

DID YOU KNOW?

Canadian Trivia

- that the average Canadian holds 10 jobs throughout his life, almost half of them before he turns 30;
- that it costs an estimated \$84,000 to raise a child to age 18, but if you take into account 10% inflation the real cost would be \$200,000 (so says the *Financial Post*);
- that Canada has more houses hooked in-to cable per capita than any other country in the world;
- that Canadians spent \$900 million on toys last year. With 5.7 million children under the age of 14, that means each child was treated to an average \$147 worth of toys;
- that 3 out of 10 people have won prizes in lotteries during the last year and that 6 out of 10 participated in the \$14 million 6/49 lottery in January 1984. (including 85% of the people in Quebec and 59% in Ontario);
- that women's incomes grew by 16.83% during 1983 while men's rose by 11.19%.

External Affairs Trivia

- that we made a mistake last issue when we said that we no longer have any Consulates. In fact, although we have none headed by career officers, we do have 22 around the world that are headed by Honorary Consuls, three of whom are women (in Merida, Bombay and Belize);
- that since April 1984 there have been 660 removals. This means that 660 individuals or families have been moved either to or from Canada, or have been cross-posted;
- that in the last fiscal year, there were 1,171 removals involving 2,419 people;
- that last fall there was no national recruitment for foreign service officers;
- that 4,328 people are in the Department (annual report, 1983) and that 37.7% are female and 28.2% are francophone.

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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 second issue. Please write to: Community Liaison Section (Liaison), Posting Services Centre, Lester B. Pearson Building, External Affairs, Ottawa K1A 0G2.



Congratulations on your first issue of *Liaison*. The cover was exciting and served to whet readers' appetites for what was inside. Gail Devlin, Editor-in-Chief, *FSCA Bulletin*

May I commend all who put in their time and effort in making Volume 1, number 1 of *Liaison*. Well done folks. Here I am in Rome, Italy, the spouse is a reversal role. I wonder how many other husbands are noted as spouses. ...Keep up the excellent work in a fine publication, keeping us, the spouses informed.

Joseph Thomas Spiteri-Hay
 I would like to add to my husband's compliment to you. Although *Liaison* was addressed to him and was meant particularly for the spouse, the information it contained and the whole layout was of particular interest also to me, the employee and wife. Thank you and we look forward to more of your pleasant, informative news.

Tessa Spiteri-Hay

While your statement (DID YOU KNOW? section of *Liaison* for April) that Canada no longer has any consulates has a basis in fact, it is not strictly correct. All consulates headed by career officers have been upgraded to consulates general. But Canada also has 22 consulates around the world headed by honorary consuls. Although these posts have limited functions, they constitute a significant extension of Canadian representation abroad, and at very low cost. Many a travelling Canadian has been rescued from trouble by an honorary consul, and career-staffed missions find these consulates provide valuable assistance in numerous other ways. As to your point about women heads of post, I'm glad to report that our service includes three women honorary consuls — in Merida (Margaret Loggie, a former FS), Bombay and Belize.

Louis de Salaberry
 Director
 Consular Policy Division

Mary Haro — Illustrator

The devious little character next to our "Letters, we get letters" column, is also the work of Mary Haro. Despite being right in the middle of pre-posting preparations herself, she has somehow been able to create three specifically requested illustrations for us — this one, the "It's Posting Time" one on page 3 and the "OUT" External Affairs types in the last issue. A very talented lady, not

only is she an artist, but also a poet who has just written and illustrated a book of children's poems.

Our sincere thanks Mary. Your artwork has added greatly to our publication. We wish you and your family well on your first posting to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and anxiously await any creations that you might send us from that part of the world.

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