

## ***Gigi Climbs Kili for Family – June Newsletter***

*Donations have been pouring in lately, so much so that we are now at \$35,359.30. That's 91% to our second goal. Yes you read it right – second not final! This recent flurry of activity is directly attributable to our newest climbers; Trudy, Tina, Barb and Janet. Check out our website <http://www.gigiclimbskili.com/> for all the recent news and photos.*

*Please let me know if you do not wish to receive these bi-monthly updates or pass them on to anyone you feel would be interested in helping Africa's Unsung Heroes - the Grandmothers! Your comments/suggestions are always welcome.*

***June 30, 2007 – No Mountain too High Family Fun Fair and BBQ*** – From 10AM to 7PM we have it all for you: Singing! Dancing! Eating! Playing! Gambling! Shopping! Is there a better way to spend a beautiful summer day than a day in the park with family, friends and neighbours. Come out and see how much fun you can have while helping our dear brave African sisters and their beautiful innocent grandchildren. Our Stage events start at 11AM and run all day until 7PM. Check the [schedule](#) on our website to make sure you don't miss your favourite performers who have generously donated their time and support! The opening act is Ottawa's own singer/songwriter Carleton Bovell followed by Emily Vinette, our 2005 Canadian Idol Finalist. Emily will kick-off the Idol Contest which is open to contestants of all ages, including grandmothers. ***We still need more singers and we challenge you to find them – if we can climb a mountain, you can find us some singers!*** For registration details, call Rhonda Nadon at (613) 226-1678 or by email at [rhonda.Nadon@sympatico.ca](mailto:rhonda.Nadon@sympatico.ca).

*In between Idol segments, Missy Burgess, Kate & Hollis, Linda Grenier, the Elaine Hunter School of Dance, Crazy Soles, Bytown Boots and Four-Play will provide you with an entire afternoon of enjoyment. Then be prepared to be blown away by our [special guest artist](#) from the West Coast who will perform her latest single which recently hit Canada's top 10 hits. Some of those who have influenced her music are: Patty Griffin, Dixie Chicks, Shania Twain, Ryan Adams, Nelly Furtado, Lucinda Williams, and Alison Krauss. But I've already told you too much... Come and see her first live appearance in the Ottawa Valley. And bringing it all together seamlessly, we have Bobby T's DJ Service weaving his magic web with all your musical favourites. But don't miss your chance at the microphone, join the Karaoke Challenge!*

*Come and try your luck at our many games of chance to win your choice of the many prizes; bring a swimsuit or a change of clothes and take your turn in the Dunk tank; support our local vendors who have donated their time and most of their profits; feel the thrill of excitement by honing your bidding skills for thousands of dollars worth of silent auction items and the anticipation of the winning bid. All of these activities will certainly make you hungry and Hy's Steakhouse, Café Deluxe, Sammy's Pizza and Lady Di's Fries will be on hand to satisfy those needs. But wait you'll want to rest your weary bones and catch up on all the latest gossip in our beer and wine tent. ***Don't forget your lawn chairs...****

*Save by calling 613-720-4599 today to buy your tickets.*

*In advance: Families (3+): \$20; Singles: \$8; Seniors and Groups (10+): \$7.50*

*At the gate: Families (3+): \$25; Singles: \$10; Seniors and Groups (10+): \$7.50.*

*Your advance tickets give you a chance at the 'Early Bird Draw' as well as the 'Door Prize'. Our prize list keeps growing so we are waiting to announce these two major prizes to make sure that*

*your chances in the draw are for the best of the best. Check some of them out on the website such as Wanda Bowles' [Labour of Love](#); a beautiful watercolour quilt that she created and donated.*

*Thanks to our generous "Reach the Peak" sponsors: Carlson Wagonlit in Kanata; Comfort Insulation; and Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP; our "Climber" sponsors: Jask Salon and Day Spa; Goulbourn Sanitation and McCay, Duff & Company; plus our "Rest Stop" sponsors QMR Staffing Solutions, Kimba MacLean (CIBC Wood Gundy), Deka Home Hardware and Al's Corner Store. Coupled with the openhanded support from our business partners Corporate Printing; Runamok Party Rentals; National Arts Centre; JMA Planners; Sobey's; Bushtukah and the Dunrobin Community Association all our expenses have been covered.*

***New Climbers – Barbara and Janet Carriere*** – *Amazing isn't it that so many women in a relatively small city are all attracted to the same challenge, continent and cause! Barb first approached me after reading about us in the Kanata community paper. The day after we met she had lunch with Janet who also fell in love with the idea. We met and as they say the rest in history. We did have a bit of bad news from Tusker Trails who closed our climb on us at 5 climbers. So Janet is on a waitlist and will get the first spot when someone from another of the October climbs cancels. I would still encourage anyone interested in joining our group to register as soon as possible to have a better chance at the earlier cancellations. Tusker only has a limited number of porters and guides and they do not outsource. To maintain their high standard of care and safety, they will not accept more climbers than they can safely accommodate.*

***Aeroplan Miles Campaign*** – *We still needs lots of miles to get where we're going. So please check your statements to see if you have any miles that will be expiring before you get a chance to use them. Don't let them go to waste. Our single largest donation to date has come from a friend of Trudy's who donated 21,717. 'D' thanks so much for your extremely generous contribution. Coupled with Aeroplan's 'double your miles' promotion of May 17th we have 61,861.*

*Click on this link: [http://www.aeroplan.com/use\\_your\\_miles/donate\\_miles.do](http://www.aeroplan.com/use_your_miles/donate_miles.do) to donate your miles to the Stephen Lewis Foundation online. Then make sure to send me an e-mail to confirm the number of miles donated to help us track against our goal. There's no cost to donate and tax receipts cannot be provided.*

***St. Stephens Fundraising Efforts -- Over \$12,000 --*** *As you know Trudy's church members have pledged to raise \$19,340 by the time she leaves for her climb or [Gisele Mansfield] hopefully by the end of the year. They have been arduously pursuing their goal by organizing several very successful fundraising events. The first was the Wine and Cheese (\$1,413.78) that was included in the April newsletter. In May they had a Baby Shower to honour new baby Ava Blunt Mackenzie which raised \$1,436.00. On June 2<sup>nd</sup> to top it all off 25 walkers and 2 bikers raised pledges to the tune of \$6,981.00 for a 5K and 10K walkathon from Britannia Park along the Ottawa River Parkway. And last week's Desert and Game Night added another \$865.00 to the total. Congratulations to all who have helped organize these events and their supporters.*

***September 30, 2007 – Kilimanjaro Trail Hike and Run*** – *Look for more information on this event in the very near future. We will be using the Old Quarry Trail across from the Hazeldean Mall in Kanata. This will be our big send off as we will be leaving on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> depending on the flight schedule.*

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***Luv, Hugs and Kisses... Gisèle --- See you all at the BBQ on  
June 30<sup>th</sup> !!!***