

Post Fall 2019 Luncheon Report to Members

Luncheon Overview

We had another successful Luncheon at Le Felix. Reception was coordinated by Ed Sorochan. Susan Szyk handled all the luncheon notices and registrations. Wanda Daniel supported the checking in of attendees with name tags, collection of luncheon fees, membership registration / dues. Gil Kerr took the photos. As usual Lorne Keyes with Al Evers supported an interesting slide presentation, some presentation geared to new members who recently retired from MDA. We were honored by Le Felix Chef Philippe Castonguay who actually served us with his Halloween helpers making the event more memorable. His Bourguignon Beef with appetizer, soup and dessert was enjoyed by all. Ed Sorochan served the initial wine (with a smile) substituting for Barbara, George Larder's daughter who had to attend to George's emergency.

In attendance at the October 31st Luncheon were 30 members and 4 guests as detailed in the table. Thank you for your attendance and support of the SPARTans Club. Unfortunately the anticipated attendance fell off due to last minute cancellations. George Larder had a heart attack, is recovering and hopefully will attend our Spring luncheon. Other cancellations for good reasons were: Linda Baxter, Peter Oswald, James Sisley and Heather Tanquay who would have attended. Nicole Bourdeau and Gus Gross are now 6 month Florida snow birds. Some aging local members who no longer drive also affects the attendance; we will try to coordinate an offer-a-ride more aggressively for our Spring luncheon. For example, Geoff Moss offered a ride from his area.

We were honored by first time attendees/new members Edmond Ahad, Andre Brand, Chris Hearne, Geoff Moss, Georges Topalian, and Xilin Zhang and hope to see more members/guests attending the Luncheons in the future. Peter Hartigan attended the Luncheon and signed on as a member. He used to work for RCA in the late 60's on the ISIS satellite. We were glad to see Jane Robinson back at our Luncheon; we expect her back more regularly now that she has retired.

The Luncheon Photographs were posted on the Web Site: <https://clubspartans.weebly.com> on Nov 4.

We will be posting an updated Membership List based on new information collected at the Luncheon.

Membership

11 remote members and 14 local members did not respond to Susan's Luncheon notifications. It is quite understandable why some remote members do not respond as their luncheon attendance is unlikely. No response however adds to the uncertainty: health reasons, no longer interested to support the Club, just forgetfulness, just not opening their emails or computer problems? **Some members claim they received no notification even though we get no flag "Undeliverable Mail Returned to Sender". Your Email provider maybe directing the Email to your "Junk Email" folder. Next Luncheon: May 7, 2020**

Total member count is currently around 100 but 15% kind of remain on our temporary inactive list with latent 2018-2019 dues and no recent feedback as to continued interest.

We hope these in-active members still check our Web site for general interest and renew their membership.

We wish to thank 17 members who paid up their dues at the Luncheon, the few people who sent in their cheque to Wanda and the 10 members who used the Club Spartans on-line banking Interact-E payment option. We encourage the balance of the membership to use the Interact-E payment option. It is more convenient than sending in cheques and provides an orderly record of paid dues by date. Details are given on our Web Site under Membership Application. As a reminder to members, we normally start collecting renewal membership dues for 2020-2021 at the Fall Luncheon and an early submission prior to the Jan. 2020 due date would be appreciated. Members who receive hard copy of this report, we remind them to send in their renewal dues: cheque made out to Club Spartans for \$20 and sent to: Wanda Lanecki, Club Spartans, 203-3415 Ivan Franko Lachine QC H8T1N9.



Abdelhadi	Mohamed	and guest Micheline Fournier	Lillo	Milt	
Ahad	Edmond		McMath	William	and his wife Sarah
Albright	Charles		Morgan	Chris	
Barkwith	John		Moss	Geoff	
Brand	Andre		Oliver	Peter	
Burrows	John	and guest Peter Hartigan	Raab	Tony	Kanata, Ontario
Collazo	Alberto	and his wife Maria	Robinson	Jane	
Couillard	Claude		Shek	Sim	
Daniel	Wanda		Sorochan	Ed	
Evers	Alphons		Soul	Joseph	
Garland	Peter		Sztyk	Susan	
Gaul	Carl		Topalian	Georges	
Hearne	Chris	Arnprior, Ontario	Zadrozny	Stefan	
Kerr	Gil		Zhang	Xilin	
Keyes	Lorne				
Lawson	Al	Stittsville, Ontario			