



THE MAY COURT CLUB OF LONDON

feeding children – nourishing hope

**ANNUAL
REPORT
2022-2023**

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ASSOCIATION REPORTS

THE ASSOCIATION OF MAY COURT CLUBS OF CANADA 89th Annual Meeting April 28-29, 2023

Submitted by: Sally Zandri

What a privilege to be able to attend the Kitchener-Waterloo Association AGM with our President Cathy Egerton.

The Kitchener May Court Club created the theme “Follow your heart” to reflect the passion members experience through volunteer work and friendships that develop as May Court members. Hearts were everywhere when we arrived at the St. Jacob’s Hampton Suites where both days of business meetings, plus the ever famous hospitality suite, took place.

The afternoon was filled with introductions and words from the Association president before an informal “ice breaker” discussion occurred. Random questions about best individual moments in our May Court life, to challenges faced by your Club, created an environment for sharing and learning. This provided some lively discussion, with everyone agreeing that membership fatigue and recruitment was universal. Also noted was the fact that everyone there LOVED being part of May Court and especially being in a leadership position to help drive the club forward into the future.

After the formal business meeting had concluded, there was time for several Club Reports, outlining the challenges and successes attained by each Club.

The Association meetings are known for a time of fellowship and sharing of ideas not to mention the food and drink provided for attendees throughout the weekend! This year was no exception! From the well decorated and stocked hospitality room to the food provided during our meeting, we were well fed and watered. One of the highlights of these meetings is the President’s dinner provided at a member’s home. Our evening began with chauffeurs provided by husbands of the Club. As the venue was out of town a bit we all got a lovely tour of the quaint town of St. Jacob’s. The home was in the woods with spring just starting to show her appearance in the trees and flowers. The meal was exquisite with sit down for all 28 of us! The food was divine and the socializing and renewing connections with old and new friends was most enjoyable!

Saturday morning’s agenda was taken up with Association business, then on to Club reports. Some Clubs have been struggling with membership while others have increased new membership due to social connections and active recruitment. Most Clubs have nearly new shops but London is the only club with ownership of its building. Other Clubs are at the mercy of landlords, causing some clubs to seek alternative options for their stores.

Of note was the Ottawa club celebrating its 125th anniversary with a gala that sold out in 2 days using on line sales, so many that they had to increase the number of tables! Well done ladies.

The afternoon agenda included breakout sessions. Providing a mix of members from different clubs, the groups were asked to discuss ways to increase membership, how to promote their Club and interesting ways to fundraise. The discussions again were lively and very informative with unique suggestions for service opportunities as well as fundraisers.

The room was alive with excitement as the groups shared their combined ideas for everyone to take and run with.

The Association business meeting now complete, it was time to proceed to the Westmount Golf and Country Club in Kitchener for the Annual General Meeting.

The AGM is the highlight of the meeting, being the formal time for all Clubs to celebrate their accomplishments over the past year. There were many members from the Kitchener and Barrie clubs there to cheer on and support their presidents. Thank you to Jan DeRose for attending on behalf of our Club.

We were fortunate to have a guest speaker Janet Kosowan, who is a happiness coach and talked about the joy of giving and volunteering and how it provides happiness for both our souls and our lives. Very inspirational and affirming to all who love to volunteer!

The meeting wrapped up and everyone was again chauffeured back to the hotel for more conversation and drinks prior to the end of the evening.

Sunday we were on our way back to London, filled with amazing ideas and excitement for the coming year of May Court.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to share our experiences and celebrate May Court!

THE ASSOCIATION OF MAY COURT CLUBS OF CANADA

ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE 2022-2023

Past President	Sandi Mackenzie, St. Catharines
President	Donna Samuels, Oakville
Vice President	Darlene Mooney Barrie
Secretary-Treasurer	Sharon Shields, Oakville
Director-at-Large	Joan Price, Oakville

ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE 2023-2024

Past President	Donna Samuels Oakville
President	Darlene Mooney Barrie
Vice President	Cindy Popp, Oakville
Secretary-Treasurer	Anne Wilson Barrie
Director-at-Large	Christine Beelen Ottawa

ASSOCIATION MEETING AND MEMBERS

The Association Annual Meeting 2024 will be held in Windsor.

The Association Annual Meeting 2025 will be held in London.

The May Court Club of Barrie
The May Court Club of Brockville
The May Court Club of Chatham
The May Court Club of Kitchener-Waterloo
The May Court Club of London
The May Court Club of Oakville
The May Court Club of Ottawa
The May Court Club of St. Catharines
The May Court Club of Windsor

MAY COURT PRAYER

O Lord, our heavenly Father
We pray thee guide our hands to works of charity
Our hearts to humility
And our minds to steadfast purpose. Amen.

MAY COURT BLESSING

To those who are gathered here
Let us guide our hands to charity
Our hearts to humility
And our minds to steadfast purpose.

THE MAY COURT CLUB OF LONDON

VISION STATEMENT

The May Court Club of London will be the leading women's volunteer organization that provides support for the children and youth in our community.

MISSION STATEMENT

The May Court Club of London will nurture and advocate for children and youth in our community who are in need of social, educational, physical, or emotional support.

VALUES

The May Court members will adhere to the following values of leadership, teamwork, integrity, excellence, compassion and accountability.

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE

1. To provide members of The May Court Club with opportunities to serve the youth of the London community and in so doing achieve personal growth and development through voluntary service.
2. To undertake service to the community through the direct delivery of quality programs to children in need and through support to other child serving organizations.
3. To undertake fundraising activities that financially support the programs of the Club.
4. To allocate resources to support Club programs primarily, and secondly to other organizations as resources are available and for projects/programs where need is clearly demonstrated.

STANDING RULES

1. Standing Rules are to be reviewed at year-end by the Board, and any re-visions presented to the membership at the AGM for approval.
2. Members will be notified in writing of any changes in the Standing Rules prior to the AGM. The revised Standing Rules will be published in the Annual Report.

MEMBERSHIP

3. The Membership Activity Form and dues for the ensuing year shall be in the hands of the Vice-President by June 1st each year.
4. Membership fees shall be reviewed by the Board and shall be set to cover the costs of club administration.

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5. The annual dues for Active and Associate members shall be \$70.00. Honorary and Charter members shall be \$35.00. All dues are payable with the return of the Membership Form. Members who have not paid their dues by June 30th shall be removed from the membership list.
 6. Each member is responsible for finding a substitute when she is unable to fulfill her weekly commitments.
 7. Up to a limit of \$1000.00 may be granted annually to cover expenses for meetings, socials or workshops.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

8. Members of the Nominating Committee shall be Active members and not eligible for election to the Board of Directors. A member from each core committee will be chosen to sit on the Nominating Committee following Board approval and will be presented to the membership at the Spring General Meeting.
9. The Nominating Committee shall receive suggestions for appointment of members as Convenors, or Assistant Convenors, of Club activities before the end of February. The Nominating Committee will present a list of convenors for Club activities for the upcoming year at a Spring General Meeting.
10. The Nominating Committee shall receive nominations in writing for Directors and Officers until April 30th. A full slate of Officers will be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval at the May or June Board Meeting.

