

2017 - 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 9, 2017

Time: 19.30 – 22.00

Place: La Piazza pizzeria, 100 Agias Paraskeyis St, Kennedy (or 'Flyas') Square, Chalandri 152 32

(3-minute walk from Agias Paraskeyis metro station, towards Chalandri)

Guests: Everyone welcome – all nations!

Cost: Order a *pizza (it can be shared!) or from menu

* FoC special for two people – 14 euro for a shared SET pizza, salad, dessert & glass of house wine

RSVP: Required, limited seating – email rsvp.cu@gmail.com by Friday, January 6

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

Organisers: Friends of Canada (FoC)

COLLECTION FOR GREEK FAMILIES: Second-hand (good condition) bedding (e.g. sheets/blankets), towels, personal hygiene items (e.g. shampoo/soap) & washing powder

UPDATE: We couldn't have ordered a better Canada Night – a packed house arrived with clear skies, and left with snow-laden grounds! So, while the crowd was enjoying their toasty pizza, Canadian Ambassador to Greece, Keith Morrill, greeted everyone with warm words. Next, Friends of Canada (FoC) coordinator Kathryn Lukey-Coutsocostas led everyone as they wrote, and then received, personal 2017 predictions (such as: You will pursue a career as a professional ballerina at the Bolshoi, You will tweet D. Trump, and – the most popular – You will

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move to Canada). These predictions were also used to find five lucky door prize winners. Next, Ambassador and Jane Morrill cut the official vasilopita along with Lukey-Coutsocostas. The lucky flouri (coin) was won by the FoC Welfare Network, run by Polis Pantelidis and Maria Galinou, in collaboration with the Salvation Army. Next, individual vasilopita buns were given to FoC members: the lucky winner of the flouri (and a prize) was Marie-Thérèse Rolland. Before we all left, our FoC Welfare Network gathered together the second-hand bedding and towels generously brought in for Greek families in need. And, after that, we all raced home before the snow completely blocked the roads!

FoC sincerely says THANK YOU to the following:

FOR THE VASILOPIA :

☐ **Jim Kromida – Chartered Professional Accountant - www.kromida.com**

FOR GOOD PRICES:

- ☐ *La Piazza pizzeria (and for the ambassador's meal) - <http://lapiazza.gr/>*
- ☐ *Noufaro bakery, Polydrosso, Chalandri (for the vasilopita)*

FOR THE VASILOPITA/DOOR PRIZES:

- ☐ *Canadian embassy*
- ☐ *Katerina Trambakou, manager, Diktion (for three Yves Rocher facials) - www.yvesrocher.gr*
- ☐ *Various FoC members (alphabetically): Fran Kaltsiki, Ambassador Keith and Jane Morrill, former Ambassador Robert and Maria Peck, Dawn Lefakis*

FOR DÉCOR (alphabetically):

- ☐ *Elizabeth Athanassiadis, Dawn Lefakis, JoAnn Lukey-Eliuk, former Ambassador Robert and Maria Peck*

FOR VOLUNTEER DUTY (alphabetically):

- ☐ *Ray Lamont, Angela Malamelis, Sophia Panagos, Polis Pantelidis, Katerina Papamarkou, Lena Papazafeiropoulou, Doris Pavlou, Marie-Thérèse Rolland and Eliza Yiannakis*

EVENT PHOTOS

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Thanks to Kathryn Lukey-Coutsocostas and Polis Pantelidis for taking most of the photos!