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**September:-** Thursday, Sept. 28 - Del Friscos, 11:<sup>30</sup>

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**SPECIAL:-** Wednesday, Oct. 18 - Kirkland Chalet, 3-6 pm

Wine and Cheese 20-year Celebration

October:- Thursday, Oct. 26 - Madison's Grill & Bar, 11:30

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3000 rue Jean-Yves, Kirkland, 514-426-9111

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## LARSENCORE

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NOTE:- We are trying something new for our monthly luncheons!

In the fall we will change our luncheon day from the last **Friday** of every month to

#### **THE LAST THURSDAY**

Friday is the busiest day at restaurants; this change will make it easier to book restaurants for our large group and will also help us get better service. We hope you can join us!

## President's Address/ Message du président

Another school year has started and most of you are starting to plan trips, excursions as well as leisure, volunteer or sports activities to fill your days. La plupart d'entre nous vivons encore le mois de septembre comme un début d'année!

I would like to welcome all the new retirees to a new chapter of their lives. It will be a different pace but it will be as busy or as slow as you make it. Vraiment c'est maintenant vous-mêmes qui contrôlez comment vous allez passer vos journées! Profitez de chaque jour! It is amazing how I have been able to fill my days, usually I find myself way too busy. My goal this year is to take more time to read and relax!!! On verra bien si je réussis! I have a list of books I am eager to read.

J'espère que, malgré tout le mauvais temps, vous avez profité de l'été. Despite the unpredictable and cool weather, I hope that you have found the time to enjoy summer! If you check out our web page you will see that the Cyclopaths have biked to some wonderful locations (check out Wayne's report!!!) The Golf group has managed to golf between the raindrops. The School's Open Open was held on a gorgeous day and was enjoyed by 32 golfers and several others joining for the dinner at the Dorval Golf Course. Most of the activities are starting up soon. I encourage members, new and old, to feel free to start up new activities or plan new or different events. Please call or email me if you have any suggestions.

Make sure to keep Wednesday OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup> free so that you can join me and the L'ARSE Executive at a Wine and Cheese 20 year Celebration. Come and celebrate with us and mingle with your fellow retirees. The celebration will be held at the Kirkland Chalet in Kirkland. By now you will have received your invitation. Be sure to respond to the invitation so that we make sure to have enough wine and cheese for all. Hopefully many of you will take the time to attend. J'ai hâte de rencontrer et de parler à tous nos membres. Inscrivez cet événement dans vos agendas!

Hoping to see many of you on October 18<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 6 pm!!! (KIRKLAND CHALET — 81 Park Ridge, Kirkland, H9J 1R1)

Tania Kinsella

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#### THE HUMBLE BEGINNINGS OF L'ARSE

Late last year, the subject of the beginnings of L'ARSE arose. Was 2017 the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this fine organization? My memory told me it all began in 1997 but I would have sworn that it was in the spring. I went to my daily log, kept for over ten years following my retirement in 1996 and got a complete surprise. I had times and dates recorded. It was not the spring but the fall that it all happened. So here goes, right from my diary on dates, with memory working fairly well on the rest.

The late André Smith, retired French teacher from JRHS, called me on Friday, November 28, 1997. He had just been to lunch with a group of his retired JRHS colleagues. He asked if I would call up my retired confreres from Mac to see if there was a 'felt need' that we might organize a monthly luncheon for retired teachers to come together, to keep in touch, to enjoy the fellowship and allow whatever, should it be successful, to flow out of this. I said "No, André, let's arrange that you and I go to lunch, ask our colleagues to join us from JRHS and Mac and we'll actually see if there is a 'felt need', as you put it. It'll save us a phone call in the long run." I never did like extra work.

André and I discussed the place to meet and eat. We chose Vichy's on St. John's road. We arranged to have lunch there on December 5 at 11:30 a.m. and invite our colleagues. When Friday, 5 December rolled around, 22 colleagues from JRHS and Mac sat to lunch together. André, being the real originator of the idea, explained our goal and that in the coming days, our Ad Hoc executive would make further plans. All seemed delighted. We took their smiles as consent. It was a happy time. André was thrilled as was I.

Our immediate goal was to contact someone from each of the other High Schools and see if they would join our committee for 'organize these luncheon sessions'. I called Wayne Clifford from BHS. We also found Al Jared from LPHS along with Sandy Ferguson from Hudson. June Bolger [Board] joined our committee and, as we were meeting in each other's homes, she invited us to her house for a meeting.

