



Keeping the Canadian Macedonian Community In Touch and Informed

A Message From The President

Celebrating Achievement and Wishing you Joyful Holidays!

Dear CMP members and friends,

As 2023 draws to a close, it is with gratitude and pride that we reflect on the efforts we have undertaken together as a community. Your unwavering support, dedication and collaborative spirit have made CMP a home, and we extend a warm holiday greeting to each and every one of you.

A heartfelt thank you to the members of our Board and the CMP staff, whose tireless efforts and leadership have guided us through the challenges and triumphs over the past few years. Your commitment to the well-being of our residents has been the driving force of our success.

We are delighted to extend a warm welcome to our newest member, Natalie Bitove. Your presence enriches our community, and we look forward to the contributions you will undoubtedly bring.

In 2023, we saw the completion of various projects including the enhancement of our infrastructure

with installation of a striking new red roof, new eavestroughs and the leveling of the patio walkouts for the ground-level units. Additionally, the freshly painted interior hallways and stairwells add an inviting touch to our shared spaces.

As we prepare to welcome the Christmas season, let us carry the spirit of community, gratitude, and joy into our celebrations. May the coming year be filled with prosperity, good health, and continued community success.

Steknen Bozik and Nova Godina!!



Peter Simeon

*With heartfelt
appreciation,*

*Peter Simeon
CMP President*

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2023 Macedonian Open Golf Tournament



July 10 was an awesome day for 288 golfers and 15 dinner guests at our new venue, Angus Glen Golf Club, host of 2 Canadian Opens! The anticipation leading up to our annual tournament resulted in a record sell out one month after registration commenced; smiles, laughter throughout the day were a testament to the wonderful time enjoyed by all.

Angus Glen provided a beautiful setting for the Macedonian sausage luncheon, and sumptuous dinner kicked off with huge appetizer platters featuring Macedonian favourites prepared by our talented volunteers. Gord Stellick entertained us as Master of Ceremonies.



The Macedonian Open is CMP's largest annual fundraiser and as a result of the tremendous support received, we were able to raise over \$105,000 for capital improvements and apartment renovations. Sponsor and donor support set a new milestone thanks to the generosity of past and new supporters like our tournament sponsor, Rumble. And we were thrilled with the support for our live Auction and Raffle, both setting new highs.

A special thanks to our Golf Committee, staff and volunteers for all their hard work and dedication in making the 79th Annual Macedonian Open a huge success.

Macedonian Open Committee

Alex Mishos

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Save the date for our 2024 Macedonian Open taking place on Monday July 8, 2024. You will not want to miss this one; it's our 80th Anniversary celebration! Stay tuned for more exciting details to come.



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Macedonian Dinner Appetizers

Courtesy Of:

A Special Group of Macedonian Ladies,

St. Dimitrija Macedonian Orthodox

Church, Canadian Macedonian Place

Foundation and Summer Fresh Salads –

Niczowski Family

Save the Date!



80th Macedonian Open 2024

Angus Glen Golf Club

Monday, July 8th, 2024

For more information visit
www.MacedonianOpen.ca



2023 Trophy Winners

Van Petroff Trophy

Christopher Markos

Cuzo Tamo Memorial Trophy

Jordan Bilkas

Alex Evans Memorial Trophy

Jim Nushis

Alex Alexander Super Dedo 65+ Trophy

Greg Stamkos

Chris Vasilev Family Trophy

Steve Parsons

Steve Stavro Memorial Trophy

Caleb Evans

Stanley (Nace)

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Jasmine Andreevski

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Dotsa Bitove

Team Trophy

Chris Kotsopoulos

Christopher Markos

Todd Gerrard

Caleb Evans

John (Lazo) Bitove Trophy

Alexander Oushalkas

George Oushalkas

Matt Hart

Macleod Houghton

Virginia Stoymenoff

Supporter of all things Macedonian

Virginia Stoymenoff was an active supporter of all things Macedonian and getting the job done was more important to her than taking credit for it. Virginia dedicated her time and energy to multiple Macedonian causes including: CMHS – Canadian Macedonian Historical Society; UMD – United Macedonian Diaspora, and of course, CMPF – Canadian Macedonian Place Foundation.

Born May 31st, 1934, in Toronto, Virginia was the daughter of Boris Lazaroff (of Verbnik) and Nevenka Bojoeff (of Lerin). Virginia married Tom Stoymenoff and they are survived by two sons--Gary and Chris and five wonderful grandchildren.

Virginia's childhood in Toronto consisted of interactions with other Macedonian families, however, her most significant influence was that of the "Clubo" a Macedonian Cultural Center on Ontario Street where she learned to play the mandolin. The Toronto Mandolin Orchestra, part of the Ukrainian Shevchenko Music Ensemble was Virginia's passion until the very end.

