

HISTORY OF DINING WITH THE AMBASSADORS

Dining with the Ambassadors, the Rockcliffe Park Foundation's signature fundraising event, has been a favourite neighbourhood tradition for more than two decades.

Dining with the Ambassadors has roots dating back to 1947, when Maryon Pearson, the wife of Secretary of State for External Affairs Lester B. Pearson, launched a black-tie dinner known as "The Dance Club". She envisioned the event as a way to introduce newly-arrived diplomats posted to Ottawa to their neighbours and some of their foreign service counterparts. Over the years, as more and more countries placed their official residences in what was then the Village of Rockcliffe Park, the event became a high point of the social calendar.

More than 50 years later, a group of Rockcliffe neighbours including Marianne Feaver, who still serves on the organizing committee, built on the tradition of The Dance Club and, in 1999, relaunched it as the unique event we are enjoying tonight.

Dining with the Ambassadors brings neighbours and friends from around the world together and raises funds for activities and programs in Rockcliffe Park.

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New Zealand

His Excellency High Commissioner Martin Harvey and Mrs. Sarah Harvey
89 Placel Road

Kingdom of Thailand

His Excellency Ambassador Kallayana Vipattipumiprates
489 Acacia Avenue

Kingdom of the Netherlands

Her Excellency Ambassador Ines Coppoolse and Mr. Alexander Verbeek
344 Manor Avenue

Kingdom of Belgium

His Excellency Ambassador Patrick Van Gheel and Ms. Isabelle Van Goethem
260 Park Road

Kingdom of Spain

His Excellency Ambassador Alfredo Martínez Serrano and Mrs. Rosa Pañeda Usunariz
11 Crescent Road

State of Israel

His Excellency Ambassador Ronen Hoffman and Dr. Michal Arad
118 Willingdon Road

Barbados

His Excellency High Commissioner Gline Arley Clarke and Mrs. Harrietta Clarke
1368 Lisgar Road

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People's Democratic Republic of Algeria

His Excellency Dr. Noureddine Bardad-Daidj and Mrs. Mounya Bardad-Daidj
737 Manor Avenue

Japan

His Excellency Ambassador Kanji Yamanouchi and Madam Yukiko Yamanouchi
725 Acacia Avenue

Republic of Cyprus

His Excellency High Commissioner Giorgos Ioannides and Mrs. Christina Panayiotou
480 Fernhill Road

Commonwealth of the Bahamas

His Excellency High Commissioner V. Alfred Gray and Mrs. Bessley Gray
211 Lakeway Drive

Switzerland

His Excellency Ambassador Olaf Kjelsen and Mrs. Carine Kjelsen
494 Lansdowne Road North

ROCKCLIFFE PARK FOUNDATION

A heritage conservation district, Rockcliffe Park is a vital and engaged neighbourhood, with a rich history in a unique park-like setting. It is this community, history, and environment that Rockcliffe Park Residents Association and Rockcliffe Park Foundation volunteers work together to support.

While these two neighbourhood organizations are distinct, they are linked in practice and mandate. The **RPRA** manages the programs and events in our neighbourhood; and the **Foundation** provides the funds.

When you support the Rockcliffe Park Foundation and this event, **you fund** the Rockcliffe newsletter and our village events such as the Heritage Walk, Movie Night, Tree Day, and the Speakers Program. You are also supporting the many ongoing environmental and conservation programs in Rockcliffe Park. This includes water testing at the Pond and McKay Lake, tree planting to preserve our maturing tree canopy, maintenance of the sports field at RPPS and Jubilee Garden, and conservation initiatives including the data collection project last summer on Pond use so that efforts at both conservation and continued access to the Pond can be maintained.

Thank you for joining with your neighbours to help us raise funds – and to celebrate together.