



Markham District Veterans Association Newsletter

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President's Remarks – David Smith

Dear Comrades:

Welcome to 2020, a new decade, a new President and a new Board of Directors who are fired up and looking forward to serving you.

First and foremost let me say "**Thank You**" to the out going President and Board for their Service to the membership over the last year, and some over many years of service. Their hard work and efforts are now a part of our history and provide us with a solid foundation on which to build.

My initial 2020 objectives as I stated in the December bulletin are:

- 1). Encourage more member participation and support
- 2). Apply for funding grants to improve our facilities
- 3). Improve our website so that members and visitors to the site can get current information on hall rental availability, apply for membership, see an event calendar with planned functions, as well as posting current pictures and information on activities within the club so that members can stay informed.

The support of our membership is vital to the MDVA's existence.. As we have stated in the past, our financial health is provided by the revenue generated from the Hall Rentals and support from around 25% of our membership, so getting more member participation and support is priority #1.

To help in this, your Entertainment Director. Shara Carr, and Bar Director, Wiz Kelly, are going to offer up a host of activities to encourage and entice all of our members to come out and support the MDVA.

This is **YOUR** club and its future depends on **YOU** so please support and participate.

Unfortunately, I will not be available to chair the first meeting of 2020 next week as I had a family vacation planned with some of my grand children. Michele has kindly agreed to chair in my absence.

I and all of the Board look forward to an exciting and eventful 2020.....See you at the MDVA.

.....**David**

Entertainment Chair – Shara Carr

Hello Fellow Members - Thank you for electing me to be your Entertainment and Fundraising Chair for 2020! A big thank you to Laura Chalmers for all of her hard work in this role last year and for all of her help getting me prepped for this year!

As a Board, our goal is to provide you with many great events, at lower cost if possible and with lots of notice! To that end, you will find posters for January events attached as well as a calendar of events for January, February, and March. Please feel free to share your own ideas with me as well!

Because I just officially started on Jan. 1 I ask that you please excuse the short notice for some events this month but know that my goal going forward is to let you know about things with enough time to plan to attend and to invite your friends and family to join you!

As you may know, the Board does a lot of work that you see and so much more behind the scenes. With the philosophy of many hands makes light work we are inviting you to volunteer to help and can really use your assistance. I have put a sign-up sheet by the bar for volunteers wishing to help with Entertainment and Fundraising Events. Please note that signing up does not mean you are committed to every event or for the whole year. I will contact the volunteers and decide together how much or how little you would like to do. I would so appreciate your help and look forward to working together to make 2020 a year full of awesome entertainment while raising much-needed funds for the club that will benefit you too!

We really need some help with **Robbie Burns Night** since it is so close (Fri. Jan. 24). Please contact me at **416-301-6745** or at **sharacarr@rogers.com** if you can help in any way with things like food preparation, set up and tear down etc. I will also be putting a sign-up sheet for this up at the Club. Thanks again and I look forward to seeing many of you at our events and at the General Meeting on Monday!

.... Shara



Mark Your Calendar – January 2020

- Monday Movie Nights – January 6, 20 & 27
- No Selling Allowed Series with Larry Lau - Sun. Jan. 12 3:30-5:30pm
- General Meeting on Monday January 13th @ 7:30 pm
- Betty's Meat Draw, Bob Ashmore's Karaoke and Potluck - Sat. Jan. 18 - 6pm
- ★ Lunch & Learn – No Charge – Tuesday Jan. 21st – RSVP required by Jan. 17th
- (alternate date of Tues. Jan. 28th if the 21st is a bad snow day) Upper Hall
- Robbie Burns – Friday January 24th – separate flyer attached with details
- Sunday Fun Day – January 26th - 4:00 – 8:00 pm & Potluck – Unionville Room
- Girls Night Pot Luck – Thursday January 30th – Unionville Rm – 6 to 9:00 PM

February 2020 ! “Save These Dates”

- SuperBowl Sunday February 2nd – details to follow
- General Meeting on Monday February 10th @ 7:30 pm
- Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance – Friday February 14th – details to follow
- Family Fun Day on “Family Day” from 4:00 – 8:00 PM – Monday February 17th



Attention All Members! Wouldn't it be nice to stay in our homes longer? come to the Club on Tuesday Jan 21st 2020 for a free, "Lunch & Learn" hosted by “Home Concierge” owned by Amica Senior Lifestyles & their presentation on how this is possible. (Alternate date in case of a snow storm – Tues. Jan. 28th)

Please RSVP to the Club or myself to sign up! RSVP by Friday January 17th – Please come out & enjoy a free lunch, & listen to one of our own MDVA members, Marjorie Nielsen, who is using this new program & how it works.

Karen Kearns at 905-471-5913
OR the Club at 905-294-3159

We have also posted a sign-up sheet in the club room on the bulletin Board

Service Bureau – Karen Kearns

I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season.

Sick List:

John Tierney is recovering from Gall Bladder surgery
Nancy Lavender is at home recovering from knee replacement and doing well.

