



Markham District Veterans Association Newsletter

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May 2021



President's Remarks – David Smith

Dear members,

Well the lockdown continues until the middle of May, lots of people have been signing up and lining up to get vaccinated, and all of us have been doing what we can to help flatten the curve of this deadly virus. We see the light at the end of this very dark tunnel so please stay vigilant, as the variants are highly transmissible.

If you watch the daily COVID briefings, you know that there is no forecast date as to when clubs will be allowed to open. The one thing that I am sure of is that we will be opening at some point with the usual Covid protocols that we have had to have in place for the last 12 months.

I have requested, and the Board of Directors has approved, the purchase of 2 high quality air purifiers for the Unionville and Club rooms. I am hoping to have these air purifiers installed by the time that we reopen. Our continued priority is keeping our members health and wellbeing front and centre so that you will not hesitate to visit the club.

Some disappointing news to share. Our application for the Ontario Resiliency Grant to fund the universal accessible bathroom in the upper hall as well as some other improvements to the club, was denied. There is another window of opportunity in August to resubmit, which we will be doing. The grant project managers did share with us some areas where we were weak and what we needed to improve on when we resubmit. We will be working on that in the next few months. We have struck out twice now so let's hope that on the third try we can hit a home run.

Here are some May dates to remember.....

May 2nd - Ontario Police Memorial Day remembering all of the fallen police officers in Ontario.

May 5th - 76th Anniversary of the Dutch Liberation when Canadian soldiers played a key role in the culmination of the Second World War. More than 7,600 Canadians died in the nine months it took to liberate the Netherlands.

May 8th - 76th Anniversary of the Victory in Europe (VE Day) the day after Germany surrendered to the Allied Forces on May 7th. 45,400 Canadian soldiers gave their lives in World War II.

Unfortunately, all activities for these events have been cancelled due to COVID 19 but please take a moment to remember the ultimate sacrifice that these men and women made and continue to make to keep us safe and free.

May 9th - Mothers Day. On behalf of myself and the Board of Directors we wish all mothers a Very Happy Mothers Day.



Stay healthy, stay safe, follow social distance requirements and let us look forward to when we can gather again.

.....David

Secretary – Bridget Wells

May Board meeting highlights are as follows:

Secretary Report

- Correspondence received:
 - Update re Clement Horvath's book Till Victory – the RCL will be sending out an internal publication that goes to RCL public relations officers across Canada
- Correspondence sent:
 - None

Treasurer Report

- Treasurers report attached – separate document

President & Directors Reports:

- **President**
 - 2019 Poppy disbursement update - approved
 - 2020 Poppy disbursement review and approval - approved
 - Trillium grant update – turned down – recommendations made & will re-apply in August of 2021
 - Air purifier purchase - approved
 - Cenotaph update – engraving will not be done in 2021 per City of Markham
- **Membership (Larry)**
 - Membership renewal e-mails have been sent out to all overdue members. Telephone follow up with members who do not respond to the e-mail starting week of May 10th
 - Membership numbers provided later in this newsletter

.....Bridget

Treasurer – John Craig

Early on David Smith recognized that a large Trillium award would be a game changer for the club and devoted a tremendous amount of time and effort to the project.

While David has been generous with his thanks to Bridget and I for our contributions, it was David who carried the ball from the beginning to the end.

He had the expertise from earlier years, reviewed the old OTF applications, dealt with our “consultant”, solicited the estimates from the contractors and suppliers, chaired the meetings, organized the conference calls with the Trillium advisors, developed the strategy, completed the application forms, drafted all the content for the narratives, and monitored the application once submitted.

Conservatively, David has spent over 75 hours on this endeavour. It's disappointing that we missed the award. Had we been successful it would have given the club great opportunities.....and it would have been largely through David's efforts.

We owe David a grand round of applause and thank-you!

..... John

Publicity & Communications Director – Karen Mooney

Are you bored? What an understatement ! If any of you are in need of books to read, or jigsaw puzzles to do, please let me know as I have a large quantity available that I can get to you !

