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# A Message From The President

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I am truly honoured to have been chosen by the Board of Directors as the new President of CMP. I have served on the Board for several years, however, as President I now look forward to working more closely with the staff as we continue to have Canadian Macedonian Place as one of the cornerstones of our community.

Many thanks to George Markou for his four years of service as CMP President. George presided over the home through COVID and it is with his excellent direction that we came through that crisis with very few issues. George is continuing as a Board member, and I appreciate his guidance going forward.

I also want to thank Marilyn Trentos, a former CMP President for all her hard work and dedication to the home. Marilyn has been involved with CMP for almost 20 years and is one of our most active Board members.

A special thanks to Susan Niczowski for her continuous donations and supply of COVID rapid tests to CMP in an effort to help keep residents and staff safe.

This year saw the return of our annual Golf Tournament. It was great to be able to finally have this event in person again. First, because it is one of the largest fundraising initiatives for CMP. Second (and more important), it is one of the highlight events of the year for the Macedonian community. It was terrific to have everyone come out and enjoy the golf, food, drinks and great company. I always love the graf (or bope as my father-in-law would call it).

This year we paid off the mortgage at CMP. This is a monumental achievement. Our founders would have been very proud to have seen this day. Now, mortgage-free, we can be more ambitious toward our future goals at CMP. Plans are in the works and there are great things to come.

2022 has been a busy year at CMP on the renovation/improvement front. We renovated 3 units this year bringing the total number of renovated units to 94 of 109. We installed new eavestroughs and a new roof on the home in a complimentary Macedonian red colour. The old wood retaining wall was replaced with a new much stronger concrete wall and the south pathway into the ravine was widened.

Following recommendations from the Toronto and Regional Conservation authority, the bank erosion in the ravine has been addressed. In addition, we replaced the asphalt pathway with concrete and fastened the fence. We also resurfaced the parking lot and added 3 new parking spaces.

Sadly, we had to cancel the CMP Christmas party due to a COVID outbreak in the home, however, on Sunday December 4th, we held a Macedonian festive lunch for all residents. It feels good to start having these kinds of in person events at the home again and we hope to host more in the future.



Finally, I thank everyone who has been involved with CMP over the last 40+ years. We have a great community and I look forward to continuing my involvement with CMP for many more years to come.

Warm regards,

Peter Simeon CMP President

## Inside:





# 2022 Macedonian Open Golf Tournament



After two years of COVID-19 restrictions, the committee for the Macedonian Open were delighted to welcome back golfers on July 5, 2022. Delayed approval from Station Creek until the end of April, along with substantial cost increases and uncertain participation, prompted the decision to freeze the ticket price at 2019 rates at \$250 for adults and \$100 for juniors.

Over 300 golfers quickly registered with more than double the number of sponsored golfers thanks to the generosity of both past and new sponsors. Donor support was amazing, and we wholeheartedly thank everyone involved. The dinner was complimented by the addition of Macedonian culinary favourites prepared by a group of talented Macedonian ladies with the support of St. Dimitrija Solunski Church.



The morning at Station Creek Golf Club started off with a little rain but once again it turned out to be a beautiful day with golfers hitting the links after enjoying lunch and catching up with friends not seen for a long time. Smiles and laughter throughout the day was a testament to the wonderful time enjoyed by all.

We can happily report that our live auction exceeded the 2019 results due in large part to the generous support of our donors and guests.



During the past two years COVID protocols resulted in a significant increase in expenses necessary to ensure the health, safety and security of our senior residents and staff at CMP. The Macedonian Open is CMP's largest annual fundraiser and as a result of the tremendous support received in 2022, we were able to raise over \$90,000 and this helped to mitigate the increase in CMP's operating costs.

A special thanks to our Golf Committee, staff and volunteers for all their hard work and dedication in making the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Macedonian Open a huge success.

Save the date for our 2023 Macedonian Open taking place on Monday July 10, 2023. You will not want to miss this one. Stay tuned for more exciting details to come.

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## **2022 Trophy Winners**

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# **Kosta Stanwyck CMPF Supporter & Champion of Macedonian causes**

With great fondness, reverence and gratitude the Canadian Macedonian Place Foundation and the Macedonian community at large, paid their respects to Kosta Stanwyck, who sadly passed away on January 4, 2022, at the age of 91.

A strong and proud supporter of all things Macedonian, Kosta Stanwyk's unyielding generosity and dedication to financially supporting Canadian Macedonian institutions -- from churches to the UMD and CMPF -- made a marked difference in benefiting causes that he and his wife Helen consistently supported throughout the years.

By means of ingenuity, hard work and relentless drive, Kosta's success in business and family life embodied the Canadian dream. The resulting generosity in giving back to the Macedonian community is a reflection of the values held by Kosta and Helen Stanwyk and those same values with which they raised their family.

The CMPF Board of Directors, staff and members pay tribute to the memory of Kosta Stanwyk, a proud Canadian Macedonian and great supporter of Macedonian identity and causes worldwide.

Kosta Stanwyck was born in 1930 in Armensko (Northern Greece), Macedonia. The town was eventually renamed by Greece to Alona. When confronted with this name change it stirred something inside of Kosta making him feel his identity had been challenged.