This 'ad hoc' committee grew and began developing a structure for the group. Several meetings were held over the next couple of weeks as I was going back to our place in the sun in Arizona after Christmas. Questions about inviting the Retired Administrators and Support Staff were settled in the affirmative. The organization did not yet have a name and the committee members were sent away from one meeting to come up to the next with a name. Wayne Clifford arrived at the next meeting suggesting we call it "ARSE" [Association of Retired School Employees]. I was especially taken with the name and suggested that an "L'" precede the name, L'ARSE, to satisfy the 'Office de la Langue Français'. All this happened, according to my records, prior to Christmas, 1997.

André Smith became L'ARSE's first President. June Bolger was the first Treasurer. The membership fee was set at \$10 which it still remains. I was the membership record keeper using a spread sheet from which we made labels, used for mailing the 'eventual newsletter'.

By the time I returned from Arizona in May, 1998, L'ARSE was fairly well established. André had pushed the need to have a constitution for L'ARSE and this was done. It was agreed to have a news letter for the group, eventually called LarsEncore. Anne Seddon [JRHS] was the first editor and publisher with the help, Al [Mac], her husband.

Affinity groups began to form and it appeared that the organization was well on its way. My favourite group was the cycling corps, out bright and bushy-tailed every Tuesday morning. Hanns Warnecke was the first leader but Wayne Clifford soon took over and still 'pedals' his routes.

I wish to thank all the people who, over the years, have contributed to this wonderful L'ARSE group. You have expanded it, improved it and left your mark upon it. You have satisfied the felt need we have to keep in touch and be active. May all good things continue to happen to this fine organization.

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## Charity Report



### May winners

50/50 Draw: At our May luncheon we again made a change to our normal half and half draw. The full amount collected of \$180 was donated to the West Island Community Shares - Neighbours Relief Fund. This is to assist people affected by the spring floods in our area. The winner of the draw, Linda Brown, will receive the tax receipt. Sheila Knott was the winner of a \$50.00 gift certificate from Madisons - Kirkland. Thank you to all who contributed.

We have donated over \$3000 to 30 different charities since March 2013 from the luncheon half and half draw. Also, since Jan. 2014 the Breakfast group has donated over \$1000 to West Island Community Shares and \$50.00 to Red Cross Flood Relief this past spring.

### **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

For your information, our \$10 annual fee covers the **calendar** year, not the school year. This has caused confusion for everyone, it appears, and perhaps the large amount involved makes it easy to forget! If you wish to check your "account", just contact me and I'll be happy to let you know. All the best, Lois Maeder-Alves, Membership (514-

457-9073) lois.maederalves@videotron.ca

Born to Read is looking for volunteers for our early literacy programs. We run a play group twice a week at Riverdale High School which introduces moms and tots to songs, nursery rhymes and stories. We also support school and community literacy projects with books, donations and expertise.

We are all volunteers and retired. An individual's commitment varies from being a "sub" to a day a month or more, depending on the volunteer's availability. Besides feeling that we are meeting important community needs, we all enjoy being in this together.

Interested? To find out more, have a look at our website www.borntoread.net and/or Call 514-613-5469.



## **Book Club I**

At our first meeting, on Tuesday, September 26, we'll be discussing The Break, by Katherena Vermette, a Métis writer who won the Governor General's Literary Award for Poetry for her first book, North End Love Songs. In The Break, she proves equally adept at writing a novel. The story begins with the rape of a girl in the North End of Winnipeg in the night, while a mother, holding her crying baby, watches from her window. Vermette manages to pull off the incredible feat of telling the tale from 10 characters' points of view. (Fortunately, there is a family tree at the front of the book.) In many ways, this is a novel about the fear that every woman carries with her, but especially if she is indigenous. The strength and resilience of its female characters will stay with you long after you've closed the book.

The remainder of our meeting will be devoted to making our selections for the rest of the year. With a summer's reading behind us, that shouldn't be difficult!

Susan Somerville - 514-697-9709 - susansomerville8@sympatico.ca

## **Book Club II**

We began the year with the novel The Break by Katherena Vermette, a book both gripping and gritty, highly recommended

by all. Our discussion ranged from the universality of the topic, the courage of the characters and our own roles in understanding indigenous peoples. Our next book is The Alice Network by Kate Quinn, historical fiction set in World War One. We have also chosen to read Behold the Dreamers by Imbolo Mbue, a timely novel on the immigrant experience in America. As always we are a lively group with insight and eclectic interests.



