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OTTAWA-GATINEAU DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Hello [Recipient Name],



I wish you an enjoyable Summer! I am sending this newsletter as an important reminder of two social activities for Ottawa-Gatineau District members this Summer.

We are planning a matinée play at the Upper Canada Playhouse in Morrisburg, on Wednesday, July 16 at 2:00 pm. **The deadline for online registration and payment is Wednesday, July 9.** The play will be followed by a dinner at a nearby restaurant. If you wish to attend, please follow the instructions indicated hereunder.

On Monday, August 25, we are holding our annual Ottawa Pionairs / ACRA golf tournament, which has been a huge success in the past. We will again extend an invitation to Pionairs members in the Quebec District and look forward to welcoming all participants, their spouses/partners and guests.

In the Fall, our District will have the honour of hosting the Annual Fall Information Session (AFIS), culminating with the Members' Meeting on October 2. We hope to see a great number of District members at this highly informative session.

In the meantime, please refer to the Pionairs Website at www.pionairs.ca, read the *Alliance* and the Ottawa-Gatineau District Newsletters, and contact me at ottawa_gatineaudistrict@pionairs.ca if you have any questions or concerns.

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Summary account of the Sugar Shack Outing, April 9

On April 9, 16 Ottawa-Gatineau District Pionairs members and guests went to the Sucrerie du terroir in Val-des-Monts (Quebec) for a delicious traditional sugar shack meal in a rustic and warm décor. The extensive

menu included (all you can eat): mountaineer pea soup; traditional omelette; roasted potatoes; country style sausages; bacon rinds; maple pork tenderloin; healthy baked beans; creton; pancakes; freshly baked bread; maple mousse small tarts; tea, coffee, milk, herbal tea; maple toffee. Attendees could also bring their own wine or beer.

Here are some photos taken at the outing.



10th Annual Wonderland Tea Party for CHEO Mental Health Programs for Youth, June 1

Pionairs member Wendy Hubley and her family have been strongly committed to helping children suffering from mental health issues ever since their eldest son, Jamie, who suffered from depression, died by suicide in 2011. Working with community donors, and the CHEO Foundation since 2016, Wendy Hubley began her journey to help patients at [CHEO](#) (Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario) by first redecorating and revitalizing the mental health department's patient lounge, in loving memory of her beloved son. To raise funds for these initiatives, Wendy and her committee launched the Wonderland Tea Party, an annual event

based on the theme "Alice in Wonderland Tea Party".

To date, this event has raised more than \$273,000 and CHEO is grateful that the Hubley family's unwavering support for mental health care has been matched by the generosity of family, friends, and a caring business community.

In support of Wendy's project over the years, members of the Ottawa-Gatineau District have donated in kind to the Christmas Wish List for CHEO Mental Health at the District Christmas luncheons, and have attended the Wonderland Tea Party.

We congratulate Wendy, her family and her committee for their wonderful work to this cause. Please visit the Wonderland Tea Party website to obtain more information and view the photo gallery.

Matinée play, Upper Canada Playhouse, July 16

To organize a unique event that can be more accessible for the Kingston group, we are planning a matinée play in Morrisburg. We will suggest a group dinner after the performance at a venue nearby.

Date: Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Time: 2:00 pm

Venue: Upper Canada Playhouse, 852 12320 County Road 2, Morrisburg ON K0C 1X0

[Home - Upper Canada Playhouse](#)

Performance: The Sweet Delilah Swim Club by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten.

[The Sweet Delilah Swim Club - Upper Canada Playhouse](#)

Five women who met years ago on their college swim team set aside a long weekend every August to recharge their friendships at a cottage called the 'Sweet Delilah'. Join these unforgettable ladies across four weekends spanning 33 years as they catch up, laugh, and meddle in each other's lives, free from husbands, kids, and jobs. This is a hilarious and touching comedy about friendships that last forever.

Booking: Further to our invitation to express interest in the matinee play, 11 persons confirmed their wish to attend the performance: Carolyn Angel; Claire Bertrand; Odette Dompierre; Joanne Durocher; Monique Edwards; Ghisele Graham; Heide Lavier; Carole Lemieux; Lesley Mansell; Nicole Marion; Judith Simper. These persons are still required to register and pay for the event, as instructed below.

From the 20 seats reserved, we now have 9 remaining seats to offer on a first-come, first-served basis. Please register and pay for the event, as instructed below.

Ticket price: Pionairs Members and spouses/partners: \$30*; Non-members/guests: \$36.

Online registration and payment: by e-transfer only to dompierreodette@gmail.com

Deadline: RSVP and pay by Wednesday, July 9, 2025.

*The ticket price for Pionairs members and their spouses/partners is partially subsidized by the Ottawa-Gatineau District.

Ottawa Pionairs / ACRA Golf Tournament

August 25, 2025

On site registration: 10:00 AM
Start time: 11:00 AM



MEADOWS GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB
4335 Hawthorne Road, Ottawa, ON K1G 3N4

Cost: Pionairs and ACRA Members, and spouses/partners: \$100* per person;

Non-Members and Guests: \$110 per person

Includes: golf, cart, and meal (hamburger or hot dog + 2 choices of salad) on the patio, after the round

Meal only: Pionairs and ACRA Members: \$20; Non-Members and Guests: \$20

Prizes: provided by the Ottawa-Gatineau Pionairs and the local ACRA.

Deadline for online registration and payment: August 11, 2025

Payment: by e-transfer only to dompierreodette@gmail.com

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Preparations for the 2025 AFIS in Ottawa and Local Volunteer Recruitment

Every year, the Pionairs National Board hosts two events – the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in the Spring (held in Montreal in May 2025), and the Annual Fall Information Session (AFIS) in the Fall. This year's AFIS will be held on Thursday, October 2, 2025 in Ottawa, at the Sandman Signature Ottawa Airport Hotel, [250 West Hunt Club Road, Ottawa ON K2E 0B7](#).

The Ottawa-Gatineau District Executive is delighted to host the 2025 AFIS in our Nation's capital and is confident that it will ensure its success, as it did during the Pionairs 2022 AGM in Ottawa. Therefore, our District Executive members will assist the National Board in preparing this event and will solicit the help of local volunteers to perform various support duties.

Volunteers are the key to success in the not-for-profit sector; regardless of your role or the amount of time you commit, you are making a difference.

If you are interested in learning more about the duties to perform during the AFIS and are willing to volunteer your time and effort, please send an email to Lesley Mansell, Director – Membership, at lesleymansell187@gmail.com. Thank you.