FINANCE

11. The Finance Committee will include the President, Past-President, Treasurer, and two active members.
12. The budget will be developed by the Finance Committee for the April Board Meeting and shall be subject to approval by the membership at the May General Meeting.
13. All Board Members, Core Directors (excluding Director of Shop) and Convenors who have regular annual expenses for their area of activity shall submit annually to the Board a written projection of expenses for the next fiscal year.
14. Third Party requests will be considered if funds are available after the Club's funding and financial needs have been met. The Club will give financial support only to an organization whose purpose is consistent with the Mission of the May Court Club of London.
15. All requests for funds received in writing before March 31 will be considered by the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee will submit its recommendations to the Board at its April Meeting. The distribution of funds to third parties will be voted on at the May General Meeting.
16. Any May Court member may submit a request, in writing, by March 31 on behalf of a third party. Requests should include specifics of the organization and the program(s) for which the request is being made.
17. Each year a discretionary fund will be established to meet urgent third-party re-quests for nominal amounts (under \$200.00). Only one request per recipient will be considered in any fiscal year.

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18. As a tribute to a deceased member of the May Court Club of London, a memorial donation shall be made in the amount of \$50.00, to the Memorial Fund, on behalf of the Club. Additional memorial donations, not designated to a specific program, shall be allocated to the Memorial Fund, until such funds are sufficient to fund a special project. The special project will need to be approved by the membership.
 19. Terms of consignment at the shop will be a 50/50 split between the customer and the Shop.
 20. Tax receipts may be given in lieu of cash remuneration for articles sold at the shop.
 21. An annual contribution of \$1000.00 will be made to the Convention Fund in preparation for future Association meetings that we host.

CLUB OPERATIONS

22. To expedite the completion of business, copies of the Minutes of a General Meeting will be distributed electronically to the membership prior to the next General Meeting.
23. The Assistant Treasurer and the Assistant Secretary shall be invited by the Board of Directors to attend Board functions and meetings as non-voting members, during the second year of the term of the incumbent Treasurer and Secretary.
24. The Club's Special Project activities will be subject to the approval of the membership at a General Meeting. Special Projects are defined as all Club activities other than Nutrition, Shop, Sibling Program, May Court Marketplace, Artisans, Sewing/ Knitting. Members make a voluntary commitment to these special project activities.
25. All members will be requested to promote the May Court Marketplace, and every Special Project that we undertake through the use of flyers and invitations, and all forms of social media.
26. Associate members will be encouraged to stay involved in Club activities and to donate baked goods to the May Court Marketplace Bake Table.
27. The Annual Report of The May Court Club of London is not to be used for commercial purposes by members or non-members.
28. All soliciting of advertising and/or gifts by members shall be coordinated by the Convenors of the special events.
29. There will be no borrowing of May Court equipment.
30. Association dues are to be paid for all current members on the roster, except for out-of-town members. The Association determines the amount per member to be paid.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

31. The Board of Directors will be responsible for assessing the viability of the Shop on an annual basis.
32. The Shop Committee shall oversee the operation and maintenance of the Shop building and coordinate the activities of groups utilizing the Shop. They will report to the Board of Directors.
33. The framework for the Club's ongoing participation in the Nutrition Program is established as follows:
 - a. That this program be the Club's primary service initiative, receiving funding prior to third party disbursements

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- b. That the Club continues to plan and implement its program based on the financial needs of each individual school's nutrition program.
 - c. That expansion to new school sites is undertaken only if existing school servicing can be maintained, and if there are sufficient funds within the May Court School Nutrition Program budget.
 - 34. The Club assigns to the Director of Communications responsibility to prepare a Community Awareness Plan. This plan should be developed in conjunction with the Board and the Planning Committee and should reflect the research, the identified needs of the Club and the full goals identified in the Strategic Planning Committee Recommendations.
 - 35. The Club assigns to the Vice President responsibility to work with the Board and the Planning Committee to prepare a plan to expand the membership base of the Club.
 - 36. The Past President shall be responsible for a comprehensive review of the Strategic Plan based on an annual review.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

- 37. The Vice President shall be responsible for coordinating the program for meetings, and Club activities.

January 16, 2017 (revised)

THE BOARD 2022 – 2023

OFFICERS

President	Cathy Egerton
Vice-President*	Vacant
Past President	Libby McMillan
Secretary	Jan DeRose
Treasurer	Bev Woode
Director at Large*	Claire Capaldi and Sharon White

* In lieu of a Vice-President, two Directors at Large positions were created for this term. Sharon White was also the Strategic IT Committee Board Representative.

DIRECTORS & CONVENORS

	DIRECTORS	CONVENORS
Corporate Funding	Sally Zandri	
Golf Tournament	Vacant	
Long Term Facility	Maria Wiebenga	
Planning Committee		
MarketPlace	Jan DeRose and Carol Butcher	
Membership	Stephanie O'Connor	Bonnie Hall
Nutrition	Libby McMillan	Caroline Hancock
Public Relations & Communications	Stephanie O'Connor	
Social Activities	Ruth Best	
Special Projects	Sylvia Travers	
Spring Fling Fashion Show	Vacant	
The Shop	Rena Armstrong	Claire Capaldi
Virtual Marketplace	Stephanie O'Connor	
Operational Committee		
Visibility Committee	Sally Zandri	

PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE MAY COURT CLUB OF LONDON 1929 – 2022

1929-1932	Anne Wilson nee McBeth	1982-1984	Margot Linton *(1986)
1932-1933	Emma Ralph nee Fox	1984-1986	Jean Brook
1933-1935	Shirley Hare nee White *(1936)	1986-1988	Carol Sharp
1935-1937	Sterling Robertson *(1942)	1988-1990	Dianne Grainger
1937-1939	Helen Ingram	1990-1992	Ruth McConnell
1939-1940	Emma Ralph	1992-1993	Susan Richardson
1940-1941	Mrs. John Holyrode	1993-1994	Anne Holme
1941-1943	Kay Nolan	1994-1995	Jo-Anne Harris *(1998)
1943-1945	Erie Abell	1995-1996	Ann Hern
1945-1947	Dorothy Smith	1996-1997	Catherine Egerton
1947-1948	Isabel Boughner	1997-1998	Peggy Steers
1948-1950	Libby Murray *(1951)	1998-1999	Libby Thomson
1950-1952	Barb Ivey	1999-2000	Karen Blackwell
1952-1954	Mrs. John Heaman	2000-2001	Darlene Cowles
1954-1956	Monnie Elwood *(1958)	2001-2002	Penney McCain
1956-1958	Betty Shuttleworth	2002-2003	Dorothy Panabaker
1958-1960	Nancy Poole	2003-2004	Heather Irwin
1960-1962	Betty Mitchell	2004-2005	Mary Van Dyk *(2009)
1962-1964	Billie Hatch *(1965)	2005-2006	Sally Zandri
1964-1966	Bea Cameron	2006-2007	Lisa Jones
1966-1968	Jane Buskard *(1970)	2007-2009	Marilyn Rawson
1968-1970	Pearl Pickard	2009-2011	Jan DeRose
1970-1972	Ruth Drake-Alloway *(1975)	2011-2013	Sheila Hughes
1972-1974	Jane Collyer-Coleman	2013-2015	Sally Zandri
1974-1976	Jean Forbes *(1980)	2015-2017	Jane Archer Smith
1976-1978	Noreen English	2017-2019	Libby McMillan
1978-1980	Irene Dapuzeto	2019-2021	Liz Rossnagel
1980-1982	Peggy Reeves	2021-2023	Cathy Egerton

* Association Past Presidents from London (year)

ADVISORY BOARD 2022 – 2023

Jane Archer Smith	Jan DeRose	Libby McMillan	Susan Richardson
Karen Blackwell	Cathy Egerton	Nancy Poole	Libby Thomson
Irene Dapuzeto	Penney McCain	Marilyn Rawson	Sally Zandri

EXECUTIVE & DIRECTOR REPORTS

THE MAY COURT CLUB OF LONDON PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President: Cathy Egerton



Well, another year in the books, and what a year it was. I want to start by thanking everyone for this amazing year and the things we were able to accomplish with what we have available to us.

