The OMGC Valentines Gathering (Virtual) 2021 Was A Great Success

This Virtual Gathering suited the 'stay-at-home' guidelines, set by the Province, very well. Deb & I had a lot of fun setting it up - and even more fun as we 'watched' participants send in email replies to the five activities they were to accomplish on Saturday, Feb 13th. Participants didn't have the nitty-gritty details of the activities until 8am on the Saturday morning [only general instructions were provided when folks registered for the event]. When detailed instructions were broadcast, Deb & I waited for replies to come in – and in they came!

8 Valentine teams got busy, at home, to fulfill the Virtual Event requirements & reply email their responses:

1) take a photo while standing at the home front door holding a **Valentine Heart** shaped item

2) create a 10 word sentence; each letter of "**SWEETHEART**" as the 1st letter of each word in the sentence

3) solve a crossword puzzle to determine the **HIDDEN WORD**

4) select a **restaurant** and indicate which **menu item** you would have for a dinner meal with your Valentine

5) choose to create either a "**LIMERICK**" or a "**HAIKU**" on any topic of your choice

[if you don't remember what a Limerick or a Haiku is, now is time to look it up]

Replies had to be in by 6pm on Saturday, and once they had been received, the data was gathered into a single database and then published to the participants. All of the replies were treasures – the pictures; the sentences; the crosswords; the meal selections and most of all..... the Limericks and the Haikus.

For folks unable to participate, here is a small selection of the replies for your pleasure:

1) no photos being published in this report – just take my word for it, they all were great pics!!

2) **S**usan **W**as **E**xtremely **E**xcited **T**o **H**ave **E**ntered **A** **R**oman **T**ub

3) The Hidden Word in the crossword puzzle was **Heartthrob**

4) "We would choose **Tomasso's Italian Grille in Trenton**. Their build your own **pizza menu** has plentiful and palette pleasing choices (we choose basil, mango, brie) and they offer vintage wines by the bottle. They make it easy to support local. Their atmosphere, food and service make them a world contender."

5)

some of the great **Haikus**	some of the great **Limericks**
Driving in our car Riding along in the sun MG life we love	There was a young woman from Ghent Who earned a lot less than she spent Repairing her "B", She did with much glee Till she had no more money for rent!
frosty cold morning silverlace festooning trees staying warm inside	There was an MG in the shop Its rad let go with a pop When the mess was assessed We were all distressed So left Len in the lurch with a mop

Thanks so much to the folks who participated. I'm sure everyone had a lot of fun with this Virtual event.