

CANADIAN MACEDONIAN PLACE CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY

Sunday, Oct 4, 2009 the Macedonian community in the GTA gathered at St Clement church to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Canadian Macedonian Place.

It is hard to believe that three decades have passed since the ribbon cutting ceremony that launched CMP as a place for our community to gather and a home for our seniors to live amongst friends and family in a caring and comfortable environment.

Along with dinner, dancing and all things Macedonian, the evening was dedicated to all the past Presidents of Canadian Macedonian Place; the Daughters of Macedonia and the Canadian Macedonian Youth Organization. In her speech, CMP President Marilyn Trentos, took a moment to thank all the past Presidents, committee members and volunteers of the aforementioned organizations who -- through their tireless hard work and dedication over the years -- have collectively raised millions of dollars for CMP in the past three decades.

Also during her speech Marilyn announced that she is donating \$20,000 in honour of her Baba and all of the happy years that she lived in the CMP Home. This most generous donation marks the first newly renovated individual suite in CMP to be designated in honour of the TRENTOS family name.



The 30th Anniversary celebration of CMP held a message of renewed commitment from the Canadian Macedonian community to honour our seniors, preserve our heritage and to rejuvenate our Home. Through the continued participation of all Macedonians in cultural events that support and contribute to the financial well being of CMP, we ensure that there will always be a Home to live in for our senior citizens and a welcome gathering place for the Macedonian community.

With CMP's first 30 years now behind us, and the second phase of renovations to the Home's building now in full swing, our community is excited for the future and all the new and wonderful events taking place that are sure to make the next 30 years of Canadian Macedonian Place even more special than its first.



Special Thanks To:

In memory of loved ones, Elsie Karfilis and Family at Christmas donate trays of sweets, fruits and ham.

Pauline & Chris Stavro never forget us with their kind donation of seasonal fruits and flowers.

The Literary Group 'Braka Miladinovci' of St. Clement for the 'Poetry Night'. Dragica Dimovska and members always prepare a mouth watering spread of home made goods.

Olga Sandolowich for the 'Fun Hour with Olga'. Not only does Olga bring joy with the song and dance but she also brings sweets for the hour that follows the dance.

Mary and Angelo Minas also add to our joy. Residents count the days to when Mary will come to sing and dance with the residents accompanied by Angelo who plays the accordion. After dancing everyone enjoys Mary's cake and coffee.

Donna Scotland visits with us weekly and is in the ORO. Donna brings us different homemade sweets every week.

Olga & Peter Petro bring all kinds of sweets at Christmas, Valentines, Easter - residents enjoy the treats as well as their company when they come to visit.

CMP Donors Pay Tribute to Family, Friends and Loved Ones

Making a donation is a wonderful way to commemorate a special occasion or the life of a loved one. By using the enclosed reply coupon and postage-paid envelope, you can easily make a tax-deductible gift to CMP in honour or memory of a loved one. Your gift will be recognized in the next issue of the *Zdravets* and the honouree(s) or next of kin will be notified of your generous gift with a special card.



Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 7, 2010
Annual Fashion Show by the Ladies Auxiliary of St. Clement of Ohrid

Sunday, April 4, 2010
Macedonian Easter

Wednesday, April 7, 2010
Celebration 2010 - Honourary Chair John L. N. Bitove
Kidney Foundation of Canada - Metro Convention Centre
Contact Lorie Scratch @ 905-278-3003 x 4963

June 3-5, 2010
Register for the UMD Global Conference 2010
Register now for the 2nd UMD Global Conference!
Sheraton Centre Toronto

Wednesday, July 7, 2010
68th Annual Macedonian Open Tournament

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Keeping the Canadian Macedonian Community In Touch and Informed

A Message From The President



Marilyn Trentos

Greetings and thank you. Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter and being a friend of **Canadian Macedonian Place**.

