



Markham District Veterans Association Newsletter

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President's Remarks – Brian Fazackerley

Dear Comrades:

I regret to inform the membership that I am resigning as your president and stepping down from the Board. This will occur at the April 8, 2019, General Meeting.

This action is driven by medical reasons. Many of you will know that I am afflicted with a progressive neuro-degenerative condition. There is no known cause or cure. It is by no means fatal in the usual sense of the term; it simply progresses at its own pace with its unique set of effects, and one must do their best to adapt to these as they unfold. Positive attitude and avoidance of stress and anxiety, along with regular physical activity, provide for the best known prognosis.

After consulting with family, close friends and my neurologist, I must relinquish the responsibility of serving on the Board, as I simply no longer have the dependable capacity to discharge that responsibility.

I am pleased to report that the Board remains strong and committed, and will manage the transition with the 1st Vice President, Michele Chalmers, stepping into the role of president and chair. Decisions will be made by the Board about allocation of tasks and succession within their discretion under the Bylaws as time progresses.

I firmly believed I had the means to complete this task competently when I put up my hand last November. There was no reason at the time to believe things would progress as they have. It is what it is, unfortunately, and no one is sorrier than I that I must step down prematurely.

I remain at the service of the Board to consult as a member on specific tasks related to procedures, document drafting and whatever else I can manage.

It has been my privilege and honour to serve on your Board.

....**Brian**

Entertainment Chair – Laura Chalmers

Hello comrades. Last month as you know we had to cancel our St. Patrick's Day event. It is not something that we like to do but when not enough tickets are sold we have no choice. I am hoping that our next event will be more successful. The Spring Fling will be held in late May so stay tuned for more details on that. Last month we had the Meat Draw & Karaoke and it was a huge success! One of the biggest turnouts we have had in a while which was great to see. Lots of winners for the Meat Draw and lots of new singers for the Karaoke. This month we will be having this event on Saturday April 27th, 2019. Hope to see many of you there!**Laura**

Mark Your Calendar – April

- **Vimy Remembrance Service – Saturday April 6th, 2019**
- **General Meeting on Monday April 8th, 2019**
- **Meat Draw / Karaoke – Saturday April 27th, 2019**

Service Bureau – Karen Kearns

Faith Collins underwent surgery April 2nd. Update to follow.

Viggo Nielsen is still recovering at home.

Charles Painter A LIFE MEMBER passed away and we were notified afterwards so a card was sent and his membership card was sent to his son.

Bill Snowball's mom passed away and a card was sent.

Mary Steele was in hospital for almost a week, she at home recovering now.

Evenly Lillie's son passed away card & flowers were sent, she had a Celebration of Life here on Sat which was very well attended

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE SICK PLEASE LET ME KNOW @ 905 471-5913

....Karen

Building Chair – David Smith

The Markham Fire Departments orders are still a work in progress I am hoping they will be completed by the end of the month. Other than that, there are no other serious issues with the building.

With the better weather, I am hoping to do our annual property spring clean-up on Saturday April 13. I will need about 10 volunteers for a couple of hours starting at 10AM. I will need the volunteers to bring rakes and brooms. I have the waste bags. I will put a sign-up sheet at the club or you can send me an email via the MDVA email address. See you at the meeting next week.

.... David

Hall Chair Paul Kearns

The hall rentals have been steady for the first 3 months and I have 11 more bookings for the next 3months.

That being said I think we could do better. I ask all members to promote the Club and our upstairs Hall.

I could also use volunteers to help set up and take down the hall. Please come forward if you have a little spare time. Either call the club and Volunteer or call me Paul at 647 554-5913. Thank you. ...Paul

Publicity – Michele Chalmers

I am still working on the Website and have made progress as far as cleaning things up and adding some important information. My next hurdle is updating the calendars I put in to let people know hall availability as well as events. I am working a bit less this month so will do my best to get it all complete.

....Michele

Membership – Dan Quigley

Comrades

Our Association is doing well in terms of membership. As of April 1st we have 288 members;

102 Associate Members

7 Honorary Members

18 Life Members

59 Regular Members

102 Relative Members

We also have 9 persons on the list waiting to be inducted.

At the April General Meeting I will be presenting a synopsis of the recent "Improving member satisfaction and attendance" survey. Your Board of Directors will be reviewing the results of the survey and using your ideas to make some changes.

.....Dan

Sgt At Arms – Dawne Ramkay

The snow has melted and our Cenotaph is ready for our first service of the season!

We will be hosting our Vimy Remembrance Service this year on April 6 2019. 10:15 at the Club for volunteers 10:45 at the Cenotaph. Weather Permitting. I still need some volunteers for this event. If you are willing to participate please be at MDVA no later than 10:15. Thank you for your continued commitment to our Club and Community.

On a separate note it has been my privilege and honour to serve the MDVA over the past 4 years in appointed positions. I am grateful for the opportunity, it has taught me a lot and has enabled my own personal growth. I look forward to running in upcoming elections and continue the work I enjoy so much.

..... Dawne

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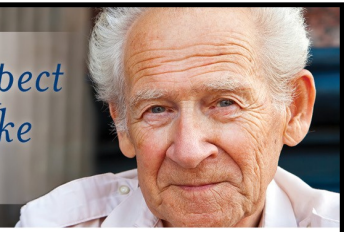
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