I would like to thank all of you who have taken the time to communicate with me by sharing moments or photos of special days – let's keep them coming in !

Birthday's & Anniversaries !



Happy 70th Wedding Anniversary to Jack & Barbara Paley April 19th, 2021



May: Special Days to take note of !

- May 7th – Happy Birthday Dorothy Jarick
- May 8th – VE Day (Victory in Europe)
- May 18th – Happy Birthday Gill Adamson
- May 20th – Dirk & Karen Mooney – Happy 27th Wedding Anniversary
- May 22nd – Happy Birthday Carl Amynotte
- May 24th – Jim & Jackie Lawton – **Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary**
- May 27th – Happy Birthday Dianne Shortt



Do you have a special day, Birthday or Anniversary in June ? please let me know !
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MAY CALENDAR

THE MONTH OF MAY

“May” is likely named for the Roman goddess Maia, who oversaw the growth of plants. Alternatively, the name might have come from the Latin *maiores*, “elders,” who were celebrated at this time.



MAY CALENDAR

- **May 9** – Mother’s Day
- **May 1st** – Kentucky Derby (147th running) Churchill Downs, Louisville, Kentucky
- **May 15** – The Preakness Horse Race ** Pimlico Track, Baltimore, Maryland
- **May 24** – Victoria Day
- **May 31** – Memorial Day (USA)



** Had the club been open, we would normally have advertised & held a function for the Kentucky Derby which was on Sat. May 1st, & had a special gathering along with Poster Boards & Squares, mint juleps & fancy outfits, however, for the 2nd year in a row, due to Covid restrictions we missed out.

The winner “**Medina Spirit**” will move on – could this be the beginning of the next “Triple Crown” ?



With that in mind please keep these dates in mind - **May 15th**, The Preakness
June 1st – Belmont Stakes, Belmont Park, Elmont, New York

MAY ZODIAC SIGNS

Taurus: April 21 to May 20

Gemini: May 21 to June 20

MAY BIRTH SYMBOLS

May’s **birth flowers** are the Hawthorn and the Lily-of-the-Valley.

The hawthorn means hope, while the lily-of-the-valley symbolizes sweetness or the return of happiness.

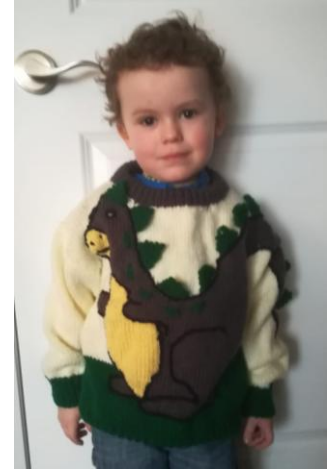


May’s **birthstone** is the emerald

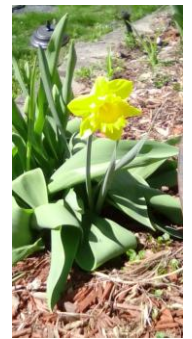
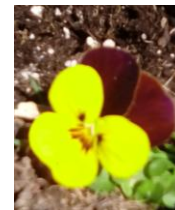
What have you been doing over the past few months to keep busy ! please share ! We’ve seen Helen’s quilting, Busy Betty’s knitting & planting Have any of you taken up a new hobby?



Ann Woodcock knit this beautiful Dinosaur sweater for grandson Logan – so cute !!



Despite the rain & grey days, April & now, May showers are bringing in some flowers & the bushes are budding & isn't that great to see !!! Thanks for sharing busy Betty !



Victoria in Europe – celebration May 8th, 1945 – 76th Anniversary

Victory in Europe Day marks May 8th 1945, on which day the second world war Allies formally accepted an unconditional surrender by the armed forces of Germany and the end of Adolf Hitler's Third Reich, after six years of the bloodiest conflict in human history.