Well, as I often say, things are busy at the home. Since our last newsletter, we have celebrated the 30th anniversary of Canadian Macedonian Place with a President's Ball. The evening

was a huge success and you can read more on that in the newsletter. For me, it was a particularly special evening as I recall as a teenager attending a "President's Ball" during my father's tenure as President. It really felt like a déjà vu and I was so pleased to be able to honour all Past Presidents of CMP as well as those that had been involved in the "Daughters of Macedonia" and the Junior Board.

At that event, I told a heart warming story about a dear friend of mine, Chris Temovsky, who had recently assisted his own beloved grandmother to find her way to making Canadian Macedonian Place her home. Chris had said to me that until he went through the experience himself personally, he really never had appreciated how lucky we are to have Canadian Macedonian Place. I urged him to write his story and we are pleased to have included their experience in this issue of *Zdravets*.

Now that the celebrations are over, we are busy with the ongoing renovation of the suites. As reported earlier, the Board has approved a renovation of each of the individual apartment units, as they too are 30 years old. So far, we have 11 down, 98 to go and they look marvelous.

In order to continue, we are pleased to offer naming opportunities of the units in gratitude of donations over \$5,000.

I am thrilled with a recent donation by the village of Zagorichani. For their generous donation we have named the office at Canadian Macedonian Place in honour of that proud village and in the memory of all Zagorichani members who started the Mutual Benefit Society of Zagorichani - Kostursko back in 1907.

Additionally, I also take great pleasure in offering my pledge of \$20,000. One unit will be named after my Baba Vana Trentos, a past resident so that her name may grace the halls of Canadian Macedonian Place.

If you or your village and/or association would like further information on other naming opportunities, please contact Zlatka or myself directly.

As current President, it gives me great pleasure to be involved in putting together this newsletter. It's a wonderful way to keep in touch with our community. Our distribution is to over 1,500 households and the list is growing. If you know of anyone that would like to receive our newsletter please contact the office. Also, if you would prefer to receive it by email, email us and we would be a happy to send you one electronically.

Thank you for taking the time to read *Zdravets* and I hope you enjoy the rest of the newsletter. On behalf of Canadian Macedonian Place I wish you all a wonderful spring and a very Happy Easter!!



LIVING IN STYLE: CMP RENOVATION UPDATE

Visitors to Canadian Macedonian Place have and continue to comment on the beautiful surroundings and elegant common areas that have been transformed as a result of the first phase of renovations to the Home that were completed just a year ago.

Now with the second phase of CMP renovations well under way, the interior transformations of several refurbished apartments are being met with considerable interest and accolades from prospective new tenants. Included in the renovation of each suite is all new parquet flooring; ceramic backsplash in the kitchen along with new cabinetry and ceramic flooring in kitchen and bathroom. The bathroom is also equipped with a new vanity and walk-in shower. All light fixtures, shelving and storage has been replaced and air-conditioning units have been installed in each newly renovated suite.

To date eleven suites located on the second and third floors have been totally renovated. After a short hiatus during the winter months, renovations will resume in March with ten more suites slotted for complete make-overs bringing the total to twenty-one.

Due to the vacancy period necessary to complete the renovation of each suite, there remain a few newly renovated apartments available for immediate occupancy. So if you or someone you know is interested in making a move for the better, please call Zlatka at CMP and set up an appointment to tour the Home and visit one of these beautifully remodeled suites.

Zdravets SOCIETY

Donations totaling \$5,000 or more are recognized on the beautiful new *Zdravets* SOCIETY Donor Wall. If you and your family or your business would like to learn more about making a contribution to Canadian Macedonian Place please call Zlatka Cokov at 416-755-9231 or feel free to contact a member of the Board.



To arrange a tour of our newly renovated suites and to see the benefits that Canadian Macedonian Place has to offer seniors age 55 plus, please call Zlatka Cokov at 416-755-9231 or email zcokov@canadianmacedonianplace.com.

| Donation Level | Recognition Level |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| \$100,000 and beyond | Diamond |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | Platinum |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | Gold |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 | Silver |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | Bronze |

