Carty House Chronicle

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Carty House bids long time chairwoman a fond farewell

By Tobi Cohen, Communications Committee Chair and Chronicle Editor

Mid August marked the end of an era when long-time board member Lorna Book wrapped up her term as chairwoman extraordinaire and said goodbye to Carty House.

Lorna joined the Carty House board of directors in 2011. She served as secretary a year later and became chair in early 2015.

"I enjoyed working with Lorna who is a very practical person, aware that decisions have to be made and that elaborate plans risk procrastination," said Caroline Pestieau, former board member. "She has been wholeheartedly devoted to the present and future of Carty House."

During her time at Carty House, Lorna became an avid fundraiser who amassed a large network of supporters. She was instrumental in organizing the annual gala and who could forget the beautiful necklaces she made for the silent auction?

"Lorna probably sold more tickets to any event than any other person," recalled former board member Nancy MacDonald.

She led the communications committee for several years and helped keep the Carty House community informed through the newsletter. She also saw Carty House through several major transitions, including the recent hiring of an executive director.

Board member and former chair Bernadette O'Neil described Lorna as "honest and forthright" and always ready to jump in to resolve whatever situation might arise.

Extremely dedicated to the residents of Carty House, Lorna could often be found at the house resolving disputes or assisting with daily operations, especially during periods of transition.

"Lorna brought solid practical experience, a warm heart, countless hours of hard work and an unwavering commitment to Carty House," said returning board member Lisa Nesbitt. "She will be missed. She deserves to enjoy her second retirement and no doubt has exciting travel plans to come."

From all of us at Carty House, we wish you the very best Lorna!

Ride for Refuge with Carty House

By Team Carty House

Calling all cyclists! Gather your friends and family and get your bikes shined up to join us on the Ride for Refuge September 30th.

We are looking for people to join our team and ride 10, 25 or 50 kilometres in support of Carty House and other refugee serving organizations across the city. Alternatively, you can join us on a 5K walk.

If you'd rather create your own team or sign up as an individual, we'd be so grateful if you would direct your fundraising efforts towards Carty House when asked to select the charity you'd like to support.

Can't make it? No problem. You can always make a donation to Team Carty House!

Last year, Executive Director Juliet Schimpf and a small team of five Carty House residents managed to raise an impressive $3,385. One of 46 Ottawa teams registered for the event, they placed 10th in fundraising.

We've set an ambitious goal to do even better this year! We're hoping to raise $5,000, and with your help, we know we can do it!

For more information on the Ride for Refuge and how to join or donate to Team Carty House, visit our website: at cartyhouse.org/news.

Rain couldn't dampen Carty House BBQ

By Tobi Cohen

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The weather didn't cooperate but that didn't stop Carty House residents, volunteers and staff from enjoying an amazing end-of-summer barbecue late last month.

"What I liked most about the barbecue was spending time with the residents, getting to know them and how they were doing in their daily lives," volunteer Stephanie Claros said. "Also the fact that our language barriers didn't stop us from having a blast playing games and making jokes!"

The afternoon of games and yummy treats capped off a busy summer for the women of Carty House who also enjoyed visiting the Tulip Festival, experiencing the Canada Day fireworks display, walking along the canal, visiting museums and taking in The Amorous Servant presented by the Odyssey Theatre as part of Theatre Under the Stars.

Coordinator Louise Ebeltoft said residents have also been busy with other ventures this summer. One resident started selling her much loved pepper salsa and is looking forward to selling hand crafted African jewellery. Three women also began volunteer jobs over the summer.

Volunteer Profile

Addy Strickland is a remarkable young West Carleton Secondary School grad who kindly raised more than $500 for Carty House.

The long time social justice crusader accepted the RBC Make 150 Count challenge and turned her sights on helping refugee women.

With the $150 she received from RBC, she created greeting cards which she then sold to raise money for Carty House.

Thanks so much Addy!

We wish you all the best as you head off to St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia this fall!

Get Your Raffle Tickets Now

Just $20 gets you a chance to win great prizes from:

- ***NAC***
- ***Terra 20***
- ***Costco***
- ***Gymboree Play and Music***
- ***Carte Blanche Spa***
- ***Pomeroy House***

Grand Prize: *VIA Rail tickets to Quebec City!*

Draw to be held live at our Gala!

(NOTE: You don't need to be present to win but we sure hope to see you there!)

Visit our website for details: cartyhouse.org/news

Save The Date for the Carty House Gala!

Get our your calendars! We are so pleased to announce the date for this year's Carty House Gala:

Monday October 16, 2017

Once again, we will be teaming up with the amazing Green Door Restaurant to deliver a fantastic all-you-can-eat vegetarian dinner.

There will also be entertainment, speeches, a 50/50 draw and of course our silent auction filled with great prizes. Tickets are $50 and include a tax credit. On sale soon!

Businesses that wish to donate to the silent auction can contact communications@cartyhouse.org.

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