



# The Banner



**The Newsletter of the R.C.L. Norwood/St. Boniface Branch #43**  
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**Spring 2015**

## **Faye Lavack – President**

We have had a busy and successful year at the Branch. Major improvements are coming to an end and we are all looking forward to a fun summer.

We have Chase the Ace every Friday from 5:00 – 6:00 pm. Come out and see if you can pick the Ace of Spades.

The MLCC has come out with a ruling that no person can have more than 2 drinks in their possession. It's been a difficult situation for our staff to enforce this without aggressive opinions from our customers. I am asking for your cooperation. This means that when you come to the bar to buy a round for your table, you are only allowed to bring back 2 drinks so please have someone come with you or the bartender will bring the remainder out if there is no one in line. The fine for this is \$2500.00 which the staff are responsible for. Some people are also angry with being "cut off". The same fine applies for over serving so please help the staff do their job.

I would like to thank the Executive for a successful year last year and welcome Kevin Rhymer as House and Property. I look forward to working with all of you this year.

### **2015 Executive**

President	Faye Lavack	
1st Vice President	Louellen Jeanson	Membership/Honor & Awards
2nd Vice President	Fred McGillivray	Poppy
3rd Vice President	Suzanne Parberry	Bingo/Meat draw/Raffles
Chairman	Bette Vance	
Sergeant-At-Arms	Kevin Cook	
Executive Member	Kevin Rhymer	House & Property
Executive Member	Dorothy Burrell	Entertainment
Executive Member	Sandra Spring	Sports
Executive Member	Linda Schatkowsky	Sick & Visiting
Full Executive		Special Events
Service Officer	Leo Delaquis	
Ladies Auxiliary President	Barb Kearney	
Accountant	Rudy Torres	
Secretary	Cheryl Ewanus	

**2015 Registration for Sports Foundation Athletic Sports Camp**

**(July 19-Aug 15)**

- Advanced Track
- Basketball
- Elementary
- Gymnastics
- Judo
- Soccer
- Track
- Volleyball

If you are interested in having your child attend one of these camps please call Cheryl at 204-237-8728 to fill out an application. Deadline for applications is June 1, 2015.

**General Meeting dates** – May 26, August 25 & Nov 24

Notice new start time is 7:00 p.m. not 7:30. We hope to see more of you at our meetings.

**BAR CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS**

<b>JAN 1ST</b>	OPEN NOON TO 7 P.M.
<b>LOUIS RIEL DAY</b>	OPEN NOON TO 7 P.M.
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	CLOSED
<b>EASTER MONDAY</b>	REGULAR HOURS
<b>MAY LONG WEEKEND</b>	CLOSED
<b>JULY 1ST</b>	OPEN NOON TO 7 P.M.
<b>AUGUST LONG WEEKEND</b>	CLOSED
<b>SEPT LONG WEEKEND</b>	CLOSED
<b>THANKSGIVING MONDAY</b>	CLOSED
<b>REMEMBRANCE DAY</b>	BAR 1:30 - 7:00 P.M.
<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	OPEN 11A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
<b>CHISTMAS DAY</b>	CLOSED
<b>BOXING DAY</b>	CLOSED

**Kevin Cook - Sergeant At Arms**

It looks like we are off to an early spring, however this is Manitoba, a Province where you can run both your furnace and air conditioner in a 24 hour period. Who knows what lies ahead for weather?

Hopefully, on Sunday, May 31, the weather will be good, as this is our Decoration Parade. Fall in is at 13:15 hours (1:15pm.) with lunch served afterwards. We will have the Legion float for this day and it holds up to 15 people.

The 407 Queens Own Camerons are planning a trip in 2016 to Vimy Ridge for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this battle. They are doing a number of fundraising events at our Legion, so please help out anyway you can.

Also, the other Cadet Corps are busy planning summer camps. Each cadet corps greatly appreciates the financial assistance our Legion provides to them, for if it were not for the Legion, some of the programs these Corps plan for, would not take place.

The Colour Party has attended a number of funerals since the last "Banner" and the families are always so appreciative for the Colour Party attending. Once again, thanks to Ed Levesque and my fellow Executive Members for filling in for me when I cannot attend an event.

Take care,

### **Lou-Ellen Jeanson – Membership**

It's time to renew your 2015. This is a friendly reminder to drop in or mail in your renewal. Help the Legion – become a member.

### **Honors & Awards**

The honors and awards ceremony will be held on Remembrance Day after the parade. We will be giving the years of service medals to all deserving members. This is why it is important to pay your 2015 memberships. There will be a light lunch and refreshments but most of all the comradeship.

### **May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Wrestling is coming back to the Norwood Legion. Tickets are \$10, doors open at 6 p.m. the first event is at 7 p.m.

### **July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015**

There will be a Jam Session from 1-3 p.m. Bring your guitar and liven up the place. Try out your vocals, too. We will have a touch and take table so come out for a fun filled day. Free hot dogs.

