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The Newsletter of the R.C.L. Norwood/St. Boniface Branch #43
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Faye Lavack – President

We have had a busy year at the Branch with upgrades. We received a grant from the Federal government under the Winnipeg Community Infrastructure Program for \$40,000 to do our roof over the banquet hall which also included the flashing at the front of the building and some acoustic improvements to the banquet hall. This has enhanced our events in the hall. We also did major renovations to the 4 bathrooms at the Branch. Soon the work will begin to upgrade our fire alarm system and also to our bar. Unfortunately we applied for a grant for an elevator lift to the 2nd floor however they had many applications and we didn't receive it this year. We will continue to apply for a grant.

As the summer reaches an end, we are getting ready for regular activities. The Veteran English Billiard league and shuffleboard league will soon begin. The crib play downs will be soon. The Special Events and Entertainment portfolios will have a few events. The dates are further in this newsletter.

The 2015 membership cards are in. Remember if you renew before November 30, 2014 you will be entered into an early bird draw on January 1, 2015 for 5 members to be reimbursed their membership. Also I remind you to please update your information i.e. phone number and/or address. You can call Cheryl at 204-237-8728.

Chase the Ace has resumed. We didn't have any draws during the summer months. The pot started at \$1000 so come out and try your luck.

Our next General meeting is November 25, 2014. This is also for the Election of Officers for 2015. Please come out and vote.

Stop in and see our new look. I look forward to seeing you at the Branch.

Message from the Sergeant-at-Arms – Kevin Cook

Well fall is here and before you know it...guess what comes next!

On May 25, 2014 we had our Decoration Parade; however, the weather did not cooperate, so we paraded in the hall, with lunch served afterwards. We had a good turn out with quite a number of youth organizations taking part.

This year, our Legion is now sponsoring The Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps, (RCSCC) Qu'appelle, which parades on Navy Way. This means our Legion now sponsors all branches of the Military Cadet Corps.

November 11 is Remembrance Day which is approaching fast. I encourage you to come out and attend this parade. Lunch will be served and as always, you're welcome to stay and visit.

Also, on November 10, at 1:45pm, Tache Nursing Home will be having a Remembrance Day ceremony with our Colour Party attending. Ed Levacque will be standing in for me as the Sergeant At Arms.

I thank Ed for filling in for me when I cannot attend an event and to the Colour Party for your attendance and dedication to the Legion when called upon to attend a funeral or other events.

Sports – Lou-Ellen Jeanson

Well, summer is almost over and we had our billiards team win the shield for another year. Way to go! We also had 5 teams attend Provincial Golf but no winners. For next year, the teams will have to qualify in order to go. You will sign up and have a Branch playoff and the top 4 people will advance on behalf of our Branch – one team for Regular and one team for Senior.

It is time for the fall/winter sports to begin. We will be playing our in house shuffleboard on Tuesdays this year. There will be a sign up sheet posted by the shuffleboards. All members welcome! The cost will be \$30 per person which will include a windup. There will be a meeting on Monday, October 13, 2014 at 7 p.m. to pay your fees and to draw for the teams. Play will start on October 28, 2014.

Attention crib players: we will be playing our qualifying rounds on Sunday November 30th. Singles will start at 11:00 a.m. then followed by doubles. We will play teams also if necessary. We will serve a light lunch between singles and doubles.

Hope to see you in the fall.

Poppy – Fred McGillivray

I hope that all members and families have enjoyed a nice summer. It is hard to believe that fall is here which means that it is close to the Poppy Campaign for this year.

To date we have been able to make approximately \$15,000.00 donations to different hospitals, Veteran's organizations, bursaries, and visitations to shut-ins in health care homes.

We can always use a helping hand to sell Poppies at different locations during the time period allowed. There will be a sign up sheet at the bar for members able to help.

If you have not been able to get into the Branch over the summer, then you should try to come and see the great improvements done to the washrooms to enhance the building. The improvements which also include a new roof have been long overdue and more will be done in the near future. So come in and check out and enjoy the friendship.

Sick & Visiting – Suzanne Parbery

This portfolio is a very important part of the Legion. It helps to boost the spirits of all the shut-ins that we visit not just by getting a goodie bag but by conversing and/or just a hug does so much especially in the long winter. This is a very rewarding portfolio and it has been a big help to have Ed Levacque with me on the visits. I am looking forward to the Christmas visits and I'm sure they are too. Please let us know if there is someone in hospital or in a nursing home. You can call the Branch at 204-233-2329 and they will get the message to me or you can call me directly at 204-253-2604.

Bingo, Meat Draws, Ways & Means – Suzanne Parbery

Fall is upon us. Bingo is running smoothly and the game changes have boosted the attendance. If anyone would like to volunteer please contact me at 204-253-2604 and you can also call Faye at 204-229-7280.

Meat draws occur every Saturday with 3 draws starting at 1 p.m. 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. We have great prizes, pork roast, beef roast, 2 rib eye steaks, 5 pounds ground beef, whole chicken and a breakfast package which includes 2 dozen eggs, sausage and bacon.

