



# Markham District Veterans Association Newsletter

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December 2021



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

Dear members, what a great November for the MDVA....

- We had fabulous events such as the Breeders' Cup, Meet Draw, Karaoke.
- Weekly pool tournaments are back
- Our banquet hall was busy with numerous events
- We had our 1st in person Annual General Meeting in 2 years where 5 new Directors were elected to the Board.
- We have brought back draught beer and new wines
- Movie Night is back
- and with all of this "good Stuff" happening we saw an increase in attendance and our revenues for the month.

## **Your 2022 Officers and Board of Directors are:**

David Smith - President (incumbent)  
Bridget Wells - Secretary (incumbent)  
John Craig - Treasurer (incumbent)  
Karen Mooney - Director / Communication & Publicity Manager (incumbent)  
Karen Kearns - Director / Service Bureau Manager (incumbent)  
Larry Lau - Director / Sergeant at Arms and Parade Marshall (incumbent)  
Ron Monk - Director / Building Manager  
Mike Felip - Director / Hall Manager  
Rick Nicholson - Director / Bar Manager  
Tom Farrar - Director / Membership Manager  
Carl Amyotte - Director / Entertainment and Fundraising Manager

A huge "Thank You" to the following outgoing Directors

Richard (Wiz) Kelly - Director / Bar Manager  
Shara Carr - Director / Entertainment and Fundraising Manager

I would also like to thank all Officers and Directors that have served the club for the last 2 years as we have dealt with the ups and down of the Covid pandemic. Their support and help has been invaluable.

The York Regional Health vaccine clinic got underway this week and this will provide a healthy revenue stream for the MDVA over the next 7 months. I know that parking may be a challenge at times so I would ask for your patience and understanding. If you just wait a few minutes' spots do open up on a frequent basis.

**As the clinic runs on Mondays from 9:30AM to 8:30PM, we will be holding the General Meeting in the downstairs club room.** As usual, the bar will be closed during the meeting and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

The MDVA will be submitting another grant application into the Ontario Trillium Fund on December the 8th. We are requesting funds to help make improvements to the MDVA that will help us expand our offerings to our MDVA members and members of the community. We are still awaiting a decision on our September application for an accessible washroom and floor lift. I hope that they will give us some good news for Christmas....keep your fingers crossed.

With the mention of Christmas, we have a little over 3 weeks to go, and this will be our last publication for 2021, so I want to take this opportunity to wish all of our members and their families a Happy and Healthy Christmas and don't forget to drop in to your club and have some good cheer.  
Stay safe.  
*..... David*



### **Secretary – Bridget Wells**

#### **November Board of Director Meeting Highlights / Secretary Report**

- David and the existing Board welcomed our new 2022 Board members: Tom Farrar, Ron Monk, Rick Nicholson, and Mike Felip
- We are working on completing our application for the Resilience Community Fund and that will be submitted by December 8th
- Memberships are due for renewal by December 31st. We are asking Members to please abide by this deadline per our Constitution. For those of you who have already renewed, please accept our sincere thanks. **Please note that as of January 1, 2022, membership dues that are not paid will result in the Member's loss of privileges to the Club per our Constitution. After that, for a Member to be reinstated, late fees will be applied. In fairness to those Members who have paid by that time, and so that our Board members do not need to spend time following up with unpaid members and levying late fees, please ensure you have renewed your membership before the end of December with thanks.** Dues can be paid through a variety of ways with two options that do not require you to pay in person: etransfer to [markhamveterans@rogers.com](mailto:markhamveterans@rogers.com), cheque, cash and debit.
- The Club will be purchasing a new pool table as the existing one is beyond repair. Details to follow.
- The Battle of Hong Kong service will be held this Saturday, December 4th, at the Cenotaph beginning at 10:45am. This is an extra important event this year as it marks the 80th anniversary.  
*..... Bridget*

**Publicity & Communications Director – Karen Mooney**

Hello Members !

First & foremost I'd like to WELCOME, 3 new Companies to our group of Advertisers' !

**Welcome to :**

- **“ALL WEATHER MECHANICAL”** for your Heating , Air Conditioning, Fireplaces', & Gas Line needs, HVAC, Andrew McGinnes (member/owner)
- **“Hearing Solutions”** located in Markville Mall
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***PLEASE Support these business !***

Well November was a very busy month at the MDVA ....

We'll start with our “scaled down version” for Remembrance Day held on Sat. Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> . Although 2021, did allow us to hold a service at the Cenotaph, it was just for the MDVA members only, with light refreshments back in our Lower hall – that too was for members only & not open to the public. I hope that 2022 we will be able to go back to observing Remembrance Day as we did in the past “pre” Covid 19.







