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## Club Room Hours Effective September 11' 2019

**Monday to Saturday** Opens at 11:00 am. **Monday thru Thursday & Saturday** Closes at 10:00 pm,

**Friday** Closes at 12:00 pm **Sunday** Open from 12:00 pm-6:00 pm

**Hall Rentals and Catering available during construction .**

**We're open as usual during construction. Rent our Hall.**

**Catering available through Ladies Auxiliary**

Rent the hall for Receptions, Weddings & Private Functions. The hall is air conditioned and wheelchair accessible.

**Hall Rentals Contact:** Nancy Turpin @ 905-372-0493 or  
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## Presidents Report

Comrades

January has been a busy month at the branch with zone sports events being held, Levee day and the entertainment on the 26<sup>th</sup>. We have had a lot of visitors in at these events and I would like to thank everyone for their kindness during these days. We had quite a few new members sworn in on the 25<sup>th</sup>, I would like to welcome them to the branch.

The new building is still coming along and hopefully we will have some new information for you soon.

Please don't forget about our weekly meat draws, come on out and show your support. There are other events coming up so please keep an eye out for them and try to attend.

RL Robison

President

## **Sick & Visiting**

None to report at the time of this publication.

To all those who have lost a loved one or are feeling down our thoughts & prayers go out to all our shut-ins and to those who have lost a loved one.

Yours in Comradeship  
Judy Elliott 905-372-9666

## **Membership-Honor & Awards**

Hello members, it's that time of year again when our bar staff will be asking you to show your membership card with your 2020 sticker. To be a member in good standing dues should be paid by January 31st.

Please don't get upset when they ask to see your card or your receipt. You may be asked a couple of times in the month, they are doing their job. Even if you are a Life member your card should be produced when asked. Our bar staff is not familiar with every member. Please help us do some clean up! Many members have not picked up their 2019 or 2020 card. Please check the bar and let's get that box cleaned out.

On January 25th we have an initiation of new members at the time of this report. I have called 22 applicants and 16 plan on being here.

If you are bringing in guests please make sure they sign the book and you also sign. You are responsible for your guests you leave they leave.

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Honours & Awards: if any member has pins for years of service that they can no longer wear, I will be happy to take them back from you. Drop them in the membership mail box or leave at the bar.  
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Entertainment: February 23rd 2-5 PM in Clubroom.

Not sure about a meal at this time so watch for the posters.

The January entertainment is the Busker Brothers & a roast beef dinner. By the time you read this it will be all over, sorry if you missed out. January is just about over and in less than 58 days it should be spring.

Can't wait to shed the heavy coat and boots. Take care of yourself and family

Respectfully, Josephine- Membership chair

## **Veteran's Service Officer**

For information or assistance with the Department of Veterans Affairs in regard to entitlement to any Disability Pension, Pension applications, re-assessment, VIP Services & Survivor Benefits please contact me.

Rod Ingersoll  
Branch Service Officer  
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## Ladies Auxiliary President's Message January 2020

General Meetings: February 3, March 2 @ 7:00  
Executive Meetings: February 24, March 30 @ 7:00 p.m.

Hello Fellow comrades

Hope everyone had a good time bringing in the New Year.

Thank you to the ladies that did a deep clean in our kitchen on January 19th.

Please mark your calendar ladies, our birthday party is March 14th Cocktails at 5, dinner at 5:30 pm.

Tickets \$5.00....which will be returned at the door on night of the party.

Good luck to the teams who made it on to District cribbage and the teams going to Zone team darts on February 1 in Brighton.

A reminder ladies, should you still have Convention tickets, please sell them and return stubs with monies to Yolande.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to our February ladies.

Ladies we are looking for spares for our Ladies Wednesday Nights Dart League. If interested, come to Club Room no later the 6:45PM if you'd like to play.

Ground Beef pies will be taking orders from February 4 to 24. and will be in need volunteers to help make them, starting on March 4 at 9AM with pick up March 6th from 2pm till 630 pm.

Be on the lookout for Fruit pie fundraiser coming in March.

