



The Banner



The Newsletter of the R.C.L. Norwood/St. Boniface Branch #43
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Fall 2016

Faye Lavack – President

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 in November. The Special Events and Entertainment portfolios will have a few events. The dates are further in this newsletter.

Chase the Ace will resume Sept 9th. We didn't have draws during the summer months. The current pot is \$999.00 with 36 cards left. We also have a 50/50 draw and mini meat draw of 4 prizes at 5:30 p.m.

Our next General meeting is November 22, 2016. This is also for the Election of Officers for 2017. Please come out and vote.

Our Saturday dances are still getting a good attendance and our bands are doing a great job with their music to keep the floor hopping.

Our Poppy campaign will begin October 28th. If you are interested in helping to tag at St Boniface Hospital in the lower level please call Fred at 204-661-4131.

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

Sergeant at Arms – Kevin Rhymer

As summer is starting to wind down and we start our fall cleaning we will also be getting ready to gather to remember our fallen Service men and women on Remembrance Day. This year we will be paying our respects at St Philips Church. Fall in at 10:15 a.m. at the Norwood St. Boniface Legion for the march to St Philips Church for the service then back to the Branch for speeches and light lunch.

There was a request to look into the possibility of going to Holy Cross since it has a bigger seating capacity however it was determined at the last general meeting that since it is winter and we don't know what the weather would be like and Holy Cross is a longer march, that we would include Holy Cross church in our Decoration Day parade in May.

House & Property – Fred McGillivray

This has been an interesting year for me. One does not realize the things that need to be done weekly to try to keep the Branch in good working order.

The front entrance work is finished and most members feel that it has been a nice improvement to the building.

We are continuing to strive to keep the maintenance of the building up to date and not letting any problems lapse.

One of our members asked at the last General Meeting why we would want to upgrade the floorings in the hall area. We have all been in other Legions, and many have done nothing to upgrade their premises for the last 30 plus years. Now they realize that more effort should have been done to better the building and they are unable to because of the great expense and the loss of members. By doing upgrades yearly on smaller scale we are making a more current building rather than a building from the fifties. We have put in for a Grant for this flooring which if approved would cover half the total cost for new carpets and floor tile.

I hope everyone has enjoyed a nice summer.

Special Events – Suzanne Parbery

I have been keeping busy this year with special events. My fall line-up is as follows:

We are having a Steak, Spud and a Mug of Draft on September 16th. Big juicy rib eye steak baked potato with all the fixings and coleslaw. Along with that we will be hosting the Bryan James band. Tickets are only \$15.00 and must be purchased by Sept 13th. Tickets are at the bar.

The next event is the Fall Supper on October 2nd. Country Pride will play from 1-4 p.m. and the supper will follow at 4 p.m. Get your tickets early, deadline for tickets is Sept 28th and are available at the bar.

We will have our Annual Ham, Spam & Jam shuffleboard tournament on November 4, 2016. Signup sheet will be available in October.

The children's Christmas party is on Sunday, December 4th. Doors open at 12 noon. We will be giving out hot dogs and juice from 12 – 1:00 p.m. Clown Lawrie will be there at 1 p.m. to perform for the kids and at 1:30 he will make balloon characters. Santa will hand out the presents from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Bring your camera to take a picture with Santa. Upon leaving all children will receive their gift bag.

Membership & Publicity – Louellen Jeanson

The 2017 membership cards are in. Remember if you renew before November 30, 2016 you will be entered into an early bird draw 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.

Sports – Sandra Spring

Well the time is here again for the Banner , so here I am once again giving you the run down on all the upcoming events in Sports.

Hi my name is Sandra Spring and I am the Sports Chairperson at the Norwood Legion. It has been an eventful past couple of months. I want to put out a big thank you to all that supported the fund raiser for the pool table. We raised \$4300.00 and have purchased a beautiful used table with it. It has been installed and the pool players love it. If it weren't for all the hard work and support from everyone we could not have done it, so again, thanks. There is alot of stuff coming up in the next few months so come out and show your generous support to your legion.

Starting back up again on September 25th is SPORTS SUNDAY, Hoorah!!!!!! A good time to get out and mingle, play some crib, pool or shuffleboard are free. Bring your friends and maybe even your spouse and wander on down to the legion for some good company. We play crib at 1pm and charge \$10.00 a person. We play doubles so don't forget your partner. The legion also sells a very hearty lunch from 11:30am to 12:45pm for \$4.00. This gives you the opportunity to fuel up before getting down to some good ol' fun.

Sign up for House Shuffleboard is October 25th. This is such a fun time. You don't have to be a professional to play, you just need to know how to have fun. Teams will be drawn on October 25th and you will play every Tuesday from November to April.

Branch playoffs for crib will be on November 18th. We will be playing singles at 6pm and Doubles at 8pm. Come on out and represent your branch. I hope to see all the crib players coming out to represent your Legion.

We had sent two teams of golfers out to Fort Francis this summer for Command playoffs but Selkirk Legion beat them out.