Where do I start as we accomplished so much? Going from the most recent block of work was getting ourselves positioned to be approved by the province to keep our charitable status. A big thank you to Jan DeRose, Libby McMillan, and Bev Woode for this daunting task. We now have an up-to-date Constitution with By-Laws. I will be keeping everyone in the loop if and when we hear anything back from our submission. We are the first May Court Club to submit for approval and I believe the only one to do it without outside legal assistance.

One of the greatest rewards for me as president is attending various agency's AGMs, especially those we directly support. This year at the Vanier Children's Services AGM I was honoured to hand out three awards that bear the May Court name. We have supported Vanier for over 50 years and I was so proud to hear Sally Zandri speak as the current board chair. Vanier displays our logo proudly on the website, in their Annual Report, and recognizes us as one of the founding donors. The school at Vanier is the May Court School and has a plaque on the wall.

I was also pleased to attend the Mission Services AGM. May Court has been a long term supporter, especially for the Rothholme family shelter. This year our donation will help those children living in shelters (and in some cases encampment) the opportunity of attending summer camp. It is a needed change for these children to have support over the summer. May Court is also listed in its Annual Report as a donor.

I know this has been a tough year for our members and it has been a challenge to staff our shop and provide that service not only as a fundraiser, but offering clothing to those who need us most. Thank you to all who work at the shop.

The year did have some high points and fun with a wonderful and well-attended lunch at Boler. Boler has really been a mainstay for us as the Marketplace proved to be another great success even in the first snowfall of the year. Thanks to Jan DeRose and Carol Butcher for all the organizational skills to make this such a wonderful event. A big thank you to all the individual contributors that work all year long to bake and preserve, sew, knit, create works of art, and volunteer their time not only on the day of Marketplace, but year-round.

Our thanks go out to Ilene Bamford and Sylvia Travers for an amazing bake sale at Heeman's. This is Heeman's 60th Anniversary and I know Reta Heeman was taken aback by all the members' baking and the card we gave them. I know we all came home with baked goods, as well as pots of flowers for our gardens.

Credit for another fun and busy day goes to Sharon White and her committee for the garage sale. Big thanks as well to Joan McConnell for offering her driveway, and to Jodi Campbell, the impressive driver who picked up all the items. What a great turnout of members supporting and working on one of the hottest days so far this summer. I know we all had a great time catching up and seeing everyone along with some stories that only happen at garage sales. Honestly, I cannot believe some of the bargains those clients received, and my basement is a little lighter.

Finally, I would mention that Sally Zandri and I attended the Annual Association meeting this year held in St. Jacob's with the dinner in Kitchener. Next year it will be held in Windsor on April 26th and 27th. This will be the Windsor Club's 90th anniversary and it will be a lovely anniversary to celebrate on Saturday night. This also would be a good opportunity to get ideas for our Association Annual which will be the following year in 2025.

Have a wonderful summer and see you at our AGM, Monday, September 11th 2023.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary: Jan DeRose

This past year brought some relief from the restrictions of the COVID years. Some activities were restarted and we were able to have some meetings in person. It was a busy year.

The Shop was open during the month of July, and closed in August. It re-opened in early September. Staffing has remained an issue as volunteers were reluctant to come back to the Shop post COVID. This has put a strain on the remaining volunteers who try to substitute as able.

The summer and fall were busy times for the members who make products to sell at the Marketplace. The Knit One Sew Too group, the Artisans and May's Pantry were in full production. Later in the Fall, the frozen foods groups were busy, as were the members who supplied the baking for Marketplace.

Two long standing members passed away in the summer- Dorothy Panabaker and Mary Lynn Mansell. There were memorial donations to May Court and the secretary was kept busy doing thank you notes with tax receipts.

The Annual General Meeting was held on September 12 at Sunningdale Golf and Country Club. This later date was to enable the completed financial statements to be presented and accepted in accordance with accepted practices for charities.

The Board held virtual meetings in September, October and November. In October there was a virtual General Meeting with Sarita Light as the guest speaker on Mind-Body Connection.

November 13 was the Marketplace held at Boler Mountain. This was a new venue and the big windows and helpful staff made it a great event. People enjoyed the food service offered by Boler and the designated area to enjoy the refreshments. We were allowed to set up all the May Court tables and displays on the Saturday afternoon, so that only the outside vendors needed assistance on the Sunday morning before opening. Boler was a two- level facility, but there was elevator access.

December was the cancellation of the Christmas Party due to continued COVID concerns. However, members rallied and donated items for the Glen Cairn Resource Centre, which were gratefully appreciated.

In January there was a Board Meeting on Zoom, and the first in-person general meeting on January 23. This was held at Riverside United Church. The Executive Director of Vanier, Kelly Simpson was the speaker and gave an update on new developments at Vanier.

In March, there was a Virtual Board meeting and the second in-person general meeting on March 27th. The speaker was Diana Londono, a beekeeper, who delighted us with so much information about bees. March also had the Artisans have a successful booth at the Western Fair.

April was a busy month as the Associate Sponsorship requests were vetted by the Finance Committee. The Spring Luncheon was held at Boler Mountain on April 18, with 64 members and guests in attendance. The Association President and Secretary were our special guests. The Association Annual General Meeting and members' dinner was held on April 29 in Kitchener.

May 1 was a Virtual Board meeting and May 8th was a general meeting held at Chartwell Retirement Home. The Associate Sponsorship Funding requests were presented and approval given for the awards. These organizations received funding: ELUCO, LUSO, LIFESPIN, London Community Chaplaincy, Vanier Children's Services, St. Mark's Anglican Church and Mission Services/ Rotholme.

May also had the successful bake sale at Heemans' on May 20th.

In compliance with the new ONCA (Ontario Not for Profit Corporations Act) regulations, a small committee reviewed all the regulations and required changes, and revised our Constitution and Bylaws document. There were 8 drafts of the changes. The proposed changes were presented to the Board and then to the general membership at a special Virtual Meeting May 29th. The changes were approved and the new 2023 Bylaws was sent to the government for review.

The final event of the year was the huge Garage Sale held on June 3 at Joan McConnell's. This was the weekend of the Gathering on the Green in Old South and many people came to the sale. It was a great day weather wise and gave our members a chance to work together.

The last requirement for the year will be the submission of reports for the Annual Report.

