of brother Boris Veloff 60 years	
The Bitove Foundation	100	Memory of Steve Stavro		mother Velicka Veloff 50 years	
Virginia Stoymenoff	25	Stan and Adie Thomas	100	father Traian Veloff 30 years	
John Evans	250	Virginia Stoymenoff	50	Olga Sandolowich	200
		Boris & Joan Stoicheff	100	Memory of Veloff Family	
		Memory of Walter Stancheson		Boris, Velicka and Traian and	
		Jack & Mary Apps	25	Memeory of Sandolowich Family	
		Bruce & Wanda Murray	25	David and Ron	
		Tase-Meni Vasilevski	50	Pat Naum Mackay	100
		Carike Anne & Alexander Nakeff	50		



In celebrating the life of my mother, Mary Evans, I would like also to celebrate the unconditional love that all our mothers have for their children. The love we experience only once.

Mary Evans was born Mary Kiproff, the second of eleven children in 1922 in the heart of Cabbagetown, Toronto well before it was fashionable to live there. With parents who did not speak English, emigrating from the Macedonian village of Buf, she performed the role of surrogate mother to her siblings ensuring food stamps, clothing and schooling at the age of 12 during the Great Depression. She gave up her own chances of education to help her father in the New Service Lunch at King and Parliament Sts. Her love of life became evident as she danced in the aisles with her sisters for pennies. She would later become well known at Sts Cyril & Methody Church for her spirited leading of the Bufskoto at the Macedonian events.

In the following decades our young Canadian Macedonian women faced challenges and changes with World War II, and the emergence of the modern woman while respecting our old country traditions. They were forging our identity both at home and work with good advice and work ethic while still keeping the aromas of zelnik and bop in the kitchen. It was very difficult to balance the demands of homemaker, and business partner. But somehow, between ironing shirts, typing the daily menus, and working behind the counter 10 hours a day, she managed.

Her friendships in the Canadian Macedonian Community helped sustain her particularly her beloved Elsie Evans a great friend for life. Mary worked until the age of 82, where at the check-out at Loblaws she boasted that she had the longest line-up: not because she was slow but because she was their favorite. They were waiting for their daily laugh from Mary.

She lived a full and eventful life for 85 years with an unconditional love for her two boys. It doesn't seem to matter when your mother passes on. The loss you feel is that of probably the only unconditional love you will ever have in your life.

Mary's spirit is well cherished by her sons, John & George, her daughters in law, Nancy & Lyne, her brothers and sisters, Alec, Helen, Anne and Chris, and her grandchildren, Peter, Michael, Katie, Caleigh, Michelle and Lisa. George and I want to thank our family and friends who help to make her passing a little easier.

Bog da ja prosti

John Evans

RESERVE: Wednesday July 9th 2008

66th Annual Macedonian Open Golf Tournament

Book your spot early!

WINNERS of the 65th Annual Macedonian Open Golf Tournament

Van Petroff trophy
Steve Tallis - 73

Cuzo Tamo memorial trophy
George Markou - 77

Alex Evans memorial trophy
Ted Tzogas - 75

SUPER DEDO
George Brown - 76

Chris Vasilev Family trophy
Hy Haberman - 82

Adams, Masin & Tilley trophy
John Kricfalusi - 84

Stanley (Nace) Thomas trophy
Sharon Jones - 95

Steve Stavro memorial trophy
Tim Vrancik - 74

Dotsa Bitove team trophy
Nick Todorovski George Markou
Ted Tzogas Tom Roidis

Come and JOIN the ORO with Olga Sandolowich

Since January 17th 2005, Olga Sandolowich has been visiting our Home on a weekly basis. Tuesday is probably the most exhilarating day of the week; residents make sure that their Tuesday's are free of other activities Tuesday's are reserved for 'Happy Hour with Olga'.

They are all down and ready before Olga arrives. The room is filled with enchantment and cheerfulness at the sound of music and everyone is ready to exercise. Once they wrap up the exercise, WELL then the ORO begins. It is wonderful to watch them dance and hear them sing and YES we do have great dancers. The residents that are not of Macedonian descent have done well, in the last three years they have picked up all the oro's.

Although the renovations were extensive and prolonged, it never stopped or interfered with Olga's Happy Hour.

Olga loves what she does and very much enjoys coming to Canadian Macedonian Place; she is rejuvenated when she is in the Home. Olga has great ideas and wishes to bring more activities for our residents.

Mark down every TUESDAY 3:00 to 4:00pm, come and join us for a light exercise, dance and of course we wrap it up with coffee and cookies.

Thank you Olga for bringing joy to our home!



L-R: 1) Sime & Lina from Australia; 2) Ciriaci Simpanis, Stan Thomas, Olga Sandolowich back Angel Kalendjiev, Vera Orlovska; 3) Petra Giamou, Mary Mirceva, Avram Grigoriadis, Vaca Kicevska, Betty Greaves, Jimmy Paliare, Ana Mladenova; 4) Olga Sandolowich, Vaca Kicevska, Joanna Nolte, Milka Bratuhin, back Stoja Mircheva