If you are interested in our eclectic readings, email Lesley at lesleypasquin@gmail.com



### Little Brothers / Les Petits Frères

LITTLE BROTHERS - WEST ISLAND (MONTREAL WEST)

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Little Brothers is a non-profit whose mission is to provide a family-style support network to isolated seniors. While they offer many volunteer opportunities, they are currently in high need of volunteers to visit seniors in their homes, once every two weeks.

# Casual Bridge Group

Wednesday is card day at L'ARSE. The Casual Bridge Group plays every second Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.\* It is a great place to learn to play bridge, to hone bridge skills, to teach others about bridge and to socialize! We usually play at the lovely home of Lorraine Pawlusiak, who has graciously hosted us for a number of years. One of Lorraine's pastimes is knitting blankets for the homeless and she is always grateful for donations of wool.

Our skill levels have a wide range. We use a format which changes partners and tables every four hands. If we have an odd number of players, we rotate in and out of play. Beginners will sometimes opt to watch the first few times instead of playing. They will often pair up with an experienced player who will explain and teach. We often discuss bidding and such as we go along. For some, our games have been a starting point for pursuing more serious bridge experiences such as duplicate bridge clubs. Some of our most experienced and accomplished players have kept with us, maybe because they still learn with us or are still teachers at heart, but mostly because it's a really nice group and we have a lot of fun!

We have many members but, with travel and other commitments, we usually have between eight and sixteen players on any given Wednesday. There is always room for new members! Our focus is to enjoy and to learn. We'd love to have you join us! If you are interested, please contact Pam Greevy at pgreevy@hotmail.com.

\*On the other Wednesdays, the Canasta Group has its games.



## **Canasta**

Hello, all card-playing enthusiasts – especially Canasta. The fall season of Canasta has begun and, this month, is being hosted by Lois Maeder-Alves at her home in Baie d'Urfé. The group meets on Wednesdays at 1:30, alternating with the Bridge group.

Our search for a permanent home for our games continues. To begin the season, some members have volunteered to host for one month of the year. Look for updates in your email.

We are continuing on with Canasta in its original form and now also under a new form known as Samba. The group is supportive and everyone has a good time playing the game, so anyone who is newly retired or who has been retired but never joined this group, is welcome to join us. Please send me an email indicating your wish to join or if you want more information. We are always glad to have new members.

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Pour ceux ou celles qui aimeraient faire du bénévolat, en français, dans une école secondaire, voici un lien intéressant:

https://sites.google.com/lbpearson.ca/ intergenerationel/accueil

## **Interest Groups**

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## Pat Baker Remembered

After a courageous and hard-fought battle against cancer, Pat Baker died peacefully on July 15 with his children by his side. Pat was a gifted athlete and coach. He was a great gardener. He was a valued community member. He was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. He carefully built, nurtured and maintained friendships. Many of those were within the educational community where he was universally viewed as a scholar, a gentleman, a listener, a team builder and as someone who cared about those around him in a personal way.

Teacher and free-lance journalist Ian Howarth, a student at Beaconsfield High School from 1964-'68, remembers Pat as "a very popular teacher, preppy before preppy was a thing. He rarely had to resort to the usual heavy-handed discipline that many teachers employed at that time." Daniel Abergel, who was teaching French when Pat as Vice-Principal of B.H.S., speaks of Pat's instrumental role in helping set up the first High School level French Immersion program in 1968 and the French laboratory at BHS (also a High School first) where students had classes to improve their listening and comprehension skills.

Lynne Lang taught at Thorndale, Northview and Greendale while Pat was Principal. "Pat exemplified the phrase 'a life-long learner'. He knew how important professional development is for teachers and made it a priority. Pat was a gentleman and a scholar, positive, introspective and well-read. He was good listener and a team builder. He always saw the best in a person...child or adult. He was my mentor and friend for more than forty years!" Ken Chisholm recalls Tuesday Principals' meetings that went on all day, sometimes until after 5 P.M. which Pat decided were having a negative effect on health and wellness and signed a group of his colleagues up to play tennis at 4:30. This meant that they had to leave at 4 o'clock. Meetings were shortened and the tennis activity continued to thrive more than 20 years later.