On April 30th 1945, Hitler had committed suicide during the Battle for Berlin.

The surrender of Germany was authorized by his replacement, President of Germany, Karl Dönitz.

The act of military surrender was signed on May 7th 1945 in Reims, France, and May 8th 1945 in Berlin, Germany.

V-E Day 1945 in Canada

Some 1 million men and women—nearly a tenth of Canada's population of 11 million (at the time) —served in the military during the war, and the country was the fourth-largest producer of war materiel. The country emerged from the war with a new level of international respect.



Service Bureau – Karen Kearns

Rain, Rain, go away I only want to go out and play in my back yard as we still can't go anywhere. Please be very careful if you have to go out Wear a Mask and wash your Hands when you come back in.

Our Condolences went out to Jack Docherty on the passing of his wife Ann (Nan) April 5th. Jack & Ann were wonderful to watch at our dances as they took to the dance floor even though she had lost her sight, it did not stop them from enjoying the music and dancing.

Condolences to the family and friends on the passing of Doug Veater . He will be missed by his buddies at the Club.

Our Bartender Rob Libby lost his brother John recently, and a few days later his best friend and cousin John Ireton. We are very sorry for your loss Rob. After this happening, Rob was in contact with someone at the Funeral who was tested positive for Covid, so he is now isolating at home and doing well but very bored.

Our condolences also go out to Evelyn Lillie & her family, on the passing of her son Alan, as well as to his wife Christine & children Craig, Lisa & Adam & their families.

Margaret Hawryluk is recovering at home from foot surgery. We wish we well.

Lisa Amyotle (Carl's wife) is recovering at home from having heart surgery for a new defiberator, we wish her a quick recovery .

Donna Aspinwall is having to isolate after testing positive to Covid. I spoke to her & she is doing okay, I hope this stays this way. She fortunately has also had her 1st vaccine and still contacted covid, so please be as careful as you can. Both Paul and Darren are testing negative, which is great news. Get well soon Donna.

I spoke with Lui Temelkovski & his wife Loretta is still being cared for after her Covid 19 hospital stay. This was quite some time ago and she still needs care. We wish you only the best in getting well soon Loretta.

Robert Kowalski continues to do very well in his rehab housing. Keep up the great work Robert, hope to see you soon.

Please Stay Safe and if you need anything please call.

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Karen



Annie Docherty - April 5th

Doug Veater – April 7th



Membership Director / Sgt. @ Arms – Larry Lau

Dear Members,

As of May 1st, we have the following memberships:

Honorary	7	Relative	88
Life	17	Associate	81
Regular	41		

Total: 277 Members

.....**Larry Lau**

Cadet Corner !!

Last May the cadets had their first Virtual Annual Review never thinking we would have another. Unfortunately we will be virtual again this year.

748 Army Cadets will be having their second Virtual Annual Review Thursday May 27 starting at 630 pm.

All MDVA Members are invite to join the cadets, the ZOOM link is **Zoom Call Information:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4380969423?pwd=aXhsM0tOVUZ3UUpEc1drcFdJcXdjUT09>

Meeting ID: 438 096 9423

Password: 9sa2Y2

Looking to see you at this Parade and awards ceremony.

Stay safe everyone !

Cheers !

CO Capt R.Carlsen CD

RC748 (ARAMY) CC

Please - please support these businesses!



SOON.

We're so grateful for the efforts of our community when it comes to prioritizing the health and safety of our residents. When the time is right, we will once again open our doors to families and friends and to everyone interested in senior living at Amica Swan Lake and Amica Unionville. Until that time comes, we're here to answer any questions you may have.

For the latest updates and re-opening information, please contact us.

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Let's continue to break the chain of transmission of COVID-19.

We are all in this together! The battle against this virus is not over yet. It's very important that we continue to practice physical distancing, wash our hands frequently and avoid unnecessary outings.



Stay Safe & Healthy!

**Karen
Rea**

Ward 4 Councillor

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