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NOTE: This newsletter is not being sent in French as we wanted to get this information out ASAP, and we really didn't want to take advantage of Judith's translation goodwill and expertise by asking for a super-quick turnaround on a long document... We will be back to two languages next time, promise!

Cindy

Spring is finally here... Though the COVID situation is improved over this time last year, it certainly does feel like we're all playing a giant game of whack-a-mole. We no sooner ride out one wave when another variant crashes the party and we're re-evaluating the latest step forward. The disruptions and cancellations of so many activities, plans and events continues to, well, dominate our lives.

Your executive has begun planning a few events to get us "back in the grove" and we hope you will feel comfortable enough to attend. Our AGM, July lunch and Imagine Monet excursion, along with a new event detailed below, are good starts. If these events are well attended, and do not present any issues, we'll continue to plan into the fall...

On the topic of events – please note many restaurants are not currently taking reservations for large numbers. We'll do what we can to get lunches scheduled, throughout the city, but locations we are used to may not be available and/or we may have to limit registration. Also, we know many of you are anxiously awaiting news that a fall wine tour is back on the books. Wine tour itineraries are typically locked in by early spring and with most wineries not able, due to COVID mandates and restrictions, to commit to taking group reservations this winter, that work wasn't possible. Plus, with the restrictions being on and off constantly, committing to those non-refundable costs wasn't a wise financial decision for the club. So, sadly, a wine tour isn't in our cards for this fall. We'll look to have a few longer events (maybe at wineries or breweries) or day tours (again, see our June event below!) for the fall, but a full-blown wine tour will have to wait until 2023.

Finally, we've all been shocked with the news and images from Ukraine. The war in Ukraine is unbearably sad and we're sending all our love, resolve and prayers to our Ukrainian members. Our thoughts are with you and your families.

Stay vigilant, be careful and wash your hands!

[AGM – \(another\) important update](#)

Please note we have decided to postpone the AGM until Thursday, June 2. There is still debate over the merit of larger groups gathering. We also have information from other clubs that recently held lunches where some COVID infections were the result. We've decided to err on the safer side for now. We will still gather at [Busters Bar & Grill](#), 420 Hazeldean Road, Kanata. If you plan to attend this lunch, please send an [email](#). Registration is limited to 60 people.

Also, thank you to Karen Casselman, Christiane Tailleux and Lise Jette who have all agreed to stay in their positions for another two years. However, if you wish to be part of the chapter's executive, please reach out to Cindy Daoust. We're always happy to welcome new ideas and people to the executive. We are also looking for someone to help with the 'technical' side of our newsletter distribution and website updating, either as part of the executive or as a volunteer. If you'd like to learn more about what would be involved in helping out in this capacity, send an [email](#) to Cindy.

And speaking of volunteers... Sending biggest thanks to:

- Judith Faubert for her tremendous translation help with our newsletters,
- Martine Lepine for her help with Santa mail distribution,
- Trish Edwards and Naresh Debidin for their ongoing help, expertise and support with our website and other tech stuff!

Imagine Monet

We still have 18 tickets left for the [Imagine Monet](#) gathering in July. We're not sure if this is because of the activity, COVID concerns or the July timing... Hopefully we're able to sell the rest of the tickets soon. Discounted tickets for By-Town members are only \$25. We're also opening the registration to friends and family for the group discount price of \$30 (admission is regularly \$40). If you wish to attend the exhibit, or have already booked a ticket and want to bring a friend, please send an [email](#) to reserve tickets. We hope you'll also join us for our July lunch before the exhibit. Details on the lunch in the next newsletter.

To the theatre (and more) we must go!

Join us on Wednesday, June 8 for a fun-filled day excursion. We'll be venturing off to Brockville and Gananoque for a day filled with laughter, music, food and... beer (bet you were expecting wine!)

Our bus will leave at 9:30 a.m. from the parking lot at Riverside United Church (191 Riverside Drive). Parking is available at the church. We'll travel to Brockville to eat lunch at Brockville's favourite waterfront hangout – Moose McGuire's. With their upper patio reserved for us, your lunch will be both delicious and easy on the eyes as we watch the water activity go by.

After lunch, we'll travel to the [Thousand Islands Playhouse](#) to see "Back in '59". Four friends attending their 10-year high school reunion sneak away to an old hangout to reminisce and remember the music of their youth. We'll join them on their nostalgic trip through the 50s and 60s featuring incredible harmonies, clever medleys, and snappy choreography.

After the show, we'll visit [Gan Brewing Company](#) for a tasting and snack.

Return to Riverside United Church will be at approximately 7:00 p.m. A reminder that we no longer supply bottled water or other drinks on our excursions. Please bring your own water bottle or other drinks/snacks for on the bus. Of course, any health department regulations in place at the time will be followed on the bus and at all locations, and registration is limited to fully vaccinated members only. Additionally, our bus trips will always be mask-friendly if

that is your comfort zone, regardless of health regulations. For this trip, we ask that you wear a mask while entering and leaving the bus and if you are walking around the bus during the drive.

This first 'trip' in a loonnggg time is sure to be loads of fun and we look forward to sharing the day with you. The club is sponsoring the bus and a part of the ticket price. Your cost of \$75 per person includes everything except your lunch/drinks bill. Registration is limited to 40 members. To register, please send an [email](#) ASAP. Tickets must be paid by e-transfer. Learn more about payments to the By-Town Heritage Club via e-transfer [here](#).

Accessibility information:

- Stairs into bus
- Elevator to second floor of restaurant
- Theatre – golf cart shuttle down a hill to access door, otherwise a walk down hill to theatre entrance
- Possible stairs in the theatre to seating



Do you have a favourite charity? Nominate them for club support!!!

Each year we ask our members to nominate charities that are important to them to receive \$500 from the chapter. The chapter supports a minimum of two charities annually. If you have a favourite charity you'd like your chapter to support, please send a note, sharing a few words why you'd like us to help that group. Please note, our by-laws require support is given to registered charities only. Please send an [email](#) nominating your charity and perhaps you can be a Heritage Club hero to them! Members in good standing, for the current and past year, may submit organizations for consideration each year. Learn more about our Community Involvement work, and nominating a charity, [here](#).

As a reminder, your club's 2021 charitable donations were:

ALS Society (\$622.50)
Shelter Movers (\$250)
Shepherds of Good Hope (\$500)



Contact us...

A reminder of how to contact us:

- general@bytownchapter.com (for general information, to register for events, etc.)
- treasurer@bytownchapter.com (dues and event payments)
- president@bytownchapter.com (to chat with Cindy!)

Planning or completed a move?

A reminder that if you move and/or change email addresses, please let us know your new co-ordinates. A quick [email](#) with your new co-ordinates, keeps our membership lists accurate. Thank you!

That's all for this month! Stay well...

Your By-Town Heritage Club Executive