



E-NEWSLETTER

SGPS Office Summer Hours

From May 4th until mid-August, the SGPS Office will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. (closed noon to 1 for lunch). We will be closed Tuesdays and Thursdays.

QUEEN'S GENERAL BURSARY

The deadline to apply for the Spring/Summer Queen's General Bursary is May 31, 2009.

<http://www.queensu.ca/registrar/awards/toolbox/GenBursInfoPage.html>

ROOMS AVAILABLE FOR RENT

Beautiful Victorian house with 3 upstairs bedrooms (shared apartment) available on a 1-year lease. Renter is looking for responsible, clean and respectful graduate or professional student tenants. Located in Area 1 at Union and Collingwood streets. House has been inspected by Queen's. **If you are interested, please contact Cathy at 613.544.8544 after May 20th, 2009.** Full details (including photos) are available on this website:

<http://www.bothwellmedia.com/200unionst/>

SGPS STUDENT ADVISOR EVALUATIONS

The following message is for any graduate or professional students who have had the opportunity to use the Student Advisor Program in the 2008-2009 academic year.

We are currently conducting annual evaluations of the Student Advisors and the Student Advisor Program. If you have had any contact with a Student Advisor this year, we would like to receive your input as part of the evaluation process. Please consider completing the (very brief) survey and drop it off at the SGPS office (attention: VP Graduate), or, if you like, send an email directly to the Vice-President Graduate, Joellen Lin, with any comments regarding your experience with an Advisor this year: vpig@sgps.ca

Please respond by Friday, May 22nd, 2009. To download the survey, follow this link:

<http://www.sgps.ca/downloads/sa-survey.pdf>

BRING THE WORLD TO YOUR DOOR

BECOME A QUIC VOLUNTEER HOST!

The International Housing Office at Queen's University regularly seeks members of the Queen's and Kingston community who are willing to act as **Volunteer Hosts** for newly arrived international students and/or workers to the Queen's campus. Volunteer Hosts provide **up to three nights accommodation**, at no cost, while the student or worker searches for permanent housing. The accommodations can be as simple as a couch, but the hosts should be friendly people with an interest in providing a welcoming and secure temporary accommodation for a newcomer to Kingston. Currently, we have a shortage of hosts and are seeking the support of Queen's and Kingston community members to support this program.

Detailed information about this program can be found on our website at: <http://www.quic.queensu.ca/resource/howtobecomeavolunteerhost.asp> as well as a host application package.

Once you have reviewed the guidelines and are still interested in becoming a Volunteer Host, I kindly ask that you complete the Volunteer Host Agreement and send it back to me (either by email, fax 613-533-3159 or in person at the office 1st Floor JDUC, Queen's University)

Volunteer hosts are invaluable to new international students arriving in Kingston and are received with immense appreciation and gratitude. Acting as a volunteer host also provides hosts with an opportunity to learn about a new culture and traditions and perhaps, build bonds that could last a lifetime.

For more information please contact ekta.singh@queensu.ca

QUIC SPRING REUNION COFFEE HOUSE/PHOTO EXHIBIT

Queen's University International Centre (QUIC) invites all students, staff, faculty and alumni to attend a special International Coffee House and Photo Exhibit during their Spring Reunion visit. The Coffee House will feature members of the Queen's and Kingston communities in poetry readings, musical performance (voice and instrumental), story-telling (memories from QUIC and beyond) and more, all with an international flair that will get toes tapping and blood flowing. Coffee, tea and desserts will make the evening a truly delicious experience.

The photo exhibit will feature entries from QUIC's first annual International Photo Contest; this year's contest attracted some 250 extraordinary images with essays detailing the experience from which the photo emerged.

Join us at QUIC (main floor of the JDUC building) on Friday May 22nd from 7:30 - 9:30

EMERGING LEADERS IN THE AMERICAS PROGRAM

At the Summit of the Americas in Trinidad and Tobago, Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced that Canada will allocate \$18 million over the next four years for a new scholarship program. The Emerging Leaders in the Americas Program (ELAP) will award up to 1600 new scholarships for Latin American and Caribbean students to pursue studies or research in Canada.

The ELAP will support human capital development and a new generation of leaders in the Americas while strengthening linkages between Canadian institutions and those in the region.

The first round of ELAP scholarships is now underway for study or research commencing in the Fall of 2009. The deadline for applications from Canadian post-secondary institutions is June 29, 2009.

Program Description

The scholarships will be facilitated through inter-institutional exchange agreements and will provide students with the opportunity to undertake study or research at Canadian universities and colleges. Recipients will remain students of their home institutions during this exchange. In addition, the ELAP will offer a study tour component to selected students to expose them to Canadian governance, business and civil society in key priority areas.

Interested institutions and students should consult: <http://www.scholarships.gc.ca> or contact scholarships-bourses@cbie.ca for more information.

KINGSTON CHORAL SOCIETY

The Kingston Choral Society is a large mixed-voice choir that sings with the Kingston Symphony in 3 or 4 concerts per season. We have openings in all voice sections for next season (September 2009 - April 2010), and we are holding 10-minute auditions for new members on Saturday mornings during May. **We particularly welcome graduate students, and have several of you among our numbers.** Practices take place on Tuesday evenings at Sydenham Street United Church with chorus master Ian Juby and pianist Clare Gordon. If you are interested to join us, please contact the Symphony Office (info@kingstonsymphony.on.ca, 613-546-9729) to schedule an audition time.

NB: Auditions are very simple: you will be asked to sing short phrases on vowel sounds, in order for our chorus master to establish the correct section in the choir for your voice. There is no sightreading test, nor any requirement to prepare a song.