

LETTERBOX

On page 8 is the article that I promised. Having raised two teenagers while in the foreign service I am sympathetic to concerns that many parents may have (or should have!) and the worries that many teenagers may have.

I strongly believe that we need an organization (for youth) in our Department. I know of many cases where employees decline postings, or, alternatively, accept them but spend the posting worrying that their child may have to return to Canada alone and cope with the cultural shock without support. How nice it would be if the young people could know that there was either a "spot" in External where they could go for advice and help, or a group of other young people that they could meet occasionally with. Yes - we do have administrative divisions to handle this and that - but when you are on the outside External Affairs seems like a big maze.

I believe that we adults could set the ground work for such an organization or committee. But early in its development it should involve External Affairs "products" (i.e. young people who have grown up in the foreign service) to help organize and run the group.

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Answers from page 7 (1)A tuffet (2)A triangle (3)Sheep (4)Counting (5)Temperature (6)Golf (7)At night (8)A lion (9)The birdie in badminton (10)Dog (days) (11)Zero (12)Crustaceans (13)An eagle (14)A filly (15)Augustus Caesar (16)August (17)Conway Twitty (18)Wimbledon, the French Open, the U.S. Open, and the Australian Open (19)His shoe (20)Self-contained underwater breathing apparatus

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