

Spring-Fling Dinner-Dance Coordinator's Report

Date held: Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Committee Meeting in advance: Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Planning Committee: Elaine Gibbons; Annmarie Haskell; Susan Cober & Lydia Côté
Mary Smith and Debra Kerrison were also invited.
Connie Stanley, President [*Event Coordinator*]

Setup & décor:

Ken Campbell
Bruce Mills
Gary Seymour
Bob Kerrison
Chris Regan
Ron Gibbons

Annmarie Haskell
Lydia Côté
Susan Cober
Mary Smith
Debra Kerrison
Connie Stanley

Ticket Takers & Share the Wealth

Theresa & Chuck McAllister
Rita & Jim Rudderham
Elaine & Ron Gibbons
John & Jane McIntyre
Connie Stanley

Blessing: Rollie Lapointe

Coffee n' cake: Lydia & Harold Côté,
Annmarie Haskell, Susan Cober, Judy
Oldenburg

Photography: Rowland
Hetrick

Ice: John Henry

Thank Caterer: Gary Seymour

Number of participants: 88. Ticket sales were programmed to commence February 21st to afford 6 ticket sales dates and enough time to give the caterer the number sold on Thursday, March 9th.

Location: EAC Auditorium

Narrative [e.g., Theme, highlights, winners, etc.]:

We never book events such as this on Thursdays due to the Club Blackout games.

The Spring-Fling theme the committee selected, was a Luau because we had sand leftover from the balloon arch bases so what to do with 3 pounds of sand – repurpose it! Doug Kates designed another very appropriate logo which we used for publicity, tickets, table numbers, etc.



DJ Grant Hemond and Associates provided services for this third Dinner-Dance again with Jody Bower! Jody knows our crowd but added a few special activities to get the dancing started following dinner. Jesse Tiamson from the OTOW Fumblers, Fiddlers and Fixers [Woodshop] sang Andre Bocelli, the famous Italian Tenor's song, 'The Prayer' in Italian at the February Karaoke. It was so beautiful and his voice!! So, when we were planning the Spring Fling, he asked Connie at the ticket sales table if he the DJ could play three Hawaiian Karaoke songs to kick off the evening. Sure, enough Jody did play and Jesse kicked off the night with:

- Blue Hawaii
- Tiny Bubbles and
- Pearly Shells

During Tiny Bubbles, Jesse's spouse Evelyn, sister Christine and Ann Brown performed a beautiful hula dance for the crowd! Then when he sang, Pearly Shells, they invited others to join in and learn how to Hula dance as well. Was very fun to watch and beautiful!

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Menu: Ordinarily a real Luau comprises a pig on beneath the sand on a beach, roasted over the course of a day under the sand. We couldn't quite do that in the EAC but chose a menu of: Salmon with Almond Sauce or Roast Pork with Rosemary Shallot Sauce, Rice Pilaf, Vegetable Medley, Garden Salad Bar, Assorted Dressings, Dinner Rolls & Butter, Coffee and two Costco Cakes. We catered this dinner-dance with Banquet Masters Stephen Fisherkeller, GM 13355 49th Street North, Suite A, Clearwater, email: banquetmasters@aol.com

Again, two cakes from Costco were purchased by Sue Cober and she asked them to do décor complementing our Luau colour scheme; the two: one white [white cheesecake inside] and one chocolate [including chocolate mousse inside] cakes were beautifully decorated and very much appreciated.

Cake cutting and lifting operation was conducted at the back corner counter area in the Outpost which worked very well. When ready, Connie announced and everyone seemed to enjoy the dessert servings. People were invited back for seconds which was effective. Only three or four pieces were leftover and all were consumed.

Again, special thanks to Harold and Lydia for making and managing the coffee preparations and clean-up. There were still sufficient leftover coffee supplies including coffee so there was no cost for the service.

Ticket Prices: For this party the Treasurer recommended we try to 'give back' to the membership and the Executive Committee agreed with his proposed recommendation of: each ticket at \$25. and to promote it as "Everyone Welcome" member or not. The one price fits all helped and did draw outsiders plus some family members vacationing over the Spring Break period.

Susan Cober volunteered to print tickets which ultimately cost only \$25 vs. having them printed at Prints2Go for \$95. Connie using the logo Doug Kates provided, designed a ticket template and provided that to Sue Cober who printed the tickets again. That logo was used in advertising and promotion via slide on Summit Channel 901, as well.

Décor:

Connie used the logo above for publicizing the Luau and also on the Volunteer Table 'Thank-you cards' so guests could read/see who the volunteers were. The table number cards also included the Fling's logo [above] and a second Luau graphic on the right.



