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## Luncheons 2014

On the Following Fridays at 11:30am:

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE TWO  
LUNCHEONS IN OCTOBER & NONE IN SEPT!**

**October 3 @ Madison's:** 3000 Rue Jean-Yves,  
Kirkland – at The Colisee

**October 31 TBA**

**November 28 TBA**

### **BREAKFAST IS ON THE SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH!**

Please note that the Breakfast group will meet over the summer months: June 13, July 11 and Aug 8.

Veillez noter que le groupe déjeuner se recontrera pendant les mois d'été : les 13 juin, 11 juillet et 8 août.

**The Manoir is on the corner of Hymus  
and Boul. St.-Jean in Pointe Claire.**

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# President's Address/ Message du président

LARSE President's Message  
May 2014

As we move forward into summer, after the long and difficult winter/spring that we have just experienced, I look forward to getting back to some of those things that are reminders of the benefits of retirement - cycling, golfing, reading in the shade of a tree, gardening, swimming and generally enjoying life in the relaxed lane. J'espère que vous trouverez des activités qui conviendront à vos besoins parmi les multiples choix offerts ici à LARSE. Veuillez prendre le temps de lire des rapports d'activités dans ce bulletin et n'hésitez pas à contacter le responsable de l'activité si vous voulez y participer.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Interest group leaders for their willingness to organize and lead so many wonderful activities. We should count ourselves lucky that we have such people amongst us to allow us the variety to choose from.

Je voudrais également remercier les membres de l' Exécutif de LARSE qui se rencontrent plusieurs fois par année afin de discuter d'affaires de l'Association. On aime se courtoyer et on trouve ensemble des façons de compléter notre retraite en faisant des contributions valables. Si vous avez des questions ou des idées à partager, n'hésitez pas à me contacter.

One of the issues that we have been discussing this year is the development of a Membership Policy. We are in the beginning stages of this and will be bringing it to you, the members, in the near future for your approval.

You may also have noticed that we now have a LARSE logo which can be viewed on the website and in this newsletter. Félicitations à Daniel Abergel pour son dessin gagnant choisi par les membres et par l'Exécutif.

I hope you all have a delightful summer filled with friends and family and SUNSHINE!!! I look forward to seeing many of you throughout the summer while cycling or golfing or .....

I close with a New Zealand proverb.

“Turn your face to the sun and the shadows fall behind you.”

All the very best to you all. Tout le meilleur à vous toutes et tous.

Jan Langelier, President



# Bulletin Board



## **CRAFTING, THE NEW ACTIVISM**

**Only one person contacted me out of an interest in forming a crafting group. Perhaps we will set a date in the Fall and see if any others would like to come out.**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN FORMING OR JOINING A CRAFTING GROUP CONTACT TRICIA ROET: [troet@ymail.com](mailto:troet@ymail.com)**

## **AND THE WINNER IS!!!! Daniel Abergel.**

**Thank you Danny, for a great logo that represents the big hearts of the many people who share and care in our association. In keeping with that thought, Danny has donated his \$50.00 winnings to Centraide.**

**The logo has been inserted at the top of page one and will always appear on our banner.**

**Thanks also go to Michelle B. Fitzgerald for a great submission that really showed us as people on the GO!**

## **50/50 WINNERS**

**JANUARY:** Karen Zey won \$82.00 and June Christie donated \$82.00 to the Canadian Cancer Society'

**FEBRUARY:** Rod Heather won \$82.50. Barbara Cyr donated to Kurling for Kids. All proceeds go to St Justine Hospital and the Montreal Children's Hospital.

**MARCH** Marie-Therese Ferdinand won \$88.50 and Janice Tessier Murray will give the same amount to Because I Am a Girl.

**APRIL:** Georgie Crawford who won \$69 and Jan Langelier who donated \$70 to the West Island Cancer Wellness Center.

## **WEST ISLAND COMMUNITY SHARES**

**A \$65.00 donation was made in March including January and February donations collected at breakfasts.**

# INTEREST GROUPS

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## Book Club I

Our last get together will be in May, when we discuss the fascinating book, '**419**' by Will Ferguson. The number 419 refers to the article in the Nigerian Criminal Code dealing with fraud. We all, I am sure have had fraudulent internet dealings, but the extent to which the main character has to go, to right the wrong that has ensued, proves to be a real page turner and should be a lively discussion.

