

Kakabeka Legion Bulletin

Volume 1, Issue 2

March 2016

Presidents Report

Gary MacDonald
473-9631
legionpines@gmail.com

We had all kinds of trouble printing the mailing address labels for the January Bulletin but now have it resolved. As well I wanted to include a few comments.

This year we are facing a severe shortage of volunteers for all of our activities. We need people to help with the breakfast preparation, breakfast cooking and serving, as well as manning the food trailers.

Our forecasted revenue will be down so the food trailers will have to go out again. We need someone to supervise the trailers and lots of volunteers for these three events; Bluesfest, Murillo Fair and Slate River Plowing Match. These three events bring in over \$5,000 which helps cover some of the Branches utility bills.

Another issue that has arisen is the poor attendance at our General Meetings. We changed the date and time to a Saturday afternoon so that nobody had to drive in the evening during winter. If this doesn't work for anyone, please let me know. If there is sufficient response, we could look at changing the date and time again.

I look forward to serving the Branch this year. I have trouble delegating work and am reminded of it too often. Please support me and the Branch with your time and talents.

. Ways and Means Report

Gary MacDonald

The Ways and Means Committee is responsible for ways to make money to support the Branch. The existing events are struggling to bring in the Branch's required revenue. We have to find new ways of raising funds. We need new ideas and new volunteers. Everyone is invited to submit ideas at a General Meeting or if not possible, email me, legionpines@gmail.com.

Bingo

Attendance last year was down resulting in low proceeds for the Bingo Trust and low revenue for the Branch. It was decided to reduce the amount of the prize board hopefully to make more money for the Trust.

Attendance so far is increasing as we approach warmer weather and longer days. Thankfully we are making some money for the Trust and the Branch.

I have applied for a licence to cover April and May. I will be gone for six weeks starting in June and I will be training a replacement bingo caller.

Dances

The dances have been well attended. Cliff and John play a wide variety of songs and have a large following. Don Kamula and I scoured and waxed the floor during Christmas. The dancers really enjoy our resurfaced dance floor. I am planning to do some supper dances this summer and fall.

Continued on page 2

Catering/House Report

Gary MacDonald

The Farm Spring Conference is coming up at the end of March. This will be a busy two days of cooking and cleaning. Activities begin at 0700 hours and end at 2100 hours. We thank the farmers for choosing us as their conference site. This is the biggest fund raising event for the Branch.

The Silver Mountain Food Group will be taking over the whole Branch for three days at the beginning of April.

There have been some inquiries about hall rental that have not been firmed up.

The Farmers Market will be back on Saturdays starting June 11th.

Continued from page 1

Ways and Means Report

Breakfasts

The monthly breakfast continues to bring in money that we desperately need. Attendance ranges from 250 to 300. The Scouts continue to help with the cleanup.

Food Trailers

We need to decide soon if the trailers will be going to the Bluesfest, Murillo Fair and the Slate River Plowing Match this year. These events are 2.5 days, 2 days and 1 day long respectfully. They require volunteers! If you wish to volunteer, please let me know soon so that we can make the ultimate decision.

Bulletin

Don Kamula

You guessed it folks; I have taken on the job of putting out our branch newsletter. Sort of like the army, never volunteer for anything. That being said, I am very new to the world of desktop publishing, so please keep your expectations low. Amazingly how loud I shout at the computer it will not do as I command it. This is definitely a lesson in patience and self control.

I would like to publish three to four times year, time permitting. If you have news or items you would like to share, please feel free to email me.

As the last Bulletin Chairman had promised not to share your email addresses, I must again ask that you forward your email addresses to receive the Bulletin electronically.

Continued on page 3

Membership

Don Kamula

Our membership continues to hold steady. At present we have 142 members. The branch is always looking for new members, particularly active members.

As this bulletin goes out there are still a few of you that have not paid your \$40 membership for 2016. As of January 31 you are no longer members in good standing which means you lose your Legion magazine and you cannot vote at General Meetings.

If you have any questions about membership or would like an application form for a potential new member, please feel free to drop by the branch or contact me.

Continued on page 3

Continued from page 2

Bulletin

Please take the time to drop me a line. We struggle to find ways to reduce costs at the branch and saving \$1 per stamp sure helps.

Continued from page 2

Membership

I am always looking for new and better ideas to promote membership. If you have ideas or time you would like to share, please talk with me.

Service Officer Report

Don Kamula
935-2957
Donk1955@gmail.com

I continue to look for programs offered by every level of government that may be useful to our members. Although my mandate as service officer is focused on veterans, I look for and will share information on programs of use to all members of the branch.

One of the publications I would recommend is "A Guide to Programs and Services for Seniors in Ontario". It is available on line or at your public library.

The one good piece of news out of the last federal budget is the promise to re-open the Veterans Affairs Offices.

If you know of any veteran, Legion member or not, that could use assistance please let me know or have them contact me.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

- 1,2,3 Silver Mountain Food Group
- 8 Dance to Quest 8-11 pm
- 10 Monthly Breakfast
- 16 Exec & Gen Meeting (1 &3 pm)
- 16 Dance to Quest 8-11 pm
- 17 Bill Majbroda's 90th Birthday party
Come out and celebrate.
- 30 Dance to Quest 8-11 pm

May

- 8 Mothers Day Breakfast "All hands on deck "
- 21 Exec & Gen Meeting (1 &3 pm)

June

- 12 Monthly Breakfast
- 18 Exec & Gen Meeting (1 &3 pm)

No dances booked yet for May and June but they will be announced on the Legion answering machine and the website.

Cribbage every Saturday afternoon 1-3 pm

Bingo every Wednesday 6:45-9:30 pm