



Never Ending Friendship Tea Building Community How Does it Work?

The Rotary Club of Orléans is raising funds for Community and International Projects and in the process is building community by connecting people. This year, with the help of the Community, we are piloting The Never Ending Friendship Tea fundraiser. We have had enthusiastic support from: our own MPP Marie-France Lalonde, who will be one of the first to host a tea; our MP Andrew Leslie... members of our Ottawa Rotary Clubs, members of the Dominica Association of Ottawa and caring individuals, like yourself, who want to make a difference. It's so simple. Everyone does a little and together we can accomplish so much. Join us!

Proceeds of this year's Friendship Teas: These Teas will support mostly Local Community projects and some worthwhile causes in our International Community. Locally, this year, we have chosen to support the [Youth Now Farm](#) and internationally we will support recovery efforts in [Dominica Building Technology Project](#), responding to the devastating impact of Hurricane Maria.. If there are excess funds we will select projects from community proposals to the club. Examples of projects we are supporting or have supported in the past include, Miracle League of Ottawa, Rotary Home, Rotel Ottawa, Petrie Island Canoe Club, Exchange Students, Polio Eradication, Immigrant Family Settlement, Youth Awards, Computers for Schools in Africa, Special Needs Education in Dominica.....

What is a Friendship Tea: A small informal gathering (1-7 guests) of old and/or new friends where some form of beverage (tea, coffee, other beverage) is served. Food may or may not be served. It's your choice. Just get together and enjoy the company. You will guests will donate the small sum of \$10 to support the above worthy causes.

How can you participate?: It's Simple!! Join the Movement!!

1) [Register as a Host\(ess\)](#)

(Register as a Guest if you are not a member of the Rotary Club of Orleans)

2) [Plan & Host Your Event](#) ([Francais](#)) Complete [Host\(ess\)Package](#) ([Francais](#))

3) [Send in Your Donations with Prize Ballot](#) ([Francais](#))

4) Send this page to your guests thanking them for their donation & inviting them to host their own Friendship Tea.

Rotary Vision "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change- across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."

For more information go to [Rotary Club of Orleans Website](#)



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Where will your donations go?

Proceeds from the Never Ending Friendship Tea will go primarily to two key Rotary Club of Orléans projects helping Youth at risk and Recovery efforts in Dominica after Hurricane Maria:

- 1) **Youth Now Farm** : This is a farm which works with at risk youth in the Ottawa area. This innovative farming project brings together key agricultural activities with youth engagement, youth skills development, mentorship and employment opportunities. It increases food production for the Ottawa area, while supporting the positive development of marginalized youth. Supported by other area Rotary Clubs, the Rotary Club of Orléans will be refurbishing the interior of one of the barns so that it can be used as an educational centre for the youth who will be participating in the many programs offered at the farm.
- 2) **Dominica Building Technology Project**: In response to the devastating impact of Hurricane Maria. After Hurricane Maria struck the Caribbean in September 2017, Prime Minister Skerrit asked the UN for assistance in rebuilding his island nation, emphasizing that "we are committed to becoming the first climate resilient nation". Our project will make a significant contribution to that vision. Working with the Rotary Club of Dominica and Dominica State College, as well as the Building Trades Council of Canada, this project will help build their capacity and skills in the infrastructure building trades, by developing a certification program at the State College of Dominica.
- 3) Any surplus funds will go to other worthwhile projects in the community.

Remittance Form

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

I originally went to a party hosted by: _____

of guests that attended my party: _____

Amount remitted: \$ _____

You Must complete & mail this form with a cheque (no cash) made payable to the “Rotary Club of Orléans”:

- **Mailing Address:**
- **Rotary Club of Orléans, Friendship Teas**
P.O Box 62009,
6491 Jeanne d'Arc Blvd,
Ottawa, ON K1C 7H8

For questions and information email: juliaginley@icloud.com or go to [OrleansRotary](#) .