House and Property – Gary Parbery

It seems that summer just started and we are coming into fall. I hope everyone had a great summer.

Other than the general maintenance that any large building would have, we completed or are starting two major projects.

We had all the washrooms in the Legion refinished and they are now complete. The majority of the members seem to be positive about the changes we did. I do appreciate the input some members gave on some changes that could be done.

The other big project we have planned is an upgrade to the fire alarm system. It is running a bit behind as we have to get an engineering report but hope to start the work soon.

It would be nice to see more members come out to the Legion and support the various functions going on. Members are what make the Legion.

Entertainment – Dorothy Burrell

Hello Members! We hope you all had a good (however shorter) summer.

We are enjoying a good turnout for our Saturday night dances and have a great selection of 10-12 entertainment bands working in rotation. As well the 50/50 draw is gaining in popularity. With vacations mostly over and the cooler weather coming we hope to see more of you on Saturday night.

We will have a few Sunday afternoon dances.

October 12, 2014 – dance to the music of the Mosaics from 1-4 p.m. with cold cuts served at 3:30 p.m. Advance tickets only. Tickets available at the bar for \$8 each.

November 23, 2014 – dance to the music of Mark Morrisseau from 1-4 p.m. with pulled pork on a bun to follow. Advance tickets only. Tickets available at the bar for \$10 each.

December 31, 2014 – come out and bring in the New Year with a Dinner and Dance. Music by Steve Ambrose. Advance tickets only. Tickets are \$30 per person and will be available at the bar.

January 18, 2015 – Come and enjoy our Malanka with the music of Dennis Nykoliation from 1-4 p.m., great Ukrainian food to follow. Advance tickets only. Tickets are \$15 and will be available at the bar.

It is so nice to see you all and hope to meet new members and guests.

Special Events – Linda Schatkowsky

I would like to thank everyone that comes out to support our events and a big Thank You to the volunteers.

Canada Day was the last event that was held. It was a success but numbers were low. We had a representative come out on behalf of Shelly Glover our Member of Parliament, and he was glad to see how we represent Canada Day. We celebrated with a BBQ, dance and door prizes. A shuffleboard tournament was put on by Ralph Piett.

Louise McLellan, Suzanne Parbery and myself have been busy making homemade pies for our Fall Supper. Any left over pies will be available for sale.

The following are the upcoming events:

We will have a Fall Supper on November 2nd, 2014. Dance to the music of Nite Winds from 1-4 p.m. and supper to follow. Advance tickets only. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the bar.

The Children's Christmas Party is on December 7, 2014. Please fill out the form included in this Banner by the due date.

There will be a Roast Beef/Roast Pork Dinner and Dance on March 15, 2015. Come and celebrate St Patrick's Day with us. Advance tickets only. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the bar.

We will not have a Festival du Voyaguer Tortierre dinner and dance this coming February.

Please come out and support your Legion. We are always looking for volunteers and suggestions.

Honors & Awards – Sandra Spring

Our Honors and Awards will be on January 1, 2015. We will be recognizing our members who have many years with our Branch. Also we will recognize our executive who will receive their pins.

We will also have a shuffleboard tournament, paddle bingo, a touch and take table and other fun things throughout the afternoon.

The Branch will be open from noon to 6 p.m. We will have the awards ceremony at 1 p.m. It is a new day to the New Year. Come out and have some fun.

Ladies Auxiliary – Judi Vouriot - President

We hope that everyone had a wonderful summer filled with family, friends and good times. Fall is upon us and as we get back into our routines in the next few weeks, we hope that this will include time for you to spend in our Legion.

The Ladies Auxiliary Grey Cup tickets are now available for sale. The proceeds go toward bursaries that are awarded to two university students who are in need of financial assistance. If you know anyone who might benefit from this please send in a letter explaining their education plan and career goals by November 4th, 2014.

We are planning a huge bake sale for Saturday November 22 and we hope you mark your calendars to attend. We will have fresh home baking available.

The Festival du Voyageur Pancake Breakfast is also in the works for February. We hope you love attending this event as much as we like putting it on. We will keep you posted as the date gets closer.

We are sad to announce that two of our Ladies Auxiliary members passed away since our last report, Pearl Benjamin and Edmee Peirson. They will be missed for their dedication to our Auxiliary.

Our Branch lost two members, Robert Regent in June and Albert Herie in July, which our Ladies were honored to provide a lunch for after their memorial service. Our condolences go out to their families and we Will Remember Them.

Over the summer our Ladies Auxiliary have joined in with the Branch to help out will bingo once a month, we still share in the meat draws every second week and hold our 50-50 draws on Saturdays.

Since the kitchen has been closed over the summer the Ladies Auxiliary made sandwiches available for Saturday Bingo Players and our members. One week we had made too many sandwiches so we brought them down to Higgins and Main and distributed them to the homeless, they were so thankful. As this small gesture went so far and we understand the need for helping them we decided we would continue to provide sandwiches and cookies once a month.

