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RCHA Heritage Newsletter- May 2016

Editor's Note:

We're almost half way through the year 2016! Spring is here and the next few months will go by really fast as we all enjoy the warmer days ahead.

Be sure to check out the calendar of events happening at the club during the month of May at www.rcha.ca , or pick up a hard copy calendar (located on the third floor) when you visit the club anytime.

This month we celebrate “HomeGrown Live” on Saturday May 7th, 2016, in its eighth year. I hope many of you will come out and support this great cause to help raise money for the Joe Chithalen Memorial Instrument Lending Library (Joe's M.I.L.L). Bracelets are \$10.00 for the all-day event. See our “Featured Article of the Month” in this edition of the RCHA Heritage Newsletter for more information.

In celebration of all the wonderful Mothers in the world on May 8th, Happy Mother's Day!

Enjoy Victoria Day over the long weekend on May 23rd everyone!

What a wonderful month of celebrations!

Just a last note as a reminder to all members, we have the Annual General Meeting on Monday May 30th at 7:00pm (RCHA Club, on the third floor). I look forward to seeing you there.

Susie Edgecombe, Editor

Quote of the Month: “Without music, life would be a mistake.”

-Friedrich Nietzsche, Twilight of the Idols

(<http://www.goodreads.com/quotes/tag/music>)

Chair's Message:

Summer is approaching and people are readying their gardens, cottages and boats. A great time to reflect on things and where we are.

The Club is in the midst of a long term renewal process with major building repairs and upgrades that have been ongoing for the last 5 years starting to bear fruit as more effort goes into things you can see. The second floor renovation is an example of that process and is making the Club a great place to be and enjoy. I want to thank all the volunteers and donors once more for their efforts and contributions.

Thank you to all the volunteers who help at the Club all the time!

Don't forget Artillery Day, May 26!

Ubique!

Ken Edgecombe,
Chair of the Board

Membership Committee Update; May 2016

A warm welcome to Ella Caskey who has joined the RCHA since the last newsletter.

We welcome new members. Between May 1 – July 31, you can take advantage of the prorated fee of \$50 for the 2015-16 membership year.

Members are exempt from the entertainment cover charge, get a discount on most ticket events and can participate in Member Advantage/Discount program – getting discounts at several businesses (restaurants, hotels, golf and theatre) in the Kingston area. List posted on the Bulletin Board.

Sincere condolences are sent to the family of Active Member Gerald Gamble, who died on April 9, 2016.

Carol Whyman
Chair of Membership

This Month:

Saturday May 7- HomeGrown Live! 12noon-12midnight...12hrs of awesome music!

Sunday May 8- Mother's Day

Monday May 23- Victoria Day

Thursday May 26- Artillery Day

Monday May 30- RCHA Annual General Meeting 7pm

(Be sure to check out the **Calendar of Events for May** as your entertainment guide (see our website www.rcha.ca or pick up a hard copy calendar at the club, third floor lounge).

“Featured Article of the Month”:

F. Joseph Chithalen



CHITHALEN, F. Joseph - November 17, 1967 - May 1, 1999. *"Love is a renewable resource, we need to keep making love. We need to infuse love to our arms like a global intravenous and turn ourselves around spinning and laughing until we die. And why should death be feared? Death is not an end, but a beginning."* Thanks for sharing in the inspired dream of the Joe Chithalen Memorial Musical Instrument Lending Library which continues to make positive changes in this community and others.¹³⁰⁵¹⁷⁰⁴

<http://yourlifemoments.ca/sitepages/obituary.asp?oId=950446>

<http://www.joesmill.org/remembering-joe/>

Francis Joseph (Joe) Chithalen (November 17, 1967 – May 1, 1999) was a [Canadian](#) musician. He was a [bassist](#) for a number of bands in the [Kingston](#) music scene of the 1990s, most notably [Weeping Tile](#), [The Mahones](#), Bucket, and Wild Blues Yonder.

On May 1, 1999, Chithalen died in [Amsterdam](#) shortly after a Mahones concert, said to be from ingesting food containing [peanuts](#). His former Weeping Tile bandmate [Sarah Harmer](#) wrote "You Were Here", the title track from her 2000 [solo album](#), in memory of Chithalen.

After his death, [The Joe Chithalen Memorial Musical Instrument Lending Library](#) (JOE'S M.I.L.L.) was established in Kingston, Ontario by some of his friends, family and past bandmates (including the late Wally High). The Library loans instruments to aspiring musicians who can't afford them. Some of Chithalen's own bass guitars and other stringed instruments sit in the lending Library, and are occasionally loaned out for performances.

(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joe_Chithalen)

In Other News:

“The Bobby Show”, a tribute written and performed by Michael K. Myers, was sold out and took place on Sat. Apr. 16th and Sun. Apr. 17th at the RCHA Club. (Photos by Dave Marshall)



Letters to the Editor:

If you have any comments or suggestions, or would like to contribute an article to the “Featured Article of the Month”, please submit to the RCHA Heritage Newsletter Editor:
susie17.edgecombe@gmail.com.

Coming in June...

Sunday June 19- Father's Day

Announcement of the date for the Annual RCHA Golf Tournament