In Comradeship

Jennifer Young-President of Ladies Auxiliary Branch 133 289-252-2145

## Building Committee Update January 2020

The Building Committee met in January and anticipates reporting on the progress of our new Legion following the February 2020 meeting.

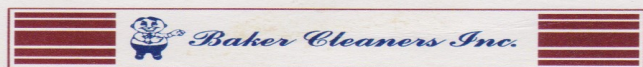
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## Missile Editor

Hello membership,

I hope that everyone and will have a wonderful Christmas season and wish you a health and happy New Year.

Thank you to all those whom submitted articles, pictures & reports by the 25th of each month to [normalleemitchell@hotmail.com](mailto:normalleemitchell@hotmail.com).

Your submissions keep our readers interested in the publication. Please continue to share your news, events etc. All submissions require contact information whereas you may be needed to be contacted.

Warmest Regards

Normalee Teskey-Missile Editor-Branch #133

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.

John Quincy Adams

## Ways & Means

### Meat Draws



Every Friday @ 5 PM & Saturday @ 3 PM

We need **volunteers** to handle the draws which involves 1.5 hours on Friday or Saturday.

## Notice

### Ladies Auxiliary

Pub Lunch

11:30AM-1:00PM

\$8.00

**February 14 & 28**

**Menu-TBD**

**Check bulletin boards**



## Loonie Loonie Dart

### Tournament to raise funds for the Building Fund.

Summer Loonie darts went well. Thank you everyone for coming out. Starting in September when Legion hours are back to normal and the summer break is over we will have Loonie darts every second Sunday when time permits.

A dollar to play and a dollar for the Building Fund. Registration at noon, play starts at 1.

For more information contact

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### Royal Canadian Legion Branch 133 Public Speaking Competition

On Sunday Feb 23, 2020 at 10:00 at least 25 students from grades 1-12 will be competing in the public speaking competition for the Branch. Winners from each of the thirteen schools in Northumberland will be gathered to entertain, and move us with their skills. Everyone who hears these intelligent, articulate, and courageous young people speak is impressed by their talent. Come out and support the students in Northumberland, and spend a couple of hours in the company of the next generation.

Submitted by Leona Woods

### OVER 55 CLUB

February already, WOW, where did January go?! 6 Weeks to Spring Yeah!

Birthday celebrations for January were Danny Parsons 90, Ruthanna Thompson 92, along with Suzanne Bissonnette, Barry Finch, George Kirtley, Judy Turk and Marlene Thompson. Please make sure that Jenny has your birth month recorded, I really hate finding out that I have missed someone. Cupcakes are given to those attending the luncheon, cards and wishes for all.

Our 50/50 winner for January was Hal Allison and the surprise gift went to Annette Ashfield.

Bingo was enjoyed by many members.

Edith Doherty had been in hospital, but had been discharged when I went up.

This has been a hectic month for me but am cheered at the report of a robin in the back yard. 😊

'Til next time, Edie Lean-Chair

Over 55 Club 905-372-6287

### Entertainment News

Please mark your calendar for the 83<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Dinner for the Ladies Auxiliary. It will be held on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Cocktails at 5 and dinner at 5.30 p.m.

Tickets are \$5.00 and must be paid in advance. I will not be able to hold a ticket for you as in the past.

You will receive a refund of your \$5.00 when you attend the dinner. WHAT A DEAL!!!

This is the evening of our Honours and Awards. If you are entitled to a years of service pin, please come to the dinner to receive it! You deserve it!

Yours in comradeship,

Yolande McKinnon, Secretary

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥



### **The Loss of HMCS Skeena; Chapter 13 LEST WE FORGET**

Between the 21<sup>st</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup> of October 2019, the cadets of 116 Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps "Skeena", travelled to Iceland to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the loss of their namesake HMCS Skeena. HMCS Skeena was lost on the evening and early morning of 24-25 Oct 1944, wrecked in a fierce North Atlantic storm, as the ship was wrecked on the rocky shore of Videy Island. 15 members of her crew perished.