The April selection was '**Me Before You**' by the British author, Jojo Moyes and deals with the subject of euthanasia, a very current topic here now in Quebec. Although a tragic accident brings together two very different personalities, the book is written with humour and sensitivity and will bring tears of both laughter and sadness to the reader. Don't be deceived by the Harlequin romance cover and blurb....it is anything but!

The award winning '**Orrenda**' by Joseph Boyden was discussed in March. This is the third book in a trilogy about The Bird family. It takes place in the early seventeenth century in what was to become Canada. The brutality is not always easy to read about but the beautifully descriptive language is amazing and we all were in agreement that we were glad we read it.

We also are in agreement that because we are in this group with so many different personalities and tastes in literature, we often read books that we never would have chosen otherwise. We are always glad to get back together in September to get fresh ideas for the years 's next reads!

We usually start the year off with a novel from an author who will be appearing at **Storyfest**, a month-long literary Festival in Hudson. As a group, we like to attend the tea or breakfast to see a presenter such as Linda Spaulding, who we enjoyed last October. Over the past 12 years Storyfest has hosted Canadian authors such as Boyden, Ondaatje, Urquhart, Hay among others..... and this year promises Margaret Atwood! So, if you are an author groupie and like fall outings in Hudson, this is the venue for you! Check out [www.greenwoodstoryfest.com](http://www.greenwoodstoryfest.com).

(Preseason event is May 26 when Montreal author Ann Charney is presenting.)

Happy summer reading everyone.

### KIDS IN CHURCH

**After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys."**

**One particular four-year-old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."**

## Book Club II

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Funnily, and quite spontaneously we ended up with two classics to reread this year. One of these was ***To Kill a Mocking Bird*** by Harper Lee. The group assembled at my house for a discussion, popcorn and the movie. We all felt it had been a worthy pursuit.

The highlight of our meetings this year was a visit by Sheila Kindellan Sheehan to discuss ***The Courier Wore Shorts***. It was a very insightful meeting as we were propelled into the world of Sheila and how she writes her books. It certainly gave us a better understanding of her characters and their actions. Sheila was so personable and we all seemed to have enjoyed her book. I look forward to reading some of her other mysteries this summer and thank Tania for making the suggestion and hosting.

***How Green was My Valley*** by Richard Llewellyn was put on hold until May, and what fun we had. As I arrived bearing Welsh Cakes, I found Bryden making Welsh Rarebit. It was a culinary delight and we enjoyed the beginning of the movie as well as a good discussion of the book,

We will meet in June to discuss ***The Goldfinch*** by Donna Tartt before breaking for the summer. We have also been thinking about Storyfest and will explore it for the Fall.

If you would like to join us please contact Tricia Roet at:  
[troet@ymail.com](mailto:troet@ymail.com)



# GOLF

After a long, arduous, seeming endless winter, the advent of warmer weather brings a number of our members together on a weekly basis to partake in some rounds of golf! Many of us have participated in various winter activities but look forward to spending time with former colleagues and new friends chasing small white orbs across the countryside, enjoying the collegiality and weather.

We have two groups, a 9 and an 18 hole which play on alternating Mondays, from May until late November, depending on weather and course conditions. Participation is not ability dependent. Our goal is to allow an opportunity for LARSE members to come together on a regular basis in a social atmosphere that provides some athletic activity. We arrange for games at various courses within commuting distance of the West Island. Communication is by e-mail. So, if you are not a past participant, please contact Bryden Murray [bryden.murray@sympatico.ca](mailto:bryden.murray@sympatico.ca) ( 9 hole group) or myself [russk547@gmail.com](mailto:russk547@gmail.com) (18 hole group) by email to be placed on our contact list.

Hoping to see you on one of our days out.  
Russ Kelly on behalf of Bryden Murray.



## Casual Bridge Group

The L'ARSE Casual Bridge Affinity Group plays the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 1:30 p.m. For the past few years, Lorraine Pawlusiak has graciously hosted our games at her home with others filling in when Lorraine is unavailable. Generally we have between eight and sixteen players. While our membership has grown to the point where we are investigating a hall for our games, travel and other commitments always keep some of our members from any given Bridge day. There is always room for new members!

Our skill levels have a wide range. We use a format which changes partners and tables every four hands. If we have an odd number of players, we rotate in and out of play. Beginners will sometimes opt to watch the first few times instead of playing. They will often pair up with an experienced player who will explain and teach. We often discuss bidding and such as we go along. For some, our games have been a starting point for pursuing more serious bridge experiences such as duplicate bridge clubs.

