



The Royal St George's Society of Halifax

December 2009

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Message from the Executive

The end of another year is rapidly approaching and I think it's fair to say that this has been a mixed year for the fortunes of the Society. We've seen several key changes within the Executive and this left us somewhat unprepared to move forward as we had hoped we would in 2009. 2010 is just around the corner and we really to get ready now to be in a good position for the New Year.

We have as a Society come in for some criticism for lack of growth and lack of direction, for being just a social group for older members. There is some truth in these assertions but change is not the sole responsibility of the Executive and all members need to take a part if we are to continue into the future.

We have made a start and recently revisited our purpose, which I've quoted below for reference.

The Society was founded in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 1786, as a social and charitable institution for the purpose of honouring the patron saint of England, St George, celebrating English culture and traditions and to assist Englishmen in distress in Halifax.

Today we still hold to these ideals and continue to strive to build a Society that reflects these aims and the Canadian culture within which we live. It is our hope to gradually increase our membership by offering a range of social and fundraising activities that will appeal to the broad age range of our membership.

We wanted to see if this still held meaning for us and found that it did and that we are in fact still holding true to this purpose. We acknowledge that we do not fundraise in a way that is largely visible and would like to see our performance on this front improve. However, fundraising is not the main focus of the Society at this time.

To change the focus of the Society requires an active Executive. Our AGM will be held in January 2010 and our nominating committee is seeking new members for the Executive to help make the changes required. If you want to see change within the Society you need to be stepping forward now and making it known that you wish to be considered for a position on the committee.

If you are interested in taking up a post on the Executive, please complete the self nomination form attached to the newsletter and send it to Ange Phillips at the address given. It should be noted that all positions are to be considered vacant, except that of Past President, so please feel free to apply for any position for which you feel you have the skills.

The nominating committee will then propose a slate of members at the AGM in January for voting on. Your support is vital to keep The Royal St George's Society of Halifax alive.



Some planning cannot wait for a new Executive to be formed however, so we have gone ahead and booked our Annual St George's Day dinner at the Windows Restaurant in the World Trade and Convention Centre. The evening is planned to be a traditional dinner with reception drink at 6.30 and seating for dinner at 7.00 - black tie is optional.

A brief reminder that membership fees are also due soon, these remain very reasonable at \$30 for a single membership and \$50 for couples.

I look forward to meeting up with many of you at the Christmas Brunch on Sunday 6th December at midday. We will be accepting donations for Christmas Daddies and items for the seafarers Christmas shoe box campaign during brunch. I hope you will feel able to contribute to one or other of these worthy causes. I've included a little about each for information.

In the meantime have a happy and healthy Christmas Season.

**Ange
Acting President**

Christmas Daddies

Christmas Daddies is a non-for-profit organization whose mandate is to help the less fortunate children in the Maritime provinces have a better Christmas - donations will help less fortunate children still at home with their families, all of whom are facing economic or unusual circumstances. Funds raised contribute towards toys and gifts at Christmas, clothing, and school items.

Seafarers Mission

Each year during the holiday season the Mission to Seafarers distributes gift boxes of much needed items to seafarers who arrive at the Port of Halifax. The Halifax Mission to Seafarers is a Canadian non-profit charity and depends on the support of the local community and churches.

Items welcomed for the shoe boxes are:

Warm clothing accessories: Hat, Scarf, Mitts/Gloves, Socks
Personal Care Items: Soap, Deodorant, Shampoo, Shaving Cream, Disposable Razors, Tooth Brush, Tooth Paste, etc
Other items: Note Paper, Envelopes, Pen, Post Cards, Hard Candy, a small memento (optional), Greeting Card (optional)



Executive Committee Nominations

Please review positions that are normally available for nomination. If you would like to know more about what is involved for a particular role please contact the individual named as the current post holder.

The Royal St George's Society of Halifax Executive Committee 2009		
Position	Current Post Holder	E-Mail Address
President	Vacant	
Vice President	Ange Phillips	angephillips@eastlink.ca
2 nd Vice President	Carol Dodds	colin.dodds@ns.sympatico.ca
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Voting Member	Junne Bagley	
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Voting Member	David Redman	redman@chebucto.ns.ca
Voting Member	Peter Hutchins	perhutchins@eastlink.ca
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Non Voting Member	Viki Ogden	pipertrogg@hotmail.com.
Non Voting Member	Sonia Grogono	grogbas@ns.sympatico.ca

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Nomination Form 2010-2011

If you are interested in joining the Executive Committee, please complete this form and return it to Ange Phillips, Vice President by the date indicated.

I (Name in BLOCK CAPITALS)
wish to self nominate to serve on Executive Committee of The Royal St George's Society of Halifax.

I am particularly interested in serving as

President Vice President 2nd Vice President Secretary Treasurer a Committee Member

(all offices are 1-year posts) please tick as applicable

Signed Date

**Completed forms should be mailed to the Vice President:
Ange Phillips
116 Rutledge Street
Bedford NS B4A 1X6**

angephillips@eastlink.ca

Nominations to be received by Friday 18 December 2009

Forthcoming Events

Date	Event	Details
Sunday 6 th December 12.00 noon	<p>Christmas Brunch <u>Armdale Yacht Club</u></p> <p>To reach club you come through the Armdale Rotary on to Purcell's Cove Road it is about 1/4 mile on the left hand side.</p>	<p>Join us and make this your opening event of the Christmas 2009 Season. Everyone welcome so bring the family. Christmas tree, carols, food what more could you ask? Sample menu:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Vanilla French Toast with a Wild Blueberry Sauce Classic Eggs Benedict Scrambled Eggs with Snipped Chives Bacon / Breakfast Sausage / Ham Atlantic Fish Cakes Breakfast Potato's Fruit Salad Assorted Breads Assorted Cakes and Pastries Chocolate Fountain with Fresh Fruit to Dip!! Juice / Coffee /Tea </p> <p>Price Adults \$14.95 + Tax and Gratuity Children 12 and under \$10.95 + Tax and Gratuity Payable direct to Yacht Club on the day</p> <p>We will be accepting donations for Christmas Daddies during brunch. Christmas Daddies is a non-for-profit organization whose mandate is to help the less fortunate children in the Maritime provinces have a better Christmas - donations will help less fortunate children still at home with their families, all of whom are facing economic or unusual circumstances. Funds raised contribute towards toys and gifts at Christmas, clothing, and school items.</p>
January 2010	<p>AGM Exact date and venue to be confirmed</p>	<p>Please make a note that our AGM will be held in January 2010 in order to elect new Executive Committee.</p>
Friday 23 rd April 6.30-10 p.m.	<p>Annual St George's Day Dinner Windows Restaurant WTCC</p>	<p>Please make a note in your diaries to join us for the annual St George's Day Dinner. Full details to be confirmed as soon as possible, however the venue has now been booked, see aside, cost is expected to be approx \$60 per person.</p>