

Les Marmitons of Ottawa/Hull

October 15 meeting: Members and guests were treated to a terrific evening orchestrated by ***Chef John Leung*** of the British High Commission. Chef Leung never fails to demonstrate a new technique or two, and this, coupled with the camaraderie and great food of the event, made it a memorable one indeed. It was our third visit from the chef, and hopefully, we'll see him again soon.

November 19 meeting: Thanks to the efforts of Ian Sneddon and Gordon Ferguson, we are indeed pleased to announce that the Chef for the November meeting is **Jordan Forrester**, Executive Chef and co-owner of the **'West End Station Bistro'** and **'Fiamma'**. Trained at the Pacific Culinary Institute, (the Canadian division of Culinary Institute of America), Jordan has been Chef at the Fairmont Whistler and Fairmont Vancouver as well as at several of the best Seattle Restaurants. We look forward to a fine evening indeed! If you have not already done so, please reserve without delay. Space for members at meetings is allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Guests will be accommodated based on available space. Please contact Tom Wright via e-mail to reserve your spot and request guest placements at: Wright.Tom@ic.gc.ca .

International Business Meetings: Ian and Rodolfo represented the club at the Marmitons International Business meetings in Atlanta, the weekend of October 22nd. Topics included the Annual Event to be held next year in Calgary (more about that later in this newsletter) as well as managing the growth of Les Marmitons overall. Members are encouraged to discuss these topics with Ian or Rodolfo at their convenience. .

Marmitons Scholarships: As mentioned in our last newsletter, the club is in a position to offer five scholarships to deserving students at the college's Culinary Management Program this year. These will be formally presented at Algonquin's awards ceremony later this month. Rodolfo has received a message expressing the gratitude of the College, from the Dean of Hospitality and Tourism, Rick Reid.

International Annual Event, Calgary, June 10-12, 2005. Hot off the press! The Calgary chapter has put together a great program for this year's Annual Event, and is pleased to announce that their web site for this purpose is now fully functional. It is highlighted on the left side of the Marmitons International site at www.lesmarmitons.org At the site, you can reserve your spots on-line as well as make your hotel reservations and book optional tours. Given that the Ottawa/Hull club will not be involved in collecting monies or making reservations for this event, we kindly ask all members who are signing up to let Tom Wright know with a brief e-mail that they are doing so. This way, the club will be aware who and how many members will be attending.

Our Twentieth Anniversary Celebration!!! - Christmas Festive Season Event, Saturday, December 11: The Club is indeed pleased to confirm that our Chef for this special Christmas/Festive Season Event will be our good friend and consummate supporter, **Chef John Le Blanc**. Not only this event one of the high points in our annual calendar, but this year we will observe the Ottawa/Hull Chapter's 20th Anniversary with an extra special celebration. We will soon be soliciting members in order to form teams to assist with various duties, including cooking and *mise en place*. Please also start canvassing for those Silent Auction items from businesses or friends for the auction table. We are only 5 short weeks away!! **Larry Gales** has agreed to organize the Silent Auction this year, and will soon be contacting members directly. In the interim, Larry can be reached at lawrence.gales@sympatico.ca if you have an item to donate.

Note: If you have a suggestion for a future chef, please contact any member of the executive directly.

Subsequent 2004/5 dates:

- **December 11, (Saturday) Christmas/Festive Season Event**
- **January 21**
- **February 18**
- **March 18**
- **April 23, (Saturday) Annual Fundraising Event**
- **May 27**
- **June 10-12 – International Annual Event, Calgary Alberta**

We look forward to seeing you on **November 19th**

Regards The Executive Committee.