Our focus is to enjoy and to learn. We have a great bunch of people and we have a lot of fun! We'd love to have you join us! If you are interested, please contact Pam Greevy at [pgreevy@hotmail.com](mailto:pgreevy@hotmail.com).

## Canasta



Wednesdays remain fun-filled card days. Alternating with the Bridge Group, the Canasta players have swelled their ranks somewhat and we welcome the new participants. On any given afternoon, there are from 8 to 14 players. We might even have to add another table at some point!

We are departing from tradition this year and will take a break during the summer. The last session will be July 2 and we will resume on August 27.

New players are always welcome - no experience or knowledge of the game required. Canasta is a fun, social game with no pressure and it is easy to learn. Please contact me at [rmnarsted@yahoo.com](mailto:rmnarsted@yahoo.com) if you would like to join us or get further information.

Robin Narsted

## INDOOR GOLF

The Indoor Golf season has come to an end with the coming of spring. There was a group of about 8 that participated throughout the winter every second Monday. No matter the weather we made it to Golf 18 in Laval. Now it is on to the golf season. We hope to see as many of you as possible every time we go out. See you next winter.

Mike Kirk





# Internet Users Group

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Like the cycling group, the computer group has been operational almost since the inception of LARSE in the late nineties. We met at the Cartier Adult centre before moving to the LBPSB computer lab a few years ago with the assistance of the School Commissioner, the late John Killingbeck. Instructors have included the late Neville Hendershot, Art Douglas and Bob Steele who freely shared their knowledge over a number of years. John recruited Greg Cicci to do a session for us during that time. Bob Steele gave us a second year in the year following John's death out of respect for a commitment he had given to John.

However, for the past couple of years, we have had to ask some of our LARSE colleagues to share their specific computer skills with us and have managed to involve Greg to update us on current Board practices and demonstrate certain requested computer applications. Greg is currently manager for LBPSB information systems and has agreed to provide us with a couple of sessions again in the 2014-15 academic year. Because Greg is still working, his time to share is limited so we are very grateful to him for giving up his lunch time to help us.

We also wish to thank Colin Legault for his instruction on the Whiteboard, Bruce Corbett for several presentations including the recent one on publishing as an author, Robin Narsted for Microsoft Office applications such as Excel Budgeting and mail merge, and Al MacMillan for media transfers such as records to C.D.'s. Peter Tellier did a workshop on the iPad which led to him implementing his ideas of utilizing skilled Grade 5 students from Dorset School as iPad tutors for our LARSE members to learn many applications. This 'spinoff' has become another popular interest group. Some non-Apple aficionados who prefer tablets and smartphones less dependent on planned obsolescence, have shared knowledge and concerns but knowledgeable people are always needed to help us examine other computer applications.

Just as Peter first arranged a session at the Apple store before getting his Golden iPad Appers going, we did arrange a demonstration at Future Shop. But that session and recent sessions at the Board lab were not well attended. We changed the traditional Mondays to Thursdays for 2013-14, which may have accounted for the attendance drop. The last meeting on May 22nd addressed this issue. Other suggestions for days/times of the week from those who have an interest but missed this session, can be conveyed to Wayne Clifford at 514-697-8802 or [wmclifford@gmail.com](mailto:wmclifford@gmail.com) or Lois Maeder-Alves at 514-457-9073 or [lois.maederalves@videotron.ca](mailto:lois.maederalves@videotron.ca). Lois will help co-ordinate this group next year. Lois conducted a survey in January's Newsletter but would appreciate more feedback than the 3 she received.

We're not tied to using the Board's Computer Lab for all our sessions. But, we are grateful to Board Receptionist, Mary Colonna for helping us reserve the facility when needed for our monthly sessions.

## Golden App Rappers

Golden iPads is a group of LARSE (and friends) iPad users who gather on the last Tuesday of the month at Dorset Elementary to explore the myriad of iPad possibilities. Our mentors are the grade five Dorset iTutors. These students are part of the Dorset one-to-one program where every grade five student (and being in it's second year, now every grade six student) has an iPad which becomes their main educational tool. They have presented at a MELS conference, have won an Entrepreneurial Grant, and an Entrepreneurial award to be conferred at the LBPSB in early June.