Devoting her life to Macedonian causes and organizations, in 1976, while reading the newspaper, Virginia saw that the Estonians were building a seniors' home for their much smaller immigrant community. She thought it would be a good idea for the Macedonian community to do the same, so she started a campaign to raise funds and soon discovered the same idea was already shared by other Macedonians. John Bitove established the Canadian Macedonian Senior Citizens Centre Association in 1969 and enlisted a group of prominent Macedonian Canadians to join this worthy endeavour. Virginia was invited by John Bitove to join the fundraising committee of Canadian Macedonian Place and subsequently became Secretary of the Board of Directors for CMP in 1978.

Canadian Macedonian Place was officially opened on June 17th, 1979, and Virginia was appointed as its first Administrator. She left this position to pursue a successful career in real-estate for the next 25-years, however, she continued to promote CMP at every opportunity. CMP Board member Chris Paliare served with Virginia from the beginning and said,

"Virginia was a tireless committed person with strong principles and an unabating commitment to all things Macedonian." Upon hearing that a young Macedonian was working in Marketing at Shoppers Drug Mart, Virginia used her powers of persuasion to enlist Stan Thomas to join CMP in 1978. Stan fondly remembers, "...her passion, sincerity and conviction sold me on joining the CMP Team."



Virginia Stoymenoff

In 1995, Virginia and I struck up an instant friendship when I joined the CMP board. In the late 1990s, there was a desire to expand the services of Canadian Macedonian Place to include a nursing home unit. Virginia and I co-chaired the Nursing Home Committee. Unfortunately, the CMP application was declined by the Ministry of Health. Never one to accept defeat, Virginia met the challenge and immediately went to work finding an alternative. We approached the owner of Leisure World and he agreed to consider our proposal to incorporate an ethnic unit into his plans.

A highlight of Virginia's career was the opening of the Macedonian wing in the Leisure World complex. The unit provided a familiar welcoming environment

Virginia Stoymenoff continued...

for Macedonian patients who required additional care beyond what CMP could provide. Macedonian artists were commissioned by CMP to create artworks and Macedonian nursing and support staff were hired. The Leisure World Macedonian Wing officially opened in 2001 with Macedonian dignitaries and Ontario Government officials in attendance.

When her mother's care became more than CMP could provide, Virginia saw the fruits of her labour actualized by having her mother spend the last days of her life in the Macedonian Wing at Leisure World. Insufficient demand to fill the beds resulted in the closing of the Leisure World Macedonian Wing in 2014. Although disappointing, Virginia was quick to point out, "At least we tried!"

After speaking with Pete Kondoff and learning that he was establishing the Canadian Macedonian Historical Society as an adjunct to CMP, Virginia immediately became passionately committed and involved in the project. Together, they created the Canadian Macedonian Historical Society.

Upon its opening in 2017, the CMHS Museum room was dedicated, "In honour of Virginia Stoymenoff and her many years of service and commitment to CMP." She recounted this proudly to me as one of the highlights of her life.

Virginia enthusiastically joined and supported the United Macedonian Diaspora [UMD] and its championing of Macedonian interests throughout the world. UMD harnessed the talents of young Macedonian professionals in the diaspora -- most significantly in Canada and the USA -- and Virginia's dedication to this cause was reflected in UMD policies and her advocacy until the end.

A prolific writer of letters to newspapers and other media in support of Macedonian independence, Virginia left a notable imprint on our consciousness in the Toronto Macedonian community.

In an interview by the Canadian Macedonian Historical Society, Virginia spoke about her life and the history of the Macedonian community in Toronto. This video interview is available on the CMHS



website along with testimonials of local Macedonians who told their stories for posterity as well.

When asked how she wanted her legacy summarized, Virginia immediately thought of her family, expressing pride for her grandchildren. She said she wanted the Macedonian community to remember her for her "Tenacity in advancing the interests of all things Macedonian," and hoped younger generations would continue with love and passion for all things Macedonian.

After 35-years of dedicated service, Virginia was sadly forced to resign her duties as secretary of the board of CMP in 2017, due to health issues. She continued to visit CMP residents and attend our AGMs until 2020.

"There was no better Cheerleader of CMP than Virginia Stoymenoff!" - Chris Paliare

Virginia, your decades of devotion and countless contributions to CMPF are sorely missed. We thank you for encouraging us all to be better Macedonians and Canadians.

