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## From the CA President

**We're** starting the **New Year** with a new Prime Minister back home and a new Canadian Ambassador to the United States — former Mulroneys era Finance Minister **Michael Wilson** who is best known for brokering the North American Free Trade Agreement. But while we keep a close eye on developments north of the border our main focus is you: our members. Our success is predicated by the success and participation of our members. Our members continue to contribute in a big way on the world stage and on behalf of all Southern California Canadians.

### Outstanding Members

Our *2005 Outstanding Canadian*, **Paul Haggis**, won two Oscars this year for his film, *Crash*. The London, Ontario native won an academy award for best original screenplay. *Crash* won best motion picture of the year, which he co-produced.

While Paul celebrated **Canada Day 2005** with us, Kirkland Lake native and CA's own member **Alan Thicke** hosted our **Canadian Thanksgiving** celebration. Alan was joined by over 200 members and friends at the Beverly Hills Country Club.

Alan amused all of us with his only-in-LA stories starring the likes of other notable Canadians including **Wayne Gretzky**, **Alex Trebec** and **Shania Twain**, to name a few. He helped make the sold-out event a huge success as did our partnership with the **French Canadian Club of Los Angeles**.



CA President, Lee Fraser celebrates Canadian Thanksgiving with the event MC, Alan Thicke and Canadian Consul General, Alain Dudoit.

Thanks to the efforts of the Redivo and Sauvageau families, Canadian Thanksgiving was the first time Canadians Abroad co-hosted an event with the French Canadian Club of Los Angeles. We're looking forward to working with the club for many years to come. It is also worth mentioning that Canadians Abroad donated proceeds from the event to the **Red Cross** in support of the **Hurricane Katrina Victims**.

### Immigration Issues and You

As you may know, in the summer of 2005, a backlog in the availability of **permanent resident cards** and **H1B visas** was created. The issue has had a pervasive effect on our members and businesses alike. Canadians Abroad member and immigration attorney **Alice Yardum-Hunter** offered some sound advice for those affected. There are actions all Canadians working in the U.S. can take, however a consultation with your attorney is suggested. This issue affects Canadians, but it also affects the American businesses that rely on the stability of educated foreign workers as an important source of educated and talented

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Arlette Redivo, Lulu Leszczynski and Jennie Fleming welcome guests.



Name tags — or not — everyone had a smile on at the Holiday Party!

# Holiday Party 2005!

The **Canadians Abroad Holiday Party** has traditionally been one of most popular events of the year and 2005 was no exception. The 2005 Holiday Party sold out weeks in advance. Over 150 Canadians Abroad members and friends joined **Consul General Alain Dudoit** and his wife **Michele** around the pool at the Official Residence on **December 4th** to connect with old friends, meet new ones and welcome the 2005 Holiday Season.



Music was provided by the talented Sabrina Taylor (Nova Scotia) and her guitarist.



A family affair! Mother, Margaret and daughter, Lisa Langois.



With great weather as a backdrop, the holiday season was welcomed by members and friends of Canadians Abroad.



Jennie Fleming, Ian Keiller, Rene Gagnon and his wife, Eva enjoy the party.



The money shot! Canadians take their 50/50 draws seriously. Arlette Redivo and Virginia Sauvageau count!



Canadians Abroad members and friends enjoy the poolside party in December. Only in Los Angeles!

# From the Consul General

**Dear Friends**, I hope you all had a safe and happy Holiday Season. Michele and I were very pleased to host last December the **Annual Canadians Abroad Christmas Party at the Official Residence**. We really enjoyed the opportunity to meet with many of your members.

As I mentioned in my last article, on January 12, 2006 Los Angeles was host to a major milestone event in terms of Canada — California relations, namely the first **Canada-California Strategic Innovation Partnership Summit**, which attracted 132 senior participants and leaders from the research sector, corporations and governments from across Canada and California. This was twice the attendance originally expected. This ongoing initiative will enable stakeholders in both jurisdictions to cooperate strategically on joint Research, Development and Delivery (i.e. transfer and commercialization of technology). It is fully consistent with the Security & Prosperity Partnership agenda we jointly pursue, and will serve as a leading model for broader partnerships between Canada and the United States.

