

## Celebrating International Women's Day 2022

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, The Canorient Seniors' Club hosted an International Women's Day breakfast at the Pickle Barrel in Markham to honour the achievements of women in our community and around the world.

To support the women who need it the most, we had a raffle and donated the proceeds of \$875 to the Red Shawl, an organization that aspires to improve the lives of women.

The committee also took a moment to recognize a woman within our own community. As the longest serving committee member, **Teresa D'Souza** (age 91) was presented with the Canorient Seniors' International Women's Day 2022 award for her contributions to our organization. Congratulations, Teresa!

We also received amazing news from **Francesco Sorbara MP for Vaughan—Woodbridge**. He announced that the Canorient will be the recipients of a \$25,000 grant to be used for the enhancement of the Club's premises.

Other notable mentions from the event include:

- A welcome message to our members from **Marilyn Correa**
- A beautiful prayer by **Eva Pakyam-Martis**
- An informative and engaging lecture on wellness by **Neil Correa**, son of Patrick and Marilyn Correa
- An invigorating chair dancing activity led by **Belen Mansey**
- Fantastic musical selection provided by **DJ Mario Rebello**
- A fun game to celebrate strong female world leaders, with each winner receiving a wine bottle

A special thank you to the following:

- **Our wonderful donors** who provided us with gift bags for all attendees and a multitude of prizes for winners
- **Jay and the rest of the Pickle Barrel staff** who provided excellent service
- **Fortinos (Woodbridge)** who donated a delicious cake
- **Sweet Boutique (Woodbridge)** who donated scrumptious pies

After hibernating due to COVID, this event was a breath of fresh air and was enjoyed by all.

To learn more about our fun-filled event, please click on the link below to take a look at the pictures.

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