We have restarted the Friday 50-50 at the beginning of September as the Chase the Ace has resumed.

Our Ladies Auxiliary participated in a floor curling event put on by our district and hosted by Lac du Bonnet on September 6th, I would like to thank the Ladies that went to represent our Auxiliary and Branch. They had a great time and would like to thank Lac du Bonnet for their hospitality.

It is our 85th Anniversary this year 2014, we were awarded our Charter in 1929. We had a small celebration at the Seine River Café with Faye Lavack our Branch President and Shelby Hanuchuk District Commander and Deputy District Commander Emily Bazylio as our guests. Pauline Hart was our speaker. She joined our Auxiliary in 1949 and is our longest standing member, with Anne Long being our second joining in 1952. Pauline had a lot of history about the beginnings of our Auxiliary and also the Branch that she shared with us. We had a lot a great time filled memories and laughter. The Seine River Café was very accommodating and they provided us with a good selection of food choices that were delicious.

As you know at the end of each year the Ladies Auxiliary make a donation to our Branch to improve our facility and help our members. We combined our donation for 2013 and 2014 and had the entrance to the hall and the women's and men's washrooms on the hall side with wheelchair/handicap access.

Again we would like to invite any current Branch members or if you know of anyone who would be interested in joining our Ladies Auxiliary we are always looking for more volunteers as we like to keep active. The more people- the more ideas, amounts to more we can do to help our Legion and our community.

We are happy to announce and would like to welcome Debbie Brisson, Leah Ritchot and Darlene Michuk to our Auxiliary. We look forward to you meeting our newest members.

Thanks for your support in all that we do!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

October 12/14 – Sunday afternoon dance \$8, music by The Mosaics, cold cuts served at 3:30 p.m.

October 13/14 – Registration for in house shuffleboard 7 p.m.

Nov 2/14 – Fall supper – Dance to Nite Winds from 1-4, supper to follow

Nov 11/14 – Remembrance Day service

Nov 23/14 - Sunday afternoon dance \$10, music by Mark Morrisseau from 1-4 pork on a bun and coleslaw

Nov 25/14 – General meeting & Election of Officers

Dec 7/14 – Children's Christmas Party

Dec 31/14 – New Year's Eve dinner and dance – Dance to Steve Ambrose, dinner 6:30, tickets \$30 per person

Jan 1/15 – Honors & Awards 1 p.m.

Jan 18/15 – Malanka – Dance to Dennis Nykoliation 1-4 p.m. dinner to follow.

President's report of the MHSM Activities Fall 2014

The summer of 2014 has been an exceptionally busy one for the Society and The Legion House Museum. With the centennial of the first world war occurring – The Museum has been very busy providing static exhibits at various places in Manitoba – most with a slant on the first World War.

The Society was asked by this organization to provide exhibits to this Heritage Event. Approximately 11000 visitors attended the event. Many of which visited our exhibits – Members/Museums of the Society attended the four day event: Legion House Museum, Royal Winnipeg Rifles Museum and the Manitoba World War One Museum participated. The following members I. Iwanicki, Doug Fyfe, Dennis Puranen, Bruce Tascona and Pam Darling participated.

On August 3, the Museum provided a static exhibit at the Manitoba World Was One Museum in Pilot Museum – a collaborative effort took part with the 26th Fd RCA/XII Manitoba Dragons Museum from Brandon as well as the Royal Winnipeg Rifles Museums participating in this event – visitors for this event totalled over 150 people.

The Military History Society of Manitoba was asked by the Town of Carberry to provide an exhibit on the camp Hughes Heritage Site. It was held on Friday August 8. Each year on this weekend, the town of Carberry holds a Heritage Day highlighting the community's heritage buildings. Bruce Tascona and Pam Darling represented the Society. Estimated visitors were about 200.

Special thanks to Veteran's Affairs Canada Community Engagement Program who provided funds enabling the Museum to take part in the Austin Threshermans reunion 4 day event. Veterans Affairs has also provided funds for the Society to attend the Camp Hughes Heritage Day. Both special grants totalled \$3000.00.

In the Museum itself – it received a special donation of First World War Posters – plans will be made to have them mounted in 2015. A conditional report by the Conservator from the Association Manitoba Museum indicated they are in excellent shape and are wrapped in mylar plastic which stabilized the move for years. A Troupes de la Marine uniform donated by a Museum from Montreal enabled the Museum to put a small exhibit on the Laverendrye's Company depicting the New France period.

Legion Member Comrade Jeannette Petrow donated her brother in laws papers and medals – he was with the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion and was killed near the end of the war. The Museum also put together an exhibit on the 70th Anniversary of D-Day.

An environment and conservation study is currently being conducted at the Museum. The light, temperature and humidity levels are within acceptable museum standards- a few lighting issues have been identified as well as storage ones. The Archives located in the old bar area is slowly being transformed.