Teacher Walter Makowski, one of Pat's students at McGill, remembers Pat's collegial and dialogical approach when teaching. "Pat's strength was in his continual drive to encourage teachers to take ownership of their own professional development. As a member of the Lakeshore's PDC I came to appreciate that fact. Pat was always a voice for teachers at the table". Teacher and McGill Faculty of Education colleague Bev Daye recalls "this well-respected researcher and pedagogue squished into a student-sized chair in the back of a classroom watching students struggle to perform reminded Bev of, 'the most important part', he always remained a teacher, and wanted one foot planted in the classroom! "I always considered him to be a friend and mentor. One time I told him that I didn't think I was a really good teacher and he said 'That's exactly why you are a very good teacher.' I shall miss him so much!

Ed Knight played basketball with Pat at Sir George Williams over sixty years ago. At the Lakeshore School Board they were both elementary school principals. "The last few years have brought new meaning to our friendship. In spite of the terrible medical problems he endured, a modern-day Job, Pat was able to put into words some very meaningful thoughts. Pat also believed that to live life, do something significant, but also maintain significant relationships with family members, colleagues, and friends. In those last emails, Pat also reminded me that, daily, take time to smell the flowers, listen to music, look at your paintings, and make contact with a family member, a friend. Find time to read and write. Upon reflection of his thoughts one can understand how Pat was able to deal with his pain with courage and optimism. He fought the good fight."

Lakeshore Director General Peter Krause describes Pat as an absolutely exceptional leader in the education milieu. "He did it quietly and almost invisibly from behind, never taking the limelight from those he was leading. Everyone he touched with his ideas and exceptional knowledge was profoundly affected in their educational views and delivery. To me, his perpetual pleasant disposition was an inspiration."

To Pat's wife, Alma; his children, Laurie (Ross) and Patrick (Louise); his grandchildren Jennifer (Matt), Patrick and Trevor and the rest of his family, our sincere condolences. Thank you so much for sharing this wonderful man with us!





The first game of the L'ARSE Golf Group season, scheduled for May 1, was cancelled due to rain. The second, a nine-hole outing at Harwood, was played in cold air and snow flurries. By the time that weather conditions had been finalized, the only remaining participants were three members of the Montreal Welsh Male Choir and a Brit! Despite our brutal summer there have only been two other cancellations so far. We have played Glengary, Caughnawaga, Mystic Pines, Summer Heights, Vaudreuil, La Cité, Como and Dorval. Our last outing is slated for October 30.

We play on Mondays. We have a weekly rotation of 18 and 9 hole outings. We currently have some 40 members and event participation generally ranges between eight and twenty-four. Our "centerpiece" event is the "School is Open Open" golf and pot-luck bar-b-q which is held annually on the first day of school. Thirty-one golfers participated this year.

Participation is not ability-dependent. Our goal is to create an opportunity (not a commitment) for LARSE members to come together on a regular basis to spend time with former colleagues and new friends chasing small white orbs across the countryside, enjoying the collegiality and weather.

We maintain a list of interested members. Typically Russ (18 hole games) and Bryden (9 hole games) book a course (usually four starting times) and then put out the information and a request for response. If we have more than 16 initial positive replies, we will attempt to add starting times. If this is not possible, we take the first sixteen to have replied. Communication is by e-mail.

During the winter, Mike Kirk organizes virtual golf outings every couple of weeks

If you are not a current participant and would like to be, please contact Bryden Murray at bryden.murray@sympatico.ca, Russ Kelly at <a href="mailto:russk547@gmail.com">russk547@gmail.com</a> or Mike Kirk at mcqkirk@bell.net to be placed on our contact list. We'd love to have you join us!

Russ, Mike and Bryden

## **Wednesday Trivia**

Trivia Night is a fundraiser for the Mark Bernotas Foundation. This is a monthly event, second Wednesday of the month, held at Le Dome in Kirkland. For those of you who enjoy light hearted trivia, this is the spot for you. Most attendees are educators and many are L'ARSE members.

Come and renew acquaintances with old friends and start new ones! The price is \$10 for entry plus 1 raffle ticket. Raffle with door prizes as well. The event begins around 5 pm. Form a team or join with the vets on site.

Tania Kinsella kinsellatd@gmail.com





#### Fall 2017

The L'ARSE Cycling group has adopted the name the Cyclopaths, a crude combination of cycle (obviously denoting bicycle) and paths (what we strive to find and follow on our bicycles). You may be aware that there is an increasing number of these paths in Quebec making us one of the most desirable areas for cyclists in this continent despite the fact that our winter climate is a limitation on this activity. You may, however, have noticed that, even in winter now, areas such as the de Maisonneuve bike path which passes Concordia's downtown campus is actually plowed in winter. Increasingly popular are fattired winter bikes that enable hardy winter cyclists to continue with their favourite mode of transport.