### **Fred McGillivray – Poppy**

I hope all our members had a great winter and I am sure all are looking forward to spring.

Thanks to all that helped and donated we had a very successful Poppy Campaign last fall as we raised almost \$23,000.00.

From this fund we have made donations to Deer Lodge Centre, Legion Housing, St Boniface Hospital Research Centre, Seven Oaks Hospital, R.C.E.L, The Tache Centre, Joint Hospital Visiting Committee and Military Family Resource Centre for a total of \$15,000.00 in donations.

In addition to these donations we visit the members in hospitals and nursing homes monthly with a small gift from the fund showing that we care. Donations are also made during the year to the various Cadet groups that we support.

There are bursary forms available in the office for students furthering their education as long as they are children, grand children, and or great grand children of Canadian ex-service personnel who are in need of financial help. These bursaries can be awarded at any stage of their college or university program.

I am also a member of our Legion color party so throughout the year we are called upon to attend Veterans funerals. Sadly, this winter since January we have had four funerals to attend.

I didn't know any of these veterans however hearing their stories spoken during the funeral service shows the courage and bravery these men at a young age fought for what they believed. I feel it's an honor to show our respect in this manner and it's the least we can do for them.

### **Suzanne Parbery – Bingo, Raffles, Meat Draws**

**Evening Mother's Day Bingo** – May 12/15 free coffee and cookies during bingo, small prize giveaways. Early bird at 6:45, regular bingo at 7 p.m.

Ham, Spam & Jam in November, watch for more information in the fall.

We can always use more volunteers for bingo and meat draw. Please call me at 204-253-2604 if you are interested.

### **Kevin Rhymer - House & Property**

I am enjoying my time on the Executive and I am glad to be able to help improve the Legion for all of our members.

We are continuing to make improvements at our Branch. We are finalizing our bar renovation – we still have some issues with the floor but hope to have that dealt with soon.

The Fire Alarm upgrade is now complete along with major improvements to our wiring in the building. With this upgrade we now have in place improved protocols for the fire alarm and improved visibility for our emergency services.

During the final stages of the Fire Alarm upgrade, it was brought to our attention that there was Vermiculite in the attic space above the coolers in the back. We are having an Asbestos Remediation company come in to remove the Vermiculite and once that has been completed we will have the attic space re-insulated. This will help ensure the safety of our staff and members.

There are new lockers in the coat room in the banquet hall for our different groups for storage so that we don't have things stored in different areas of the Branch. We are hoping this will alleviate anyone going behind the bar except staff and executive.

As you have probably seen there is a new banner above the bar that proudly shows the Legion colours and Branch name and number to all (especially to non-legion guests or new members).

Unfortunately there are still some people that don't know where our Branch is. I am checking with the City of Winnipeg for options to increase our visibility to people either driving or walking down Marion. Specifically I am checking if it is possible for our Branch to put up an awning over the front entranceway.

If a Legion member has suggestions for increasing our visibility (either a sign, awning or any other suggestion), please let us know. You can leave me or any of the Executive a note with any of the staff or please come talk to us.

### **Linda Schatkowsky – Sick & Visiting**

This portfolio is very rewarding. I am enjoying chatting with the veterans and members who are in the hospital or nursing homes. They look forward to our visit with our "goodie bag."

If you have someone in a nursing home or in the hospital or know of someone, please let us know by calling the Branch at 204-237-8728 and leave a message. We would enjoy going to visit them.

### **Sandra Spring - Sports**

Sports is going well. Soon some of our leagues will be finishing the season. We hope our billiards teams can keep the shield at our Branch. We wish them luck.

Our in house shuffleboard league is struggling to keep players so if you are interested in something to do once a week please sign up in the fall.

Dale Schell advanced to Singles Provincial Crib but unfortunately he tried his best but couldn't advance to the Dominion. He said he had a great time and met some nice people. There is always next year, Dale.

This year for golf we will only be sending one Regular team and one Senior team. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in June. We will have a playoff and the top 4 golfers in each category will make up the team that will represent our Branch.

We are hosting the Provincial 8 ball championships April 17,18,19 so come out and cheer on our team – Steve Kingyens, Joe Ducharme, Rick Hutcheons and Curt Beaudoin.

We have installed new locks on the cue lockers. If you have not picked up your key, please do so – they are at the bar.

### **Dorothy Burrell – Entertainment**

Greetings Comrades/Members. The past few weeks have been enjoyed by a large number of members & guests attending our Saturday night Dances, as well as a sold out attendance for our Sunday dinner/Dance for Malanka & St.Paddy's Day event. A good time was had by all and many great comments on the music as well as the dinner served.

With the warm weather coming (already here recently) we invite you all to come and enjoy the music and friendly people you will meet at these up coming dances. Bring friends and we welcome all to become new members at our Branch.

