

2016 - JANUARY - ATHENS - CANADA NIGHT 'HAPPY NEW YEAR'

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CANADA NIGHT: in the presence of the Canadian ambassador
Happy New Year!

When: Monday, January 4, 2016

Time: 19.30 – 22.00

Place: NEW VENUE: La Piazza pizzeria, 100 Agias Paraskeyis St, Kennedy Square, Chalandri 152 32 (3-minute walk from Agias Paraskeyis metro station, towards Chalandri)

Guests: Everyone welcome – all nations!

Cost: A pizza (can be shared!)

10 % FoC discount on menu items

RSVP: Required, limited seating –

email [\[email protected\]](#) by Friday, Jan. 1

Style: Casual first-come-first-seated/served

FOR THE REFUGEES: Our Welfare Network will be collecting donations of used winter clothing (in good condition) -- hats, scarves, coats, jackets, rain coats, shoes, etc.

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UPDATE: Friends of Canada (FoC) was delighted to welcome newly arrived Canada Ambassador to Greece, Keith Morrill, and his spouse, Jane Morrill to celebrate the New Year. After a greeting by Ambassador Morrill, the ambassadorial couple good-naturedly participated in the Canadian custom of listing a New Year's resolution – and then gallantly cut the Greek vasilopita.

The vasilopita was cut into 8 pieces, for: Christ & the New Year, Canada & the Canadian embassy, Greece, the ambassador's family, Friends of Canada - and our Canadian affiliates, the Hellenic Canadian Chamber of Commerce, the Canadian Institute in Greece and the Canadian University Graduates in Greece network. The latter won the lucky flouri (coin)! Guest Athina Tzinou also won a lucky flouri – and Canada lapel pin - for 2016.

All guests listed their New Year's resolutions, and several won prizes for their effort. Hellenic Canadian Chamber of Commerce president, Konstantinos Katsigiannis, was amongst the guests.

FoC sincerely thanks the sponsors:

-- Jim Kromida, Chartered Professional Accountant (for the vasilopita) www.kromida.com

--Canadian embassy (for various flouria and door prizes) www.Greece.gc.ca

--Katerina Trambakou, manager, Diktion (for three Yves Rocher facials as door prizes) www.yvesrocher.gr

FoC also thanks La Piazza pizzeria <https://www.facebook.com/lapiazza.lapiazza/?fref=ts> , as well as the many volunteers who made the night possible, including: Dawn Lefakis & Christine Mela (set-up/clean-up); FoC Réseau Franco-Canadien/Franco-Canadian Network facilitator Marie-Thérèse Rolland, FoC Welfare Network facilitators Polis Pantelidis & Maria Galinou (who spoke about the Salvation Army's current take on the refugee situation).

Perhaps most importantly, FoC thanks all those who brought used clothing for the refugees – including a donation of several new Levi jeans from the Daughters of Penelope Hesperus 359 chapter, brought by their former president/District Governor of Greece, Leto Georgopoulos.

MAY 2016 BE A GOOD YEAR FOR ALL!

--Kathryn Lukey-Coutsocostas, FoC coordinator

EVENT PHOTOS

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Thanks to Kathryn Lukey-Coutsocostas and Dawn Lefakis for taking most of the photos!

Press:

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