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

I hope everyone had a great summer. With fall here our regular activities will be starting. The Veteran English Billiard league and shuffleboard league will soon begin.

Our fire alarm system upgrade was completed in late spring and also our renovated bar which the staff are quite happy with because everything is now organized.

The 2016 membership cards are in. Remember if you renew before November 30, 2015 you will be entered into an early bird draw on January 1, 2016 for 5 members to be reimbursed their membership. Please update your information i.e. phone number and/or address by calling Cheryl and leaving a message at 204-237-8728.

Our next General meeting is on November 24, 2015. This is also the time for Election of Officers. Please come out and vote.

The Children's Christmas Party will be on December 6, 2015. Please fill out the enclosed form for your child or grandchild and deposit in box at the Legion by November 11, 2015.

I look forward to seeing you at the Branch.

Sergeant at Arms Report – Kevin Cook

Well, fall is here already and it's amazing how summer blew by. I was not able to make it to the Decoration Parade, however I was told it was well attended. Thanks to the other Executive members who assisted on this day.

Remembrance Day is fast approaching and I encourage all members to come out and attend to pay their respects to our veterans.

This will be last year as the Sergeant at Arms as I will be taking a break from volunteering. It has been quite an eye opener to learn the intricacies of the Legion, and the day to day affairs. I thank my fellow Executive members, both past and present, for all their help.

Take care,

Membership/ Honours & Awards – Louellen Jeanson

We would like to take this time to thank all the new members that have joined us this year and invite all members to our annual honour and award event that take place on NOVEMBER 11th after the parade and speeches. We look forward to seeing you on that special day. We will be serving a light lunch and presenting years of service medals. If you have not renewed your membership this year you still have time.

Poppy Report - Fred McGillivray

Well it's hard to believe that the summer has passed and we are going into the fall season. With that in mind the first day of the Poppy Campaign this year will be October 30, 2015 so it is not too far away.

We do not have a lot of malls or shopping centers in our area; however where we can use a few new volunteers is at the St. Boniface Hospital and at 400 Tach'e. If you can spare a few hours for a good cause please let me or the office know and we will book your time. Please call 204-237-8728 and leave a message.

We were able to donate a \$1000.00 bursary to a first year student entering Faculty of Engineering.

Thanking you in advance and I hope you have all had a great summer.

Bingo, Raffle, Ways & Means – Suzanne Parbery

Bingo is doing well. We have bingo every Saturday early bird starts at 12:30 p.m. We have great games including our lucky star which is over \$900.00 now. We have great volunteers, thank you very much.

We will be having a special Thanksgiving Evening bingo on October 13th, 2015. We will have free coffee and cookies and raffle prizes. Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary who profit share with our Branch once a month. We will have a special Christmas bingo on Dec 19th with free coffee and cookies and prizes. A big thank you to all our regulars who come to play bingo

Meat draws are every Saturday and we rotate with the Ladies Auxiliary each Saturday. Come out on Saturday and support our meat draws and win some great prizes. The prizes are pork chops, 2 steaks, beef roast, 5 lb hamburger, a whole chicken, and a breakfast one with 2 doz eggs, bacon and sausage.

Come out the last Saturday of the month for the month end 50/50 draw. Put your loonie in the envelopes on the tables and deposit in the 50/50 box by the front desk.

The Chase the Ace is continuing to grow. Come out Friday night, tickets are sold 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. and the draw is at 6:00 p.m.

House & Property – Kevin Rhymer

Well it has been an exciting year so far and there have been a few improvements to our branch in 2015 and there is a few more coming. We have had the carpets shampooed and the dance floors cleaned and polished so now everyone can kick up their heels and have a great time dancing.

Signs for the back parking lot are more clearly visible and the parking lot lines were repainted. We have a more prominent address on the front banquet hall door. We plan on covering the orange tile in the front entrance (still haven't decided on the color yet) and in the spring of 2016 there will be an awning over the front entrance so that our branch is more noticeable to all those that drive by.

Sick & Visiting – Linda Schatkowsky

I am enjoying visiting our members in the nursing homes. They sure like the goodie bag we bring and look forward to the short visit. If you have a family member or friend in a nursing home that is a veteran from our Branch, please let u know so we can pay them a visit. You can leave a message at 204-237-8728.

Sports – Sandra Spring

We have had a busy year. The Provincial Golf was cancelled this year due to the weather so the golfers will have to wait until next year to see if they can bring home the trophy.

We will be having Sport Sunday on Sept 27, Oct 25 and Nov 29, 2015 with crib, shuffleboard and snooker tournaments. There will be sign up sheets for shuffleboard and snooker however you can enter on the day for the crib tournament. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., lunch will be served from noon to 1:00 p.m. and the tournaments will start at 1:00 p.m. Come out and have fun! We will be open on November 29th until the end of the Grey Cup. More info to follow.

We will start in house shuffleboard again every Tuesday evening. Please attend the meeting on October 20th at 7:00 p.m. at which time the teams will be drawn. Play will begin November 2, 2015

The Branch play downs for crib will be on November 27, 2015 starting with singles at 6 p.m. and the doubles to follow. If required the teams will play on another day.

Entertainment – Dorothy Burrell

Greetings comrades. We continue to have good turnout at our Saturday night dances and with summer coming to a close more people will take in our scheduled lively good time music with a variety of Bands.

It is always great to see so many familiar faces and to greet new ones as well. When no dance is scheduled we have social events in place, which brings in more people & money for our Branch.