On the morning of the 25<sup>th</sup>, it was a rather cold and windy day. Not much different than the morning of 75 years earlier when the survivors of HMCS Skeena made their trek across Videy island Iceland to be rescued. Although cold and wet, our cadets did not complain. It was almost fate (or faith as some may describe it), that what we were experiencing with the weather that morning added to commemoration and remembrance of the loss of our ship-mates.

After a luncheon hosted by the family of the Icelandic fisherman, Einar Sigurdsson, who coordinated and lead the rescue mission on behalf of the Royal Navy, the cadets and officers traveled to Fossvogur Cemetery in Reykjavik to conduct Remembrance Services in Commemoration of the loss of HMCS Skeena.

I have been to the cemetery 3 times before, the last being in 2006 Fossvogur cemetery is the main cemetery for the city, hence you can imagine the size and the area it covers. It is a very unique place to visit and its upkeep is impressive. With Iceland being very barren of trees and such, the cemetery is a vast area of green shrubs and trees. Very much different from other places around the city. It is a very welcoming place with asphalted path ways throughout the cemetery, and you see many locals walking within its confines. Within the cemetery is a small plot containing about 200 graves of various nationalities and faiths of soldiers/airman/army personnel/merchant seaman who perished during WW2. This area is maintained by the commonwealth graves commission, and buried in this section are 14 of the 15 boys from HMCS Skeena. In the centre of the plot, is a large cross of sacrifice, very similar to our own cenotaph in Victoria Park.

The cadets gathered around each of the 14 graves and last post was played by one of the cadets. A poem was read by one of the cadets and the act of remembrance performed. We were also joined by the Sigurdsson Family and the Canadian Ambassador to Iceland. Cadets laid a special commemoration plaque at each head stone and an additional plaque was laid on the cross of sacrifice for the missing 15<sup>th</sup> sailor. Here we were, standing in front of the headstones on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2019, each headstone engraved HMCS Skeena 25 October 1944. Although our service was simple and short, what better tribute to the lives of our shipmates than to be here exactly on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

After the service our cadets were led on a short 5-minute walk down a path to the resting place of Captain Einar Sigurdsson. So, fitting his final resting place is close by the crew of HMCS Skeena. As we are standing there, the cadets began removing their red poppies from their uniforms. They did so with out being told to, it just happened. The Sigurdsson family stood in silent, watching the cadets pay their respects in their own way. As we left for the bus, so was left a sea of red poppies on the headstone. A simple gesture, but an amazing tribute to man who saved so many lives.

In 1944 Einar Sigurdsson was awarded and made a member of British Medal. His OBE is displayed proudly in the offices of the family fishing company in Reykjavik. Although mentioned in official Canadian records, he was never formally recognised for his gallantry by the Royal Canadian Navy or the Canadian Government. I truly believe the actions of the cadets speak for themselves and their tribute of leaving their poppies is more fitting then any certificate or medal can do.

As legion members we often repeat those words, Lest We Forget, however that on that day, 25<sup>th</sup> of October, 2019, the cadets of 116 RCSCC Skeena, not only learnt what those words meant, but also took it upon themselves to put those words into actions.

**In Comradeship**

**Lt(N) Christopher R. Barker, CD\***

February is Heart Health Month-wear red on February 13' 2020 to raise awareness about women's health in Canada. Heart disease is the # 1 killer of women. Source: Ottawa Heart Institute

# February 2020

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

						<b>1</b> Meat Roll 3 PM
<b>2</b> Super Bowl	<b>3</b> LA Gen. Mtg.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Ladies Wednesday Night Darts	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Meat Roll 5 PM Friday Night Darts	<b>8</b> Youth Darts Meat Roll 3 PM
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Ladies Wednesday Night Darts	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Meat Roll 5 PM Friday Night Darts 	<b>15</b> Meat Roll 3 PM
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Over 55 Luncheon Ladies Wednesday Night Darts	<b>20</b> Br. General Mtg.	<b>21</b> Meat Roll 5 PM Friday Night Darts	<b>22</b> Meat Roll 3 PM
<b>23</b> Youth Public Speaking	<b>24</b> LA Exec. Mtg.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Ladies Wednesday Night Darts	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Meat Roll 5 PM Friday Night Darts	<b>29</b> Meat Roll 3 PM