



## **SEPTEMBER – NIAGARA NEWSFLASH**

Well Ladies and Gentleman, only two more weeks. This will be the final newsflash, unless something really important comes up...then we will forward a MINI.

I apologize if some of you receive this twice. We will send this out to everyone registered and to all club President's to distribute to your members. Pass this along to anyone you think should have it.

If you have any questions, email at [RenateThompson@Rogers.com](mailto:RenateThompson@Rogers.com) or anyone on the **Brampton MCS** list and we will do our best to answer you. You can also call at (905) 793-4075 – Renate or (905) 450-0938 - Virginia.

### **1. Ground transportation.**

We will be utilizing the services of 5-0 Limo Shuttles from St. Catharine's to provide vehicles ranging in 6 – 36 passengers. What we need is your cooperation in providing us with your flight details. We will group them and arrange pickups from both Hamilton and Pearson Airport. Hamilton Airport is small making pickup easy; Pearson will require a little more creative work. For all those wanting these services, we will respond to you no later than Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, with your shuttle details and costs. By having more people on a bus saves you money. Currently a 10 passenger vehicle from Hamilton will cost each rider \$18.00. Email to [RenateThompson@Rogers.com](mailto:RenateThompson@Rogers.com) and our team will arrange your transfers. We will also advise as to payment methods.

Thanks to those who have already sent in their details.

### **2. Hotel Reservations.**

On September 7, the hotel turned over any rooms from our block back to the general reservations desk. If you have tried to make a booking and the rates are higher, again contact our main email address above as we have access to rooms that have been booked, but the member has cancelled their registrations and we can allocate them. Call Renate if you are having problems. We will return any of these rooms by Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>. don't delay.

### **3. Registration**

At this point anyone pre-registered has had their payments processed. You have been contacted if you are paying by cheque and arrangements confirmed by doing so upon check in.

**For anyone not yet registered the rate is \$450.00. Come on, get registered, what are you waiting for, this is going to be a great convention.**

#### 4. “Business of Progress” – What is required of you!

National Convention Protocols.

Do not forget your banners and badges and pins.

I have been advised by the Director of Members Services that if you forget your banners, you should make a very generous donation to the CPCF at their luncheon on Friday. (Good Luck)

Please review the blue book for protocols on dress codes for seminars.

A brief rundown is as follows:

Seminars – casual

Business Lunches / CPCF Luncheon- Business attire

Regional Meeting and AGM – Business Attire (sporting your best behavior)

President’s Ball – semi to formal

#### 5. Hospitality Suites / Welcome Reception

*Wednesday evening 6:00pm – 9:00 pm – Poolside reception hosted by Durham South.*

The wave pool and waterslides will be open, beach clothing/bathing suits best idea.

Please note...CASH BAR

*Thursday Evening – 11:00pm – 1:00am hosted by Greater Moncton Men*

Theme – “A Night of Beaver Tales”

Don’t forget your coonskin hat, hunting cloths, outdoor wear and favorite beaver tales.

(AKA humorous Progress Stories)

Be prepared for and Atlantic Canadian Experience.

*In the event you are not sure what to wear we can suggest a quick shop to the outlet Malls “Kodiak” store.*

*Friday Evening – 11:00 – 1:00 am – hosted by Calgary Downtown*

Theme – TBA

*Saturday Evening – 11:00 – 1:00a, - hosted by Regina Wascana*

Theme – 50’s night

Rock and Roll the night away to the band Uptown Express.

See attached poster for details

#### 6. CPCF Barrel of Fun Run.

Attached please find a pledge sheet, fill it up and bring all your money to convention and support the foundation. For more information, check back with our July newsletter for details about running/walking along the waters edge of the Niagara Parks from Chippawa to Table Rock, 4.2 kilometers of breathtaking beauty. Listen to the thunder of the falls.

In addition, if you have any items that your club would like to donate to the Foundations Silent Auction. All items gratefully accepted.

#### 7. Current Itinerary

A new itinerary will be attached to this newsletter updating seminar information and some minor changes regarding meetings and event times. A final itinerary will be included in your convention handbook.

### 8. Evening outings.

*Thursday night – Oh, Canada Eh! Dinner show* – Dress casual

It is a short walk across the road from the hotel. In the event of rain, pack an umbrella.

*Friday night – Magical Mystery Wine Bus Tour* – followed by dinner and dance at Hernder Estates Winery. Rock the evening away to the band “Orangeman”. Let’s freak out the band...dress orange.

### 9. Education Seminars – Thursday / Friday

Sharon Milton has put together a wonderful group of sessions commenting after the Regional Board Meeting on Thursday.

**Thursday** will host 2 seminars; each will start at 10:45, break for lunch and then continue after lunch until 4:30. These seminars warrant a full days activity as the speaker coming in have prepared a thorough program.

Seminar #1 – Volunteer Recruitment Strategies.

Seminar # 2 – Mediating Conflicts (full title TBA)

**Friday** morning 9:00am – lunch

Seminar #1 Collaborative Partnerships

Seminar # 2 Legal Liability and your events.

Friday afternoon – Business of Progress –Leadership Strategies

Presidents Roundtable

Zone Governors Roundtable

And the ever-popular ROOKIE CAMP

When you receive your handbook upon check in take the time to read through and decide which you are attending. Make the effort it will be worthwhile.

### 10. Spousal Program

We will have details for you upon arrival regarding the People Mover program around Niagara; a trip into Niagara on the Lake for shopping and lunch; if you are interested in booking into an afternoon wine experience, this can be arranged Don’t forget the Sense Spa in the hotel. Stay tuned.

*I’m really not sure what is left to tell you.*

*We hope this convention will be full of new experiences, joyful reunions and wonderful memories to take home.*

*We look forward to seeing you*

*Renate A. Thompson - Convention Chair*