Just a reminder our Sports Sunday in November just so happens to land on Grey Cup Day. As many of you know, we have our T.Vs turned to the game AND we have the Score card raffles along with a 50/50 and who knows? We may have a whole lot more. You will just have to walk on in to experience the excitement of the Grey Cup. Who knows, Winnipeg may even be playing in it this year. Go Bombers Go.

I hope to see all you Comrades around the legion. If you see me just say hi!!!!

Sick & Visiting – Dorothy Burrell

I have enjoyed and still do enjoy visiting our veterans/members in the nursing homes and hospitals around our city.

We have sent condolences to family and friends of the comrades we lost this year, twelve in total.

We are pleased that our members currently in care are doing well and they appreciate our visits and their gift bags, and their care givers always acknowledge as well.

If you have a family member or friend in care who is a veteran/member of our branch, please let us know so we can visit them. You can call me at 204-889-4475 or our Branch at 204-237-8728. Be well and enjoy the rest of the summer.

Ways & Means – Laura Lucki

Bingo and meat draw are both going very well. We are always looking for more volunteers to help out with these events, as we try very hard not to burn out our existing volunteers. I would personally like to thank all of our current volunteers. Your assistance with these activities is invaluable, and greatly appreciated.

Just to let you know we will have bingo and meat draw on December 24th with free coffee and cookies but there will be no bingo or meat draw on December 31st.

Honors & Awards – Don Rhymer

I hope you all had a great summer. Our Fall agenda will soon begin and with that comes our Honors and Awards presentation. This year it will follow the Remembrance Day service at 2 p.m.

All recipients will receive a letter some time in October so that you are aware to come and receive your pin. See agenda for details. I look forward to seeing you November 11, 2016.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Lest We Forget

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2016

Fall in 10:15 A.M.

March to St. Philip's Church, 240 Tache Avenue

SERVICE AT 11:00 A.M.

March back to Branch #43

Dignitary Speeches, Donation Presentations

Light Lunch to Follow at the Branch

2:00 P.M. HONOURS & AWARDS

Everyone Welcome!



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SPORTS SUNDAY

September 25, 2016

October 30, 2016

November 27, 2016

12:00 - 6:00 P.M.

Lunch Available 12:00 - 1:00 P.M.

CRIBBAGE

\$10.00 Per Person, Bring Your Own Partner

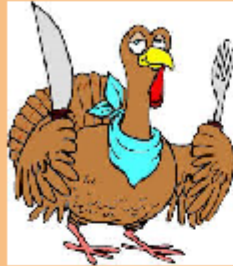


50/50 Draw, Shuffleboard, Pool, Big Screen TV's

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Fall Supper



Sunday, October 2, 2016

**Dance to the Music of
“Country Pride”**

1:00 - 4:00 P.M.



Supper 4:00 P.M.

**Turkey, Stuffing, Meatballs, Potatoes,
Gravy, Vegetable, Cabbage Rolls,
Coleslaw, Buns, Homemade Pie, Coffee**

ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY \$15.00

Available at the Bar or Call Faye 204-229-7280

Club Room Open

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Ladies Auxiliary – Marilyn Kenny - President

This past season has been a very difficult one for our members, what with deaths and health scares among families and friends as well as deteriorating health issues and surgeries among our members. However, many of us have continued to keep tabs on one another, our sick and visiting representative has been busy with cards and visits to those who are struggling. Despite these setbacks, we have managed to pull together teams for our assigned Bingo Saturdays, Meat Draws and Fifty-fifty draws.

The Branch activities have changed significantly so the ladies' regular Friday night fifty-fifty was cancelled. On the evenings when the Branch holds special functions and the attendance supports a Fifty-fifty draw, the Branch itself has decided to carry out that role. Also, as of April, the ladies prepared food and hosted the last two funerals assigned to us. The Branch now has decided to take on this function as well.

Our Honors and Awards night saw some members receiving recognition pins for several decades of service to the Legion, through Auxiliary membership. Others, already life time members received flowers of appreciation. Then, doing what we do best, we celebrated by eating together – pizzas all round. We even had the opportunity to teach a young man about the importance of recognizing our veterans. He who fails to take his hat off, faces the wrath of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

We were hosted by the Branch at a Recognition Dinner and left well fed and content with the relationship between the two arms of our organization. Together we finalized a way to provide sponsorships for two youth at the Legion Sports Camp.

We later learned that a huge fundraising effort had been undertaken in the school and community in order to have other sports minded students also attend. It turned out that our funding provided the impetus for a low income community to pull together and send a contingent of several kids. Ultimately that helped the camp, the children and their community. Doubtless it will make a difference as those young people become the decision makers in their own families and communities. An exemplary job of collaboration between the Camp, the Branch, the Ladies' Auxiliary, the school and the neighbourhood. Well done all! The Memorial Day Parade was well attended with some of our members marching while others carried out kitchen functions, preparing, serving and clean up after those who attended. The Junior League once again participated, marching and assisting where needed. In turn we were invited to attend their Ceremonial Review but unfortunately due to illness, were unable to attend but were pleased and thanked them for the invitation.

