



# Markham District Veterans Association Newsletter

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

February, the month of love....I hope you enjoyed the wonderful Valentines event that was held.

I called a special meeting of the Board in February, I did not get a lot of love by doing that, to review and make any necessary changes to the MDVA Constitution, Standing Rules, Board Policies and Procedures and the Bar Stewards Policies and Procedures. We also developed guidelines for the MDVA Social Media Policy and Phone Policy.

Our legal consultant is reviewing the recommended changes to Constitution by the Board and once that is completed then the Board will vote on adopting the changes. At the completion of that exercise, I will send a summary of the amendments to you and notification that a vote by the Life, Regular and Relative members in attendance at the April General meeting will take place to have the amendments adopted.

All other changes to the other documents we reviewed will be presented for adoption at the March Board meeting and the Standing Rules, Social Media Policy and Phone Policy will be posted in the Club and Unionville rooms.

This month's General Meeting guest speaker will be York Regional Police Constable Bussie Woods who will be talking to us on senior scams, the things we need to know, what to watch out for and what actions we may need to take. I understand that she recently spoke at the Markham Seniors Center and was very well received.

Your Board continues to work hard to provide you with a wonderful experience when you visit YOUR club. Please let us know how we are doing, good or bad,

Stay tuned for more good things to come.

.....David

## **Entertainment Chair – Shara Carr**

Hi Everybody,

Well what a fun month February was! I heard the Super-bowl party was well attended and everyone enjoyed! Our Valentine's Day Dinner Dance was such a great night! Thank you so much to all who came out and made it so enjoyable! Congratulations to all the raffle winners and it was fabulous to see so many people dancing and singing along with Danny Scott and Steve Morris! A huge thank you to all who helped put this event on....Bridget Wells, David Smith, Paul and Karen Kearns, Betty and Bobby McInnis, Gary and Eloise Bowerman, John Craig, Mike Johnson, Cora and Dave Watson, Dirk and Karen Mooney, Whiz, Marjorie Nielsen, Dionne Foyle and Roger Carlson and the Cadets!

On that note...It takes quite a few volunteers to show everybody a good time. I've found that when I help out for any organization, I feel an even stronger sense of belonging there, it somehow feels more like mine. I am so grateful to the people who always or often help, but please remember we welcome your help too, and I promise you get a lot out of it! Please let me know if you would like to help with any upcoming events.

Betty's Meat Draw and Bob Ashmore's Karaoke with a potluck on Feb.22nd were another big success! We had a great mix of our fabulous regulars, some new singers and even some group songs and many of us danced as well! The food was yummy, the tunes were awesome and the people were a lot of fun! Congratulations to all the winners and I hope to keep seeing such a great turn out to this event going forward. The next one is on **March 28th!**

Of course, we're now gearing up for our St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance, which is almost sold out already! That promises to be another night of laughter and sensational music by the 45s! Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Please note that we are planning an Easter Bake Sale on April 4th. Please email me at sharacarr@rogers.com if you would like to contribute to it and/or volunteer at it.

Here's to another great month!

.....**Shara**

## Summary of Upcoming Events



### Mark Your Calendar – March 2020

- Monday Movie Nights – March 2, 16, 23, 30
- Change your clocks – spring ahead one hour !!! March 7/8
- General Meeting on Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm
- St. Patrick's Dinner / Dance – Sat. March 21<sup>st</sup> – tickets available at the bar
- Meat Draw / Karaoke AND Potluck – Sat. March 28<sup>th</sup>



### April - 2020 ! “Save These Dates”

- Monday Movie Nights – April 6, 20 & 27
- Easter Bake Sale – Sat. April 4<sup>th</sup> – Club room – 4:00pm to 8:00 pm
- Good Friday – April 10th
- Vimy Ridge service – April 11<sup>th</sup> – details to follow in late March or early April
- General Meeting on Monday April 13th @ 7:30 pm
- Girl's Night Out & Potluck – Unionville Room – Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 PM (bring something for the potluck table or \$10.00 per person)



### Service Bureau – Karen Kearns

Nell Dunn has moved to Stouffville Creek Retirement Home, located at 40 Freel Lane in Stouffville On.

David Anthony is at home recovering 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.**

### Parade Marshal – Gary Bowerman

Good Day Members

A snowy February is now behind us. We didn't have any request to have "The Colours" present during any events in February.

We are planning on hosting a Vimy **Ridge and Tarnak Farm Memorial** in the Club and Unionville rooms, on Saturday April 11th 2020. For those not familiar with the Tarnak Farm Incident in Afghanistan, on the 17th April 2002, four Canadian soldiers were killed and eight others were seriously injured, when an American Fighter released a five hundred pound bomb on The Canadian Battle Group as they conducted a night time live fire exercise at the Tarnak Farm firing range used by all the coalition forces.

