

LEGION The Banner



The Newsletter of The Royal Canadian Legion Norwood/St. Boniface Branch #43

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Faye Lavack - President

It has been a long cold winter and we are all looking forward to the warmer weather coming soon. We had a great year in 2013. Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary for their donation of the handicapped entry for the entrance and bathroom doors on the banquet hall side.

I would like to thank the Executive for a successful year last year and look forward to working together again this year.

We are continuing to make improvements and recently installed a new cash register and liquor system which will be more user friendly for the staff and better inventory control. We also vented out our crawl space for better air circulation so that we don't have a continued mildew odour coming from the crawl space.

We have had a few successful events already this year and look forward to many more.

Our membership is continuing to grow. This is a friendly reminder to those who have not renewed their membership to please do so. It was due January 31, 2014.

I look forward to seeing you at the Branch.

“RAISE THE BAR”

We are trying to do some major renovations in our building. We hope that we get all the support we need to accomplish this endeavor. There are also some fundraising activities coming up.

June 22, 2014 – Johnny Cash Tribute band with Steak Dinner \$15

Sept 28, 2014 – Casino Afternoon

Lou-Ellen Jeanson – 1st Vice President

2014 EXECUTIVE

FAYE LAVACK – PRESIDENT

CHUCK LEWIS – PAST PRESIDENT

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LINDA SCHATSKOWSKY – 3RD VICE PRESIDENT

KEVIN COOK - SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

SPORTS - LOUELLEN JEANSON

POPPY - FRED MCGILLIVRAY

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**SICK & VISITING/ BINGO, MEAT DRAWS, WAYS & MEANS –
SUZANNE PARBERY**

ENTERTAINMENT – DOROTHY BURRELL

HONORS & AWARDS – SANDRA SPRING

SECRETARY – CHERYL

SERVICE OFFICER – LEO DELAQUIS

ACCOUNTANT – RUDY TORRES

SPORTS – Lou-Ellen Jeanson

Sports is going well. Our men's 8 Ball team is going to Kenora in May to represent our Province. We wish them all the best!

Thank you to the crib players for their participation in our qualifying rounds to get a chance to go to the Dominion Level. Unfortunately, our President, Faye Lavack tried her best but the cards got the better of her. There is always next year.

In-house shuffleboard is going well and we hope to get more players for next year. Our billiard league is winding down and we are all hoping they keep the shield at our Branch. Good luck to all

MESSAGE FROM THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS – Kevin Cook

Hello Comrades.

It's been quite a winter with the cold and snow, but hopefully you are all in good health. Back on November 11, 2013 was our Remembrance Day Parade. We had a great turnout with representation from all levels of government. From MP Shelley Glover, Premier Greg Selinger, MLA Bidhu Jha and City of Winnipeg Councillor Dan Vandal who were all in attendance to remember our fallen heroes.

Since taking on this position, I am quite impressed by the number of youth who participate in our parade. Once again, the Boeing of Canada, 176 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron band performed, with Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders and Navy League JRK Millen present.

Also, I must mention all the youth organizations who marched with us. 3rd Winnipeg Scouts, 1st Southdale Scouts and 1st Southdale Cubs participated.

I thank our Ladies Auxiliary for preparing and serving the stew and to the ladies who prepared and served hot dogs.

MP Glover presented our Branch a piece of granite which was given to her anonymously. This piece of granite formed part of a wall at Kandahar Air Base that was dedicated to Canadian and American soldiers who were killed while serving at Kandahar Air Base. This piece of Canadian history and its complete story can be found by the front entrance display case in the social hall.

I thank Ed Levacque for filling in for me when I can't attend an event and for attending funerals with the Colour Party. Ed has been a great source of information for me regarding the duties of a Sergeant-at-Arms.

Our Decoration Day Ceremony parade is Sunday, May 25, 2014. Fall in is at 1:15 p.m. with March off at 1:30 p.m. Please come out and participate.

