

# LEGION

## The Banner



The Newsletter of the R.C.L. Norwood/St. Boniface Branch #43  
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### September 2020

This year sure has had its ups and downs and I hope everyone is staying safe. Below are our revised hours of operation starting September 1, 2020 until further notice:

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>2:00 – 8:00 P.M.</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>2:00 – 10:00 P.M.</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>2:00 – 10:00 P.M.</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>2:00 – 8:00 P.M.</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>

**The kitchen will reopen Sept 3, 2020 for Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Our annual Veterans Dinner will be cancelled this year. Also cancelled is our Fall Supper and the Children's Annual Xmas Party.

### **BINGO AND DRAWS**

Bingo will be suspended until the end of the year. We will review when to start again in January.

We will resume the Friday draws starting September 11, 2020. Chase the Ace, mini meat draw and 50/50 beginning at 5:00 p.m. and all drawn at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday meat draw will begin on September 12, 2020. The draws will be at 2:30, 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. There will only be 4 items per draw and this will be on a trial basis.

### **POPPY**

At this time, we are not aware of the process for the Poppy Campaign. It will be a different format due to Covid. Please check our website [norwoodstbonifacelegion43.ca](http://norwoodstbonifacelegion43.ca) and our facebook page **Norwood St Boniface Legion Branch 43** for information to come closer to the dates.

## **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

We will keep you informed on the process for this date. Again because of Covid and social distancing for large gatherings, things will be different. Check our website [norwoodstbonifacelegion43.ca](http://norwoodstbonifacelegion43.ca) and our facebook page **Norwood St Boniface Legion Branch 43** for information to come closer to the dates

## **SPORTS**

The Wednesday night crib is suspended until at least the end of this year. It doesn't look good for Command Crib because card playing is still not allowed.

Our in house shuffleboard is cancelled for this year.

## **HONOR AND AWARDS**

This event will be cancelled this year however if you were one of the members who was to receive your pin, it will still be available for you to pick up. You can make arrangements by contacting Cheryl at 204-237-8728 and make arrangements to pick it up at the bar.

## **DANCES**

The Saturday dances will be cancelled until the end of the year. There will be no New Year's Eve or Malanka 2021 dance.

## **SICK & VISITING**

To all of our members who are in nursing homes, we want to let you know that we are always thinking of you and we can't wait until we can stop in for our short visits again.

With sadness, below are our members who have passed:

Jeannette Petrow  
Andy Moffat  
Paul Zaharia  
Joe Goyman  
Gabe Jackowski  
George Wakeford  
J. T. Rousseau  
Bert Sheremet  
Lucille Good  
Michael Yaschuk  
Michael Yachison

## **MEMBERSHIP**

We have some 2020 memberships that are still outstanding. It would be greatly appreciated if you could pay your membership soon.

2021 memberships will be available at the end of September. We will still have an early bird draw so if you pay your membership by the end of November, you could be one of five people to have your membership dues reimbursed at the January meeting.

## **GENERAL MEETINGS**

Our general meetings will be on September 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. and November 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. (this will be also our election of Officers for 2021). The Branch is not open on these dates however the banquet hall will be open to hold the meeting. Please use the hall entrance, social distancing measures will be followed.

**We were hoping to have some major parking lot improvements done this year and it would have been a good time to do so when we were shut down, however all this information needs to go to the membership. We are informing you of the scope of work and these recommendations will be presented at our September 22, 2020 general meeting. Upon approval, the work will commence right away to be completed before the snow falls.**

**This work has been in need of repair for some time and we do have the money in our VLT account. Below is the scope of work:**

To repair 3 large areas with asphalt in customer parking lot, one large area in rental parking lot and repair concrete step and 3 parking stalls with completely new asphalt, new asphalt along back of building and replace asphalt area where garbage bins are with concrete pad. Quotes from Superior Asphalt at \$27,623 + GST, from K.N.R Asphalt at \$23,700 + GST and quote from Proscapes Ltd at \$23,300 + GST.  
Recommendation to complete the work with Proscapes Ltd

To replace ornamental fence along rental parking lot. The fence has deteriorated badly, there are rust holes that you can practically put your finger through. Quote from Central Sandblasting at \$14,700, quote from Bestway Fence Systems at \$10,300 and quote from Midwest Fence Co at \$7,955  
Recommendation to complete the work with Midwest Fence Co.

Parking lot guard rails (approx. 1015 feet) and posts (approx. 100 posts) are deteriorating, falling down and bent out of shape in both parking lots  
Received quote from Carlson to sandblast existing rails and paint yellow - \$35,324.95  
Received quote from Central Sandblasting to replace rails with galvanized however would paint existing posts and we would have to get our own electrician for the plug ins - \$24,675 + electrical approx. \$8000  
Received quote from Bestway Fence Systems to replace all rails, all posts galvanized, and remove and replace all electrical - \$44,406.00

After discussion, it was decided that if we are spending the money for improvements, we should replace all new for longer life also they would be all at the same height and straight, therefore:

Recommendation to complete work as specified by Bestway Fence Systems

## **Ladies' Auxiliary - President's Report – Banner - Fall 2020**

All round, this has been a difficult year for our auxiliary members as well as all Branches and Auxiliaries.

Our year ended with the loss of life member, Jeannette Petrow and began the new year with the loss of long-time member, Leslie LeBleu. Many of our members were able to attend their funeral service, in uniform, to reflect our respect and her long years of involvement with and contribution to our organization.

We attended the District Meeting to learn that there is nothing further can be done to keep the Legion Athletic Camp. It has been one of the ongoing fundraising commitments for all our Legions and Auxiliaries. Recognition and thanks were expressed for all those who did the organizing, fundraising, program delivery, facility maintenance - set up/clean up and those on site to oversee the safety and well-being of the campers over the many years. This camp contributed to the development of many national and internally recognized Canadian athletes. It will be a huge loss. We regret that we will no longer have the opportunity to assist the integration of children who may otherwise live on the fringes of society due to financial hardship, who attended through our "camperships".

Surprisingly, our Auxiliary Scholarship/Bursary committee didn't have any applicants this past year, so it was decided our funds be directed to the Provincial Scholarship Fund. We anticipate this coming year there once again will be an uptake of student applicants.

During our presentation at the Auxiliaries' District Meeting, we proposed redirection of effort and funds, normally focused towards the Athletic Camp, to supporting P.T.S.D Service Dog Training. This can be done right here in Manitoba, making it more accessible to local veterans. Regrettably, the world wide epidemic shut down activities in all of our branches and auxiliaries, so nothing further was done to date. Like everyone else across the country and around the world, our members of the Ladies' Auxiliary have suffered through the vagaries of Covid 19. The loss of personal contact with friends and family, members of our group have kept isolated from one another. Several of our members have experienced severe health set-backs and lost family members during this time. Luckily, some have been able to use e-mail and other social media methods. In fact, several of our members live within the same housing complex, which has allowed them a bit more interaction with others.

Since our bingos and meat draws have been shut down for many months our only fundraiser was the Cash Calendar. Even that was delayed due to licensing. Finally, though, the week our Legion opened up, the draws were held. Winners, names are posted at the Branch

Fall is normally the time when we hold our apple pie sale. We still are hoping to implement a modified version of this popular fundraiser. Apples will be picked and prepared when ripe and juicy. Pies will be baked, then sold in smaller quantities over several weeks, to reflect the number of members allowed to attend the Branch at one time. Orders will be accepted, if names and numbers are left in advance.

Keep well, we hope to see you all again soon.