



The Heritage/Le Patrimoine is the official LCHA newsletter heralding the latest activities and events of our organization.

THE HERITAGE / LE PATRIMOINE

LCHA TENNIS CLASSIC – PASSING THE RACQUET...

Once again, the LCHA has held its annual tennis classic and it's so rewarding to see how more and more of the younger members of our community are taking an interest in this mainstay of our association. For the first time, we can say that that almost half the players were under the age of thirty years old, and it was really a pleasure to see the two generations playing side by side in what was a thrilling day of tennis, dining, trophies and raffle prizes. The tournament truly lives on through the intergenerational fellowship that we at the LCHA strive to promote.

ELMO AND THE LCHA WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY

Very big news has happened in the way of the job market for our community. ELMO, who you have come to know through its highly successful job fairs and its website matching candidates with employers, has now become a part of the LCHA. The LCHA, which has been working very hard to encourage education and professional development within our community via our scholarships and our job bank, felt that it was time to take this initiative a step further, by joining forces with the expertise of ELMO. ELMO became a fund of the LCHA earlier this year, and since then this collaboration has been tweaking the respective websites, and the plans are in place for an even bigger and better job fair in the very near future. So whether you are an employer or a job seeker, this newly-formed alliance will definitely be of interest to you, and we will keep you posted of all upcoming news and events.

CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY HOSTED BY THE LCHA

In March the LCHA was thrilled to have had the opportunity to host a special citizenship ceremony in collaboration with Citizenship and Immigration Canada. Some twenty-five immigrants became Canadian citizens in what was a very moving and memorable event and we are proud to say that this official ceremony was presided by a member of our own community, Citizenship Judge, Alain Ayache. The president of the LCHA, Nabil Fawaz, gave a brief speech, as did a prominent member of our community, Mr. Joe Cheaib, owner of Restaurant La Sirène de la Mer, in testimony of the opportunities and prospects open to those who immigrate to this great country. From among the twenty-five inductees, there were some from Lebanon, but there were also immigrants from other countries, which not only contributed to the flavour of the event, but also exposed these other cultures to a taste of the Lebanese-Canadian experience.

LEBA-NEWS UPDATES ON LEBANESE-CANADIAN SUCCESS STORIES

Whenever we hear a success story from a member of our community, we applaud their achievements. When this story is about a younger member, who was also a recipient of our scholarship, we acknowledge that our mission is not in vain. One such story comes from a student by the name of Hussein Hassan, who we wrote about in a previous edition of The Heritage. Now we have recently learned that Hussein, a PhD IV candidate in McGill University, majoring in food process engineering, has won the Stumbo paper competition of the Institute for Thermal Processing Specialists. He will be presenting his research during the International Congress of Agricultural Engineers in Quebec City this month as well as the Institute of Food Technologists annual conference in Chicago, this July. We congratulate him on his success, and eagerly await stories from other LCHA scholarship recipients who are using their education to become integral forces in our society.