I'm not about to suggest that we Cyclopaths get into this, but I expect that somewhere in the future, this may occur. I have indicated over the last year my willingness to relinquish the leadership of the group or at least have offers of some help in running it. There were a few Tuesdays that I couldn't make in the spring and help came from Mary Anne Bindner and Jan and Bryden Murray who led another that I participated in. Bryden had 2 knee operations over the summer and seems to be recovering well, he intimated he might be able to cycle before we pack it in in November. Henriette Cann led a week's trip and continued to provide a photographic record of our trips for the website. Philip Henry organized another Cyclopaths trip to Waterloo from Granby via the Provincial Park which he originated and led last year. My wife Susan and I participated this time, as we had missed it last year.

Carolyn Woolrich and Mary Anne Bindner invited our group to their cottage in the Laurentians to cycle a nearby stretch of Le Petit Train du Nord trail followed by a swim in the lake, again on a Thursday to replace a rained-out Tuesday. A small number of us partook in this and enjoyed their hospitality and refreshments afterwards.

Many people have commented on our lousy summer weather which did make planning trips difficult, but as I write this approaching mid-September, reliable weeks like the present one and another small interval in August of continuous sunny days have helped salvage at least a bit of summer enjoyment and reliability but hopefully, we will have more reliable days to do some of the excursions we have yet to do this year. One trip we managed to do this year successfully for the first time in five years was to witness the evening launch of balloons in the yearly August Balloon Festival (that we dovetail with our trip to the outskirts of Farnham which commences (and ends) in St. Jean-sur-Richelieu. It did require that we reschedule our usual Tuesday trip to a Thursday but it worked this time and we were treated to a wonderful variety of balloons. One of our members tried to drum up interest in returning on the following Saturday to be a rider in the basket of one of the balloons. He had no takers this time, but maybe in another year. Cyclopaths on trips in recent years were poised to view the spectacle, only to learn that weather conditions prevented the launching of the balloons. We designed the trip to coincide with the yearly Balloon Festival but cannot always rely on seeing them. Check Out the LARSE website to view some of what we saw this year: http://www.larse.ca/photos.htm

Colin Legault was the original author of our Cornwall trip, which has been very popular and he has discovered and implemented an extension to our previous 34 km trip by starting 8 km earlier, bringing the total distance to 52 km return. When I sent out his proposal for this extension, all twelve cyclists chose this option.

This year was the first year that I can recall that we failed to attract new participants. A loyal band of about 16 participants have taken part so far, I usually send out email invitations to over 50 people who have expressed interest in being on our list but we may consider shaving this down to reflect actual participants. We have tailored distances to the appetites of the participants and these distances typically rise as the season progresses, but input from newly-interested members can lead to adjustments. I am grateful for those who have stepped up to help this year but I firmly believe the quality of our group would be enhanced by more of a team approach as I near my eighth decade next year. Two of our members now have electric bikes which has enabled them to keep up with the group. Our group membership has resulted in one of our members obtaining a discount at the new electric bicycle shop in Pointe-Claire village (beating Costco's prices).

LARSE members or potential LARSE members are invited to call or email me at 514-697-8802 or wmclifford@gmail.com, alt. wclifford@lbpsb.qc.ca putting Cyclopaths in the subject line.

# Crafting Corner

This is an open invitation to all new members, as well as current members, to share photos of any creative hobbies they enjoy: no masterpieces expected, just a glimpse of something you made yourself or an activity you are learning such as photography, painting, furniture refinishing, sewing, mosaic... who knows? I have seen some members' beautiful close-up pictures of flowers or birds but they do not realize their work is ART and that we would all love to see it on our website. What a shame. Send queries or examples c/o Michèle at fitzgeraldmb@sympatico.ca.

It has been a busy summer. Good progress on a modern wall-hanging/baby quilt/or lap quilt to be donated for a raffle raising funds for a sponsored Syrian refugee family. It is an original design based on the ancient



classic children's 7-piece Tangram Toy. (I probably spent too many years in my Kindergartens and still have toys on the brain). Also, I am currently designing two small Fidget Quilts for donation to local Dementia/Alzheimer patients: trying to include as many textures, images and manipulation objects as possible!

