



# Markham District Veterans Association Newsletter

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## **President's Remarks – David Smith**

Members, what a month January has been!

If you have been by the club of late, you will have noticed that the flag is at 1/2 mast in memory of the many Canadians that tragically died when the Ukrainian plane was shot down by an Iranian missile. Many of these Canadians were from Toronto and the surrounding areas and all of our thoughts and prayers have gone out to the families of the victims.

We are also remembering the liberation of Auschwitz on January 27, 1945, when the Allied Forces freed over 7,000 prisoners that were left in the camp after the Nazi's fled....a horror that future generations should never be allowed to forget.

On a happier note, we held a HUGELY successful Robbie Burns night....we had over 90 in attendance. I even tried haggis for the first time....not bad! The dram was pretty good too! Shara and her team did an AWESOME job. Stay tuned for future events that she is planning and will tell you about.

In an effort to attract more members to our General Meetings, I am introducing a guest speaker to the program on topics that are informative and relevant to all of us. The first at the February 10th meeting will be our own Councillor Karen Rea who I have asked to talk on what is going on within the Ward and update us on some of the infrastructure initiatives the city is working on. So come on out and hear what is going on in Markham and enjoy some fellowship afterwards.

Drop by whenever you can and enjoy YOUR club....and share your constructive comments with us, good or bad, so we can continuously work to make your experience at the club a positive one.

See you at the vets!

.....David

## **Entertainment Chair – Shara Carr**

Hi All! - We kicked off the year with a fun month! By all accounts, the Meat Draw and Karaoke on the 18th were a success, as usual. Special thanks this time to Bridget Wells, Jennifer MacNeill, and Rick Nicholson for looking after the raffle and potluck for me (they raised \$150 for the Club) as I was on vacation and of course to Betty McInnes for running her ever-popular meat draw and to Bob Ashmore for keeping the karaoke tunes flowing! Thanks to all who came and who contributed to the raffle and potluck. Congratulations to Janet Whitely, Linaire Armstrong, and Brenda on their winnings!

Of course, I also really want to extend a big thank you to all who helped to make our Robbie Burns Night a sold-out success! Thanks so much to all who attended, contributed to the raffle, helped with all the food, set up and clean up, (too many to mention by name but we know who you are!) had fun and danced the night away! A special thank you to Bobby and Betty McInnis for bringing the ceremony and poetry to the night and to Bob Ashmore once again, for spinning his awesome tunes. Congratulations to Ginger Dick and Patty Milligan who each won a turkey, to Doreen Drimmel who won the bottle of Glenfiddich and to the winner of the door prize of wine kindly donated by Karen Wieczorek and Bridget Wells (my apologies to the winner whose name I neglected to take note of). I

know I had a great time and I've heard lots of really positive feedback so I'm glad that a fun night was had by so many. And, we raised a substantial amount of money to help with the building, the Club itself and you, us, its' members. while managing to keep the ticket costs low!

Thursday's Girls Night was a fabulous time! A few drinks, delicious dishes and some great conversations with some awesome women! Who could ask for more?! We even "hired" our own entertainment in the form of Bar Chair Whiz Kelly, who brought more laughter to the evening and kindly took up the 50/50 collection for us. Thanks to all who came, contributed and made the night so much fun! Congratulations to newcomer Debra McLeod who won \$62.50 in the draw! Mark your calendars for the next one ladies, April 30th!

We're all looking forward to the Super Bowl party with prizes and a potluck and the pool tournament before the game on Sun. the 2nd. The Club opens at 3.

A reminder to get your tickets for the Valentine's Day Dinner Dance on Feb. 14th from the bar while you can still get the Early Bird pricing (until the 7th). That's going to be a fabulous night with appetizers, a catered dinner and the sensational entertainment of Danny Scott! Let's make this another night for all of us to have a blast together and dance the night away!

You will find the calendars of events attached here for Feb., March and April. Please note that we have moved some things around and removed some originally planned events that weren't inspiring you, so this is the most up to date schedule.

Looking forward to another great month with you all!