- Dr. Chris Stefanovich

CMP would like to thank the following individuals, organizations and clubs

DONATIONS

Beneficiary of the estate of Olga Mihailov

Canadian Macedonian Place Foundation	10,000
Boris Cristoff	500
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Vonna Bitove	450
Susan Niczowski	450

ZA ZDRAVJE

Tom Ylkos	400
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PAYROLL DESIGNATION

BENEVITY (CDN ONLINE GIVING)	900
Bob Markovski	1,500
John Vasiliou	400
CAF Canada	72
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IN HONOUR...

In Honour of Susan Niczowski Milestone Birthday

Nick Tomovski	500
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In Honour of Stephanie Peroff 96th Birthday

Wishing you all the best in the coming year!	
Love The Masins	50

In Honour and Gratitude of Vasil Stoikov for writing the book "T'RSYE a village in Macedonia...It's History... It's Legacy"

George Korloff	50
Murray Maloney	50

In Honour of my Grandson Jack's 18th Birthday

Diana Thomas	50
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IN MEMORIAM...

In Memory of Angelo Argiro

Christina Argiro	200
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Dr.Chris & Mrs.Vasilka Stefanovich "From your golfing friends"	100
Chris & Helen Stanwyck	200
Peter & Rena Tallis	100
Marilyn Trentos	250

'Those who we loved never go away, they walk beside us every single day, unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear'.

Mr and Mrs Thomas & Julie Popp	200
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In Memory of Chris Dimoff

The Bitove Foundation	200
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In Memory of Dana Elia

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In Memory of Tana Evans

Sula Mc Leod	100
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In Memory of Vicki Floras

Chris Paliare & Eva Marszewski Foundation	250
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In Memory of George German and many loved ones

James & Olga Kiratzis	100
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In Memory of Blaze Globocki

Slavka Globocki	50
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In Memory of Tomka Gulin

Peter Strezos	150
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In Loving Memory of Todor Kajcevski 4 years Jul 8, 2023

Bog Da Go Prosti - Vechna Slava

Dinka Kajcevska	50
Zlatka & Pero Cokov	100

for their contributions received between January 2023 to November 2023.

In Memory of Grozda Kirkos
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In Memory of a wonderful cottage friend Helen Mangos
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Bog Da Prosti
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In Memory of Nickolaos "Nick" Nanos
Sorry for the loss of your beloved dad.
Paula, Annete, Kate and Jen 200

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In Memory of David Sandolowich
Olga Sandolowich 200

In Memory of Jim Saunders
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In Memory of Kosta Stanwyck
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Dr. Chris Stefanovich 100
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In Memory of Vancho(John) Stefkov and Alexandra (Fotevska) Stefkov -36 Years
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In Memory of Virginia Stoymenoff
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In Memory of lifelong good friend Tony Strumos
Peter Strezos 50

In Memory of mom and dad
Peter & Velika Tallis
Peter & Rena Tallis 100

In Memory of Donka Temovsky
The Bitove Foundation 200

In Memory of Mary Tossos
Chris Tossos 50

In Memory of James Vasoff
Carol Gillanders & Stuart Smith 100

In Memory of Peter Ylkos
The Bitove Foundation 200

In Memory of Tom Zolis
Peter Strezos 50



"It makes me feel like a real person again."

Impacts of The Bitove Method

If you walk past the main CMP foyer on a Thursday afternoon, you'll undoubtedly hear laughter, music, lively conversations. You might hear the joyful sounds of people dancing to good oldies, writing and reciting poetry, and discussing the big and small things of life. You may even be treated to the sounds of an extraordinary musical performance, courtesy of our partnership with the Royal Conservatory of Music and Glenn Gould School!

The Bitove Method is a program for older adults, including people living with memory loss. After nearly 10 years of experience serving this population, in 2022 The Bitove Method found its warm, inviting home in Canadian Macedonian Place. Serving approximately 10 people from the community, as well as several CMP residents, the program is a place where older adults can be a part of a caring, respectful, dignified creative community.

Our unique, innovative method is centred on four core principles: connection, engagement, learning, and creative expression.

At The Bitove Method, instead of focusing on disease, age, or disability, we highlight what all of our community members bring to the table: their life stories, their skills, their perspectives, their humour, their intellect. We offer opportunities for expressing and exploring these things together, making space for meaningful social interaction and feelings of connectedness.

Participants tell us that coming to the program "makes me feel like a real person again," that it "gives me hope that, even if my dementia gets worse, I can still come here and feel joy, be with people." We've been told by their families that The Bitove Method is unlike any other program they've found for their loved one.

To learn more, find us online at
www.thebitovemethod.com



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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 email zcokov@canadianmacedonianplace.com.

You can also feel free to contact a member of the Board of Directors.

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