Until next time,

POPPY – Fred McGillivray

To bring all members up to date we would like to let you know that we have already donated last fall \$5000.00 to the local Legion Housing as they were in need of funding to support additional unexpected expenses. We will, as in the past make donations to the following from the Poppy fund. The St Boniface Hospital, Deer Lodge Centre, Legion Housing, Seven Oaks Hospital, R.C.E.L., Joint Hospital Visiting Committee and Tache Centre will all have donations made to them.

We have the School Bursaries forms available at the office for students furthering their studies. Bursaries are awarded from the Poppy Fund to students who are children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Canadian ex-service persons (war veterans or post war service) who are in need of assistance. These bursaries may be awarded at any stage of a college or university program.

We are also able to donate to the Cadets that help us at various Legion functions over the year.

All this money has been raised during the Poppy Campaign in November so it is important to help by taking a little time volunteering to sell Poppies at the various outlets. Thank you to all those that helped last year and may you all have a safe and happy summer.

SPECIAL EVENTS – Linda Schatkowsky

We are starting a positive year with the outstanding volunteers who made our Louis Riel Tourtiere Dinner a huge success. Thank you to all the people who attend these dinner and dances and thank you to Ron & Ann Huppe who donated the bannock. Unfortunately due to rising costs we have had to raise our prices to \$15 per person. This includes the full course meal and the dance.

We are planning a Roast Beef/Roast Pork Dinner and Dance for April 27/14. You can dance or listen to the music of Pride and Joy from 1-4 p.m., dinner to follow. Tickets are available at the bar or at the Saturday Night dances. There are limited tickets so please get them early. There will also be a 50/50 draw.

We are also having a Fall Supper on November 2, 2014. Dance to the music of Nite Winds. Look for more information in the Fall Banner.

Please come out and support our Legion. A lot of work goes into these events.

HOUSE AND PROPERTY – Gary Parbery

It's been a long and cold winter for most of us unless you were one of the fortunate ones to get away. There is a lot happening on the House and Property side of the Legion.

Along with normal repairs we are hoping to get some major upgrades done.

A recommendation came last year with our annual inspection to upgrade our fire alarm system and I am working with Cladan Electric on getting FIRELITE MS-9600 installed. CNR has this system in the Transcona shops and they are happy with it. Estimated cost is around \$26,000.00.

Also in the process of finalizing a quote to get all 4 washrooms upgraded. We are planning on getting the walls, ceiling and floors done in the club side and the floors and ceiling in the banquet hall side. There will be some reconfiguration to both men's washrooms, also new toilets, fixtures, and counter tops.

We have received a new canister vacuum from Wesclean. It has a warranty so hopefully there will be no issues.

I realize some of these repairs will be costly but they should be done as some of our infrastructure has not been touched in ages other than band aid repairs.

SICK & VISITING – Suzanne Parbery

Visiting is going well. This is a really rewarding portfolio. I have great visits with all the people I see and we have a good rapport. Please remember to let us know if someone is in the hospital or has been placed in a nursing home. This is the only way we are informed to do our visiting. Please call the Branch at 204-237-8728 and leave a message or call me directly at 204-253-2604.

BINGO, MEAT DRAWS, WAYS AND MEANS – Suzanne Parbery

Meat draws are doing well. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and we will get more people into the club on Saturday. The prizes are excellent, pork roast, beef roast, rib eye steak, chicken and 5 lbs hamburger and breakfast which consists of 2 doz eggs, bacon and breakfast sausage. Draws are at 1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m.

We are struggling with the bingo right now. We are getting the bingo players but we desperately need bingo callers and card sellers. If we would have around 6 people to help, this would only involve you volunteering once every 2 or 3

months. This is not hard to do and we will train. Please call Suzanne at 204-253-2604 or Faye at 204-229-7280 if you are interested.

ENTERTAINMENT – Dorothy Burrell

We are continuing to have a great attendance for our Saturday Night Dance. It has been very rewarding for me to meet a lot of friendly people who come out almost every Saturday to dance.