If you know of anyone that is ill or needs help with anything ie ride to appointments please let me know @ 905-471-5913
....Karen K.

Bar Chair – Richard Kelly (Whiz)

I would like to thank everyone who came out on Sunday to cheer Canada on to an exciting victory & GOLD medal!

Congratulations to Bill Lapthorn and Mike Johnson for winning the pool tournament, to Bridget Wells for winning the 50/50 draw and to Rob Libby on winning the bottle of Crown Royal! Thanks to those who contributed and to those who brought some excellent food! Great turn out, good times with great people! Watch for our next pool tournament!



Membership – Dawne Ramkay

Welcome to 2020! I hope everyone had a great holiday season. I have begun my new position as your membership chair. Thank you to all who have paid their 2020 dues.

Going forward there will be a \$5 late fee attached to your dues. If you have not paid please try to attend the Club to do so as soon as possible.

I am looking forward to serving you as the New Membership Chair, it will be a new challenge for me but I am keen on learning and excited for the opportunity.

Please encourage friends and family to attend and take out membership.

On another note, we are looking to update our membership files. We would love to recognize years of membership but have little to no records. If you are able, please advise us the year you joined the MDVA, so we can further update our records. Many thanks **Dawne**

Publicity – Karen Mooney

Happy New Year everyone! Well 2020 will be bringing lots of changes & now I'll be doing your newsletters so if there's anything you would like to share with the Board & all of our members please get in touch with me.

One of my objectives for 2020 will be reaching out to local businesses in the community to see if we can attract more to advertise in our newsletter. If you know of anyone who may be interested please give them my name so I can call – our rates for advertising for the 10 issues that go out annually are very reasonable with a choice of 3 sizes & pricing depending on the size selected.

Next, and once I've had some training, I'll be managing the web-site & along with David Smith's objective(s) is to keep it up-dated & current as well as providing more information about the club & events & functions. Lots to do moving forward !
.... **Karen**

December was such a busy month at the MDVA - Sharing some of the amazing things from December !!!!

Dec. 8th -

Jack Paley turned 98 on Dec. 2nd, but celebrated on Sunday Dec. 8th. Jack & his wife Barbara & family in the upper hall! Congratulations Jack!



Jack with Alan Bell from the SAS Regiment (Special Air Service)

And Jack with our 748 Cadets who so generously offered to serve sandwiches & cake to the guests at his party – big shout out to them & Roger Carlsen



Dec. 9th at the General Meeting – as noted above by Dawne Ramkay we're looking to recognize our members who have been with the MDVA for 25 + years. Not all our records show the year people joined so if you remember please e-mail the club so we can start documenting

Below we recognized our Past President John Chalmers with a “Life” membership for years on the Board & the MDVA & going above & beyond with his service to us !



John also received a certificate for 25 + years of membership !

Paul Kearns just celebrated 50 years as a member – one of our originals !!! Congratulations Paul ! & Mike Johnson with 25+ years as well !

Dec. 14th – the 3 “B’s” , Betty, Bobby & Brian at the Meat Draw & following that the Bake Sale table !





Dec. 17th – our President (Michele Chalmers,) & organizers of the the MDVA Annual Toy Mountain Golf Tournament & Dinner (Mike Johnson, David Smith & Treasurer Dirk Mooney)
Present a cheque to CTV's Tom Brown in the amount of \$5000.00 for Toy Mountain / Salvation Army, as raised by the MDVA.

Dec. 20th - Congratulations to Paul Kearns – winner
Of the raffle for the Handmade Quilt
Donated by Helen Stuart – Thanks Helen !



Your 2020 Board – as requested, here is a list of the names of the new Board & positions they hold:

President – David Smith
Treasurer – John Craig
Secretary – Bridget Wells
Past President – Michele Chalmers

Directors:
Entertainment & Fund Raising – Shara Carr
Bar Chair – Richard Kelly (Whiz)
Membership – Dawne Ramkay
Publicity & Communications & 1st Vice – Karen Mooney
Hall Rental – Eloise Bowerman
Building Chair – Gary Bowerman
Service Bureau & 2nd Vice – Karen Kearns
Sgt. @ Arms – Larry Lau

Appointed Positions – Dave Watson, Historian & Gary Bowerman, Parade Marshal & Rick Paci, Poppy Campaign

.....Karen M.

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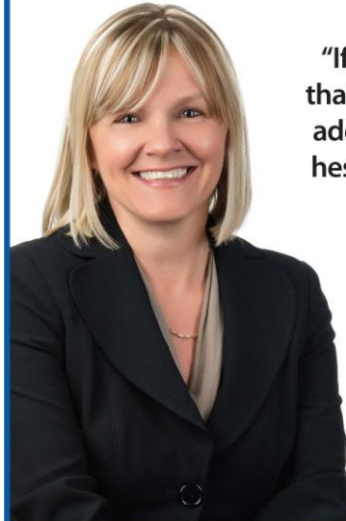
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**Karen
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