

2019 - JULY - ATHENS - INFORMAL CANADA DAY CELEBRATION

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CANADA DAY - in the presence of the Canadian ambassador

Ambassador Mark Allen & FoC coordinator Kathryn Lukey-Coutsocostas (photo)

When: Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Time: Arrival 19.30 – 20.00

Place: La Piazza pizzeria, 100 Agias Paraskeyis St, Kennedy (or Flyas') Square, Chalandri 152 32 (3-min. walk from Agias Paraskeyis metro)

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Guests: All nations welcome

Entrance: 8.50 Euro each - SET menu *below

Dress: Casual

RSVP: Email the statement 'Friends of Canada has my consent to process my data', along with your name, mobile phone number & full names of your guests to rsvp.cu@gmail.com by Friday, July 5

Plz allow 24 hours for confirmation

Seating: NO PRE-BOOKING OF TABLES, so informal first-come-first-seated/served

Organisers: Friends of Canada (www.friendsofcanada.gr)

If possible, kindly bring hygiene products for mothers with young children, like washing powder for babies' clothes, baby wipes, nappies (all sizes), Dettol disinfectant spray, chlorine bleach, etc, for distribution by Salvation Army.

*Horiatiki pizza (smoked ham, feta cheese, olives, mushroom, fresh tomato, tomato sauce, cheese and peppers) - Caprese salad (sliced tomato on a bed of lettuce, topped with fresh mozzarella and pesto) - a glass each of house wine, white or red - Panna cotta

UPDATE: Heat wave temperatures had us enjoying the air conditioned interior at the informal Friends of Canada (FoC) Canada Day celebration at La Piazza pizzeria in Chalandri on July 9 – in the presence of Canadian Ambassador to Greece Mark Allen.

Our annual Canada Trivia Quiz was once again a hit. Did you know that Canada may be the second largest country in the world but it's only the fourth biggest in terms of land area – due to its large proportion of fresh-water lakes? And Justin Beiber's debut EP was called 'My world'? (No one present answered that correctly...)

The ambassador cut a delicious, donated Canada Cake and drew the names of thirteen lucky winners for the door prizes. (Thirteen was a lucky number for some!)

Our FoC Welfare Network (which collaborates with the Salvation Army) thanks the guests who brought hygiene products for mothers with young children.

And our yearly kooky Canada Photo Booth was crackling all evening!

FoC would like to thank the following, who made the event possible:

--**DOOR PRIZES** (alphabetically)

• Canadian embassy (<https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/greece-grece/athens-athen>)

[es.aspx?lang=eng](#)) for gently used Canadian books (4)

- JoAnn Lukey-Eliuk for Canadian nail jewelry, Canadian tissues, scarf
- Keith and Jane Morrill (former ambassadorial couple) for t-shirt
- Robert and Maria Peck (former ambassadorial couple) for Hoselton Sculpture Totem Pole
- Katerina Trambakou, manager Diktion, Yves Rocher, Greece (www.yvesrocher.gr), for Yves Rocher facials (3) - PLZ CONTACT HER TO RECEIVE YOUR GIFT
- Alissa York, writer (<http://alissayork.com/>), for her book 'The Naturalist' (signed!)

--**VOLUNTEERS** (alphabetically): Cathy Alexiou, Anastasia Arpatzi, John Coutsocostas, Natalia Galanou, Sotiria Gizaris, Fran Kaltsiki, Dawn Lefakis, Amalia Liapis, Sophia Panagos, Katerina Papamarkou, Lena Papazafiropoulou, Alexandra Pell, Michael Psyllakis, Marie-Therese Rolland-Aqbarawi, and Neofytos Totsios

--**CAKE-MAKER/DONOR** Fran Kaltsiki & team (alphabetically): Kalli Gibson, Eleni Kaltsiki, and Dawn Lefakis

--**CANADA PHOTO BOOTH:** FoC photographer Dawn Lefakis

-- **FRANCOPHONE TABLE.** Marie-Therese Rolland-Aqbarawi, facilitator of FoC Réseau Franco-Canadien/Franco-Canadian Network

--**DONATION COLLECTION/DISTRIBUTION:** Anastasia Arpatzi and Neofytos Totsios for the FoC Welfare Network, which collaborates with the Salvation Army

--**EMBASSY SUPPORT**, including: Ambassador Mark Allen & (alphabetically): Zoe Delibasis, Debbie Desrosiers, Eleni Efstratoudakis, Julie Papanicolaou

--**VENUE:** La Piazza pizzeria, Chalandri (<https://www.facebook.com/lapiazza.lapiazza/>) for great hospitality and the sponsorship of the ambassador's meal

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