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Spring 2026

Keeping the Canadian Macedonian Community In Touch and Informed

ReImagine Gala in Support of Canadian Macedonian Place



On November 2nd, 2024, Macedonians from across the GTA gathered at the Four Seasons Hotel in Toronto, in celebration of our ReImagine Gala in support of Canadian Macedonian Place. The Gala honoured the remarkable achievements and community leadership of Susan Niczowski, the founder and President of Summer Fresh.

The leadership of Gala Chairs, Vonna Bitove and Marilyn Trentos, brought together an enthusiastic gathering of supporters, community leaders and friends of Canadian Macedonian Place. An evening filled with inspiration and enthusiasm included a visit from Ontario Premier Doug Ford during the cocktail reception. Ford took part in warmly greeting many of the evening's guests.

Master of Ceremonies, Catherine Murray, expertly guided the evening program with an engaging fireside chat with Susan Niczowski. Hearing about the motivations behind Susan's success, her values, and the goals that continue to drive her, made for a captivating conversation enjoyed by all.

The Four Seasons culinary team executed a beautifully curated dinner featuring flavours inspired by

traditional Macedonian cuisine. Entertainment included a vibrant performance of Macedonian folk dancing by Ensemble Makedonka, with a live band providing music throughout the evening.

Among many of the evening's highlights was the exciting and highly successful live auction. The auction significantly contributed to the Gala's fundraising success. The ReImagine Gala was by all accounts a huge success raising over \$800,000 in support of the residents and future programming at Canadian Macedonian Place.

Many thanks to the Gala Committee for their hard work and a special thank you to Susan Niczowski and her continued support and meaningful contributions to Canadian Macedonian Place.

ReImagine Gala Committee

Vonna Bitove, Co-Chair
Marilyn Trentos, Co-Chair
Chris Antaris
Helen Argiro
Vanessa Erlingher Ball

John Bitove
Zlatka Cokov
Mary Niczowski
Kesheyl Thomas

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Highlights of the 2025 Macedonian Open!



ReImagine Gala in Support of Canadian Macedonian Place



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The 81st Annual Macedonian Open Golf Tournament



On July 7, 2025, the 81st Annual Macedonian Open Golf Tournament was held at the Angus Glen Golf & Country Club in Unionville.

Hosted by Canadian Macedonian Place, the Macedonian Open is our organization's largest annual fundraiser. We raise over \$130,000 annually for capital improvements and apartment renovations at CMP.

The sold-out golf tournament hit record setting numbers in 2025, hosting 320 golfers along with additional guests attending the dinner.



Everyone enjoyed a hearty Macedonian Lunch of sausage with peppers and a variety of Summer Fresh Salads. Dinner was also based in the Macedonian tradition including grafche (baked beans), feta, olives, hot and sweet peppers to compliment the main course. A special thanks to the ladies from St. Dimitrija church for baking us an abundance of zelnik for all to enjoy.

Title Sponsor of the tournament was the Karkic Family's *Elite Dairy*.

Gord Stellick served as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Both the live auction and raffle proceeds reached new fundraising milestones in 2025.

Macedonian Open Committee

Alex Mishos
Alex Kereakou
Chris Antaris
Chris Popalis
Chris Stamkos
George Markou
George Sterjovski
Marilyn Trentos

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Zlatka Cokov, Administrator

A special thanks to our Golf Committee, CMP staff and volunteers for all their hard work and dedication in making the 81st Annual Macedonian Open a huge success.



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MACEDONIAN OPEN

**The 82nd Annual
Macedonian Open
is Monday, July 6,
2026, at Deer Creek
Golf Club in Ajax.**

We are excited to announce that all 45 holes at Deer Creek will be available and we can happily accommodate even more golfers during a single afternoon round.

2025 Macedonian Open Golf Winners

Best Overall Winners

Garry Paspalofski

Ted Manziaris

Dan Giantsopoulos

Daniel Paspalofski

1st Place - North Course

Peter Popalis

Florence Popalis

Brandon Popalis

Petey Popalis

2nd Place - North Course

Perry Kereakou

Steve Kereakou

Chris Karapalevski

Daniel Karapalevski

3rd Place - North Course

Zachary Oushalkas

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1st Place - South Course

Chris Tanev

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

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Vlade Dimitrovski.....	100
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Michael Georgiev	125
Christine Stanwyck.....	320
Luciano Tauro	320
Paul Di Trani	1,000