It was nice to hear the comments on our cloak room, the cabinets & more space, flooring was certainly noticed, most positive.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

APR 4/15	GEMSTAR
APR 11/15	NITEWINDS
APR 18/15	<b>no dance - 8 ball</b>
APR 25/15	BY REQUEST
MAY 2/15	STAR LITES
MAY 9/15	<b>no dance - BILLIARDS</b>
MAY 16/15	NITEWINDS
MAY 23/15	HWY 6
MAY30/15	BUCKSKIN & SATIN
JUNE 6/15	GEMSTAR
JUNE 13/15	STEVE AMBROSE
JUNE 20/15	NITEWINDS
JUNE 27/15	DENNIS NYKOLIATION

### **Ladies Auxiliary**

## **Submitted by Barb Kearney, President**

On behalf of all the Ladies of the Auxiliary, I would like to report that 2014 was very busy and we have started 2015 in the same manner.

Our Annual Festival du Voyageur Pancake Breakfast was held on February 15<sup>th</sup> and was just fantastic with great music by Ed Goletski and his band. The official Voyageur Family, Marcel, Michelle, Catherine, Amelie, Miguel and Cabrel was well received by everyone. They did put on a wonderful performance for us as the whole family is musically inclined and then of course they handed out their badges with the family picture on. Councillor Matt Allard and MLA Shelley Glover came out to help serve. We would like to thank them very much as well as everyone else who worked hard to help make it happen including some of our Branch members.

The Royal Canadian Legion Sports Foundation Tea was held at the Charleswood Legion this year. Our Ladies again volunteered to look after the White Elephant Table besides the regular donations that we give for the Silent Auction and baking for the Bake Sale. Our Branch along with the Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting the Sports Foundation Tea in February 2016.

The Auxiliary Honours & Awards night is held in March. This year we congratulated Pauline Hart for 65 years and May LaFreniere for 35 years of membership and each lady received a beautiful bouquet of roses. 10 year pins were given to Doreen Moore, Eva Goletski and Rose Balamatowski. Leslie LeBleu was recognized for 5 years of membership receiving a rose. Vergie Regent received a brooch for 10 continuous years of being a dedicated secretary, Judy Vouriot was presented with a bouquet of flowers for the many years of being in the Chair. Marilyn Kenny received her "past service" medal and bar along with Judy McDonald and Heddy Jacobson receiving "Certificates of Appreciation." "Touch the Heart" key chains were given to Michelle Poirier, Eleanor Hart and Debbie Brisson for helping with the bingo. Poppy pins were given to all volunteers who have worked on funeral lunches. Barb Kearney was presented with the Presidents' Pin by Judy Vouriot. Everyone enjoyed pizza after the presentations and a good evening was had by all.

We offer condolences to the family and friends of the late Napoleon Gagnon who passed away in January and the late Lucien Willaert who passed away in March. Both Comrades were long time members of our Branch. Our ladies were honoured to prepare and serve the funeral lunches for both of these Comrades.

The Ladies continue to hold the 50/50's on Fridays after Chase the Ace and Saturday after the meat draws as well as doing meat draws every second week and we continue to profit share the Bingo with the Branch once a month.

Our Auxiliary is not large in number but we do have hard working ladies who are always willing to help wherever possible. The monies we make are donated to Cancer, Heart & Stroke, Siloam Mission, Deer Lodge Centre, Legion Housing, Legions Sports Foundation, Provincial Council Scholarship, Navy Cadets, Coats for Kids as well as our own Branch. Last year we increased our own scholarships from two to three.

I would like to thank all of the Auxiliary Members for all of the work that you ladies do or have done.

Legion House Museum Report Spring 2015

Submitted by Bruce Tascona

Norwood Legion has made a decision not to provide regular annual grants to help fund the Museum Activities. They indicated lack of tours with students as the main reason. The Military History Society of Manitoba would like to thank the Branch for its ongoing commitment to support the Museum to house the many exhibits.

- The Association of Manitoba Museums undertook a **Conservation / Environment Assessment**—the inspection took place in summer of 2014. The only concerns verbally relayed were that LED Lighting should replace current lighting. The issue of insect /pests was non- existent, environmental, security concerns were not a problem. Storage issues were addressed as typical problems for a small museum. Overall we probably are in good form with Conservation issues.
- In October, 2015 plans are in the works to have another Symposium on the First World War in conjunction with the University of Manitoba.
- A late 2014 donation of 20+ First World War Posters was given to Museum by a member of the Branch #43—Plans are being made to develop a special exhibit surrounding this donation.



- Recent 2015 donations consisting of a Canadian Hate Belt Great War Badges Branch #43
- A D-Day RWR Kit Bag named to RFN E Tayler was donated by a member of the Branch #43
- The David Ross Archival Collection is being processed into Archival Correct Storage containers.
- Two Tours are planned in April, one by an out of town family and a Winnipeg Modelers Club.