Each session has taken us further in learning the many uses and wonders of these devices. We hope to continue our sessions in the Fall. The thirty plus Golden iPadders will receive further information in the early autumn. If you are interested, please contact Peter Tellier at: [pete.tell@sympatico.ca](mailto:pete.tell@sympatico.ca)

## THE TRAVEL GROUP PRESENTS

On May 15, upstairs in the Sequoia Restaurant about eighteen of us were entertained and enlightened by 2 presentations on travel to two very different exotic locations.

First, Judy Steiner shared her photo album of a trip to China last fall. This trip included a cruise on the beautiful Yangtze River as well as visits to Beijing, the Terra Cotta Warriors of Xi'an, Shanghai and Hong Kong. Judy not only highlighted the sights with her description and photos, but also gave us the practical details regarding quality (superior in this case), inclusions in this package tour, and costs.

Karen Runnells and Ann Peters followed up with a description of a three week trip that they took a year ago last January to Malawi. This trip was organized by Doug Miller, retired from Vanier College. Doug was with us during this presentation. Doug has spent quite a bit of time in Malawi over the years, knows the country well and works to enhance the quality of life for the local Malawians.

Doug put together a package tour of a different type for Karen and Ann and their spouses. They spent time in the small village of Mapoku, and on the beautiful great Lake Malawi, and in a game reserve. The sights and people were special; the food, local and excellent; and the accommodation, basic. They loved it so much that they are going back this winter, and hope to use their librarian and physical educator skills to enhance the life of the village people. Doug will tailor-make an opportunity for them to do this and to see more of this fascinating country.

Thanks to all the speakers, we enjoyed presentations about two very diverse but quality trips. One might say, "to each his own" but at the end of the presentations, Judy was heard expressing a serious interest in the Malawi experience.

This group meets twice a year when most people are not travelling, So watch for an announcement of a fall presentation, likely late-ish in October. If you have a travel experience that you would like to share with us please contact Danny Abergel [abergeld@yahoo.com](mailto:abergeld@yahoo.com) or Mickey Wernecke at [hbwernecke@aol.com](mailto:hbwernecke@aol.com).

# Cyclopaths



The late Spring which followed what seemed like an interminable winter has resulted in probably the latest start (April 29th) in the 16 years or so, that the cycling group has experienced. Originally an amalgam of retirees from Vanier College and the now defunct Lakeshore School Board, the group was initially led by Hans Wernecke, who had worked for both organizations. Participant numbers then usually hovered between 5 and 10. I believe that I am now the only member remaining from that original group who regularly continues to cycle. So far this season, the group, which chose the name Cyclopaths a few years ago, has averaged around 16 participants. This number that may grow as the weather improves over the summer. However, variations in members' travel vacations usually helps to keep group size reasonable. Last year the largest number of participants was 25.

Between cycling seasons, a number of potential new joiners have contacted me, but only Sandy Laviolette, recently retired from Beaconsfield High School, has joined us to date.

Tuesdays are the usual days for cycling trips, but we cannot always count on ideal weather every Tuesday as the month of April demonstrated this year. Longer term weather forecasting has improved over the years. However, surprises have happened. E-mail notifications of forthcoming trips usually appear on a preceding Sunday or Monday, based on these forecasts. Distances usually vary from 20 to 50 kilometres, gradually working up to the longer trips over time.

Active transport is a term that has recently been used to denote modes such as cycling and we are fortunate to live in an area where active transport is increasingly being encouraged, although some of our West Island municipalities continue to require some lobbying to further accommodate bikes. We can be proud that: "Montreal maintains its position as North America's premiere bicycle city, with cycle tracks dating from the late 1980s, Montreal has long been ahead of the curve". Montreal has, however, dropped from 8th in 2011 to a tie for 11th in the list of "The 20 Most Bike-Friendly Cities In The World".

See: <http://www.businessinsider.com/the-worlds-20-most-bike-friendly-cities-2013-4?op=1#ixzz31hoDWJk2>.

If physical limitations don't preclude biking, try utilizing this "green" method of transport to do some of your daily errands and consider joining some of your former colleagues on a Cyclopaths trip. Take a look at the Interest Groups sidebar under Cyclopaths on the Larse website to see photos from previous trips. Even a few photos from this year's cross-country skiing group (which includes many Cyclopaths and some of the same nature parks) have 'snuck' into our photo gallery!]

Call or email Wayne Clifford , [wmclifford@gmail.com](mailto:wmclifford@gmail.com) to help you get started.