IN KIND YARN DONATION

The family of Christine Kazias who passed away Sep 27,2025 has made a generous donation of yarn for the happy knitting hands at CMP. *"She would be delighted to know her yarn is being used at the place she was looking forward to living in."* – Elena Kazias

PAYROLL DESIGNATION

BENEVITY (CDN ONLINE GIVING)	1,262
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Louis Ivanovsky	50
Bob Markovski	1,300
John Vasiliou	400
United Way Kingston.....	448

TRIBUTE GALA DONATIONS

Alex Mishos	200
Evelyn Reynolds	100

INVENTORY OF ARTWORK AND COSTUMES AT CMP

Dr. Chris Stefanovich and Family.....	1,000
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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DONATION

Robert and Georgia Petroff	750
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'Merry Christmas and Happy New Year'

IN HONOUR

Love, April and Bill Kawaguchi	100
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'In Honour of Mary & John's 60th Wedding Anniversary and their love of family, friends and community'

Dr. Chris Stefanovich and Family.....	500
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'In Honour of Melanie Paul Tanovich and the restart of The Macedonian Language Program at the Uoft'

Melanie and David Tanovich	100
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'In Honour of the CMP Foundation's support of The Macedonian Studies Program at the Uoft'

The Bettencourt Family	100
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In Honour of Lazora Xinidis

IN MEMORIAM...

In Memory of Patra Alexopoulos

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Stan Thomas.....	200
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In Memory of Bunda Family – Risto, Demetra & James

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In Memory of Faith Croxon

Chris Paliare and Eva Marszewski Foundation	2,500
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In Memory of George Damianidis

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In Memory of Frances Dimoff

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Marilyn Trentos	250
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In Memory of Chris and Elsie Evans

In Memory of Alex Evans

In Memory of Louie and Tana Evans

Diana Thomas	200
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In Memory of Dafni, Elias and Sofia

In Memory of Jason Madden

Diana Thomas	100
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In Memory of Adriana Diane Geleff

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Peter Strezos and Family	100

'A wonderful human being, daughter, wife, mother, friend to many – Bog da ja prosti'

Dr. Chris Stefanovich and Family	100
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'Bog da ja prosti Adriana Geleff i zdravje na familijata. Adriana wife of Dr John Geleff who was a doctor at CMP in the 1990's'

In Memory of Chris and Eva Giamos

Linda Giamos	60
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for their contributions received between November 2023 to March 2026.

**In Memory of Ilia and Stefana Gushev from their children
Lena, Todor, Lambro**
Lena Pletsch 60

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In Memory of Pando and Olga Koroloff
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In Memory of Pat Naum Mackay
Mary Nicolaidis 100

In Memory of George Mangos
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In Memory of Mary Minas
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Dr. Chris Stefanovich and Family 100

*'Thank You for being a great Macedonian Inspiration.
Bog da ja prosti i zdravje na familijata'*
Cousin Peter Strezos and Family 200
*'Bog da prosti. We are sorry for your loss. A wonderful
human being, wife, mother, grandmother. A very proud and
talented Macedonian. She will be missed'*

In Memory of my cousin Angelo Mishos
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In Memory of my brother Vasil (Bill) Mishos
Alex Mishos and Family 1,000
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*'Thank You for being on the CMP board for many years.
Bog da prosti i zdravje na familijata'*

**In Memory of our mothers for Mother's Day,
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Mike Nitsos and Family 50

In Memory of Ileana Olga Onete
Susan Niczowski and Family 300

In Memory of my cousin Katherine Opashinov
Alex and Caron Mishos 250

**In Memory of our parents: Pando and Malina Sideris,
Spase and Zorka Ouslis**

In Memory of sister Helen Ouslis
Angelo and Thelma Sideris 200

In Memory of our parents, brother, sister and son in law
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**In Memory of Vi and Carl Petroff
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Jim Petroff 50



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'Baba was a wonderful woman, very warm and thoughtful to all who knew her. She lived for her family, we will all miss her deeply. Love The Stein Family'

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'Bog da prosti i zdravje na familijata'

In Memory of George Strezos

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'Bog da prosti, My nephew and a great friend. A very proud Macedonian. Many, many good times and memories over the years. He will be missed'

In Memory of Louie Suklevski

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'Our sincerest condolences. Bill was truly a wonderful person and we are blessed to have known him. Wishing you peace and comfort in this time of sorrow'
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'My heartfelt condolences on the passing of Bill. He was a wonderful person and he will be deeply missed. May he rest in peace'
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