

Debert Legion Notes



Vernon Shay and Auxiliary President, Linda Slack are shown with the slicer which the Debert Branch #106 Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary purchased for the Branch kitchen in memory of Judy Shay who was an Honourary Member of the Auxiliary. The citation under her photo reads in part: "Many a roast and turkey did she slice in this kitchen. She is missed very much by all of us." (Submitted Photo)

By Danny Martell

I would like to pass along a tip of the hat and a very special thank you to our Past Presidents, Charlie Borden (Jr) and his Executive for 2009, as well as, to Linda Slack and the 2009 Executive for the Ladies Auxiliary, for the excellent job they did in keeping the Branch on the rails. Charlie, Linda and Executives, thank you, a job well done.

To our incoming Presidents, Skip Dawson and Linda Slack, and your Executives, good luck and good decisions, I feel sure that you are up to the challenge of taking the Branch through 2010.

The new Officers and Executives for the Branch and ladies Auxiliary for 2010 were sworn in recently by the First Vice of Nova Scotia Command, Comrade Ron Trowsdale. Assisting Ron, were Deputy Zone Commander for Zone 10, Comrade Allan Fahey and Comrade Tom MacDonald from Branch 26 in Truro.

The new officers for the Branch are President- Skip Dawson, 1st Vice President- Sharon Kyle, 2nd Vice President- Robert Collins, Secretary- Amanda Slack, Treasurer- Eugene Adshade, Sgt-At-Arms- Earl Harvey, Service Officer- Charlie Borden(Jr), Padre(s)- Don MacQueen and Bill Martin, Past President-Charlie Borden (Jr). Executive members are: Judy Crossman, Betty Crossman, Ray Crossman, Dave MacPhee, Mike Giles, Ron Eastcott and Dave Murphy.

The new Officers for the Ladies Auxiliary are: President- Linda Slack, 1st Vice- Debbie Buchanan, 2nd Vice- Shirley Lewis, Secretary/Treasurer- Marcia Eastcott, Sgt-At-Arms- Marg Miller, Past President- Marcia Eastcott. Executive members are Irene Ilenkhorn, Sandy Vacheresse, Bunny

Burris and Marilyn Dykens.

Zone Delegates are Skip Dawson and Rob Collins, alternate Delegates are Eugene Adshade and Charlie Borden (Jr).

The Legionnaire of the Year for 2009, as voted on by Legion members is Earl Harvey. Congratulations, Earl.

The Winter Carnival was a great success and for all the people who had a hand in setting it up and pulling it off, thank you very much, your hard work is greatly appreciated.

To the kitchen staff of Linda Slack, Marcia Eastcott, Bunny Burris, Shirley Lewis, Debbie Buchanan and Marilyn Dykens, who kept the fun seekers full of goodies, thank you for your efforts. To Marg Miller and Betty Crossman, thank you for the food dishes.

ATTENTION ALL DART PLAYERS- The "Peter Black Memorial Dart Shoot" will be held here at Branch 106 on Saturday, April 24th. Team captains will meet at 9:30AM. There will be 3 person mixed teams with no spare.

Entry fee will be \$30 per team, with the first thirty teams being accepted. Money prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, (based on the number of teams), High Score and High Finish for both men and women and the first 180. Sign up at the Branch or call 662-2454 after 4:00PM.

The standings and individual stats for the Dart League as of March 5th/10 are as follows: 1st Place- Team #7 (107 pts); 2nd Place- Team #3 (100 pts); 3rd Place- Team #4 (92 pts); 4th Place- Team #5 (83 pts). High Start- (M) Joe Whalen and Gary Pettis (160); (W) Barb Scott (140). High Finish- (M) Owen Totten (103); (W) Barb Scott (78). High Score- (M) Mike Rushton (171); (W) Dorothy Pace, Judy Crossman and Deanna Martell (140). Most Starts- (M) Art

Shaw (70); (W) Barb Scott(54). Most Finishes- (M) Clayton Zinck(58); (W) Barb Scott(31). 180's- Art Shaw and Joe Whalen with 1 each. Most Tinkles- (M) Ben Nelson (102); (W) Marg Nicholson (104). Least Tinkles- (M) Clayton Zinck (25); (W) Deanna Martell (54).

The Wednesday Night Crib League is still going strong and as of 10th March, Debbie Cock and Ron Eastcott were pegging along in 1st place, Earl Harvey and Doug Mattatall were sitting in second place, closing in fast were the third place team of Tom Manley and Bobby Pash. Jo Ann Bartlett and Dave Eastcott have the most winning nights. Barb and Phil Scott have the most hidden scores. Jimmy Dykens and Doug Mattatall both have a 28 for High Hand. There have been 54 (24 hands), Norm Eastcott, Bunny Burris and Tom Manley lead the way with 4 each.