A contingent from our group attended a Mandolin Orchestra and dinner, in support of the Winnipeg Beach Ladies' Auxiliary's fundraiser. Besides the remarkable entertainment, the food was delicious and what a diversity of amazing Silent Auction prizes. Needless to say some of our group managed to carry several of these back to Winnipeg. That said, despite a road map and a cell phone (with dubious GPS capacity) we managed to get on the wrong road and nearly miss the opening of the event. Upon arrival we had to crawl behind a table full of people to reach our places. Talk about making a spectacle of ourselves! As we left the building after a most enjoyable evening, we encountered a downpour, vehicles creeping down the highway (under construction of course). We slithered across wet, muddy roads with a cross wind that tried to set us in flight.

Meanwhile back at the Branch, the contingent of pool sharks decided that a new pool table was required. In support of their endeavour some of the Ladies attended their fundraising event and we presented them a cheque towards their goal. We felt it was an important way to acknowledge the group's regular purchase of our meat draws. This was the final motion carried out by our Auxiliary for the spring season.

As we move into fall, we look forward to seeing members and making new friends among the current and future membership. With replenished energy and new ideas, even more collaboration and cooperation will be forthcoming. Enjoy!

Report of the Legion House Museum for the period May 01-August 31,2016 Submitted by Bruce Tascona

With the Centennial of the Great War, the Legion House Museum has been asked to participate in three major activities of which two are National in character:

A) May 22, 2016 The 184th Battalion Centenary at Manitou Manitoba

In the town of Manitou, the 184th Battalion Centennial took place. Two Exhibits by the Museum were exhibited in the event. Namely the Camp Hughes Artefact Collection and a General exhibit on the local militia regiment namely the 18th Manitoba Mounted Rifles. Volunteers from the Museum were: Dennis Puranen, Warren Otto, Loic Bazin and Bruce Tascona and Pam Darling. Bruce Tascona was able to launch a book at this event "From Pembina to Passchendaele. Visitors to the event equalled 312

B) Camp Hughes Heritage Day Event July 24, 2016

The Museum was requested to bring out the Archaeological Collection that had been gathered over the years to be exhibited at this event. The Museum was requested to bring out another exhibit on the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

A plaque unveiling by the National Historic Sites Monument Board took place at this event.

Estimated attendance was 600 visitors to this one day event.

Two members of the Museum/Society (Grant Tyler and Bruce Tascona) were able to speak at this plaque unveiling

C) Parks Canada National Headquarters in Ottawa tribute to 107th "Timberwolves" Battalion and Camp Hughes

The Legion House Museum was asked to do a major contribution to a temporary Exhibit at the Parks Canada National Headquarters.

D) Education training for two members of the LHM Staff

Gerald McRonald and Loic Bazin have expressed a willingness to begin taking the training offered by Association of Manitoba Museum. This is a two-year program offered to museum whereby they will receive the Museum Certificate Program. The professional standard will have been raised considerably for the Legion House Museum.

Museum Volunteers who will be staffing the Museum on Wednesdays are David Wawryk, Norman Malayney, Alan Parkin, Greg Jagsbush, Gerald McRonald and Loic Bazin. One Army Cadet Group toured the Museum this past spring. Bruce Tascona attended the OMMC Conference in Calgary. He currently sits on the Board and is exempt from paying the fee of the Conference which is a significant cost saving to the Museum of over \$1000.00. This year's Conference was on "Museum Exhibits"

E) Storage Issues

The Museum is currently revamping its Museum Storage and Archives. Donations in Artefacts continue to arrive and are being processed.

F) Upcoming Activities

Plans are also in the works to participate in “**Culture Days**” in late September.

Plans are in the works to set up a travelling exhibit for the **Manitoba Social Studies School Teachers Conference** slated for late October 2016.

With greater exposure, it is hoped tours by students will increase at the Museum.

Plans for a collaborative effort by many museums to contribute to a special exhibit for the **150th Anniversary of Canada**.



Dance Schedule

Sept 3	Steve Ambrose
Sept 10	Nite Winds
Sept 17	Buckskin & Satin
Sept 24	Hwy 6
Oct 1	Echo Valley oys
Oct 8	Country Plus
Oct 15	Universals
Oct 22	Steve Ambrose
Oct 29	Hwy 6
Nov 5	Nite Winds
Nov 12	Starlites
Nov 19	Buckskin & Satin
Nov 26	Trailriders
Dec 3	Echo Valley Boys
Dec 10	Gemstar
Dec 17	Steve Ambrose
Dec 24	NO DANCE

**NEW YEARS EVE DINNER AND DANCE – December 31, 2016
CHINESE FOOD AND MUSIC BY NITE WINDS**

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sept 16/16	Steak Dinner
Sept 18-24/16	Legion Week (see leaflet for daily activities)
Sept 25/16	Sport Sunday
Oct 2/16	Fall Supper
Oct 30/16	Sport Sunday
Nov 4/16	Ham, Spam & Jam Shuffleboard Tournament
Nov 11/16	Remembrance Day Service/ Honor & Award/
	Deadline for Kids Xmas
Nov 18/16	Branch crib playoffs
Nov 27/16	Sport Sunday/Grey Cup party
Dec 4/16	Kids Xmas party