ONTARIO NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS ACT (ONCA)

Secretary: Jan DeRose

The Ontario Government has a new Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA) that requires all charities to comply with the same regulations. Our Club was required to review and update the documents that govern our club. The last repeal of our Constitution and Bylaws document was in 2011. This compliance with ONCA gave us an opportunity to revisit everything.

A small committee led by Bev Woode reviewed all the materials and regulations. A series of meetings were held where the proposed changes and compliance were hashed out. It was interesting how 4 people could have different takes on the same sentence. To that end there were 8 drafts of changes done.

The explanation of changes and the revised document was presented to the Board and then to the general membership on May 29th. All changes were reviewed and discussed and the final revised 2023 document approved. This was sent to the Government for approval. We hope that what we have modified will be sufficient for compliance.

Of note, many other May Court clubs have engaged lawyers to do this work. Our committee felt that we should do our own revisions and see if it is approved. Thank you to the committee of Bev Woode, Libby McMillan, Cathy Egerton and Jan DeRose for their diligence.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer: Bev Woode

Once again, the firm of **Famme & Co** has prepared the **Review Engagement** of our financial statements for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2023.

Every year “not for profit companies and charities” must obtain an independent review of their financial position including the statements of revenues and expenditures, net assets and cash flow for their fiscal year by a qualified independent accountant. This can be a review engagement or an audit. We have always chosen to do the review engagement.

The review engagement is made in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements and accordingly consists primarily of inquiry, analytical procedures and discussion related to information supplied by the organizations. A review is not an audit and they do not express an audit opinion on the financial statements. A conclusion is always provided, but in a negative form, e.g. nothing has been brought to our attention, that would make us believe these financial statements aren't free of material misstatement.

An audit employs different more in-depth methods to determine if a financial statement is free of any form of material misstatement including evaluation and study of internal controls, making

inquiries, material inspections, and a physical count of assets. An audit strives to corroborate the disclosures and amounts in financial statements by obtaining and performing analytical procedures, audit evidence, observations, conformations, and so on. Opinions are expressed, but in a positive form, e.g. these financial statements are completely free of material misstatement. The auditor involved has to dedicate an ample amount of their time assessing fraud risk and understanding the internal control of your entity. Therefore, an audit is considerably more expensive than a review.

Included you will find the following:

A chart comparing year end totals of our available funds, designated and undesignated for fiscal years ending May 31, 2022 and May 31, 2023.

A chart comparing the Charitable Distributions for fiscal year 2021-2022 and fiscal year 2022-2023.

For a complete copy of the review engagement report on our financial statements, provided by Famme & Co., please contact me by email <treasurer@maycourtlondon.ca>.

FUNDS AVAILABLE		2022 YEAR END Unreviewed	2023 YEAR END Unreviewed
Undesignated Funds			
General Club Operating Account		52,376	27,638
Shop Bank Accounts		10,097	3,307
TD GIC (*Tangerine account closed May31,2022)		*18,469	12,640
IA Account (CI US Equity shares)			5,480
Sub Total Undesignated Funds		82,385	49,065
Designated Funds			
Nutrition Program - Lutheran Grants		0	
Nutrition Program - gift cards on hand		6,762	7,326
Convention Fund		10,000	10,000
Emergency &/or Building Repair Fund		20,986	28,851
In Memoriam Account		2,390	9,293
IA Account (Bank of Nova Scotia shares)		32,253	26,031
50/50 Lottery & MP Raffle funds		154	2,787
Sub Total Designated Funds		72,545	84,288
Total Funds Available		154,930	133,353

Charitable Distributions	Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022	Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023
Vanier Children Services	20,000	20,000
ELUCO (East London United Church Outreach)*	3,000	4,500
Life*Spin	4,000	4,000
London Community Chaplaincy *	2,000	5,000
LUSO*	2,000	4,000
Mission Services of London (Rotholme summer camp)		4,000
St. Mark's Anglican Church		3,000
Total Charitable Distributions	\$31,000	\$44,500
*Various amounts of Gift cards were also disbursed through our Nutrition Program	\$5,000	\$500

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Co-Chairs: Stephanie O'Connor and Bonnie Hall

Using our website to facilitate Membership has been a strong focus in the past few years to improve communication for members and to create greater efficiencies in managing member information. This was done in close partnership with the Strategic IT Committee. Early efforts set the stage for enabling the majority of members to renew their annual membership in June via the portal. Payments online could be completed using Pay Pal, or e-Transfer, although cheques could be submitted for those who still preferring paper renewals.

During 2022- 2023 the membership portal was tweaked further to make it easier for members to Edit/Add their Club Volunteering and Activities. Members were offered one-on-one training if needed. Members were reminded they could now login to their membership profile, from the main website by clicking on the Membership Link. They could then access their profile by using their own unique username and password. Once logged in, the website facilitated a number of choices such as: updating personal information, posting a photo of themselves, accessing the updated membership directory, reviewing the event calendar, and reading the Club's newsletters.

This year the Club consisted of a total of 107 Members. The membership included 86 London Members, 14 Honorary Past Presidents, 9 Out-of-Town Members (of which 2 are Past Presidents), and One Life Time Honorary Member – Patti Frost. (Patti helps keep our membership records straight and our website up-to-date.)

A special thank you was extended to our 14 "Honorary Past Presidents" who continue to be paying members, and a number who are still also very active in the club. These members are vital to the

Club's Spirit. These members include, Karen Blackwell, Irene Dapuetto, Jan DeRose Cathy Egerton , Margot Linton, Libby McMillian, Penney McCain, Nancy Poole, Marilyn Rawson, Susan Richardson, Jane Archer Smith, Libby Thomson and Sally Zandri.

The Club is also grateful for its members who have moved out-of-town but who continue to pay dues. These members include Elise Feightner, Gail Williams, Heather Irwin, Madge Witzing, Ruth Brownlee, Penny Anderson, and Susan Hollyman, as well as two Past Presidents Marilyn Rawson, and Susan Richardson.

Recognition of members is sometimes also provided externally. Longtime May Court member Carolyn Scott was honoured at MPP (London West) Peggy Sattler's Community Recognition awards. The event occurred during Sattler's annual New Year's Levee at the Byron Legion on the evening of January 19th 2023. The awards honour "the passion and commitment of London West volunteers who work to make that community a better place." Carolyn was nominated by Club Secretary Jan DeRose and deservedly recognized for her many contributions to May Court and the London Community.

The Club's membership numbers are evidence that membership has indeed declined over the past 10-years, with decline during the pandemic impacting membership further. Members were reminded that a steady supply of volunteers willing to give their most valuable resource (time) is critical to the Club's future. Moreover, the need in our community has never been greater with an increase in London rents by 36% - the highest jump in Canada. We fear many families will be paying rents instead of buying nutritious food.

The Committee encouraged members to speak to friends who may be looking for a way to help London at this time of need, and to ask them to consider becoming a London May Court member. It is important to inform prospective new members that our volunteers are making a difference in our community through The Club's Nutrition Program, Associate Sponsorship Program, Y.O.U. and Glenn Cairn Resource Centre.

Finally, the club would not be able to help the community without its precious volunteers who give their time to support the Club's fundraising activities.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORTS

VISIBILITY COMMITTEE

Chair: Sally Zandri

The Visibility committee continues to look at different ways to increase both our membership and community awareness.

