



2008 Events

Dinner with the Ambassador of Finland to Canada, H.E. Risto Piipponen

When: November 25, 2008

Where: National Club

Organizers: CFCC

Description: Among the many social invitations of the first season as the Finnish Ambassador in Ottawa, the Toronto based Canada Finland Chamber of Commerce hosted a dinner at the National Club in honor of the newly appointed Ambassador of Finland to Canada, Mr. Risto Piipponen.



Ambassador Piipponen and CFCC President Tuula Kivinen enjoying the dinner.



Richard White (Nokia) and Kelli White

Among the many social invitations of the first season as the Finnish Ambassador in Ottawa, the Toronto based Canada Finland Chamber of Commerce hosted a dinner at the National Club on Tuesday, November 25.



David Turkki, one of the CFCC Board Members, CFCC Vice President Richard Noble (Ernst-Young) and Katie Noble.



Heikki Pervilä (BMO Nesbitt Burns), Heikki Laurila (Outotec), Ritta Laurila and Noora Helansuo (Neste Oj)



David Devall, known to Canadians as a TV weatherman, and Mirjami Hartikainen. The couple told Vapaa Sana that they were searching for a lakeside place to use in Finland next summer. Last year Mr Devall was the MC at the Finnish Independence Day observance in Toronto.



Solicitor Ville Masalin and his wife Basa Gurbaksh in conversation with ambassador Piipponen. Both the ambassador and Mr Masalin have a Finnish law school background.



Vapaa Sana President John Majanihti has something important to say to the Finnish Credit Union President Marja-Liisa Kontinen (right) and Credit Union Board Member Karen Kelar.



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From left: Jean-Guy Coloumbe (Metso Automation), Satu Jokela, Pasi Jokela (Moventas), Tuula Kivinen (President CFCC), Richard White (Nokia), Kelli White, Peter Auvinen (CFCC Director), The Ambassador of Finland H.E. Mr. Risto Piipponen



From left: David Turkki (CFCC Director), Tuomo Laine (Finpro Canada), Richard Noble (Vice President CFCC, Ernst & Young), Milo Vassalo (past Consul General of Malta), Ville Masalin (LLP), Katie Noble, Liz Lewis (Delta Hotels), Basa Gurbaksh



From left: Finnish Credit Union: Antero Elo, Airi Broughton, Liisa Keewallik, Marja -Liisa Konttinen President Finnish Credit Union Board, Bawani Thayan Treasurer CFCC, Juha Mynttinen Toronto Finnish-Canadian Seniors Centre, Karen Kelar, Director Finnish Credit Union Board



From left: Maire Laurikainen, Tuire Walsh Director CFCC, Patrick Walsh, Ted Radcliffe TE-RI Products, Ritva Penttila TE-RI Products



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From left: Markku Kankaala Director CFCC, Irina Ilmokari, Jean-Guy Tremblay, Gordon Dawies, Leila Carnegie Director CFCC, Wuokko Dawies, Virve Tremblay



From left: Heikki Pervila BMO Nesbitt Burns, Heikki Laurila Outotec, Tami Halttunen, David Devall CTV News, Riitta Laurila, Noora Helansuo, Neste Oil Canada, Mirjami Hartikainen



From left: Richard Noble Ernst & Young, The Ambassador of Finland H.E. Mr. Risto Piipponen and Richard White, Nokia



From left: Antero Elo Finnish Credit Union, the Ambassador of Finland H.E. Mr. Risto Piipponen and Bawani Thayalan, Finnish Credit Union

Ambassador of Finland H.E Mr. Risto Piipponen





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Finnish-Canadian Entrepreneur of the Year Award

When: October 1, 2008

Where: The Courtyard Marriott Hotel, Toronto

Organizers: CFCC, Osuuspankki

Description: The 2008 Finnish-Canadian Entrepreneur of the Year Award was awarded to Esko Mattila, Industrialist. The keynote speaker at the event was Dr. Pirjo Friedman.



Tuula Kivinen, President CFCC; Esko Mattila, Industrialist, Entrepreneur of the Year 2008; and Antero Elo, General Manager Osuuspankki, Finnish Credit Union



Keynote speaker, Dr. Pirjo Friedman



Esko Mattila



2008 Events

21st Annual Finnair Charity Golf Tournament

When: September 11, 2008

Where: Royal Woodbine Golf Club

Organizers: CFCC

Description: The annual golf tournament organized by the Canada-Finland Chamber of Commerce was successfully held on Thursday, Sept. 11th. Golfers gathered at dawn at the Royal Woodbine Golf Club, located near the Pearson airport, and set off in teams.

The President of the Chamber of Commerce, Tuula Kivinen, was responsible for coordinating the arrangements for the event, with the help of the Treasurer, Bawani Thayalan. Kivinen was glad that the weather was in their favour.

- "I was worried about the weather since it has been so rainy lately. We've been lucky, since the day was almost perfect in every way", Kivinen noted.

The players also enjoyed the sunshine and relaxed atmosphere.

- "Our games haven't exactly gone as we would have hoped, but with good company and good weather, it doesn't matter", commented teammates Tuomo Laine and Heikki Pervilä.

The male-dominated event had a total of 28 golfers, two of which were women.

- "This was our second morning tournament. Every year, we see different types of people joining in. All of them, however, play golf and some of them are really good players. I'd like to play myself, but I'm busy with organizing", Kivinen commented.

The tournament had fewer than expected participants due to some last-minute cancellations.

- "It's a pity, but what can do about business meetings. Due to some work scheduling conflicts, we had a couple of teams less than anticipated", Kivinen said.

After the round of 18 holes, players enjoyed a delicious lunch, a raffle, a silent auction and an awards ceremony. Henry Korhonen and Robin Williams played the best, and both of them were awarded the prize of a free Smart car rental for three days.





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