



Ralph Bastarache, of Lower Onslow, describes his chance to carry the Olympic Torch as a "a day he will remember forever". He pledged to reduce his use of paper and now communicates electronically where ever possible.



Cara Murray, of Masstown, is thrilled to be one of those chosen to carry the Olympic Torch, when it makes it's way across Nova Scotia in November. Cara often volunteers at the Chiganois Elementary School Library. (Harrington Photo)

Debert Legion Notes

By Dan Martell

Remembrance Day is fast approaching and with it comes a busy time for your local legion branches. It all starts with the sale of poppies, wreaths and crosses. If you want a wreath or cross to place at the cenotaph on Nov. 11th, please give Betty Crossman a call at 662-2651. The prices are the same as last year.

The Poppy Campaign will kick off on the 30th and 31st of October. Legionnaire's if you are called to help out with the Campaign, in any way, please stand up and be counted. Your help is needed and will be appreciated. Remember your oath to the Legion, and it is for our Veterans.

Sunday, Nov. 8th our Remembrance Day Church Service will be held at the Debert United Church. Legionnaires are asked to be at the Church by 10:30AM, the Colour Party and Legion Members will assemble and be marched in for Church Services at 11:00AM. After services, all are asked to move into the Vestry for a spot of tea and lunch and a time of fellowship. Legion members if you do not have Legion attire, wear something appropriate and come on out and help us remember our Veterans. After Church, it is off to "The Shannex Complex" for a Remembrance Service.

On November 11th, if the weather permits, the Parade will form up at 10:30AM in front of the Branch, with march off time of 10:45AM for the cenotaph. Cenotaph services will start at 11:00AM sharp, and then it is back to the Branch for refreshments and comradeship.

A roast pork supper will be served at 5:00PM and guests are asked to be seated by 4:30PM. Cost is \$10 a plate and members will be reimbursed. There will be no dance after the supper.

For those who want to buy a ticket, the bar opens at 4:00PM.

Betty Crossman will be at the Branch all day on Saturday

the 31st for those who might like to drop in and pick up their wreath or cross.

If any of our Legion Members are interested in holding an office or helping your Branch for 2010, please come forward, you are desperately needed. The General Meeting for October is the 27th. The General Meeting for November is the 24th. Please, oh please, come out and help your Branch.

The Wednesday Night Crib League is off to a good start for another year (09/10), with several new teams. The early going shows Irene Blenkhorn and Sharon Kyle holding down top spot with Earl Harvey and Doug Mattatall a very close second.

Doug Mattatall has high hand with a 28. There has been a dory load of 24 hands. There is still time and room, for some more teams, so grab a partner and come on out and have some fun.

Despite popular belief, crib (bage) was not played on Noah's Ark. It couldn't have been Noah was standing on the deck!

The Debert Legion Mixed Dart League is up and running for another season (2009/10), with approximately twelve

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library and literacy during the last six years," says Cara.

She received an email in May stating that she had been preselected as a torch bearer and it included release forms, which she signed and returned.

"I received final notification the first week of October, saying I would be a participant and telling me the route information," she says. "The letter says I will receive and official Olympic Torch Bearer uniform to wear, which will be mine to keep afterwards."

Cara was not aware of anyone else who had applied but says, "It's very exciting to be involved in this once in a lifetime experience. My children insist they will need the day off school to come and cheer me on."

She hopes other friends and family might show up along the route at 9:20AM from MacPhee Terrace to House #644 on Rte 2, Elmsdale.

Ralph Bastarache first saw the RBC Carry the Torch Contest advertised on television back in January or February. "I saw the commercials and thought that this is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity," he says.

The application asked that you help make Canada a better place, though volunteering, environmentalism or your own unique contribution. "I decided that I would reduce my overall environmental footprint by eliminating as much paper as possible and receive epost where applicable," says Ralph.

The preselection email came to Ralph in August and he also just received final confirmation the first week of October. "I am very excited and honoured to have been selected for the OTR. It is a memory that I will always have and lets face it, it is the closest I am ever going to get to being an Olympian," laughs Ralph. He knows many friends and family who applied to the contest, as well, but none were selected.

Ralph hopes many of them will come to New Glasgow at 4:00PM on Nov. 17th and cheer him along the route. "I am sure it will be a day that I will remember forever."

To look for more information on the Olympic Torch Relay visit the website at www.vancouver2010.com/tochrelay. The complete route, and names of all torch bearers, is located on this site.

The hunters are safe for now. I misplaced my hunting notes. Hopefully we will have something for next edition.

Happy Birthday wishes for October are passes along to Leslie Fulton, Clarence Reid, Kelly Eagles, Ralph Welton, Elsie Bain, Steve Bennett, Phyllis Wilson, Bobby Pash, Ricky Yorke, Betty Hill, Jimmy Staples, Gary Pettis, Leona Harvey and Coady McBurnie.

Happy Anniversary wishes for October are passed along to Eudora and Jim Adshade, Mae and Don (Wolfman) MacDougall, Betty and Ian Blackie, Betty and Ray Crossman.

Please, say a prayer for our troops in Afghanistan and their families.

Please, don't forget to thank a Veteran; it is because of their sacrifices that we are able to enjoy our freedom and our country.



Ralph Bigney's latest carving, called Boomerang, is a wonderfully carved kangaroo complete with a baby joey. It can be seen on the front lawn at his home on the Reid Rd., Debert among a delightful mix of Ralph's other carvings. (Harrington Photo)

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