Summit participants have selected key sectors which offer a strong potential for strategic partnerships and are foremost in the minds of Canadian and Californian leaders: broadband internet connectivity, advanced energy and intelligent transportation, nanotechnology, stem cells, and infectious diseases. A follow-up summit will be held June 12, 2006 in Vancouver. As we speak, sectoral teams are working on substantive proposals in areas of research, technical innovation and commercialization between California (the US's main centre of innovation and home of many of the world's most innovative companies) and Canada (a recognized world leader in all the sectors mentioned above). Stay tuned for innovation and partnerships!



The Consul General and CA members watch the January Canadian election results here in California.

As you are no doubt aware, **Canadians voted on January 23, 2006**. This year turnout reached 64.9% of registered voters. This is an improvement over the 2004 election (60.9%). The result is a second minority Government in two years. In declining order the **Conservative Party** got 124

seats, the Liberal Party 103 seats, the New Democratic Party 29, seats and the Bloc Quebecois 51 seats. One independent was elected in a Quebec riding.

Here in Los Angeles, the Canadian community turned out in force to watch the live election feed. The Beverly Hills Country Club provided a relaxed and convivial setting for 150 guests from **Connect2Canada**, regional Canadian organizations such as **Canadians Abroad of Southern California, California Society, Quebecois à Los Angeles**, and contacts from media and academe who mingled and made new friends as the election results were beamed in (C-SPAN & CBC WEB Casting). Our Consular Program used the event to encourage Canadians to register with the Consulate General via the **Registration of Canadians Abroad (ROCA)** (See page 4). I would like to remind all Canadians to take the time to register so that in case of an emergency, we will be better able to assist you.

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**We Want  
YOU!**



**CANADIANS ABROAD** needs a few good members to volunteer at our events or write for our newsletter.

We welcome articles and story ideas from our members.

So if you have an article about being Canadian in California (an experience, event, movie review, etc.) that you think our members would be interested in, please contact: [editor@canadiansabroad.com](mailto:editor@canadiansabroad.com).

If you'd like to help out at one of our events contact: [volunteers@canadiansabroad.com](mailto:volunteers@canadiansabroad.com).

## Membership has its privileges!

**Canadians Abroad** is run by a small group of **volunteers** from across Canada yet it is our members who drive and make the organization so distinguished and dynamic.

**Your membership** — whether it is an **individual** or **household** membership — is valid for one full year from the date of registration. Benefits include:

- Access to our exclusive events
- Discounted entertainment tickets
- Advance notice of events and early bird registration
- Free tickets to partner affiliated events
- Networking opportunities through the Consul General
- Quarterly Newsletter delivered to your door
- Email updates on Canadian artists performing in Southern California

There couldn't be a better time to renew your membership or tell a friend about Canadians Abroad. That's because anyone who joins or renews their Canadians Abroad membership from **now until March 31, 2006** will receive a limited edition **Canada D'eh Beaver t-shirt**.

To join Canadians Abroad or renew your membership go to: [www.canadiansabroad.com/membership.html](http://www.canadiansabroad.com/membership.html). Membership questions please email: [membership@canadiansabroad.com](mailto:membership@canadiansabroad.com).



## ROCA Registration

Hurricane Katrina reminded us that **natural disasters can happen close to home**. Does your **Canadian Consulate** know where you are in the event of a major disaster?

**ROCA**, the **Registration of Canadians Abroad**, is a service provided by the Federal Government for Canadians residing or travelling abroad. This service is provided in the event there is a need to contact Canadians to offer urgent advice during a natural disaster or civil unrest, or to inform them of a family emergency at home.

Canadians are encouraged to register if:

1. they are going to be residing abroad for three months or more
2. they will be spending any time in a country, or a specific area within a country, that is covered by an official Travel Warning
3. they will be visiting a country for less than three months that has security concerns and/or does not have a resident Canadian government office.



<http://www.voyage.gc.ca/main/sos/rocapage-en.asp>

The information provided by you may be used by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade only when deemed appropriate to contact, protect and /or assist you and your family members residing with you and will only be used in accordance with the provision of the Canadian Privacy Act.



# Canadians Abroad on Ice

Canadians Abroad hosted its first ever **Hockey in da' Hood** event on February 4th. The afternoon started with a **French vs. English hockey game** at the **Long Beach Arena**. Then, it was out to the parking lot for some tailgating. California Pizza Kitchen was the next stop before it was back to the arena for you guessed it — more hockey!

