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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, it sure has gone by fast. We had a busy summer with our Chase the Ace pot growing and getting down to less than 5 cards. The 50/50 was always a nice surprise at \$200 plus and the meat draw had great support, too. Thanks to everyone who supports these draws. Thanks to the volunteers who sold tickets for these events, Julie, Laura, Cathie, Louellen, and myself.

Our karaoke is still drawing in some great singers, it would be nice to see some new faces. It is held every 2nd Friday from 7:00 – 11:00 p.m. The next one will be September 6 and September 20.

We are getting ready for some of our Fall activities, Fall Supper on September 29th, Remembrance Day Service on November 11th fall in at 10:15 a.m., and the Children's Xmas party. Watch for more information in this newsletter.

We have \$5.00 grey cup tickets available. If you can help by taking a bundle and selling them to your friends and other activities, please contact me to get them, 204-229-7280.

Ron Wally – Publicity

There are many things happening at the Branch. Our great draw is Friday Chase the Ace/meat draw/50/50. Thanks to Kevin Rhymer for updating our website and to Bette Vance for updating on Facebook. You can check our website at www.norwoodstbonifacelegion.ca .

Anyone looking for our Branch while on Facebook can just search Norwood St Boniface Legion. Here's the actual link if you want to search right from the browser. <https://www.facebook.com/norwoodstbonifacelegion/>

Yvan Corriveau – Sgt at Arms

Comrades, I hope all have had a wonderful summer.

Another year has come and gone and I would like to express my thanks to all those who have contributed their time and energy to ensure another successful year.

I had the pleasure to attend all four of our corps annual reviews. The cadets performed well and are demonstrating progress in leadership, corps skills and citizenship.

It was relayed to me by each corps' commander that the units are ever grateful for our continued commitment and support.

My boot program is still underway, although not as successful as last year, I still managed to secure a dozen or so pairs of boots for the Cameron Highlanders.

Our colour has made us proud not only in our parades but also while participating in those of other legions. I commend all their hard work. If any other comrades would like to take part in the colour party please let me know we are always looking to bolster our numbers.

I have recently made contact with a homeless veteran. He and I spoke for some time and although he is not as of yet looking for Legion assistance, he expressed his gratitude in knowing that our organization is here for him.

Let us continue to strive in our duties and enjoy the year to come! LEST WE FORGET!

Fred McGillivray –1st Vice President / Poppy

I hope everyone had a great summer and enjoyed the nice weather. The days are getting shorter and the evenings cooler which means fall is not too far away.

The Poppy campaign will soon be here, we start the last weekend in October and it will run for two weeks. We are always in need of volunteers for whatever time one can spare. If you are able to help please leave your name and telephone number by calling the bar at 204-233-2329 and I will call you back and set up a time that you can help out. There will also be a sign-up sheet at the bar. The volunteering time is during the day, Monday to Friday.

We are able to donate funds to the various Veteran support groups and the hospitals as we have in the past.

We have the school bursary forms available at the office for anyone to make application. The school bursaries are awarded from the Poppy fund to students who are children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of Canadian ex-service persons (war veteran or post war service) and who are in need of assistance. These bursaries may be awarded at any stage of a college or university program.

Laura Lucki –2nd Vice President/ Sports

We had two 8 balls teams advance from the Branch to Provincial playoffs. Team 1 advanced to nationals in Fredericton, NS. Congratulations to C. Beaudoin, R. Urbanik, N. Shore and R. Martinson who won the Teams and C. Beaudoin and R. Urbanik won the doubles. WAY TO GO GUYS!



Our English Billiards Team brought the Jack Sparrow Shield back to us, and it is nice to see it proudly displayed in our house. The team was made up of A. Chapman, S. Kingyens, R. Hutcheon, R. Sparling, D.H. Dundas, M. Brough and W. Moar.

Competition starts again in September. If you want to join a team, contact Addie at 204-250-7621.

The branch cribbage had a great turnout. The following players advanced to Provincials in Kenora, Ont.

Singles – D. Montgomery

Doubles – F. Lavack & A. Lavack

Teams – G. Duval, B. Cardinal, J. Fershau & R. Fershau

Unfortunately, they did not advance any further.

Club Playdowns this year will be held on Friday, November 22, 2019. Registration at 6:00 p.m. You MUST have your 2020 membership.

Our Wednesday crib tournaments are popular and well attended. If you wish to play, bring your own partner, cost is \$10 per person and all money goes to prizes.