Earlier this summer, I really enjoyed printing fabrics via screen-printing, relief printing and even sunprinting. Some are printed from my real-life sketches while others are mainly abstractions of birds, flowers and textures. Again, Tangrams have crept into some of my designs! This fall though, I have also begun sketching some local architecture for use in further designs.

Finally, I also knit a sweater for my darling grandson and made a matching tiny sweater for his favourite baby because we are training him to be a caring, sharing adult who will enjoy supporting and helping others. My knitting is full of flaws, however, so we prefer to show you a picture of the gorgeous white top and skirt knitted by Claudia Thierry. Great work Claudia so keep it up and show us some more.



The cross country skiing season should begin soon, fingers crossed, so start tuning up those skis! The L'ARSE ski group is made up of all ages and skill levels. Weather permitting, the group will meet once a week on Thursdays. We usually ski locally (Bois de Liesse, Île Bizard, Cap St-Jacques) but occasionally



we head for he hills in the Laurentiens. You do not have to be an Olympic skier to join the group. You just need the equipment and a love of the outdoors and good company.

If you would like to be on the cross country skiing/snow shoeing list to be advised of upcoming outings, please contact me at mabindner2@gmail.com.

Hope to see you on the trails. Contact: Mary Anne Bindner 514-913-8096.









## TREKKER'S WORLD

#### TRAVEL TALK GROUP

LARSE TRAVEL TALK GROUP FALL MEETING: From Alaska, Newfoundland, Vancouver Island to Africa all in an October afternoon!



When: Monday, October 23 at 1:30 PM for the presentations upstairs at Duke and Devine's in Beaurepaire Village at 479 Beaconsfield Blvd, Beaconsfield H9W 4C3 Lots of free parking

Come beforehand at 12 noon and join us for a lunch of good food at reasonable prices,

Leona Kemp has fascinated us before with her travel stories from faraway places. She now has some interesting and informative chronicles to share with us from travels to places a little closer to home like Alaska, Newfoundland, and Vancouver Island.

Last November, Janet Kennedy and husband, Alain, went on an African photo safari, including a hot air balloon ride and a side trip to Rwanda to see the mountain gorillas. It was an amazing experience. They created a DVD of their adventure made up of photos, some videos with background music from Kenya and Tanzania. After showing it to some teacher friends, it was suggested that it might be something that the L'ARSE travel group might enjoy. We agreed!

Any Questions?, or if you have some travel stories to share, let us know. Call or email:

Mickey Wernecke: 514-630-0138, hbwernecke@aol.com or Daniel Abergel: 514-331-6892 abergeld@yahoo.com



KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR OUR L'ARSE FACEBOOK PAGE

- COMING SOON

## It's a Party!

## L'ARSE celebrates its 20th anniversary!

Wine and cheese reception Wednesday October 18, 2017 3:00 - 6:00 pm

> Kirkland Chalet 81 Park Ridge Kirkland, H9J 1R1

**RSVP** by October 12 to:

Lois Maeder-Alves larse.membership@gmail.com

# G'est une fête!

L'ARSE fête ses vingt ans!

Vin et fromage Mercredi, le 18 octobre 2017 15h00 à 18h00 heures

> Chalet Kirkland 81, rue Park Ridge Kirkland, H9J 1R1

Veuillez RSVP avant le 12 octobre

Á: Lois Maeder-Alves larse.membership@gmail.com

## 14. L'ARSE MEMBERSHIP FORM

## Regular Member

| L'ARSE (L'Association of Retired School   | ol Employees) is open to any retiree from any educational   |
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| institution and the spouse/partner of   | the retiree.  |
| Name of Retiree   | Retired from  |
|   | (location)  |
| If you wish to include your spouse/pa   | artner in your membership,  |
| please enter their name/e-mail addr   | ress here:  |
| Spouse/Partner name:  | e-mail:   |
| Associate Member  |   |
| Subject to available space, L'ARSE is sponsored activity*.  | also open to people who wish to participate in a L'ARSE-  |
| Name  |   |
|   | * * * * * * * * *   |
| E-mail address  | Phone #   |
| Street address  |   |
| Town  | _ Postal Code   |
| Please send a <b>cheque for \$10 per pe</b>   | erson, payable to L'ARSE (one-year membership) to:  |
| Lois Maeder-Alves, 63 Devon Road, Ba  | aie d'Urfé, QC H9X 2W7  |
|   | stimes a year, outlines the many and diverse activities available ights the activities of individual members. Articles highlighting items of interest are most welcome! |
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