This incident with all the sorrow and sadness that surrounded it led to the renaming of a portion of Highway 401 from Trenton to Toronto , “Highway of Heroes”. As the remains of our soldiers were transported from Trenton Air Base, thousands of people showed their respect from the overpasses along the route to Toronto. This is a tradition that carried on over the entire duration of the War in Afghanistan. They shall not grow old.....

For those interested in helping out and planning this event, please email me at [gbowerman2013@gmail.com](mailto:gbowerman2013@gmail.com) ....**Gary**

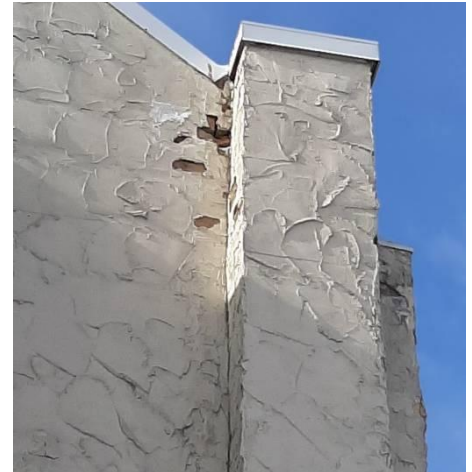
#### **Building Chair – Gary Bowerman**

Good Day Members,

We seem to have rectified the problems with the accessibility lift (elevator). Apparently, the elevator section foundation of the building has settled over the years. This caused the car to touch the side wall slightly, tripping the safety switch.

As a reminder, if you are bringing materials into the building or between floors, when there is nobody else in the building, please load the car with the materials, and go to the intended floor and call the elevator.

We are experiencing water infiltration behind the stucco siding on the 1873 part of our building. Small pieces of stucco have separated and have fallen to the ground. We have checked and removed the remaining loose pieces. If anyone notices any additional areas of concern, let us know. ....**Gary**



#### **Membership – Dawne Ramkay**

Just a final reminder that 2020 dues are overdue. This is the final month to pay your Dues before your membership is suspended. There will be a \$15 late fee applied. Thank you to all who have renewed. .... **Dawne**

#### **Publicity – Karen Mooney**

Good news everyone ! The **pewter name plates** have arrived so if you could please see with your payment of \$30 I'd appreciate it. You can write a cheque – made out to the MDVA and / or put \$30 cash into an envelope to my attention with reference to “Pewter Name Plate” and either give it to me when you see me or you can give it to the bar steward. I just need to know who has paid & when so I can mark you off my list ! Installation will be sometime in the next few weeks! .... **Karen**

#### **“Cadet Corner” – Roger Carlsen**

March 1 the cadets competed in the NGTA Zone 11 MARKSMANSHIP shoot at the Toronto Police College.

**Our team won a Bronze Medal** - there were 18 teams competing this year. Our team had two new cadets participating.

Sgt. Yan a junior cadet won a bronze medal out of 70 other juniors.

The cadet corp will be away on their winter adventure FTX , March 6-8 at Woodland Trails Stouffville.

Members are welcome to come by our camp site (Big Pine) come by for a hot chocolate and a hot dog. Or, if you are brave enough try an MRE.(Meal Ready to Eat).

Regards, Capt Carlsen CD, Commanding Officer, RC748ArmyCC



**February was another busy month at the MDVA –**

**Super-Bowl – Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>**



***Bobby McInnes receiving a certificate for over 30+ years of service to the MDVA***

**Valentine's Day Dinner / Dance –**  
**Friday Feb. 14th**

***Although many, many photos were taken most of them were either too dark or blurry to add so here are just a***

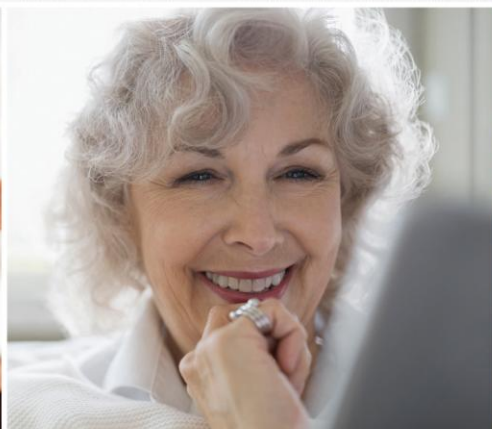


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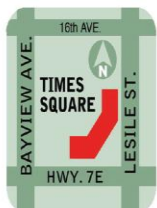
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