

Les Marmitons of Ottawa/Hull

The Executive Committee would like to extend best wishes of the Holiday Season to all Marmitons and their families. May we all be blessed with good health, peace and prosperity at this special time of year.

Our **November 18th meeting**, led by **Chef Gabriel Pollock, of Claire de Lune**, was a fine event, featuring classic European cuisine. It has been a long time since we sampled a menu featuring delicious fish and seafood exclusively. All attendees agreed that the *Salmon Tartar* and *Bouillabaisse* stood out as the highlights. Unfortunately, the event was not well attended and there were several last minute cancellations due to illness.

Christmas/Festive Season Event: Sunday, Dec. 18th : Our Christmas/Festive Season with **Chef Michael Blackie, Executive Chef of the Brooksteet Hotel**, has been sold out! If you would like to be placed on a waiting list, please contact Larry Gales at: lawrence.gales@sympatico.ca. Larry has recently sent out information about cooking times and teams. Please do remember to bring your toolboxes and knives, as the school supply area will be closed.

Dress for the evening is **Marmiton uniform and regalia** for members, **evening attire** for guests. We will be welcoming our guests with canapés and sparkling wine starting at 6:00 PM, with dinner seating starting at 6:30. Based on the menu developed with Chef Blackie, a fantastic evening in the Marmiton tradition is in store for all!

Silent Auction: A last reminder regarding **Silent Auction** items for the auction table: We are counting on all members to solicit/donate at least one suitable item to be auctioned off. If you have not already done so, please contact Doug Sipolins at doug.sipolins@sympatico.ca and tell him what you will be contributing to this year's auction.

International Annual Event: Further to recent e-mails regarding the Annual Event in Atlanta this year, 7 couples have registered to date! A fine representation from the Ottawa/Hull chapter indeed. You can check out all the activities from the Les Marmitons home page or go directly to <http://www.lesmarmitons-atlanta.org/Atlanta2006>.

Marmitons Scholarship: We are indeed pleased to announce that this year's scholarship award winner was culinary management student **André Sanche**. Larry Gales recently presented the award on behalf of the club. André will be joining us in the kitchen on December 18th. Let us extend him a warm Marmiton welcome.

Luncheon in honour of Karl Lindblad: A reminder.....this coming February, **Chef Kurt Waldele**, a good friend of Les Marmitons, would like to do a repeat of last year's luncheon in honour of our late founding member, Karl Lindblad. Those who attended the brunch in the Rotunda of the National Gallery last year truly had a warm and memorable time, not to mention a fine meal. The luncheon is in support of the Humane Society.

Further information is available by contacting fellow Marmiton **Gord Barnett** via e-mail at: gbarnett@videotron.ca

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

Subsequent 2005/6 dates:

- **December 18, (Sunday) Festive Season Event**
- **January 20, 2006 (tentative, at Algonquin College)**
- **June 9-11, 2006, International Annual Event (Atlanta Georgia)**

We look forward to seeing you on **December 18th**

Regards, the Executive Committee.