The 50/50 draw, continues to raise funds for the Club every month. Thank you to Maria Wiebenga for her dedication in starting this worthwhile fundraiser this past year. Bev Woode has offered to assume the role of administrator for the coming year. Ticket sales have waned over the past months. It would be beneficial to our fundraising if more members contributed, either by purchasing tickets or sharing the ticket information with friends and family who would like to support May Court. Not only are we raising much needed funds for the club, but the raffle information raises our profile in the community with increased recognition of the May Court name. Please help with the purchase of some tickets!

In early spring, the Byron Villager featured an article about The May Court Club's nutrition program and the hard work we do for the community. The need for funding for our nutrition and mental health work was highlighted.

Several initiatives were undertaken in the spring to help increase our profile in the city. A request for assistance from Fanshawe's marketing program has been accepted. With the Club in hiatus for the summer and no clear vision for the project, it has been tabled until the fall when our committee and the students are back. A request for a mural on the east wall of our shop building is being proposed to the Beal art program as a student project.

The Artisans have been spreading the word of May Court through their pop up booth at the western Fair District Market this past spring selling beautiful spring and Easter creations.

Our Social media is increasing our exposure thanks to the work of our new member Jody Campbell. An informal meeting of members was held in May to discuss ways to increase visibility and membership with many excellent ideas presented. Check out the Facebook posts and Instagram plus our website for more information, and don't forget to SHARE the good news!

The spring meeting of the Visibility committee was held to discuss the projects for the fall and to have an idea of how we continue to increase our presence in the community. Both the Glen Cairn project of helping with food distribution and Y.O.U. member involvement are ways that make us more visible in our community.

The power point presentation highlighting the good work of May Court has been updated. Please keep us in mind if you have a service club or church group looking for speakers. We have several people who are willing to provide the narrative about the Club. We do, after all, like to talk!

We are always interested in new committee members and ideas to increase awareness of the Club.

STRATEGIC IT COMMITTEE

Chair: Stephanie O'Connor

The Membership portal was completed early last year and changes are detailed in the Membership Report also included here. This year, the Club's main website underwent considerable revamping and now leverages the four boxes appearing at the top of the page to engage visitors to the site on the Club's fundraising activities.

The boxes at the *top of the page* will be used to advertise new requests by the Shop, and reminders of the Monthly 50/50 draws which is hyperlinked to RaffleBox for ticket purchases. The other two boxes will be used for advertising upcoming events geared to the public. The four boxes at the *bottom of the page* will be used to update the Community on the Club's latest news. In addition, the top word driven menu has been made larger so visitors to the site can more easily drill down to the information they are seeking.

Overall, the landing page of the Club's website is cleaner and finding information seems to be easier. In order to keep the site up to date, all members were asked to review the site frequently, and let me know if anything needs attention.

Leveraging Social Media has been a strong but unrealized goal for several years. We lacked the expertise among our current members to realize its potential for publicity and boosting awareness of May Court in the community. You know the old adage of asking the Universe when you need help? Our wishes were granted!!! Jody Campbell, a new member with many strong skills in communication and social media joined May Court this past winter. At the same time, I am leaving Canada to live in Ireland. Fortunately, Jody has readily stepped up to help out with the Club's Social Media content. Her guidance and expertise will go far in leveraging its potential for the Club in the years to come.

LONG TERM FACILITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chair: Maria Wiebenga

Some members of The May Court Club of London have indicated an interest in selling the shop and its property. The cost of relocating to a suitable building, at an affordable price, is beyond our financial capabilities at this time.

All of the surrounding properties, with the exception of the one bordering the west, have recently sold to one individual interested in rezoning and building a high-density residential structure. He would need to purchase the May Court building and purchase the laneway access owned by the City of London. So far he has not been successful with City Hall negotiations.

Negotiations between the new owner and the May Court Board of Directors have not resulted in an agreement of sale. In addition, Commercial realtors who have listed the property for sale have not generated other interested buyers.

We will continue to be open to dialogue to sell our property when the conditions are favourable.

FUNDRAISING REPORTS

STRATEGIC FUNDING COMMITTEE

Chair: Sally Zandri

The Strategic Funding committee was comprised of Libby McMillan, Stephanie O'Connor and Sally Zandri. Much work was done researching and reviewing funding opportunities and potential donor grants over the past few years. All potential grants have specific guidelines which must be followed.

Unfortunately, Stephanie has moved to Ireland which leaves Libby and Sally to continue to research alternative funding sources suitable to our Club's needs. We are looking for new members who may be interested in learning how to search for grant opportunities and provide assistance in creating a submission.

MARKETPLACE 2022

Convenors: Jan DeRose and Carol Butcher

Marketplace 2022 was held on Sunday November 13 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at Boler Mountain. This new location was chosen as the facility rental cost was more reasonable than the Hellenic Centre. The Boler staff were very easy to work with, and made sure that our event was a success. There was no other event scheduled at Boler for the Saturday evening which meant that we could bring our products and set up all the May Court tables on Saturday afternoon. This was a must as elevator access was needed to bring our wares upstairs to the second floor. Sunday morning was then reserved for the vendors to arrive and set up.

The day was a tremendous success. The floor to ceiling windows and the fresh snow brought light to all the displays. Boler Food Services offered breakfasts and lunches to the volunteers and guests, and a separate seating area in the old chalet made it easy to enjoy the refreshments. May Court tables on the main floor included the Door, Information Table, Frozen Foods, Door Prize, and Books and Puzzles. The second floor had the Artisans, Sewing and Knitting, May's Pantry, Baking, the Quilt raffle, and the nine vendors. It was a colourful display.

A special feature this year was the "Road Home" Quilt that was sewn and donated by Carol Butcher. This was a raffle item, which necessitated a City Hall license and compliance with all the rules. The winner was thrilled to win it.

Carol was able to secure high school students to volunteer their time to help with set up on Saturday, and Sunday, work at the event and assist customers, and help with the take down of the displays. We could not have done the physical work without them as the books and puzzles and the preserves totally filled a cargo van.

At the last Marketplace before COVID, people were questioned about how they heard about the event. It was mostly social media. This time people commented on all the multiple mediums that we used – billboards, Postcard Portable signs, newspapers, web sites, flyers, Radio ads, and Facebook. We know that we were lacking in the Facebook posts as we did not have someone dedicated to updating it often.

The Frozen Foods did not have the tourtieres as the Hunt Club could not accommodate us to make them. Also, the protein-based casseroles were not made due to storage and transportation issues. What was offered was apple crisps, cornbread, cranberry raisin loaves, pumpkin loaves, sweet potato dips, Nippy cheese and brie wafers. Maple Syrup was also sold. We hope that next year tourtieres will be in the inventory.

Carol and Jan have booked Boler Mountain for Marketplace 2023 on November 12th.

SPRING GARDEN & BAKE SALE

Convenor: Ilene Bamford

The Spring Bake Sale at Heeman's was held on a chilly May 20th and was a great success, raising \$1,600. Thanks to all who made this possible by contributing their delicious baking.

A very special thanks to Sylvia Travers for collecting and pricing the goodies from the west end and then for helping at the sale. Thanks also to Rosemary Brook and Ruth Best for working at the sale and helping to promote The May Court Club of London.

