

# Les Marmitons of Ottawa/Hull

*The Executive Committee hopes that all Marmitons and their families had a safe and enjoyable holiday season, and wish all a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!*

**November 19 meeting:** Thanks to the efforts of Ian Sneddon and Gordon Ferguson, we were able to secure the services **Chef Jordan Forrester** of the '**West End Station Bistro**' and '**Fiamma**' for our November event. Several members remarked at the "relaxed" atmosphere, despite a challenging evening that included delicacies such as bison, foie gras and truffle. It is always the hallmark of a good chef to be able to manage a terrific evening and still have members enjoy themselves. Of note also, were the fine wine pairings for the evening. Recipes for this and previous events are posted on our web site courtesy of Marc Lavoie at [www.lesmarmitons.org](http://www.lesmarmitons.org). We certainly hope to invite Chef Jordan back again.

**Twentieth Anniversary Celebration / Christmas Festive Season Event:** The Club celebrated the holiday season as well as its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in grand style on December 11. Despite the illness of our friend, **Chef John Le Blanc**, members pulled together to put on an evening in the true Marmitons spirit and tradition. Aside from the terrific ambiance, a superb meal and fine wines, a great added touch included roses for all the ladies and commemorative aprons for members. Rodolfo also noted during the celebration that this year was dedicated to the memory of our late friend and member, **Karl Lindblad**. The Silent Auction was a great success, grossing over \$4,500 – our best showing ever. Big-ticket items included two dinners for six, thanks to **Chefs John Leung** and **Scot Cunningham**. The club hopes to net about \$3,300 from the auction after expenses for the dinners are factored in. The organizing committee wishes to pass on sincere thanks to all members and donors who contributed and a special thank you to **Larry Gales** who organized the Silent Auction this year. We truly did ourselves proud!

**Our next meeting: Friday, January 21** A reminder to all members to reserve your spot for the next event as soon as possible. Please note that guests will be accommodated based on available space. Please contact Tom Wright via e-mail to reserve and request guest placements at: [Wright.Tom@ic.gc.ca](mailto:Wright.Tom@ic.gc.ca) At this point we are confirming the guest chef, and we will advise members accordingly.

**International Annual Event, Calgary, June 10-12, 2005.** A reminder that the Calgary chapter is hosting this year's Annual Event with their web site being located on left side of the Marmitons International site at [www.lesmarmitons.org](http://www.lesmarmitons.org) You can reserve your spots on-line, as well as make your hotel reservations and book tours. (A reminder to let Tom Wright know with a brief e-mail if you are going. This way, the club will be aware who and how many members will be attending).

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

**Subsequent 2005 dates:**

- **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 **January 21<sup>st</sup>**

Regards, The Executive Committee.