As a man of both principle and logic, Kosta often wondered what his ancestors would think of the name and official language change. We all know what side of the fence Kosta was on, so it just made sense.

With the political and family turmoil playing a heavy toll on Macedonians at the time, with just \$5.00, Kosta arrived in Canada by boat at the age of 18 with a dream of a better life. At 19, he met Helen Theodore (from Rula), a beautiful young Macedonian woman, and was immediately smitten, as was she.



On the spot, he told her that they would get married... and they did.

His entire life, Kosta only had eyes for Helen and anyone who knew him knew just that. He always honoured his beliefs.

Together, they had 3 children: Betty, Chris, and Tom. Now, the family has expanded to 9 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Grandchildren's names are Jennifer, Julia, Katie, Alex, Amy, Jackie, Steven, Olivia, and Daniel. Great-grandchildren Lillian, Autumn, Piper, and Natalie.

# Kosta Stanwyck continued...

Kosta worked at a few jobs in Foodservice, as many Macedonians did, when he first came to Canada. During this journey he came to realize that he wanted to work for himself. Kosta possessed all the qualities necessary to advance and become a successful entrepreneur.

Through his many years, he had an array of businesses giving him the success, spirit, and experience he needed to accomplish his goals. From Cinci Cola in 1963, Queemo in 1965, and Mr. Juicee in 1970 along with many other early business ventures.

Then in 1996 along with his sons, Chris and Tom, Triple A Cheese was established. Feta Cheese and Kosta's name would be synonymous in Canada, and especially with our Macedonian community. Kosta was very proud of that and was always thankful.

He left Triple A Cheese in 2019 and bought a Motel in Wasaga beach at the age of 89. He renamed it the Macedonian Mermaid. He worked there to the end.

His drive for the Canadian and Macedonian dreams was relentless.



Kosta was also a big part of the team of founding fathers that built St. Clement of Ohrid Macedonian Orthodox Church. In the early years, he and his wife Helen volunteered in the kitchens, and Helen called Bingos on Monday nights to raise money to help the church and its future.

With Kosta's evident business success, he continued to immensely support the Church financially throughout his life. He always cared most deeply for the Macedonian identity and the Church was a vehicle to support that mission.

Blessed with a personality that was both interesting and dynamic, Kosta had a sense of humour that was always a pleasure to everyone. Kosta had many loving friends and family and his friendships in the church would last a lifetime.

His favourite place in the world was at his home in Wasaga Beach. Early on in Kosta and Helen's marriage, they rented cottages together with other Macedonian families at Ethel's cottages in Wasaga Beach. In 1973, he bought a cottage at Wasaga Beach that he built up over the years and loved. Memories for the family were wonderful and very well fed in so many positive ways.

He spent his final hours there with his family by his side, well-loved.

Kosta died peacefully on January 4th, with his dreams of a better life here in Canada with his loving wife Helen, completely fulfilled.

Kosta Stanwyck loved life and he remains an inspiration for us all.

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## Recipes



## Djimirinki, Chvarki (cracklings) – Macedonian Pork Specialty

Djimirinki are made from finely chopped pieces of pork bacon that melts in a larger fire pot. They are a kind of pork 'crisps', with fat thermally extracted from the lard. During the preparation, the fat is removed from the bacon, and the pieces of meat are left to fry and dry. It is recommended to eat them warm combined with red wine.

## Ingredients

• 5 kg bacon

- 1 liter water
- 2 teaspoons salt

#### **Instructions**

- 1. Wash the bacon well with water to remove any blood.
- Cut bacon into cubes with size 2 x 2 cm. Place the cubes in a deeper pot and add about 1 liter
  of water so about 3/4 of the pieces of bacon would
  be immersed.
- 3. Put the pot on a strong fire until the water starts to boil and stir occasionally to avoid burning. When water starts to boil, lower the temperature and continue to boil at moderate temperatures again with occasional stirring. During this time the liquid will first become blurry (emulsion from grease and water), and then it will be become clear, and it will turn into a fat which you'll later use instead of cooking oil.
- 4. After about 2-3 hours when the liquid becomes clear, drain the fat in another pot. Continue to fry the cracklings in the same pot until they get a nice golden-brown color. Remember to stir constantly so they don't burn.
- 5. When the cracklings get their color, again remove the fat and continue to fry them for 10 more minutes.
- 6. After frying, squeeze them again to drain as much ointment as possible.
- 7. Transfer the squeezed djimirinki into a separate dish and add the salt and mix well. Serve them hot.



## Stuffed apples with honey and walnuts

## **Ingredients**

- 4 large apples
- 100 grams walnuts

- 4 spoons of honey
- · 1 teaspoon of raisins
- 1 teaspoon of cinnamon

### **Instructions** (serves 4-6)

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
- 2. Cut off the top of the apple, then scoop out the center with a spoon.
- 3. Chop the walnuts finely and mix them with raisins, then fill the apples.
- 4. Arrange them in a deep pan, pour some water and bake for about 15 minutes.
- 5. Once they have cooled, arrange them on a plate. Pour a spoonful of honey over each of the apples and sprinkle a little cinnamon.

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