THE MAY COURT SHOP

Shop Treasurer: Rena Armstrong
Facilities Manager: Claire Capaldi

The May Court Shop recorded eleven successful months of business this fiscal year. There were no shutdowns and we maintained a pre-pandemic sales schedule with a summer holiday closure in August. We are very thankful to our volunteers without whom the shop could not be open. The number of volunteers we have has dwindled this past year. As a result, our current hours are: Tuesday to Friday 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. Our customers appreciate the consistency of this schedule.

We are pleased to report that there have been no vandalisms to our equipment and/or building this fiscal year. The entry door locking mechanism required repair as it is used frequently. For safety we keep the entry door locked at all times and customers ring a bell for entry. We have received many positive responses from our volunteers and customers for this safety measure.

During this full year of operation, we have seen an increase in inventory in general, particularly in the men's section. We are thankful for our partnership with LaTika's of Westmount and Sharon's of Hyde Park. The items received from those stores, in addition to the donations from club members and friends and family, provide our customers with considerable choice in current styles at very affordable prices. Thrift shopping is positive on so many levels and we are happy to be part of that cultural change.

The Shop Committee has continued to meet via Zoom on a regular basis.

Thank you to our committee members: Gail Turpin, Claire Capaldi, Ruth Best, Wendy Dickinson, Elizabeth MacWilliam and Rena Armstrong.

May Court Club of London Shop Financial Statement

Revenue:	Sales	\$ 23,712.90
	Contributions	82.20
	Interest	1.63
	Total	\$ 23,796.73
Expenses:	Supplies	\$ 299.64
	Bank Fees	59.40
	Debit/Visa Charges	764.35
	Cash Under	53.15
	Total	\$ <u>1,176.54</u>
	Net Income:	\$ 22,620.19

GARAGE SALE

Convenor: Sharon White

On June 3 we held a yard sale at the home of Joan McConnell. There was a tremendous response from May Court members as donors, volunteer helpers and shoppers. The net proceeds were approximately \$1920.

Thanks to incredible participation by our members, our yard sale was very successful. Thank you to all who donated, loaned tables, helped sort and price, worked at the sale and who purchased a new treasure. It was a hot and sticky couple of days, but many hands made the work easier. In addition to working hard to raise money, our yard sale also offered many of us an opportunity to catch up with good friends and get to know others a bit better. In short, we had fun!

A special thank you to Jody Campbell who was our team truck driver and Ruth Best, Libby McMillan, Cathy Egerton for collecting items and a very special thank you to Joan and Bill McConnell for the loan of their garage and yard for the better part of a week. Also thank you to the entire McConnell family for help with moving, lifting, etc., and to Michelle for making the signs.

Thank you to Jody for designing, printing, and donating the flyers. Thank you to Joan for helping to distribute and to all who posted info and spread the word to friends and family about the event.

I would like to also specifically thank: Claire Capaldi, Brenda Hurley, Elizabeth MacWilliam, Donna Kay, Judith Gautier, Caroline Hancock, Libby McMillan, Nancy Wilton, Patti Crosby-Moldowan, Judith Dow, Stephanie O'Connor, Ruth Best, Bev Woode, Lynda Sellers, Cathy Egerton, Carolyn

Scott, Jan DeRose, Linda Eligh, Liz and Bruce Emmerton, Michael Zandri, Lynn Morgan, Mary Louise Icelly, Marion Frosst, Lorraine Ball, Ilonka Wieggers, and Wendy Dickenson for helping at the event.

SERVICE REPORTS

EXTERNAL BOARD REPRESENTATION REPORT

Vanier Children’s Services Representative: Sally Zandri

Vanier Children’s Services finally feels that Covid is behind them and it is now “Business as Usual”. The model of care has changed to provide a better fit of inclusion for all families. Whether it is a virtual appointment, by video or phone, or an in-person session, the importance of inclusivity is a priority embedded in the work that Vanier undertakes.

This past year Vanier developed their new Strategic Plan for the coming 3-5 years. The Mission statement *We deliver culturally responsive, accessible mental health services to children, youth, and families while providing system leadership and advocating to improve care in our community* was created after many hours of discussion with stakeholders, families and staff, including the Board. The Vision statement of: *A community that cares, supports, and transforms the lives of children and families;* demonstrates the future not only of Vanier, but their view of the community.

The Values of *Compassion, Belonging, Advocacy, Trust, Innovation and Excellence* have been established through dedicated work to demonstrate the commitment of the organization and the amazing staff.

Vanier was very fortunate this year to have received funding from the government for several big projects. The 60 year old Vanier building on Trafalgar Street has been given a long overdue new roof. With grant and ministry money the work to replace the roof was started in early spring and will be completed in July. There has been new air conditioning installed to provide a better environment for staff and families. With grants provided, new accessible washrooms have been created.

Many of the programs at Vanier are back to running full throttle, with the Tandem crisis team spending time in the ER at Victoria Children’s hospital to assist with diverting patients to a more appropriate mental health treatment in a very timely way. The ER has expressed their gratitude for this program and its success.

HAVEN, a very unique treatment program for children and youth with eating disorders has been created in partnership between LHSC and Vanier. This live-in treatment program is the first of its kind in Ontario and is now experiencing success with some of its first clients. It is anticipated that this program model will be established at other children’s mental health facilities in the province.

A very robust telemedicine clinic is provided by psychiatrists working out of Vanier. There are approximately 8-10 physicians attending this clinic to assess and treat children and families from all over the province.

The H.O.P.E. program director, Darlene Wierski-Devoe came to Vanier with many years as a trained peer support facilitator. Her expertise has allowed increased mentorship by parents for families that need assistance in managing their child as well as the “system”.

This spring the complete Vanier team, including the Board had the privilege to attend three interactive sessions with Professor Dr. Nouman Asraf of The University of Toronto. His goal was to demonstrate how we can grow personally and professionally by looking at situations through a different lens. The feedback from those participating was positive and a benefit to their role within Vanier.

The Board has created a committee to provide awareness and process for Equity, Diversity, Belonging and Inclusion for both the Board and the total organization.

The Annual General meeting was held on June 15th at Vanier. The May Court Awards were created in honour of the ongoing association and support for Vanier by The May Court Club of London. There are 3 awards, the Champion, the Unsung Hero and Partnership awards. Our president Cathy Egerton presented these awards to the deserving recipients at the meeting.

NUTRITION PROGRAM

Co-Convenors: Libby McMillan and Caroline Hancock

Yay, a normal school year! Children were in school full time and all activities resumed.

We purchased \$40,000 in gift cards for the school year. Gift cards were distributed to 70 schools, which was up from 60 last year. The price increases in food have likely contributed to the demand for assistance. The outstanding receipts and gift cards have been picked up and applications for the 2023/2024 school year have been delivered.

We investigated Adopting a School. Libby met with the Vice Principal of Lord Elgin to determine if there were ways as a club we could help. In order to have more involvement with the children, which is what the Club seems to want, one of the few options would be to offer a monthly lunch to the School. It would be imperative that we have the members support such an endeavour before we committed to it. We would also need commitment to the funds. The idea is currently on hold.