The “Paley: clan with Mayor Scarpetti



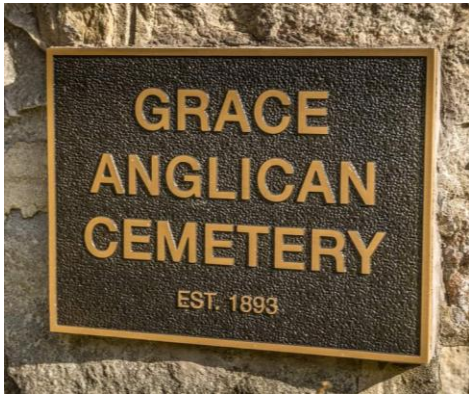
Back to the MDVA for light refreshments & fellowship ....

Photo of the “Milligan” Clan





After our service at the Cenotaph, the 748 Cadets walked down to the Grace Anglican Cemetery & were tasked with **“No Stone Left Alone”** & the cadets spent 2 + hours cleaning up the grave sites of the identified war veterans. What a great idea & thanks go out to all of the 748 Cadets !



(Pictured – Veteran Cliff Wootten)



We also wanted to share the following story from student Jessie Burt, who is a Grade 12 student attending Bill Hogarth Secondary School.

Jessie took it upon herself to start collecting poppies that she kept finding (mostly on the ground) & at first, it was to see how many she could find. As she collected & after the first twenty or so had an “ah-ha” moment & decided to secure them to her back-pack, until she could buy a wreath to put them on.

As students & teachers complimented her, some decided to give Jessie their poppies, which became part of the collection. The original plan was to make a wreath & leave the wreath at the cenotaph on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Realizing that she would probably find more decided to wait & sure



enough with student & staff donations, ended up with 90 poppies. This was enough to cover the wreath that she purchased.

“This wreath is a symbol of remembrance” Lest we forget .....

Jessie Burt

Jessie & her Mom came to the MDVA on Friday November 12<sup>th</sup> & Jessie presented us (Karen Kearns, & Karen Mooney) with her wreath, which we put on display on the mantle in the Clubroom.

Thank you so much Jessie for being so thoughtful & bringing awareness to your peers of the meaning of November 11<sup>th</sup> & remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice .....



From Rick Paci ....

This photo is of the Town Centre Montessori students presenting the MDVA with a cheque of **\$2201.05**. This is the amount the school collected for the 2021 Poppy Campaign. Bill Guiler and I were asked to be in the photo op.



**November continued on with so many activities !**

Sat. Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> – the Breeder's Cup ! Another great turnout ! Congratulations to the Winners!

Time	CLASSIC	Post #2	CLASSIC
Wm 10:00	Post #2	\$500	
Trace	HORSE	PLANNER	HORSE
10:00	Rob L	17 WALTON STREET	
10:00	Howard	18 SCRATCH	
10:00	Paul A	15 BISHOP BILLET	
10:00	Paul A	11 GULFO	
10:00	Paul A	9 SASHAN	
10:00	Paul A	8 BLOOME	
10:00	Paul A	6 ACCLIMATE	
10:00	Paul A	12 TEONA	
10:00	Paul A	2 SCRATCH	
10:00	Paul A	10 YIBIR	
10:00	Paul A	5 RIBHUVAN	
10:00	Paul A	1 ROCKENPEEL	
10:00	Paul A	3 SCRATCH	
10:00	Paul A	13 TAEAWA	
10:00	Paul A	4 ASTADANT	
10:00	Paul A	14 JAVAN	
10:00	Paul A	16 CHAN L VAPER	

Time	CLASSIC	Post #2	CLASSIC
Wm 10:00	Post #2	\$1000	
Trace	HORSE	PLANNER	HORSE
10:00	Rob L	2 EXPRESS TRAIN	
10:00	Howard	3 MODINA SPART	
10:00	Paul A	7 STILETO BOY	
10:00	Paul A	1 TRIPOLI	
10:00	Paul A	5 KICKS GO	
10:00	Paul A	6 ART COLLECTOR	
10:00	Paul A	9 MAX PLAYER	
10:00	Paul A	4 ESSENTIAL QUALITY	
10:00	Paul A	3 HOT RED CHARLIE	

**Friday November 19<sup>th</sup> – Meat Draw , Karaoke & John's Buffet** Wow , what a night ! It was so great to see the Clubroom full again! Great fun, great music & dancing & great food ! Thank you Busy Betty for being Emcee !





### **Congratulations to all the winners!**

Mike Johnson – Breakfast Box, Ann Folco – Ham, Addy – Salmon, Mac – Banana Bread, Laura Chalmers- 4 N.Y. Strip Steaks, Howard – Shrimp Ring, Wendy McGuiness, Cora Watson – Pork Chops, Michelle O’Sullivan- Cookies, Pauline Ashmore – Turkey Breast, Addy-Onion Soup, Howard – Onion Soup, Dionne – Let’s Go Italian Box, Chris Bacon – Quiche, Addy – Italian Sausage , Judith – Cora’s Spring Rolls, Mike Johnson – Folco’s Pizza Certificate and the Prime Rib Roast – enough Mike !!!



### **December – Dates to Remember !**

- **Happy Hanukkah** – celebrated from Sunday November 28<sup>th</sup> to Monday December 6<sup>th</sup>

**December 4<sup>th</sup>** - Service of remembrance for the “Battle of Hong Kong” 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Cenotaph at 10:45 AM – please attend if you can – a very important date in history.