Our House League shuffleboard will begin in October. The meeting to draw teams will be on Monday, October 14th at 6:30 p.m. Play will start Monday, October 21st at 6:30 p.m.

Louellen Jeanson – 3rd Vice President/Sick & Visiting

Sick and visiting, we have been busy with our visits to our members. We currently have Bert Sheremet who is in Deer Lodge, Ken Doomas in Oakview Place, Denis Weicker in Foyer Valade and Bud Burrell in River East. Then we have Pam Oakley and Helen Leftko in Tache centre, Lucille Good in Poisiden place. They are all doing very well and Denis will be 101 years young this year. Please if you know anyone that is in the hospital or nursing home give us a call.

Cathie Devos – Ways & Means

Our bingo and meats draws are going well. Thanks to all of our sports teams who take their turn to do the meat draws every second Saturday. It is great to see the volunteers out.

Our bingo is always looking for volunteers. If you can spend one Saturday to volunteer, it would be greatly appreciated. Right now the volunteers are working one Saturday a month, however if we have more volunteers, it can either work out to be every couple of months, or even share the Saturday with one working a morning shift and one the afternoon shift so that it is not so demanding to spend the whole afternoon. Please contact the Branch to let us know if you are interested and we will follow up with you.

Don Rhymer – House & Property

There is always something to do at the Branch, change light bulbs, mounted a new toilet paper dispenser, etc. I have fixed all the chairs in the bar and pool room area, replaced new arm rest inserts, the old ones caught on your sleeves. I'm working on the backs of some chairs; the screws keep working their way out.

We replaced the carpet on one of the shuffleboards.

Dave Montgomery – Membership

Our 2020 memberships will be available for renewal early September. Renew your membership by November 30, 2019 and your name will be entered into a draw at the January general meeting. Five lucky people will receive their membership money back.

Please keep us informed.... if you move or change your phone number please make sure to let us know. You can call 204-237-8728 and leave a message.

Dorothy Burrell – Honors and Awards

We will be presenting our awards on November 11, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. We look forward to everyone staying after the Remembrance Day service to honor our recipients. Invitations will be going out shortly to the members who will receive their award.

Julie Lortie – Entertainment

Our Saturday evening dances are well attended and the bands are playing great music. Watch for our upcoming events, Fall Supper with Country Pride – September 29/19, Malanka with Dennis Nykoliation – January 12/20, and Louis Riel Day dance with Mark Morriveau - February 17/20. You MUST have advance tickets only for these events. Get your tickets early – we thankfully always sell out!

Our New Year's Eve dance will be on December 31, 2019. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. Dance to the music of Steve Ambrose. Tickets will be available at the end of October at \$40 per person.

Below is the dance list for the remainder of the year.

Sept 7/19	Gemstar
Sept 14/19	Dennis Nykoliation
Sept 21/19	Buckskin & Satin
Sept 28/19	Steve Ambrose
Sept 29/19	Country Pride
Oct 5/19	Hwy 6
Oct 12/19	Gemstar
Oct 19/19	Nite Winds
Oct 26/19	Top Secret
Nov 2/19	By Request
Nov 9/18	Buckskin & Satin
Nov 16/19	Gemstar
Nov 23/19	Starlites
Nov 30/19	Top Secret
Dec 7/19	Buckskin & Satin
Dec 14/19	By Request
Dec 21/19	Group 5
Dec 28/19	No Dance
Dec 31/19	Steve Ambrose

Faye Lavack – Special Events

A big thanks to everyone who supports our Special Events. The fall supper will be held on Sunday, Sept 29, 2019 from 1-4 p.m. Music by Country Pride and the supper will be served at 4 p.m. **Advance tickets only** and are available at the bar or call Faye @ 204-229-7280. They are \$18 per person.

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!!

The past couple of years we have had a large number of requests to bring your child/grandchild to this event, however a large number are just filling in the form for the gift and not attending the party. This event is so that the children can come and see a magician and Santa and to enjoy hot dogs, chips and drink. It is not meant to get a reduced gift from the Legion. Therefore, effective this year, if you submit a form to receive the gift and you do not attend, your gift will be donated to the Children's Hospital. It will not be available for you to pick up so please make sure before you register your child, that you are sure they will be attending. Enclosed in this newsletter is the form to fill out and drop off at the Branch by Nov. 11, 2019. The party will be on December 1, 2019, doors open at 12:30 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

**FALL SUPPER – SEPT 29TH FROM 1-4 P.M., MUSIC BY COUNTRY PRIDE
ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY \$18 PER PERSON, DINNER AT 4 P.M.**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE – DEC 31ST DOOR OPEN AT 5:30, DINNER AT 6 P.M.
MUSIC BY STEVE AMBROSE, ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY \$40 PER
PERSON**

**MALANKA – JAN 12TH 1-4 P.M. MUSIC BY DENNIS NYKOLIATION
ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY \$18 PER PERSON**

REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE AND SERVICE – NOV 11TH FALL IN AT 10:15 A.M.



