

Brampton Seniors Pay Tribute To Slain Pulwama Troopers

BRAMPTON: Members of the New Hope Senior Citizens Club of Brampton offered prayers and tributes to CRPF troopers who were victims of a brutal terrorist attack at Pulwama in India.

Members lit candles during their monthly meeting at the 'Simply South' restaurant in Brampton on Sunday, February 17. Patriotic songs were also sung by members recognizing the selfless sacrifices made by Indian paramilitary forces.

The meeting was attended by over 80 members. Snacks and lunch was graciously sponsored

by Mr. Satish Thakkar and Mrs. Rimple Thakkar - proprietors of 'Simply South' Restaurant located at the Airport - Lacoste Apna Plaza in Brampton. The Thakkar family has been a role model by supporting many noble causes in the society including raising \$1 million for the Brampton Hospital. The Club membership wished both of them continued success, good health and prosperity.

Invited guests who graced the occasion included Mr. Surinder Mittal, Mr. Mohna Brar, Mr. Manan Gupta (Road Today), Mr. Nitin Chopra (Prime Asia), Mr. Deep-

inder Singh (PTC) amongst others. Mr. Shambhu Dutt Sharma, President of the Club, thanked all members and guests for their presence and good wishes.

New Hope Senior Citizens Club of Brampton is one of the most vibrant South Asian seniors club in the GTA. Led by its President Mr. Shambhu Dutt Sharma, the Executive Committee includes Mr. Harbhagwan Makkar, Mr. Bheem Sain Kalia, Mr. Rachhpal Sharma, Mr. Bhagwat Pandya, Dr. Guru Dutt Vaid, Mr. Subash Sharma, Mr. Parmodh Sharma, Mr. Praful Bhai Bhavsar,



Mr. Dilip Parikh, Dr. Om Satija, Mr. Ram Murti Joshi, Mr. Dinesh Parmar, Mr. Ram Parkash, Mr. Rajinder Saran, Mrs. Sunita Vermani, Mr. Krishan Kumar Salwan, Mr. Dharam Vir Chibbar,

Mrs. Rashi Bajaj, Mrs Rimple Thakkar, Mr. Harchand Singh Bassi and Mr. Puran Singh Pandhi. For more info on upcoming events, please contact Mr. Sharma at 647 707 7297.

Humber River Marks 20th Anniversary As Heritage River

TORONTO: Twenty years ago, the collaborative efforts of Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) and community members helped designate the Humber River as a Canadian Heritage River under the Canadian Heritage Rivers System (CHRS).

In honour of this anniversary, a wide range of activities across the watershed is being planned to celebrate and raise awareness for the cultural, recreational, and heritage of the Humber River.

CHRS is working hard on celebratory events that residents will not want to miss. Here's a sneak peak of what you can expect:

- Community plantings, medicinal gardens, and events that celebrate cultural and natural heritage.

- The third annual Humber By Canoe. Slated to be bigger and better than ever, there will be wonderful entertainers, food vendors, and more for this FREE paddling event on Sunday, September 8, 2019.

- Other activities this year will include heritage walks, urban farm events, and community

cleanups across the watershed.

What is a Canadian Heritage River?

The CHRS is Canada's national river conservation program. The program promotes rivers as essential to healthy communities and our identity as Canadians. The CHRS team is composed of the CHRS Board, Parks Canada, a Technical Planning Committee, and the managers of each designated river.

For a river to be nominated to the CHRS, it must have outstanding natural heritage, human heritage or recreational values and a high level of public support.

The Humber River more than fits the bill as an outstanding and exceptional river. It has a rich human history as a home for Indigenous peoples and early European settlers along the banks, and is known as the Carrying Place Trail - a vital transportation route and site of many settlement homes and industries.

Today, it continues to play an integral role in the lives of watershed residents as a place to reconnect with nature and culture in the midst of the bustling city.



The last two decades have been filled with projects and events that have helped CHRS enhance, restore, celebrate the Humber River, and engage the commu-

nity. Here are some of its biggest achievements:

- "Crossing the Humber" Heritage Bridge Inventory
- Designation of McVean Barn

and Wiley Bridge as "Category A" Heritage Resources in the City of Brampton

- Humber Report Cards
- Humber Watershed Plan
- The Carrying Place Trail Book
- The Shared Path Program
- Canadian Heritage Rivers System Heritage Plaques
- Agricultural initiatives on TRCA lands
- Restoration and enhancement - including reforestation, wetland rehabilitation, and creation of fishways for fish migration.

BRIDGING VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

We are looking for Interns and Volunteers to become involved in our program in a variety of ways. Some of the benefits of being involved in the program:

- ▶ Increase your own skills and professional development
- ▶ Promote yourself
- ▶ Personal growth
- ▶ Develop professional networks
- ▶ Explore different career and job opportunities

Wide Spectrum of Involvement Levels

Short-term commitment

Long-term commitment

* The opportunities are generally aimed at, but not limited to, recent graduates, foreign students, and new immigrants with prior background.

* Good communication and organizational skills are required.

* Small pocket and conveyance allowance would be available for volunteers chosen.

You may email your application or your interest to discuss how to contribute your talents, knowledge, and experience to office@icconline.org

Roles and Projects you could contribute in:

- ADMINISTRATION
- ACCOUNTING
- PUBLIC RELATIONS
- GRAPHICS AND DESIGN
- DATA RESEARCH
- SOCIAL MEDIA
- MARKETING/OUTREACH



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