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German Village

People in Windsor-Essex had the opportunity to take a trip around the world without leaving the region once again this year. The 43rd annual Carrousel of the Nations took place at various locations over the course of two beautiful June weekends.

For those who could not attend, or could not get to all of the villages, the MCC offered a Facebook live world tour of all of the villages. MCC board member, and former CBC reporter Allison Johnson, along with MCC Outreach worker, Mira Gordic, toured all of the villages bringing viewers live highlights on Facebook. They highlighted food, dancing, entertainment and volunteers at each of the villages.

Food was a big hit according to Sindy and Silvia from Toronto who attended the festival for their first time. The pair won a weekend trip to Windsor including tickets to the Carrousel of Nations through a contest with Attractions Ontario.

Sixteen ethno-cultural groups opened their doors to the community to celebrate the area's diversity. Many villages reported record crowds, standing room only and selling out of popular menu items.

New this year, the Serbian St. Dimitrije village spiced up it's menu with some vegan and vegetarian options and some of old friends who did not take part in recent years returned to the festival, including the German, Ukrainian and Slovak villages.

Joe from the Slovak Village says lack of volunteers forced the village to take a break, but the younger generation is back and helping revive the village.

"You always find that sliver of time when you can get together as a community and showcase your culture. I am proud that we did this today," he said.

"The food is fantastic! The different dance groups and the shows are amazing," said Sindy, who is hoping to return next year.



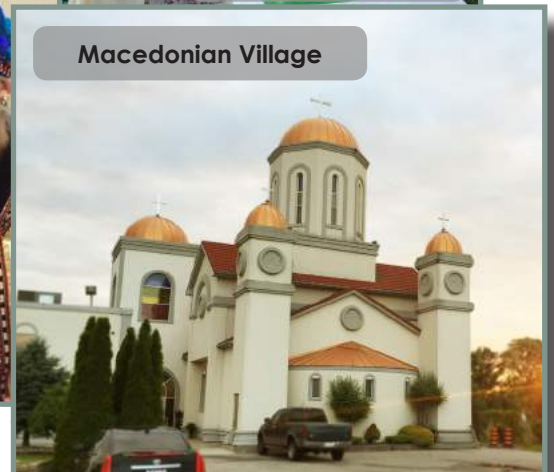
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# Tribute to Kay Curtis

The management and staff of the Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex County were saddened to learn of the passing of Kaysandra Curtis.



'Kay' was a beloved and dedicated member of the MCC for many years, selflessly offering her time and efforts to ease the transitions of newcomers.

Serving as President of the Multicultural Council, she helped to establish many of the programs which endure today, and formed the foundations for the award-winning and provincially-recognized services that have become the hallmark of our organization.

It was with surpassing pride that Kay shared her experiences as an immigrant, and incorporated her virtues of integrity, patience, altruism, and inclusiveness into many charitable pursuits.

Through her engaging leadership efforts with the MCC and as Chair of the Carousel of Nations, Kay truly exemplified our mission of creating a welcoming community for all through education, community engagement, and the promotion of diversity and equality.

Please join the Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex County in offering condolences to the family and friends of Kaysandra Curtis; a consummate professional, a confident leader, and a compassionate friend.





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