Director's Report submitted by Bruce Tascona

A RE-CAP for 2018 - The Museum was open for a total of 67 days in 2018.

Volunteer Hours total 596 for all activities, Volunteers total 13

Thank you to David Wawryk, George Adams, Loic Bazin, Norman Malayney, Bruce Tascona, Frederick Carsted, Dallas Ewen, Pam Darling, Vicki Adams, Warren Otto, Mike Nickerson, Grant Tyler, Matt Heintz. Visitors to Museum including Social Media, Outreach Museum exhibits totalled: 13,825

The Organization of Military Museums of Canada held their annual conference in Winnipeg. May 2018.

- Special reorganizing of the Museum for this event took place.
- The Museum held a welcome evening at the Branch. Approximately 125 Museum people from across the country viewed the Collection.
- Three museum volunteers attended the 6-day conference.
- Living History Members attended the "meet and greet"
- Ms Pam Darling arrived at the Hughes Site and gave a presentation to the OMMC Visitors.

The Museum was hampered in developing the business plan slated for 2018, Funding errors fell short in the Community Museum Grant. This was not rectified until November 2018. The season had passed

The Museum coordinated efforts with the Legion Branch who was hosting some of the Royal Canadian Legion Dominion Command Convention. The Museum was opened during the period of the Convention. The National Executive met with the Museum Director in June for a special tour. The Convention was held in August 2018.

A joint effort by the Queens own Cameron Highlanders Regimental Museum, The Manitoba World War One Museum and the Museum undertook a successful Exhibit on the Great War at the Winnipeg Millennium Library. October 21, to January 20, 2019.

The Manitoba World War One Museum and Camp Hughes Heritage Day in 2018-The 27th Battalion CEF Living History Group were very active. Average 10 volunteers attending each all-day event.

LADIES AUXILIARY – SUBMITTED BY Judi Vouriot/ Treasurer

February 2019 marked the 90th year the Ladies Auxiliary received our charter. To celebrate this remarkable achievement, we hosted an anniversary dinner with entertainment from Al Andrusco, who also emceed for the afternoon. Special guests included, Val Anderson, President of Provincial Council, Shelby Hanaschuk, District 6 Commander, Dugald Lamont MLA and Dan Vandal, MP, Rev. Don McKenzie, St. Philips Church, as well as Branch executive, Branch members, fellow Ladies Auxiliary members and comrades from other Legions.

What is most memorable is afterward Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Veteran Affairs made a visit to our Auxiliary for a special presentation, recognizing our years of service to The Royal Canadian Legion, our Branch as well as serving in our community. (See picture below). We had the honour and privilege to be one on one with him for a couple of hours discussing the importance of the work of the Legions and of the Ladies Auxiliary's contribution to help our veterans, families of veterans and the community in which we live. Volunteering for the veteran enriches their lives and the volunteering for the good of someone else enriches their lives.

In 1929, the membership of the Ladies Auxiliary was well over 100 members, remember that Ladies could not work out of the Legion as women were not allowed in the club rooms, MEN ONLY. As time has elapsed women have become more involved in the Branch itself and have been able to join and participate on an executive level, thus leaving the Ladies Auxiliary struggling to stay afloat with their current members aging and no new members joining.

Our work is still very important as we work directly with the Branch with meat draws and bingo and plan and organize fundraising events to support Legion Athletic Camp, Legion Housing, Joint Hospital, Provincial Scholarships, Soldiers in Afghanistan, Navy Cadets, Deer Lodge Hospital as well as to local charities such as Siloam Mission and Winnipeg Harvest.

In order to continue to reach these goals we desperately need to increase our membership. If you have been looking for a way to be part of an organization that gives back to the community, we would welcome new faces and fresh ideas.

You don't even need to be a member of the Legion itself to become a Ladies Auxiliary member. We do require a small fee to join. We meet the first Tuesday of each month, except June, July and August. Applications are at the bar if interested or would like to know more call me @ 204-475-9921. Grab a girlfriend and come out and join us for a couple of hours a month!