..... ***Sara***

### **Summary of Upcoming Events**

Super Bowl Party, Pool Tournament and Potluck Sun. Feb. 2 from 3pm

No Selling Allowed Series Sun. Feb. 9 - 3:30 - 5:30 - Why You Need a Will - please sign up by the bar

Valentine's Day Dinner Dance - Fri. Feb. 14 6pm for cocktails followed by dinner and dancing

Meat Draw and Karaoke with potluck - Sat. Feb. 22 from 5pm

.... ***Sara***

### **Mark Your Calendar – February 2020**

- **SuperBowl Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup> – details to follow**
- **Monday Movie Nights – Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>**
- **No Selling Allowed Series – Sun. Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> – 3:30 – 5:30 – Why You Need a Will (please sign up by the bar)**
- **General Meeting on Monday February 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm**
- **Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance – Friday February 14<sup>th</sup> – tickets available at the bar**
- **Meat Draw / Karaoke AND Potluck – Sat. Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>**



### **March - 2020 ! "Save These Dates"**

- **General Meeting on Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm**
- **St. Patrick's Day – Dinner & Dance – Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup> – details to follow !**
- **Meat Draw / Karaoke AND Potluck – Sat. March 28<sup>th</sup>**

### **Service Bureau – Karen Kearns**

Nancy Campbell had a nasty fall breaking a bone in her foot and has had to have a shoulder replacement. I spoke with her she is starting rehab. We wish her a complete recovery.

Nell Dunn is recovering in Newmarket & is slowly coming along.

Nancy Lavender is recovering & going through physiotherapy after her knee surgery.

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.***

### **Building Chair – Gary Bowerman**

Good Day Members, I am writing this waiting to board the plane to Mexico. We had a great turn out for chair and table cleaning Social in January. We are planning a similar get together for February, more to follow..

Thank you to all the volunteers for the Robbie Burns setup and teardown for the tables and chairs. Kudos to the event organizers for a great event. I am still hoping to receive old photos of the club from members, interior and exterior of the building. This will help in determining the condition of the building without doing destructive testing. Thanks again  
.....**Gary**

### **Parade Marshal – Gary Bowerman**

We had no parade events in January. Applications for the Veteran Square Usage are ready to be submitted for 2020. Will have more to report in the March issue. Keep warm ! ..... **Gary**

### **Membership – Dawne Ramkay**

Thank you to all who have renewed their membership. There are still a handful of folks who have yet to pay their dues. Just a reminder there is a \$5 late fee in January that goes to a \$10 late fee in February. Please come in and renew.  
..... **Dawne**

### **Publicity – Karen Mooney**

Hello everyone! I would like to thank all those people who came out for the Home Concierge by Amica Lunch & Learn held on Tuesday Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>. Great turn out & very informative on ways for seniors to stay in their homes longer with this new service which provides help when you need it or more help as required so thank you also to Sandra Taggart who provided the lunch & gave the presentation ! We would also like to thank our MDVA member Marjorie Nielsen who shared, how she & Viggo were part of the pilot program & have benefited from this service from Home Concierge.

We – David Smith & I met with Jim Dibblee from HOBO (Home Office Business Office) on Tuesday Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> where we went through training, exchanged ideas, on ways to improve & use the MDVA web-site. Once we've had some changes made to make it a more user friendly platform, we hope to have it up & running to ready to go ! As soon as that happens, we will share the news with you!

.... **Karen**

**Something new - “Cadet Corner” – periodically Roger Carlsen will provide us with some information or updates on our “748” cadets – this is the first of hopefully many !**

As the new CO of the RC748 G.G.H.G. Cadet Corps., I was one of the first 748 cadets & now very proud to be the first past cadet to become the Commanding Officer. The 748 Corps was named after Highway # 7 and # 48 & the MDVA has been our sponsor for **47 Years** now!

The cadets have a fun upcoming “Sleep Over” which takes place in the upper halls at the club. On February 7 - , Friday night the cadets set up their tents and do some team building activities. The female cadets set up in the Upper Hall & the males in the lower. On Saturday the cadets set up a shooting range to practice their marksmanship skills, using the daisy air rifle which all cadets use across Canada. The sleep over is supervised by the Corps Officers’.

February 29<sup>th</sup> is the Zone 10 marksmanship competition at the Toronto Police College. There will be 24 Teams participating. Teams have 5 members and our Corps has finished in **2nd place the last 2 years!**

The Corps has 60 Cadets which parades every Thursday at 18:30 HR – 11:30 HR at 120 Rouge Bank, the Markham Green Golf Course location.

Regards, **Capt. R. Carlsen C.O.**



**January was another busy month at the MDVA - Sharing some pictures from the Robbie Burns Dinner & Dance**



**Betty, Bobby & Piper "Dave"**  
**Warming up downstairs !**



**Girl's Night Out and Potluck – Thursday Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> !**







***Welcome ! Jim Sutton & his daughter Amy (in from Hamilton) having a game of chess ! Did you know that Jim's father was one of the founding members of the MDVA back in 1949 ? Do any of you remember Bill Sutton – 1 of the 6 founding members!***

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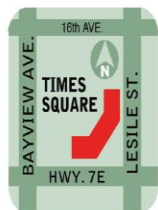
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