The committee elected to go with Luau coloured table cloths from Hobby Lobby [\$.99] in: Lime Green, Yellow, Orange, Lilac and Mint Green! The lively colours were repeated in the Balloon Arch [Amazon kit plus Mary supplied a bunch], cocktail plates and serviettes. Banquet Masters provided the dinner plates, cutlery and dinner napkins.

We bought [Amazon.com] an Aloha banner for the Photo Booth, photo props, 100 leis for guests as they entered the auditorium by Greeters, and a grass skirt table cover for the DJ table. Connie also purchased a directional upright sign which uses 'removal lettering' from Family Dollar, Dunedin [stored in cabinet #1 to be reused later] and the committee chose to use: Halifax, New York, Vancouver, Toronto and Houston as the city names for the sign in the Photo Booth! These can be changed in future!

Lawn Bowling also lend us their Aloha banner which was attached at the Sound Booth and they gave us their leftover leis too! Thanks so much to the Lawn Bowling Club President, Mike

Lenzi!

Theatre Workshop had just delivered their three “Oceans Away” performances on stage the weekend prior to the Spring Fling thus, their Cruise ship was still up as a backdrop and their Director, Maxine Sutcliffe also a Canadian Club member, offered it as part of our stage décor along with their two Hawaiian panels on stage! It was lovely and so very appropriate for our theme. Maxine also illuminated the ship’s lights at 6 pm. Beautiful and we could not have asked for more!! Timing is everything and Clubs working together is so great!

Door Prizes: Lydia still had two framed prints; Connie acquired two beautiful prints from her building core shopping basket – all were wrapped in cellophane and the same above mentioned colours in ribbed ribbons were applied. Connie also acquired some galvanized steel potted artificial floral arrangements for which she mentioned to the crowd, the flowers could easily be changed out for shamrocks, easter tulips, etc. and instead of door prizes, they were made available for anyone to pick up – they didn’t last long on stage!! Someone also nicely decorated them with leis!

Maxine Sutcliffe generously and very graciously donated two prints of an original her late husband, Victor painted of the Tampa Bay area. The two prints are 24” x 32” inches. She explained to the crowd that it took Vic 4.5 months to search the history of Tampa Bay area that he used to do the original that she still has. She displayed a copy of the original for viewing and rolled the two prints and wrapped them in cellophane with ribbons – beautiful prizes!!

Additionally, Connie made two flip flop wreaths for the stage stair railings which were drawn as door prizes after all, everyone needs a door wreath.

Annamarie Haskell’s beautiful handmade Afghan was drawn for a second time; the ribbons were changed out from the red, white and blue to our Spring Fling themed coloured ribbons and a lei was also wrapped to enhance the presentation. In total we had ten Door Prizes!

Again, the Canadian Club Dinner-Dance banner was attached to the front entry glass barrier so the first thing people see when they enter through the front doors.

Share the Wealth prizes; Ken did the calculations and asked the crowd if they wanted \$30 or \$50 dollar cash prizes; they said \$30 and 10 were drawn as well.

Photography: The photo booth was set up in the Largo Room as usual comprising as mentioned above, the Falcon Directional Sign and Aloha Banner with Command hooks – they had to be taped in place later. May need a better setup. Rowland set up a sign-up sheet to accompany each photo and sent them out afterwards. As mcee, Connie announced the photo booth and also gave people the option to choose the Balloon arch for photos. Rowland took many at both locales.

Pictured here are Past Presidents still residing at On Top of the World - Rear L to R: Andy McEvoy 2012-13 [London, ON]; Tom McKee 2009-10 [Clearwater, FL]; John Wigle 2002-03 [Alliston, ON]; Laurie Fischer 2018-19 [Winnipeg, MB];

Front L to R: Connie Stanley 2020-2023 [Frankford, ON]; Carmen Dixon 1993-94 [Scarborough, ON]; Rolli Lapointe 2010-11 [Ottawa, ON] and Harry Morrison 2007-08 [Kimberley, BC].

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The photo at the right and Spring Fling and story about the Picnic on March 18; Blue Jays Game March 27 and AGM in advance, were included in the April OTOW Newspaper.

Connie organized volunteers for setup, tear down, Door Greeters [ticket takers] Share the Wealth tickets, the Arch setup, coffee station, etc. and managed the publicity of the event.



Albeit, there were only 88 participants, we had more participants than the Friendship and the Christmas Dinner-Dances which was encouraging following Covid and the Club's revitalization.

The door prizes were great and very appreciated.

Rowland Hetrick did a fabulous job of taking photos and he sent a link of those out individually to the emails on the sign-up sheet and also gave them to Connie [as Publicity Manager] used them accordingly on the Club's Facebook page, website, OTOW News, etc.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Stanley, Past President and
Spring Fling Dinner-Dance Event Coordinator
OTOW Canadian Club
1 April 2023