Many thanks to all who donated to the Nutrition Program this year. Donations this year totalled \$40,352. This represented \$5,252 received from individuals and \$35,100 from other support groups. These support groups included \$12,000 from Forever Legacy Foundation, \$800 from New

St. James Presbyterian Church, \$1,950 from London South Rotary Club, \$1,000 from the Rotary Club of London, Hyde Park, \$3,000 from the Rotary Club of London, \$4,000 from Heeman's Greenhouse Ltd, \$5,000 from the Brenda and Dave Savell Foundation, \$5,000 from Lutheran Social Services, \$350 from Richmond Woods Retirement Home Knitters, as well as \$2,000 in kind from Metro (the gift card discount). In addition to the donations received, the 50/50 Draw has raised \$762 for the Nutrition Program.

As always, we thank our committee members, Ruth Best, Mary Boyle, Jane Davidson, Bonnie Griffiths, Donna Kay, Barbara Loomis, Joan McConnell, and Ginny Tremblay. We greatly appreciate their assistance delivering and picking up gift cards and following up with their assigned schools.

We wish the children a safe, healthy summer and we will start preparing for the next school year in August!

GLEN CAIRN COMMUNITY CENTRE GOOD FOOD BOXES

Convenor: Linda Eligh

May Court has continued to partner with the Glen Cairn Community Resource Centre (GCCRC) in implementing their Good Food Boxes program. GCCRC serves as the hub for a number of community centers and other organizations in London to receive, pack and distribute generous bags of fresh produce on the last Monday of each month. May Court has steadily continued to provide 3 – 4 volunteers at the Centre each month throughout 2022 and 2023, including summer months. The need for such bags has grown due to high inflation and general economic conditions. Whereas we were packing approximately 250 – 300 bags at the start of this service project, the numbers is now often 850 – 950 bags each month.

However, various health issues and our dwindling club membership have also impacted those available for service projects. We now have only four members who volunteer at Glen Cairn on a regular basis. We will promote the project in the Fall and hope to attract more interest in this very meaningful activity.

Faithful “regulars” include Libby McMillan, Bev Woode, Mary Vera, and Linda Eligh.

Y.O.U. LUNCHEON PROGRAM

Convenor: Sharon White

In the fall of 2021 May Court members started volunteering in the kitchen at the Clark Road residence of Youth Unlimited (Y.O.U.). Helping this organization was a very good fit with that of May Court as we both assist youth at risk. This service option was included on the membership renewal form.

Volunteers assumed shifts on Wednesdays from 11am until approximately 1:30 or 2pm. The duties were not overly strenuous - spooning soup, cutting veggies, serving up plates of food and helping with dishes. The chef there accommodated us as needed. Covid and declining membership has taken its toll and the program has been paused for the time being. We plan to resume again when the opportunity is right and we can once again recruit members to participate.

CORE COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARTISANS

Convenor: Patty Crosby-Moldowan

After the easing of Covid restrictions last year, the Artisans have been able to continue their Monday morning meetings. As our group moved closer to the November Marketplace 2022, we continued to work and looked forward to our new venue.

This year has brought us a new member, Anne Pavlosky, whose talents and enthusiasm have quickly made her an integral part of our group.

In the spring the Artisans once again secured the community booth which had been so successful for us at the Western Fair Market for March 25th and 26th. We also offered to share contact information and details of this venue with other May Court groups so they could arrange a booth if they decided to do so. We had many new items and looked forward to their debut. Pictures were posted on Facebook on March 13th and repeated on March 20th. We asked our Members to share them and any future pictures to increase ongoing awareness during the Spring Season!

Once we got the Western Fair event behind us, we focused on preparing for the upcoming Marketplace this Fall. Shopping was done and plans got well underway. We are looking forward to Marketplace 2023.

Finally, a number of our group participated in a large group discussion in the late Spring in Chartwell Retirement Home order to come up with new ideas for May Court projects and activities. The goal of the discussion was to increase awareness of the Club, come up with new projects and rebuild membership.

STITCHERS (Formerly Knit One, Sew Too)

Convenor: Liz Emmerton

As you can see Knit One/Sew Too has changed its name to Stitchers. It has been a very successful year in which we welcomed four new members to our group. We meet every second Wednesday morning from September through May in each other's homes.

Even though it was Marketplace's first year at Boler and we had a snow storm that morning, we did very well with sales being \$4,052. We are looking forward to Marketplace 2023 and expecting it to be even better. Our Stitchers have been working very hard knitting and sewing. We have many made woolen hats, mittens and fingerless mittens, Christmas pillows, table runners and Christmas themed items for Marketplace.

We also attended a Vendor's sale at Manor Village where we were able to display our items for sale. We plan to go back to the Komoka Marketplace on September 30, 2023.

Special thanks to Jody Campbell who has given us lots of new ideas and supplied us with wool, and to Nancy Wilton who maintains our stock, organizes our sales, and sews and sews and sews. Thank you to Margie Scott who was our convenor until the end of December and wrote wonderful newsletters about our group. And a special thank you to all you May Courters who have supported us over the years.

Our financial report for 2022/2023 is as follows:

Income	\$5,345.35
Expenses	<u>681.40</u>
Net Profit	\$4,663.95

MAY'S PANTRY

Convenors: Jan DeRose and Sylvia Travers

With the easing of COVID restrictions, the preserving group was back in business in 2022. The large workshops were still restricted and members mostly had small groups working together to make the products. We did not participate in the Komoka Marketplace this year.

The cost of all ingredients and supplies continued to increase. Jars were purchased at last year's price which was a savings. However, fabric, sugar, fruit and vegetables, and especially Certo price increases continue to eat into our profit margin. The cost of products remained at \$8.00 a jar, but it will increase in 2023.

We did have a few workshops where the preparation work for salsa, chili sauce, pear chutney and the antipasto was done. People then took the big pots of raw ingredients home to cook and process. It was helpful for the processors!

We made 773 jars of product and went to Marketplace with about 500 jars to sell. Business was brisk and only a few dozen jars were left over. Jack Scott made dozens of wooden cutting and charcuterie boards and some sold at the Marketplace. We also offered maple syrup but it was not a big seller.

In total, May's Pantry contributed \$4,900 to the coffers of the Club.

SOCIAL ACTIVITY REPORTS

SOCIAL GATHERINGS

Convenor – Ruth Best

Unfortunately, due to COVID numbers increasing, the Christmas social was canceled. Club members were asked for donations of hats, mittens and scarfs for children at the Glen Cairn Community Resource Centre and small gifts that a child could give to their parent. The members were very generous and they were delivered to the Centre on December 9, 2022. The staff were very appreciative.

The only other activity that occurred this year was the very successful Spring Luncheon described below. Hopefully next year more social activities will be possible.

Members of the social committee were Bonnie Griffiths, Claire Page and Bev Woode.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: SPRING LUNCHEON

Convenor: Sylvia Travers

It was a pleasure to convene this event and see all the smiling faces socializing and dining at the second Annual Spring Luncheon held at Boler Mountain on April 18th. This year guests of May Court Members were also included. We had a total of 62 attending which was up by 20 people from 2022.

After lots of discussion and even a mini vote it was decided May Court ladies did not want entertainment. Rather they wanted to simply get reacquainted and chat with old friends and new.