### **Road to the Grey Cup !**





## East and West finals

### Sunday, Dec. 5

Matchup	Start time (ET)	TV channel
Hamilton Tiger-Cats vs. Toronto Argonauts	12:30 p.m.	TSN, ESPNews
Saskatchewan Roughriders vs. Winnipeg Blue Bombers	4 p.m.	TSN, ESPNews

### Sunday December 12<sup>th</sup> - Grey Cup !

- **Date:** Sunday, Dec. 12
- **Time:** 6 p.m. ET
- **Location:** Tim Hortons Field in Hamilton, Ont.

The 108th Grey Cup will be held at Tim Hortons Field, the home of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

### Monday December 13<sup>th</sup> – MDVA General Meeting – 7:30 PM – in the **Lower Club-Room**

Save the Date - *Back by popular demand !* **Friday December 17<sup>th</sup>** – *Meat Draw with a HOLIDAY twist !*

**Busy Betty as Emcee, her assistants, Shelley & Brian Fazackerly & the Mooney's ....**

***Turkey's, 6 Gift Baskets, "Breakfast Box", Ham, Prime Rib, "Let's Go Italian" box donated by Ann & Mario Folco & many other items !***



2021 -2022 National Women's Team  
Rivalry Series  
(October – January)



### **Game #5**

**Thursday December 16<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM**

Team Canada  
Team USA

*Don't forget to cheer on our Women & especially # 23 - Erin Ambrose, Gord's granddaughter !*

### **Game #6**

**Saturday December 18<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM**

Team Canada

Team USA

### **Game # 7**

**Monday December 20<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM** (St. Paul, Minn.)

Team Canada

Team USA

Game # 8

**Monday January 3<sup>rd</sup>, - 5:00 PM** (Edmonton, Alta.)

Team Canada

Team USA

Game # 9

**Thursday January 6<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 PM** (Red Deer, Alta.)

Team Canada

Team USA

**December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve**

**December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day - Club will be closed**

**Birthday's & Anniversaries !**

**Happy Be-lated Birthday to:**

**Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> – Mary Steele**

**Happy Birthday to :**

**Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> – Donna Aspinwall**



**Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> – Shara Carr**

**Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jack Paley - Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Jack !!!!**

**Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Gary Bowerman**

**Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Laura Chalmers**



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 !

**Do you have a special day, Birthday or Anniversary in coming up ? please let me know !**

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**Director of Entertainment and Fundraising – Shara Carr**

Hi Everyone! I hope this month's newsletter finds you all well and looking forward to the end of 2021 and new beginnings in 2022!

My (extended) term on the Board has been an interesting experience under the circumstances, and always a pleasure. I thank you for the privilege of serving our fantastic Club and Membership, particularly through such challenging times, in an official capacity.

Thank you to the 2020/2021 Board of Directors who taught the ropes to newcomers like me, or learned alongside me, stayed the course during unprecedented times and served with dedication and commitment despite and through the pandemic.

I'd also like to extend a big shout out to the bar staff for also sticking with the Club during so much change and upheaval! In many instances you are the 'faces' of the Club and your dedication is very much appreciated.

And finally, a big thank you to all of you, for your continued engagement with, commitment to and attendance at the Club.

I look forward to volunteering my services unofficially as often as my professional commitments permit going forward.

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to the 2022 Board. They are a fantastic mixture of seasoned members and new blood. They have many exciting things already in the works for next year and I have full confidence that the Club will thrive under their leadership and with your valued support.

Wishing you all a very safe and happy holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely, Shara Carr – Outgoing Director of Entertainment and Fundraising



**Service Bureau – Karen Kearns**

Our condolences went out to Rose Kelly and Whiz on the passing of her son, Michael, Whiz's brother.

I have had a visit with Loretta Temelkovski who is still recovering from Covid but she is doing well.

We just learned of the passing of Surjit Basarke on Sat Nov 27<sup>th</sup> after a brief illness. Our condolences go out to his family. There will be a Private Family Funeral.

Right now, I am trying to keep check on a few other members that are not well, so we wish them the best for a speedy recovery.

**Going forward**, as we announced in the September newsletter, we as your Board would like to have a **"Celebration Of Life"** at the Club when things open up more and it is safe to do so, just so

all of you that are members, or families of a member know we have not forgotten your loss. This is being planned and we will be in touch with you individually, to see if you would like to participate in the Celebration of Life, as it will be your choice.

Please take care and if you know of anyone that needs help with anything please call.

Service Bureau – 416-885-0908

..... **Karen Kearns**

**Membership Director / Sgt. @ Arms – Larry Lau**

Dear Members, The update membership numbers are as follows:

Associate 91  
Relative 93  
Regular 45  
Life 17  
Honorary 7

**Total 253**

.....**Larry Lau**



**From Your Out-going & New Board Members !**



**Happy Holidays!**

With many good wishes for this  
holiday season and the coming year.



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bring you the  
gifts of love, peace  
and good health."*



**Karen  
Rea**

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