BONUS: Once your form and cheque are received, your name will be entered in a draw. The [Prizes](#) (all donated) will be posted at [OrleansRotary](#).

Prize Entry Form

(Please print clearly, cut and include in envelope with completed Remittance Form & Cheque)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Suggested Invitation Never Ending Friendship Tea

You are invited to be an honoured guest at a fundraising event: The Never Ending Friendship Tea party.

Time:_____

Date:_____

Address:_____

Place:_____

Cost: \$10:00

Funds will be donated to the Rotary Club of Orléans for Community & International projects such as: **Locally, this year, we have chosen to support the [Youth Now Farm](#) and internationally we will support recovery efforts in [Dominica Building Technology Project](#), responding to the devastating impact of Hurricane Maria.**

Surplus funds will go to other community projects such as those that we have supported in the past. Miracle League of Ottawa, Rotary Home, Rotel Ottawa, Petrie Island Canoe Club, Exchange Students, Polio Eradication, Immigrant Family Settlement, Youth Awards, Computers for Schools in Africa, Special Needs Education in Dominica.....

For more information go to Rotary Club of Orléans Website: [OrleansRotary](#)

Your Host's Details:

Name:_____

Contact:_____

Please RSVP by _____ Date

Organizing your Tea party

It's Easy!

1. [Register as a Host\(ess\)](#)
2. Set the date and time. Your tea party should take place within 30 days of the tea party you attended and no later than the end of the following month. Any time of day can work: a simple tea at 11a.m., or afternoon tea or an evening tea.
3. Choose your venue. Inside or out? It doesn't matter. At home, at work, in a restaurant or anywhere else you can make "tea" happen. It could be a Board Meeting or regular gathering that you have. If it is at a regular meeting, you could have a draw as to who's name will be entered for Tea prizes.
4. Invite people- friends, family and/or acquaintances from different social You can invite any number (1 to ...) There is also a sample invitation that you can use with all the information that you need to pass on [Sample Invitation](#).
5. Big or small. Your tea party does not have to be grand (unless that is your style). The important thing is that it happens and everyone comes. [Get Tips & Ideas here.](#)
6. Have fun and take photos. We'd love to see your event. Upload a picture/s to the [Rotary Club of Orleans Facebook Page](#) . Thank your guests for attending. You can do this at the event, but it is also nice to contact them afterwards and send them a copy of the "How does it work?"

Tips/Ideas

Big or small make it your own:

- Keep it simple. Don't get so hung up on details that it becomes a stress. It's supposed to be fun. Not a competition on who organizes the best best or fanciest tea. It's about getting old friends together to have fun and build community for some good causes.
- If you would like some extra help, why not ask someone to help with your event. They can re-fill the pot, plate goodies, answer the door etc. If they are one of your numbered guests, you can offer to reciprocate at their event. Or just invite an extra friend who will not hold their own event (as an "extra", the fundraising goal will continue without them holding their own tea.
- If you have problems setting a date, consider having a few smaller gatherings. Do what works for you.
- Just remember, it is important that your event happen within one month of the tea you attended as a guest.
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Beverages

Tea is usually served at a tea party but you may want to provide an alternative (anything from ice tea, herbal tea or coffee. Or serve another beverage altogether. This is your gathering and these are your guests.

Food

The primary activity is serving tea/drinks, but if you want to provide a little snack, keep in simple. You can go with traditional items like cucumber sandwiches, scones etc. or mix it up with muffins, cookies, cupcakes or whatever you want... beer and pizza.. wine & cheese.

Checklist of items you may need:

teacups and saucers (mugs or glassware depending on what you own and/or you would like to serve), sugar bowl, milk pitcher, plate of lemon slices, plate/ bowl for discarded tea bags, utensils, napkins, plates for food.

Questions:

Contact the friend that invited you to a tea party or check out our website at [OrleansRotary](#)