October 4th Sunday) with Marc Morrisseau is around the corner, always a sold out event (pre-purchased tickets at the bar)

Remember everyone, Let's make All WELCOME and increase our membership! Here are the bands for remainder of 2015.

OCT 3/15	TELSTAR
OCT 4/15	MARK MORRISSEAU
OCT 10/15	BUCKSKIN & SATIN
OCT 17/15	STEVE AMBROSE
OCT 24/15	GEMSTAR
OCT 31/15	HWY 6
NOV 7/15	TELSTAR
NOV 14/15	STAR LITES
NOV 21/15	STEVE AMBROSE
NOV 28/15	BUCKSKIN & SATIN
DEC 5/15	PRIDE & JOY
DEC 12/15	TRAILRIDER
DEC 19/15	UNIVERSALS

Ladies Auxiliary – Barb Kearney – President

I hope everyone had a good summer and are looking forward to coming down to the Branch to take part in the many functions that your Branch and Auxiliary have planned.

The Ladies Auxiliary have the summer off as far as meetings go but our faithful volunteers continued with the meat draws, the 50/50's and helping with the bingo once a month. I want to thank these Ladies for their dedication throughout the summer as well as all the Members and guests for their support whenever you are in the Branch.

The Auxiliary will be very busy within the next couple of months as we are baking and selling apple pies again this year on Monday, September 28th. A big thanks to Judy Vouriot for getting the apples for us. As well, we will be holding a Bake Sale on Saturday, November 28 starting at noon.

Our Annual Festival du Voyageur Pancake Breakfast will be held on February 14, 2016. We are hoping for a good turnout as it should be just as fantastic as last February's. There will be music for everyone who cares to get up and dance and everyone always seemed to have a great time along with good food.

The Ladies Auxiliary along with the Branch will be hosting the Royal Canadian Legion Sports Foundation Tea on Sunday, February 21, 2016 from 1-3 p.m. in our Branch clubroom and hall.

Greg Cup tickets are going to be available in the next few weeks. The profits from tickets go toward the three bursaries that the Auxiliary give out to deserving scholars. The Auxiliary has donated again for winter apparel for children as we do support the "Coats for Kids" program in Winnipeg.

We are not a large Auxiliary and are always looking to find any lady that would be interested in joining and would only be too happy to have new members. It's not always work although it appears to be but we do have fun times as well. This September, some of the ladies went out to Lac du Bonnet for a sports day. We also have our coffee or tea clutches after all the meetings, we have gone out for dinners as a group or had dinner in our hall.

Thanks you to all of the Auxiliary members for the work that you are doing or going to do.

Legion House Museum – Bruce Tascona

Hope everyone's summer went well.

The Legion House Museum has recently had some very sad donations when two Winnipeg Branches of the Royal Canadian Legion closed their doors. The #1 Branch and the Monash Branch sent our way many artefacts including a de-activated Bren Gun. On a personal note it is a sad reality that some Branches are nearing the end of their active life because of declining membership.

Progress continues with improvements to Museum Exhibits. Since the last report we have had 4 tour groups this past summer. The Museum assisted a young student Miss Emily Gibson in the annual Provincial School Heritage Fair--she won top prize with her subject of her Great Grandfather and Camp Hughes in the Great War.

The Museum participated in the Manitoba World War One Museum Heritage Day August 9, 2015.

Upcoming Events will be participating in the 2nd Annual One Day Conference on the Great War October 3, 2015 and the Camp Hughes Heritage Day October 04, 2015.

Plans are being worked out to celebrate 10th Anniversary of the Legion House Museum for 2016.

The Museum continues to be open Wednesdays 12-4pm

Dates to Remember:

Sept 27, 2015	Sport Sunday
October 20, 2015	In House shuffleboard meeting
October 25, 2015	Sport Sunday
November 11, 2015	Remembrance Day Service, Parade & Honors & Awards
November 24, 2015	General meeting & Elections
November 28, 2015	Ladies Auxiliary Bake Sale
November 29, 2015	Sport Sunday – Open until end of Grey cup
December 6, 2015	Children's Christmas Party
December 31, 2015	New Year's Eve Dance
January 10, 2016	Malanka
February 14, 2016	Ladies Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast
February 21, 2016	Sports Foundation Tea

SPORTS

SUNDAYS

**NORWOOD ST BONIFACE LEGION
134 MARION STREET**



SEPT 27, OCT 25, NOV 29/15
NOON – 6 P.M.

SHUFFLEBOARD TOURNAMENT
(SIGN UP SHEET BY SHUFFLEBOARDS)
CRIB TOURNAMENT
(\$10 PER PERSON, BRING YOUR OWN PARTNER)
SNOOKER TOURNAMENT
(SIGN UP SHEET ON BULLETING BOARD IN POOL ROOM)

SEPT 27/15 CHILI & BUN
Noon – 1 P.M. - \$2.00

OCT 25/15 MEATPIE & COLESLAW
NOON – 1 P.M. - \$2.00

NOV 29/15 STEW & BUN
NOON – 1 P.M. - \$2.00

**NEW YEAR'S EVE DEC 31/2015
DINNER & DANCE**

Norwood St Boniface Legion
134 Marion Street



DINNER 6:30 P.M.
DANCE TO **STARLITES**
ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY \$35 PER PERSON

AVAILABLE AT BAR OR CALL FAYE AT
204-229-7280

