

## Canorient Seniors International Womens' Day Celebration

A big thank you to the Canorient Seniors' Committee for organizing a wonderful International Women's Day event on March 8/23.

The day was celebrated to honour all women & for their achievements, raise awareness about discrimination & to drive gender parity.

The event was well attended. Mostly all the women came wearing shades of purple (the International Women's day colour) with some beautifully designed handmade purple hats. Prizes were awarded to the top three original hats.

The snacks, lunch & dessert were delicious. The hall was well decorated & the music was great, thanks to DJ Mario Rebello. There were a couple of games, raffles & dancing.

A police officer was the Special Guest that day. He came to advise the seniors to be alert with regards to fraud & how to be safe.

All the women attendees were given a gift of a cupcake with a purple hat topping, and not forgetting the men, a cupcake with a neck tie topping.

Finally, a big "hats off" to the committee members & volunteers for a job well done.

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Many Kudos to the organizers of the IWD. They pulled off an amazing fun-filled afternoon. It was held Wednesday March 8<sup>th</sup> at "Simply Delicious", a Pakistani / Indian cuisine banquet hall in Markham.

Guests lining up at the registration table were each handed an exquisite boxed souvenir of a delicious handmade cupcake topped with an edible purple hat made by Dilz Soares, who also



made the delectable cake for the event.

Marilyn Correa the president of the Canorient Seniors opened up the function in her usual warm manner. She welcomed everybody and thanked her committee for their hard work in organizing the event

Desiree D'Souza , the president of the Canorient main body, doubled up as emcee and did a tremendous job keeping everyone engaged throughout with relevant women day quizzes and brain teasers.

DJ Mario Rebello made sure that oldies and goldies toe-tapping music was always on tap for all kinds of floor and line dancing.

It is impressive to note that the majority of the ladies donned purple outfits and hats to mark the occasion.

Regarding the ladies' hat parade, competition was close and tight and all the contestants deserved a prize but there were only three prizes to be won. They were won by Irene D'Souza, Liz D'Souza and Cynthia Harris.

Throughout the afternoon prizes were bountiful and flowing.

Another pleasant and welcome item on the agenda was a presentation by a uniformed York Regional Police constable, Mo Chong. He gave an informative and relevant talk on "Fraud and Scams common with seniors". This was followed by a lively question and answer period.

It would be amiss not to make mention of the amazing food. Members and guests were treated to mouth-watering appetizers which were plentiful and were reminded to "save space" for the buffet to follow. The grace delivered by Dr. Irene D'Souza signalled the start of the multi course buffet which was a gastronomical feast. "Simply Delicious" lived up to its name.

At the close of the afternoon Marilyn Correa announced that going forward she will not be continuing on as president of the Canorient Seniors. Thank you Marilyn for your diligence and hard work throughout the past years.