# CRAFTING CORNER

## Amateur Artists and/or Crafters

We have different sub-groups of amateur artists in our midst: some are watercolor artists, some paint in oil or acrylic while others work with printing presses, screenprints, woodcutting tools or every type of material, tools and processes imaginable. Each belongs to a different local group, guild or studio according to their art. Even if you do not consider yourself an artist but rather a crafter, so be it. We would love to see some of your crafts.

It would be very interesting to show examples of each art in turn on our website: we could start with some of the painters, perhaps the watercolor artists, to illustrate our Amateur Artists section. Please do not hesitate to send a few jpegs of your work, and perhaps some short explanatory notes to the attention of Mary Anne Bindner at [mabindner@bell.net](mailto:mabindner@bell.net) or to me at [fitzgeraldmb@sympatico.ca](mailto:fitzgeraldmb@sympatico.ca).

Similarly, if you have any other ideas about how you would like to share your passion and interest in art with the rest of our LARSE membership, I would love to hear from you. Have a great and creative summer. Michèle B. Fitzgerald



These past few months have been quite active in the theatre department at LARSE. In February, a relatively small group attended the outrageously funny Lakeshore Players' production of "Don't Dress for Dinner". In March we had a wonderful outing to see Lakeshore Light Opera's production of "Yeoman of the Guard" and we went out to Hudson to see the Hudson Music Club perform "Cole", a tribute to Cole Porter. A couple of us also saw the Hudson theatre show "Lysistrata".

We rounded out our season in May with a delightful and very humorous production at Dorval- Strathmore United Church of "Murder at Frownton Abbey" which included a supper filled with fun. As is usually the case, we added a supper either before or after each show and thus had a lovely time together. We shall continue to find theatre opportunities over the summer months as we all thoroughly enjoy this kind of entertainment. If anyone would like to be included on the email list to receive invitations to upcoming events, please contact me at [langelier.jan@videotron.ca](mailto:langelier.jan@videotron.ca). Jan Langelier

**Jack Fraser**

Since retirement (from Westwood Junior High) I've been golfing a lot more, enjoying the L'ARSE Monday Golf Group's company. I even think my game is improving! (?) My wife and I have been able to travel to South Carolina ( Myrtle Beach and Hilton Head) three times to enjoy the links down there in November and March. Volunteering has been something I've really enjoyed. I meet lots of people, keep practicing my French and get to feel quite useful at the Pre-Op Clinic at the Lakeshore and during the C.L.S.C. vaccination clinics in flu season. I've also been able to look after my health and fitness a bit better as well. I run 5 k.m. two or three times a week and have even lost a few pounds. The biggest thrill is being able to spend time with family whenever I want. My new granddaughter is a delight and my mom appreciates that I can help her out almost on an on-call basis. Pam's retirement is imminent (39 years a nurse-Bravo!) so the good times will only get better. We'll get away to the cottage whenever we want, travel, visit friends and family. Future projects include participating in a web series, "Street Signs" and learning more about our beautiful city.

**Ellie Schonfeld**

Ellie Schonfeld was Librarian at Beaconsfield High until 1973 when she moved on to careers as Head Librarian at Dorval Public Library and Real Estate (as an Agent with several companies). Ellie takes annual trips to Progreso, Mexico, "The first L'ARSE member to discover it was André Smith".

She has also been volunteering at the Lakeshore General Hospital for over twenty years and has helped out at the Quebec Drama Federation for about five years. Somewhere along the way Ellie learned to play bridge and has recently joined the L'ARSE Bridge Group.

**Russ Kelly**

Russ Kelly retired from John Rennie High School, where he was Coordinator of the Sports-Études Program. He is managing to keep himself busy all year round. He coordinates the L'ARSE 18 Hole Golf Group, and plays with the 9 Hole Group from Spring through late Fall. In the Fall, he also coaches Juvenile Girls Soccer at J.R.H.S. and Boys Soccer at École St. Laurent. In the Winter, Russ joins the L'ARSE Indoor Golf Group and coaches Indoor Soccer at É.S.L. During the school year, he helps supervise field trips at J.R.H.S. and is a part of the Golden I Pad Group at Dorset Elementary. Russ also loves biking, walking his baby granddaughter and photographing ships and scenery.

### **Joanne Bartholomew**

Although she still sometimes substitutes at John Rennie, Joanne Bartholomew says she has finally adjusted to retirement. She is enjoying staying home with her dogs and, finally, being able to travel, with family, at any time. She has visited Venice and the Greek Islands and took a two-week cruise from L.A. through the Panama Canal to Key West then Miami. Her next trip, in Fall 2014, will be on Le Boat from Toulouse to the Mediterranean then onto Barcelona.

