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11th Annual Herb Gray Gala Set For April 25, 2013

The annual Herb Gray Harmony Awards Gala has become one of Windsor's Premiere Gala Events. On April 25th 2013, the Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex County invites you to the 11th annual Herb Gray Harmony Awards "*Midnight In Moscow*" at the Ciociaro Club of Windsor.

The Herb Gray Harmony Award recognizes individuals, businesses and/or organizations that act as champions and role models that epitomize the Multicultural Council's mission and actively participate in building a community that is multi-racial, multi-ethnic and multi-faith and works towards the social equality of all cultures.

The Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex County is pleased to present this years Harmony Award to Sandra Pupatello. Pupatello was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario in 1995 and served as a Member of Provincial Parliament, and held several Ministerial portfolios till 2011. Her political career began in the 1970's when she first became active in the political campaign of former Member of Parliament, Rt. Hon. Herb Gray.

Throughout her career, she has demonstrated a commitment to multiculturalism, diversity and social equality. In her role as an MPP she was a strong advocate for programs, services and supports for the newcomer community.

This years Champion Award, which recognizes and celebrates a first generation Canadian who has made significant contributions to our community, honours Dr. Fouad Tayfour.

Dr. Tayfour is the founder of Windsor Laser Eye Institute and was the first ophthalmologist to bring retina surgery to Windsor. In 1991, he became the first surgeon in Canada to perform cataract surgery under topical anesthesia. Since then Dr. Tayfour and his wife Lisa established the Tayfour Family Foundation, with a special focus on health care and education. Over the last 20 years, Dr. Tayfour has been actively involved in the community, while providing his patients with world class eye care.

Please help us congratulate our 2013 Harmony and Champion award recipients by joining us at the11th Annual Herb Gray Harmony Awards.

For information visit www.themcc.com or call 519-255-1127.

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Local India Canada Association Elects a New Board

Established in 1985, India Canada Association (aka ICA) is an umbrella organization of various India (Bharati) regional and linguistic groups and organizations based in Windsor. Over the years it has supported a variety of charitable causes. At a meeting held on Jan 6, 2013 at the United Way, 27 year old, long established local Indo-Canadian association (ICA) elected a new board of directors and a new executive. Dr. Sushil Jain was elected president, Mr Jason Sekhon, Vice-President, Gurinder Nanuan, Secretary and Rebecca Danial, Treasurer. Whenever possible, the association holds four functions each year:

January (Republic Day function);
April-May (Youth Talent show);
August (Independence Day)
October 26, 2013 (Annual Gala Dinner)

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Newcomers Prepare for Citizenship

This winter the Citizenship Preparation Workshop has been busy preparing clients to write their citizenship tests. The workshop explores the Discover Canada book in great detail. Topics covered include Canadian history and geography, as well as voting, the justice system and even Canadian culture! Great weekly practice tests reinforce topics covered in class. Don't miss out on the next workshop and we hope to see you there!

Thank you to MCC Members

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- Alzheimer Society of Windsor & Essex County
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- St. Nicholas Macedonian Eastern Orthodox Church
- Greek Orthodox Community of Windsor
- Essex County Chinese Canadian Association
- St. George's Romanian Orthodox Cathedral
- Grachanica Serbian Orthodox Church
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BECOME A TEAM AMBASSADOR TODAY!

The MCC is recruiting volunteers for the 2013 International Children's Games, August 14-19th.

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ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY!

Leaders In Teaching

Two of our instructors, Veronica Cusenza and Margaret Holec, were selected to be involved in a pilot project to provide a model of job embedded professional development support to LINC (Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada) Instructors.
They began their online training in September and went to Toronto in November for their three day face-to-face training and they are in process of providing the framework to the instructors on what their role will be.
This model allows instructors to receive support from a PD Partner – an individual trained to provide collaborative support to interested instructors in applying professional learning to classroom practice. They also received training and an overview of the upcoming CLB changes and will be responsible for unfolding this with the instructors in the New Year. As well both of the instructors are responsible to provide these supports to all six newcomer serving agencies instructors in the city.
We are extremely proud and pleased that both of our instructors were selected and willingly took on this extra work and support for the local instructors since professional development is critical to their growth.

