

# Confrérie de la Chaîne des Rôtisseurs

Bailliage de l'Alberta à Calgary

## Annual General Meeting

November 10, 2009

Held at Heritage Park

Calgary, Alberta

Attendance: 44 members and guests

### Opening Remarks

The Bailli brought the meeting to order at 6:07 pm. A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of Florence Fisher.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last Annual General meeting (Savin/Painsi)

### Business Arising from the Minutes

N/A

### Reports from Council Members

#### Bailli Report

New programs: All in attendance were advised that the fee for young commis (age 35 and under) would be reduced to \$220.00 for their first year of membership. This fee is inclusive of induction. Subsequent years will be charged at \$100.00

A new fee structure for members 75 years of age or better with Commandeur Status will also be implemented. Fees will be \$80 per year and must be requested through the local Bailli. For more information please contact Cindy Findlay at [cindy.findlay@sait.ca](mailto:cindy.findlay@sait.ca) or by mail at 41 Wexford Gardens

Calgary, Alberta

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A local Jeunes Commis des Rotisseurs competition was held at S.A.I.T. 15 members served as judges. Stephanie Schnepf of Olives Restaurant was the winner. The Bailli thanked the membership for their support, as part of our dues make these competitions possible.

The Bailli attended the International Jeunes Commis Competition in New York. 20 commis from around the world competed. The Bailli thanked David Tetrault, Bailli Delegeue du Canada, for his tremendous contribution to this event.

The Pierre Hotel in New York City hosted the Grand Chapitre Dinner, 350 guests were in attendance.

The Bailli was also present at the Canadian National Jeunes Commis des Rotisseurs competition in Victoria held at Comosun College. Our own Stephanie Schnepf won the Canadian Title and will represent Canada in Finland in 2010. The competition was followed by a national meeting focusing on membership growth.

The local chapter hosted 10 events in Calgary and Lake Louise in 2009. The Bailli thanked our partners who made this possible. Local Council hosted a Barbeque for all 2008/2009 partner venues, at the Tetrault residence.

Our current membership consists of 61 professional and 64 non-professional members. 5 new members will be inducted December 19 at the Fairmont Banff Springs, 3 professional and 2 non-professionals.

### **Vice Echanson Report**

Mark Wilson assumed the role of Vice Echanson in February of 2009, replacing Juergen Bahr

We hosted two Mondial events in 2009

1. Friday May, 15<sup>th</sup> at the Post Hotel - \$155/\$165 the event hosted was Pinot Noirs from around the World. It was a technical tasting followed by dinner
2. Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup> at Olives Restaurant - \$65/75 – the event was a Napa Valley Vintners Tasting. It was a reception style tasting with many of the proprietors on site hosting the event

Early in the year we had proposed a Sommelier competition in Calgary. The winner had the opportunity to compete at the International competition in England.

Unfortunately there was not enough interest in Calgary to proceed with this event.

We are continuing to explore this opportunity moving forward.

There will be plans for 3 Ordre Mondial events in 2010 provided they fit the calendar of the Chaine

Mark Wilson will be preparing a questionnaire to be sent out to our membership. It will be looking for input on the types of Ordre Mondial events that would be supported and the preferences for times of the year. Please anticipate this via email

### **Vice-Chancelier Argentier, Report**

It has been a remarkable year, full of challenges and rewards. It was with some surprise to me that I was asked if I would take over the role of the Vice-Argentier by switching my responsibilities with Mark Wilson. After some thoughtful hesitation and some encouragement I agreed, call it a naïve decision, had I known the true scope of the responsibilities I would perhaps had thought a little longer. Today I can only say hats off to all previous Vice-Argentiers.

I should like to thank Mark and Kerri Wilson for the financial report of the previous year. It provided the data needed to start my job properly.

After some discussion with accountant friends I saw the need to improve my book keeping skills by taking a QuickBooks course, not so much to learn the software, but to try to get a feeling for the very special and to me very strange world of accountancy. It has taken some mind adjustments to understand that minus really means plus, the difference between invoices and bills and so on. I then also undertook to migrate all the information I had received and the information coming into the QuickBooks Pro accounting software. Of course I was soon totally lost. Fortunately I had friends who were accountants and book keepers and have now somewhat regained control again. Never the less it took endless hours to complete all the individual entries as every cheque, invoice and bill has to entered and accounted for. Also the bank clerks at the Royal Bank

on 4<sup>th</sup> Street have become good friends and now insist on adding all deposit entries up themselves, they say to help, but I am sure, really just to save themselves a lot of work in the end.

I submit to you today a statement of operations for this date. It sums up what we have spent and what we have received. As I prepared this statement I unfortunately noticed some more issues with congruency due mostly to wrong account entries and will work hard to fix these in the next few weeks. The main thing is that the bank balance in the program matches the account balance at the bank.

The intention is to submit at the end of our financial year, December 31, 2009 a fully audited year-end report.

As you can see in the financial statement, we have a short fall of \$ 1626.00 as compared to last year. But there are still some outstanding monies and so we are proceeding at about the same pace as last year, while still being able to provide a BBQ afternoon for all our industry hosts of last year. I see no issues at the moment and we should finish the year with a about the same bank balance as last year.

### **Chargé de Presse, Report**

Thanked the membership for their cooperation and assistance to update our Website. We were advised that it may well take another year for a secure book and pay system via the internet.

### **New Business**

Upcoming events

December 19 – Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel

January 10 – Glencoe Club

March – Il Sogno

April/May – La Chaumiere

Fall events will be finalized in January

The membership was reminded to communicate changes of address to the Vice Charge de Mission, Brigitte Fritz, at [brigitte.fritz@fairmont.com](mailto:brigitte.fritz@fairmont.com) or

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Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm (Hegnauer/Painsi)