We have a great selection of entertainment working a rotation of about 8-10 bands. We also have 50/50 which everyone looks forward to.

We will be raising our admission to the dance to \$6 per person effective May 1, 2014. We will also be having Sunday afternoon dances once a month starting in October.

I would love to see you some Saturday night.

HONORS AND AWARDS – Sandra Spring

Effective last year, we moved our Honors and Awards to January 1st. This is a great opportunity for you to come and bring in the new year with us and also to be part of the presentations to our long time members and executive. I look forward to seeing you then.

LADIES AUXILIARY – Judi Vouriot – President

Hello Members! Let's welcome Spring, it has been a long winter indeed. We would like to welcome two new Ladies Auxiliary members for 2014, Debbie Brisson and Heddy Jacobson, both are Legion members and decided to join our group of ladies.

As most of you know we hosted our annual Festival du Voyageur Pancake Breakfast again this year. Thank you to all who helped and also to those who came out simply to support our event and enjoy the festivities.

We are currently planning our fundraising Baron of Beef Dinner which is going to be held Friday May 30, 2014. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year as we plan on subsidizing 4 young athletes to go to the Royal Canadian Legion Sports Camp this summer. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending.

This year our donations included Provincial Council Scholarship, subsidized 2 children to the Peace Garden Camp, Legion Housing, Deer Lodge Veterans, Heart & Stroke Foundation, Winnipeg Harvest, JRK Millen Cadets, Cancer Fund and Siloam Mission at Thanksgiving and Christmas. 2013 Christmas included purchasing personal hygiene products for the women of Siloam Mission as well

as personal donations from our ladies to make Christmas brighter for all the people at the mission. This year we gave a cash donation for the Riverview Good Neighbors Group's annual Christmas Party.

We supported the Royal Canadian Legion Athletic Camp – International Peace Garden's annual Tea this February which was held at the Henderson Highway Legion Branch #215, by manning the White Elephant table, we baked for the bake table and also supplied a gift for the Silent Auction table.

In October we are very proud to announce we were able to support the 2013 Guardian Angel Benefit for Women's Cancer. It was a gala event held at the Convention Center which included a fashion show, rainbow auction, mystery auction and a guest speaker, Fran Drescher. We found the information received at the event to be very inspirational, not only to breast cancer survivors but to anyone's personal situation to make life better and worth living.

Our St Patrick's draw was won by Don McDonald \$100, Ron Sutherland \$50 and Diane Barabe \$25. Thank you all for supporting our draws, including Grey Cup ticket sales as well as our Christmas Bake Sale which was held in December.

Our District Rally was hosted by the Elmwood Legion Ladies Auxiliary and attended by our Auxiliary. We have, for school year 2013-14 continued on with the Youville Centre's Snack program working with Archwood School students by providing a nutritious snack and fruit once a month.

We continue to come out every Friday for the 50/50 draw, share every second weekend meat draws with the Branch and now we are trying our hand at helping with Saturday Bingo.

In 2013 we catered two funerals for Legion members, Victor Driver and Michelle Keam.

On behalf of our Ladies Auxiliary we donated to our Branch for 2013 and 2014 the installation of the Automatic Handicap Access for the entrance side of the banquet hall and both the women's and men's washroom.

We are honored to celebrate each Decoration and Remembrance Day by marching proudly with our Branch. Our Auxiliary can be only as good as the MEMBERS and BRANCH who support all that we do! Thank you and we look forward to working and meeting all of you in 2014.

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE		May 3/14	BY REQUEST
Apr 5/14	HWY 6	May 10/14	NO DANCE
Apr 12/14	NO DANCE	May 17/14	HWY 6
Apr 19/14	NO DANCE	May 24/14	NITE WINDS
Apr 26/14	TELSTAR	May 31/14	GEMSTAR
June 7/14	ECHO VALLEY BOYS		

JUNE 14/14
JUNE 21/14
JUNE 28/14

HWY 7
BY REQUEST
DENNIS NYKOLIATION

