

DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH SPOUSES

784 names of spouses are now on our *Direct Communication With Spouses List*. Since June 1984, in addition to receiving *Liaison*, those on the list should have received the following items:

- Foreign Service Employees' Handbook, green book on FSD's
- Foreign Language Training Booklet
- Spousal Employment Profiles, a questionnaire entitled "Information Form Employment", concerning the education, work experience and work preference of spouses.
- Training Needs Study, a questionnaire asking spouses to indicate the nature of workshops and seminars that they would be interested in attending.
- A list of information sessions offered by the Centre for foreign service employees and their spouses.
- A notice pertaining to an information session for spouses on Foreign Service Directives.
- A circular letter on Community Coordinators.

If you are on the *Direct Communication With Spouses List* and did not receive any of the above, please contact the Posting Services Centre. If you are not on the list, and would like to be, please fill in the form on this page.

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH CANADA

On February 25th, Radio Canada International celebrated 40 years of broadcasting.



A collection of some of Radio Canada International's program schedules over the years. Should you wish a program free of charge, write to Radio Canada International, P.O. Box 6000, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, H3C 3A8.

Letters, we get letters . . .

Foreign Service Families, this newsletter is for you. If it is to be of maximum interest and use to you, it needs your input. We welcome any and all suggestions and comments about this issue. Please write to: Community Liaison Section (Liaison), Posting Services Centre, Lester B. Pearson Building, External Affairs, Ottawa K1A 0G2.

As a non-Canadian born spouse, may I say how much I enjoy reading *Liaison*. My husband and I shall be returning to Ottawa this summer after an eight-year period overseas and from *Liaison* I have gleaned many interesting facts which will facilitate our return to life in Canada. The services and information you offer are certainly very welcome to those of us overseas and more especially to spouses, like myself, who feel that Ottawa is also a posting.

Sincerely

Mrs. Moyra McEachern
Caracas, Venezuela

DID YOU KNOW?

— that there are over 8 000 people on the payroll of External Affairs. This includes the 130 (approximately) who are on secondments plus the 3 800 (approximately) who are locally engaged;

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Have you considered, given the steady growth in its quality, making *Liaison* available, possibly on a subscription basis, to relatives and interested friends of foreign service personnel?

Yours sincerely
Jennifer Fowell
Consulate-General, New York

(Editor's note: Thank you for your suggestion but at the present time it is Departmental policy that *Liaison* be provided gratis to the employees of the Department and their families.)

ANSWERS

- 1) Ottawa is the anglicized version of "Outaouais", which is the name of an Indian tribe.
- 2) In 1854, "Bytown" became a city and in celebration of the opening of the River of the Algonquians for peaceful navigation by the Outaouais Indians, they called it "Ottawa".
- 3) The flag is blue, red and purple. Blue for the Conservative Party, red for the Liberals and purple because Queen Victoria chose Ottawa as the capital of Canada.
- 4) Georgetown, Guyana was twinned in 1965 and The Hague, The Netherlands was twinned in 1984.
- 5) Dr. Charlotte Whitton was the first female mayor. She served from 1951-56 and from 1961-64.
- 6) The next municipal election will be on November 12, 1985.

SPOUSES, DID YOU RECEIVE THIS ISSUE OF LIAISON DIRECTLY?

If you didn't and would like to, please fill in and return the following form:

Direct Communication With Spouses Form

Name of spouse:

Address:

Name of employee:

Division or Post:

Language requested: English French Employee's Signature

If you are already on the list, but have moved, please use this form.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

Name of spouse:

Old address:

New address:

New post or division:

Return to the Posting Services Centre, ADTB, Lester B. Pearson Building Ottawa, K1A 0G2