## French Kick English A\$#!

Canadians Abroad members and friends hit the ice at the Long Beach Arena to settle a decades old debate once and for all: **French vs English: Who's better at hockey?**

The heated battle raged on for two hours with shining performances by French team members **Marc Guitard** and **Sebastian Fortier**. The French ultimately snatched victory in an overtime shootout thanks to exceptional goaltending and hard work. The English team named **Brian 'Albert' Steiner** as the undisputed **MVP** of their squad and winner of all the Canadian Tire money in our account.

## Tailgate and Touchdowns

All was forgiven and forgotten as 50 or so Canucks gathered in the parking lot for an **All-American tailgate party** sponsored by **Labatt Blue, Absolut Vodka** and **Emerald Nuts**.

But apparently this was the first time anyone had ever tailgated a hockey game in Long Beach. **Arena security** abruptly shut down the peaceful party and recommended tailgaters go back to Canada or park themselves outside of a football game. The resilient Canadians took their parking lot party to a nearby patio at **California Pizza Kitchen**.



## French and English Go at it Again

Full of pizza, beer and hockey talk, the group moved back to the arena to watch the **Ice Dogs** take on the **San Diego Gulls**. The great grit and intensity of the game, however, was overshadowed by the English contingent trying to save face after their crushing defeat earlier in the day by challenging the French to a **Sumo wrestling match**.



The stomach-to-stomach grudge match took place on centre ice during the first intermission. **Mr. Gagnon** was representing the French in blue lycra while the red-thong-wearing **Ian Keiller** represented the English. Mr. Gagnon gave a valiant effort but was ultimately squashed by Keiller during an earth shattering "Bundy Splash" maneuver.



The event, including dinner and Ice Dog tickets, cost \$25. Keep yer head up and don't miss next year's event!

# CA at the King Tut Exhibit

On a beautiful September 18th morning, Canadians Abroad members gathered to view the **Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs** exhibit at the **Los Angeles County Museum of Art**. The extensive exhibition included more than 130 treasures from the tomb of Tutankhamun, other Valley of the Kings tombs and additional ancient sites.



Showcased in the exhibition were 50 objects found in Tutankhamun's tomb, among them his royal diadem, or crown; the golden, jeweled container holding his mummified organs; an alabaster sculpture of the boy king; a silver trumpet; and a gilded shrine portraying Tutankhamun and his wife.



Highlighting the tour was the opportunity to walk through a replica of Tutankhamun's inner burial chamber that, fortunately, escaped looting by grave robbers.

Following the museum visit, this hearty group of Canadians reassembled for a **leisurely lunch** at the colorful and eclectic **Luna Park** restaurant. A drawing was held and **Catherine Haight** was the happy winner of a **King Tut stationery set**.

## DID YOU SEE THIS?

Excerpt from *The Washington Post*

### RAIDING THE ICEBOX

## Behind Its Warm Front, the United States Made Cold Calculations to Subdue Canada

By Peter Carlson, *Washington Post Staff Writer*  
Friday, December 30, 2005; Page C01

Invading Canada won't be like invading Iraq: When we **invade Canada**, nobody will be able to grumble that we didn't have a plan.

The United States government does have a plan to invade Canada. It's a 94-page document called "**Joint Army and Navy Basic War Plan — Red**," with the word **SECRET** stamped on the cover. It's a bold plan, a bodacious plan, a step-by-step plan to invade, seize and annex our neighbor to the north. It goes like this:

First, we send a joint Army-Navy overseas force to capture the port city of Halifax, cutting the Canadians off from their British allies.

Then we seize Canadian power plants near Niagara Falls, so they freeze in the dark.

Then the U.S. Army invades on three fronts — marching from Vermont to take Montreal and Quebec, charging out of North Dakota to grab the railroad center at Winnipeg, and storming out of the Midwest to capture the strategic nickel mines of Ontario.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Navy seizes the Great Lakes and blockades Canada's Atlantic and Pacific ports.

At that point, it's only a matter of time before we bring these Molson-swigging, maple-mongering Zamboni drivers to their knees! Or, as the official planners wrote, stating their objective in bold capital letters: "ULTIMATELY TO GAIN COMPLETE CONTROL."