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The MCC was pleased to receive a cheque for over $10,000 from the Tecumseh Mayor's Annual Charity Golf Tournament. The funding will be used to support programs and services at the MCC.

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MCC Youth Enjoy a Full Week of March Break Fun

During the week of March 11th, youth gathered at the MCC for much awaited March break activities. A packed week of fun and frolic, the MCC's Welcoming Community put together a diverse range of activities for the youth to enjoy. Dancing to tunes from across the world, watching movies, to practicing their English conversation and writing skills, the youth happily engaged in it all. There were many special guests as well, including Studio Kelani , that taught the youth the importance of exercise through facilitating a class on Pilates and Polynesian dancing. Glenn Bacarro of the Glenn Project also stopped by to engage the youth in learning about self-confidence and inspired them through speaking of his own journey and barriers. Mad Science hosted workshops on building fliers and learning about the science of magic. Inquisitive learners the youth asked many questions and learned how to implement what they learn from science classes to real life. Many of them said that they didn't know how 'cool and fun' education can be. A visit from the Health Unit, taught the youth about healthy eating and leading a healthy lifestyle. They learned about healthy foods, what to buy and what to avoid in grocery stores, etc. Much of their surprise came from learning about sugar content in different beverages, many promising to intake fewer sodas. The week concluded with a special visit to Mr. Kersey's Karate School, where the youth learned valuable lessons on bullying and different self-defense mechanisms. The session focused on learning how to handle difficult situations with the 'power of smart.' It was a fun-filled week with an educational twist!

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Carrousel by the River - June 7-9, 2013

Carrousel by the River offers the very best of world music, dance, art, and food. Located along Windsor's riverfront and boasting a view of the spectacular Detroit skyline, the festival is eagerly anticipated by Windsor/Essex and attracts visitors from across Ontario and Michigan. Hosted by the Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex County, this year marks the 38th anniversary of Carrousel celebrations.

Carrousel by the River attracts high-caliber entertainment, featuring world renowned headline performers complemented by local dance, art, cuisine and other cultural forms of expression. Don't miss the opportunity to take part in this popular Windsor-Essex Festival.

Calling all food vendors - Participation Opportunities

- Promote your restaurant, food items or cultural community at Windsor's largest world music festival
- Advertise your company/restaurant/community on-site with coupons, menus, signage and promotional materials
- Register early to take advantage of the early bird rate!
- **Event Hours:** Friday, June 7 from 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm;
  Saturday, June 8 from 12:00 pm - 11:00 pm;
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- Your cost includes 10' x 20' tented area with divided curtains, shared handwash unit, use of an on-site refrigeration truck, overnight site security, portable water, one 110V electrical service line, recycling and garbage bins.

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To promote and encourage a harmonious society in Windsor and Essex County that is multi-racial, multi-ethnic, and multi-faith, and to work toward the social equality of all cultures.

Become a MCC member today and start enjoying the benefits

Advocate for a harmonious and equitable Windsor-Essex by becoming an Individual or Organizational Member of the MCC today and reap many benefits!

Acess to Special Events: Discount tickets to the Herb Gray Gala and Magical Masquerade! Carrousel of Nations by the River: Free passes to one of Windsor and Essex County's most anticipated festivals in Southwestern Ontario; Carrousel of the Nations!

Publications and Resources: The Gazette Newsletter: Distributed to over 200 organizations and individuals, with a readership of over 2000. This publication provides you with insider access to multicultural news and events. Organizational Members receive 1 FREE ½ pg. color advertisement a year!

Voting Rights: Exercise your rights at our Annual General Meeting.

Your Community (or Commitment for Change): Do it because you care about your community. Help us continue to create and sustain an inclusive community and support Diversity Programming in our community.

Organizational Member annual fee: $60.00

Individual Member annual fee: $20.00

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