Our President, Cathy Egerton introduced the president of the May Court association, Donna Samuels who spoke at the luncheon. This was preceded by four of our members who outlined projects for the upcoming season. The Byron chef and his staff provided an extremely delicious and plentiful, buffet. Coffee and dessert was then served at the tables.

Many thanks for assistance from Ruth Best.

Book Clubs

Convenors: Book Club A – Margie Scott, Karen Blackwell
Book Club B – On Hiatus
Book Club C – Lynn Morgan
Book Club D – Linda Eligh

Book Clubs usually meet monthly at members' homes or on zoom from September to June. Each Club chooses its own reading list for discussion.

Couples Contract Bridge

Convenors: Dianne Burke (Group 1) and Marion Frosst (Group 2)

Dianne Burke was Convenor of Group 1 which meets on the fourth Saturday afternoon of the month. Marion Frosst was Convenor of Group 2 which meets on the third Friday evening of the month. It was so nice to see everyone again.

Pat Steele will become Convenor of Group 1 next year, while Marion will continue as Convenor of Group 2.

Both groups always need spares so if anyone is interested, please contact either Marion or Pat Steele.

2023 – 2024 POSITIONS & EVENTS

THE BOARD 2023 – 2024

President	Cathy Egerton
Vice-President*	Vacant
Past President	Libby McMillan
Secretary	Jan DeRose
Treasurer	Julia Schmidt

Directors at large (2)* Claire Capaldi, Lynn Morgan

* In lieu of a Vice-President, two Directors at Large positions were created for this term.

50/50 Draw	Bev Woode
Long Term Facility Planning Committee	Vacant
MarketPlace	Mary Louise Icely, Carol Butcher and Jan DeRose
Membership	Sharon White
Nutrition	Libby McMillan, Caroline Hancock
Public Relations & Communications	Vacant
The Shop	Rena Armstrong, Claire Capaldi
Social Activities	Ruth Best
Special Projects	Mary Vera
Strategic Funding	Sally Zandri
Visibility Committee	Sally Zandri

COMMITTEE\PROJECT CHAIRS, CONTACTS, CONVENORS 2023 - 2024

Artisans	Patti Crosby-Moldowan
Finance Committee	Julia Schmidt
Frozen Foods	Rena Armstrong & Peggy Watson
GlenCairn CRC Food Distribution	Linda Eligh
Stitchers	Liz Emmerton
Marketplace	Jan DeRose, Carol Butcher, Mary Louise Icely
May's Pantry	Jan DeRose
Nutrition Program	Caroline Hancock, Libby McMillan
Public Relations & Communications	Vacant
Annual Report and Newsletter	Linda Eligh
Club Archivist	Libby Thomson
Club Emails	Cathy Egerton
Social Media Support	Vacant
Spring Garden and Bake Sale	Ilene Bamford, Sylvia Travers
The Shop	Rena Armstrong, Claire Capaldi
Telephone	Penney McCain
Tourtiere Pies	Rena Armstrong, Peggy Watson

CONVENORS OF SOCIAL ACTIVITIES 2023-2024

New Members Orientation/Mentorship Carol Butcher
Annual General Meeting & Dinner Vacant
Wine & Cheese & Christmas Social Ruth Best, Claire Page, Bev Woode, Bonnie Griffiths
Spring Luncheon Ruth Best, Mary Vera
Book Club (A) Margie Scott, Karen Blackwell
Book Club (B) On Hiatus
Book Club (C) Lynn Morgan
Book Club (D) Linda Eligh
Couples Contract Bridge Pat Steele and Marion Frosst

ADVISORY BOARD 2023-2024

Jane Archer Smith
Karen Blackwell
Irene Dapuzo
Jan DeRose

Cathy Egerton
Penney McCain
Libby McMillan
Nancy Poole

Susan Richardson
Libby Thomson
Sally Zandri

THE MAY COURT CLUB OF LONDON CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2023-2024

MAY COURT MEMBERS: Please make note of these events in your personal calendar.

2023	
August 28th	Board Meeting Zoom
September 5th	Shop Open. Will operate Tuesday. through Friday
Monday Sept. 11th 5:15 pm	Annual General Meeting Dinner, Speaker: Tom Lutterman White Oaks Public School, Nutrition; Location: Sunningdale Golf Club Conveners; Ann-Marie Bennett, Margie Scott
Sept 30th 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.	Komoka Community Marketplace May's Pantry, Stitchers (formerly Knit One Sew Too)
Monday, Oct. 2nd 7 p.m.	Board Meeting, Zoom
Tuesday, Oct. 10th	Fall Newsletter Submission Deadline - May Court Shop News and ongoing committees. <i>Send submissions to Linda Eligh</i>
Tuesday Oct. 17th 1pm-3:pm	General Meeting –Location Riverside United Church Speaker Florist ??
Friday/Saturday Oct. 13th& 14th	Association Meeting Location: Oakville
Sunday Nov. 12th 11am-3pm	MARKETPLACE '23 - Boler Mountain Convenors Jan DeRose and Carol Butcher
Monday Nov. 20th 1:30 pm -3:30pm	Board Meeting – Zoom
Monday Dec. 4th 7pm -9pm	CHRISTMAS SOCIAL – Convenor: Ruth Best
2024	
Tuesday, Jan. 2nd	Shop Reopens –
Monday Jan. 15th 7 p.m.	Board Meeting – location TBD or Zoom
Monday Jan. 22nd, 1pm–3 pm	General Meeting - Location: Riverside United Church Speaker Physiotherapist. Contact: Sylvia Travers

Friday Mar. 1st	Spring Newsletter Submission Deadline - Spring events and all ongoing committees. <i>Send submissions to Linda Eligh.</i>
Monday Mar. 18th 7 p.m..	Board Meeting –Zoom
Monday Mar. 25th 1pm-3pm	General Meeting - Location: Riverside United Church Speaker TBD
Sunday ,Mar. 31st	Associate Sponsorship funding submissions deadline.
Tuesday April 16th 12 pm	Spring Luncheon Welcome Spring & Celebration of Membership – Convenor: Ruth Best, Mary Vera
Mid April	Finance Committee Meeting
Friday & Saturday Apr 26th to 27th	Association Meeting & AGM – Windsor All Club Members are invited to the AGM Dinner on Saturday April 27th
Monday April 29th 7pm.	Board meeting Zoom
May 1st – 31st	Spring Flower Sale - The Month of May. Heeman’s Garden Centre & Strawberry Farm 20422 Nissouri Rd, Thorndale. Convenor: Ilene Bamford 519-439-8978 ilenebamford@gmail.com .
Monday, May 6th 7pm	Associate Sponsorship Program Funding - General Meeting – Location: Riverside United Church All members are requested to attend as WE NEED YOUR VOTE on the Recipients for 2024 Associate Sponsorship Program Funding (Formerly known as 3 rd Party Funding)
Saturday, May 18th, 9am	Annual Fundraiser - Bake Sale at Heeman's. All members, please contribute delicious goodies to sell. Contact Ilene Bamford 519-439-8978.
June	Submission of Committee and Individual Reports for the Annual Report 2023-2024
June, July, August	Enjoy your Summer!

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