

THE SCOOP

# Mexican fiesta to celebrate International Seniors Day in Potton

By Mable Hastings

As part of International Seniors Day, a colorful Mexican fiesta lunch celebration brought together 60 people in Potton on Wednesday, Oct. 1. The event, sponsored

by the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) was offered free of charge thanks to a donation from the Municipality of Potton and was organized by the SAPA senior services team.

Guests were welcomed in a speech by

Lucie Beaudoin, CABMN Coordinator of Senior Services and CABMN Executive Director, Mable Hastings. Special guest, Brome-Missisquoi Member of Parliament, Louis Villeneuve then addressed attendees with words of support and encouragement and all noted the support received by the Federal Government programs, New Horizons and Enabling Accessibility in renovations and improvements made to the Senior Centre location of the CABMN at 309 Principale in Mansonville.

The meal was then served and the festive atmosphere was enhanced by a musical and video presentation featuring Mexican and Latin music (thanks to Lucie & Rolf Maurer). The room, beautifully decorated for the occasion, hosted a hot buffet with authentic flavors: enchiladas de pollo, quesadillas con queso, and more, accompanied by a delicious dessert—Galleta de Maria con cajeta y chocolate—and a fruit salad. Everyone greatly appreciated this generous and convivial meal.

Potton Mayor, Bruno Cote did the drawing of the winning ticket for the half and half draw with the half totalling \$86. The winner was Jason Ball who donated the money back as a donation to the Senior Programs of the CABMN. Pin the Tail on the donkey winners included: Achille Desmarais, Lucette Field and Pierrette Denis. Prizes for this game were donated by: Cinema Potton, Lucie Beaudoin and the Torrefacteur Coffee Roaster.

The success of this wonderful day was made possible by the involvement of 16 volunteers, who contributed more than 240 hours of work. Their contribution covered the purchase of ingredients, food preparation, service, transportation and clean up before and



Brome-Missisquoi Member of Parliament, Louis Villeneuve with CABMN Volunteer, Anne-Marie Savard at the event on Oct. 1 in Potton



Lucie Beaudoin (CABMN) Coordinator of Senior Services prepares the lunch with volunteer, Raymonde Vachon after the event.

This was a fine example of collaboration between the municipality, community organizations, and volunteers to the benefit the senior population in Potton and area. For more information about the CABMN Senior Programming contact: l.beaudoin@cabmn.org or call the Main Office at 450-292-3114 ext. 103 or 113.



COURTESY

Volunteers Daniel Ouellette, Lina Dubord and Andre Porlier prepare for the Mexican Fiesta Celebration

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