### **Lois Maeder-Alves**

Since retiring from Head Office of L.B.P.S.B., Lois Maeder-Alves and her husband visit their country home in the Charlevoix (St.-Irénée) once a month. They enjoy their two black labs and take them for long walks in the Arboretum and swimming in Baie D'Urfé's doggie park by the St. Lawrence. Lois is still working two days per week at the West Island Cancer Wellness Centre – doing the accounting (what else?!). She really enjoys playing cards (bridge and canasta) with L'ARSE friends.

### **Saying Goodbye to Estelle Saunders**

Estelle Saunders passed away Feb 15, 2014 at the Willow Lodge Home in Nova Scotia. She succumbed to Lewy Body disease in her 87<sup>th</sup> year. Estelle graduated from Dalhousie in 1947 with her BA and continued for her Masters the following year. She taught first in New Brunswick then came to Val D'Or Quebec. She was principal at Otterburn Park and then became Head of History at Lindsay Place High School.

She was indeed beloved by her students and I was fortunate to be one of them. She was a powerful influence on me, as I went on to become Head of History at Lakeside Academy. She had such a lovely gentle way about her but was a strong Knowledgeable and demanding presence. She will be sadly missed as she touched the lives of so many.

Tricia Roet

### **Saying Goodbye to Carole Luck**

Carole Luck passed away on Nov 19, 2013. A resident of Hudson, she had been the secretary at Mount Pleasant Elementary School. Carole, like most secretaries saw to it that substitutes were in place and all was right with injured students, and the school ran along as smoothly as possible.

Married for 51 years to her husband Fred, she succumbed to Parkinson Disease. A memorial was held for her a few weekends ago and guests were invited to wear her favourite colour, purple. She will also be sadly missed.

Some of you may have known Mel Mikalachki. His nephew Sandy has written a piece about him for the Globe and Mail. You can read it at the Link below.  
<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/life/facts-and-arguments/i-was-still-hiding-behind-my-moms-skirts-when-pushy-uncle-mel-taught-me-about-chutzpah/article18042125/>

### **The Affair with the Spaghetti**

For several years, a man was having an affair with an Italian woman.. One night, she confided in him that she was pregnant. Not wanting to ruin his reputation or his marriage, he said he would pay her a large sum of money if she would go to Italy to secretly have the child. Furthermore, if she stayed in Italy to raise the child, he would also provide child support until the child turned 18.

She agreed, but asked how he would know when the baby was born. To keep it discreet, he told her to simply mail him a post card, and write 'Spaghetti' on the back. He would then arrange for the child support payments to begin.

One day, about 9 months later, he came home to his confused wife. 'Honey, she said, 'you received a very strange post card today.'

'Oh, just give it to me and I'll explain it later,' he said. The wife obeyed and watched as her husband read the card, turned white, and fainted.

On the card was written:

Spaghetti, Spaghetti, Spaghetti, Spaghetti, Spaghetti.  
 Three with meatballs, two without.  
 Send extra sauce.

### **MY PRIVATE PART DIED**

An old man, Mr. Wallace, was living in a nursing home. One day he appeared to be very sad and depressed. Nurse Tracy asked him if there was anything wrong.

'Yes, Nurse Tracy ,' said Mr. Wallace.

'My Private Part died today, and I am very sad.'

Knowing her patients were a little forgetful and sometimes a little crazy, she replied,

'Oh, I'm so sorry, Mr. Wallace. Please accept my condolences.'

The following day, Mr. Wallace was walking down the hall with his Private Part hanging out of his pyjamas. He met Nurse Tracy. 'Mr. Wallace,' she said, 'You shouldn't be walking down the hall like that. Please put your Private Part back inside your pyjamas.'

'But, Nurse Tracy I can't,' replied Mr. Wallace. 'I told you yesterday that my Private Part died.'

'Yes,' said Nurse Tracy, 'you did tell me that, but why is it hanging out of your pyjama?' (You've gotta love this.) 'Well,' he replied, 'Today is the viewing.'

## L'ARSE MEMBERSHIP FORM

*Please check the address label on your copy of LarsEncore: If it says (13), or earlier, you need to renew your membership in LARSE for 2014.*

*If you are a 2014 retiree, your \$10 will cover the membership for the rest of 2014 and for 2015.*

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