It sounds like a joke but it's not. War Plan Red is real. It was drawn up and approved by the War Department in 1930, then updated in 1934 and 1935. It was declassified in 1974 and the word "SECRET" crossed out with a heavy pencil. Now it sits in a little gray box in the National Archives in College Park, available to anybody, even Canadian spies. They can photocopy it for 15 cents a page. (Now that we've got your attention — you can read the entire article by going to [www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com)).

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labor. It is up to all of us to get this issue in front of key members of our firms, state senator, and local congress person to have the greatest chance to affect change. Watch for further information in the coming months on what each affected member can do to have a positive impact on a timely resolution to this very large issue.

### What to expect in 2006

2006 is shaping up to be a busy year with supper clubs, movie screenings and our upcoming Annual General Meeting. Watch for more joint celebrations with the **French Canadian Club of Los Angeles** for **St. Jean Baptiste Day** and various events with the **Canadian Society of Southern California** and **Quebecois a Los Angeles**. This year one of our goals is to more fully support the other great Canadian organizations in Southern California as we work together to create synergies through our events and allow more networking opportunities for our members.

In closing, I just want to reiterate that Canadians Abroad success is a function of **you, the member**. We are constantly seeking talented individuals to help so if you are interested in becoming involved please send me an email at [president@canadiansabroad.com](mailto:president@canadiansabroad.com) or mention it to one of the board members at a future event.

We are all looking forward to another great year!

Lee Fraser  
Canadians Abroad President

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On February 6, 2006, newly elected **Prime Minister**, the Right Honourable **Stephen Harper**, announced the appointment of a new Ministry. In announcing the new Cabinet, the Prime Minister reaffirmed his Government's intention to focus on five key priorities:

- Cleaning up government by enacting and enforcing the Federal Accountability Act;
- Lowering taxes for working Canadians, starting with a reduction to the Goods and Services Tax;
- Protecting Canadian families and communities by strengthening the justice system;
- Supporting the child care choices of parents; and
- Delivering health care Canadians need, when they need it, by establishing a patient wait times guarantee with the provinces.

Finally, on January 31, 2006, the nominations for the **78th Academy Awards**, which will take place on March 5th, were announced. Canadian **Paul Haggis** received three nominations for his extraordinary film *Crash* for writing, directing and producing (Best Picture). In addition, another Canadian, **Paul Massey**, was nominated for Best Sound Re-Recording for *Walk the Line*.

What is particularly noteworthy about the Academy Awards this year is the fact that two of the **Best Picture nominees**, *Brokeback Mountain* and *Capote* were **filmed in Canada**, in Alberta and Manitoba respectively. In addition, *Cinderella Man*, also nominated for a number of Oscars, was **filmed in Toronto**. It is a reminder to the global production community that Oscar-worthy films continue to be made in Canada.

A bientôt!

Alain Dudoit  
Canadian Consul General

# Amazing Canadian Facts!

### DID YOU KNOW:

Despite **American Woman's** lyrical bite ("American woman, stay away from meee-heeee"), it was Canadian rockers **The Guess Who's** only stateside No. 1 hit, spending three weeks at the top.

When the group was invited to play the **White House** for **President Nixon**, First Lady Pat asked the group **not** to play the song and they complied with typical Canadian politesse.

Source:  
*So, You Want to Be Canadian*  
by Kerry Colburn  
and Rob Sorensen.  
[www.chroniclebooks.com](http://www.chroniclebooks.com)



# Calendar



**March 1 through May 28: Ashes & Snow Art Show**

## March 2006

**March 7**

Canadian Music Lounge  
*at the Mint*

**March 9**

Board Meeting

**March 9 - 26**

Cirque du Soleil *Quidam*

**March 17**

CA Singles Happy Hour/  
St. Patrick's Day

**March 23**

Metric

**March 23**

McGill Jazz Band

## April 2006

**April 4**

Canadian Music Lounge  
*at the Mint*

**April 13**

Board Meeting

**April 21**

CA Singles Happy Hour

**April 21-22**

The Holy Body Tattoo

**April 26**

Natalie McMaster

## May 2006

**May 2**

Canadian Music Lounge  
*at the Mint*

**May 11**

Board Meeting

**May 19**

CA Singles Happy Hour

**May 20**

Annual General Meeting  
& Victoria Day

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