A special thank you is passed along to Branch 106 for the beautiful fruit basket and card they dropped off, during my recovery from knee surgery. To all the wonderful people who stopped by to say hi, called and/or sent cards, thank you very much, they were all appreciated very much.

Has anyone seen Anna Adams' new man? Or is it still Harvey without his disguise?

Belated Happy Birthday wishes for February are passed along to Evelyn McCallum, Ralph Turner (Jr), Tim Martell, Myrna McCully, Charlie Boren(Jr), Florence Gamble, Dave Eastcott, Gerry "The Bear" Dykens, Gordon Slack, Kaye Rushton, George Cooke, Russell Bird, Glen Balsom, Krista Pash, Owen Slack, Norman Eastcott, John (Padre) Smith, Sam Worthington, Elmer Coulter, Don "Wolfie" MacDougall, Glen MacDorman, Clayton Vincent and Samantha Higgins.

Happy Birthday wishes for March are passed along to Isabel Mellroy, Ralph Turner (Sr), Linda Slack, James Patton, Irene Blenkhorn, Eric McCully, Larry Martell, Dan Martell, Louise Bernard, Sharon Kyle, Anna Adams, Loyis Crocker and Allan Zimmerman.

Happy Anniversary wishes for March are passed along to Ron and Mollie Graham.

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

Out and About with Ken

By Ken Kennedy

Whew! I'm bushed. Have been working hard this past couple of days helping our hair-dresser daughter, Pam, move into her new salon at 6224 Quinpool Road, Halifax. The former tenants left it a mess and we had to clean and paint and renovate to make bright and cherry.

Other than that, it's been a pretty quiet month. The longer daylight hours and warmer days makes it great for working outside. Believe it or not, all my goldfish survived the winter. Don't know how they do it but they do, although last year I lost most of them.

I've been having car and truck problems lately. Think it's time to get something new - or almost new. Our old 92 F150 Ford 1/2 ton will be antique in two more years they say. Will try and get another year of camping out of it if we can. The tape deck (remember those?) went on the fritz over the winter so I took it into Kyle Caudle at Creative Auto and he said he couldn't even get parts for them any more, so

he recommend Bob Gay of Brookside. I thought he had died! "Nope, he's still on the go," Kyle said, "but slowing down." Well, sure enough, Bob had the parts out in his little shop and now it's working just great.

There's a few people on the sick list, I hear. Velma has been fighting a cold for the past few weeks but I think she is now on the mend. I see where Danny Martell is still hobbling from a knee replacement a few weeks ago. I guess it's still pretty sore and will take a few more months to properly set. Darrell Cock has been in and out of hospital with some heart problems, I hear. Probably he just needed a good rest. Hang in there, Darrell and Debbie. It's good to see Anita Dunlap back at work at Glenholme Petro-Can Restaurant. We were there on her first morning back and she was getting lots of hugs from the men!

Apparently Terry Gordier, formerly of Portauquique is not very well and asks for prayer. The Debert community held a benefit for him at the fire hall a few weeks ago

with over 100 in attendance. The Elliott's were up from Economy and many other local artist helped with the musical entertainment. Speaking of musical entertainment, you will remember Bonnie (Newman) Ashley who used to sing with Fred Isenor's Nova Scotia Ramblers and other gospel groups back in the 80's and has also recorded her own gospel songs, well she is very ill as well and needs our prayers. She is from Carroll's Corners, Halifax County, I think.

Birthdays of note include Marie McElhinney (81) today, March 25th. (She said it was OK if I told her age!). Isabel Mellroy turned 67 yesterday and want's everyone to know it! Other birthdays around here included Frank MacMichael on the 7th, Ruby McDorman on the 12th, Erma Sitser on the 21st, and Rev. Henry Boehm of Portauquique on the 11th.

That's all the news I have for this month.

Bumper Snicker: *Wash you hands and face in the morning and neck at night.*

Great Village Community Association

Bringing a Community Together by Building Ideas

By Heather MacKay

The Great Village Community Association served up a Incredible Brunch on March 13th. It was a feast of bacon, eggs, sausage, blueberry pancakes, apple pancakes, strawberry jam, maple syrup, homemade beans, muffins, juice, lettuce and green onions. All this were local product and available even this time of the year.

To add a little spring time to our table Lowland Gardens provided us with beautiful centre pieces. March has been a very quiet month but I am expecting that all to change very quickly. At our monthly meeting it was mentioned that the Mill Pond, also known as Peppards Brook is looking very shabby.

The amount of silt that has been brought down into the pond is becoming excessive and ruining our great spot for fishing and wildlife. If this is concerning to you as well let us know.

We are planning a yard sale in late May so if you have anything that you

would like to donate to the Community Association table let us know. Or If you would like to rent a table contact us. The work on the Ball field will be started when the ground thaws.

I think that you will see the progress happen very quickly as we have a great group of volunteers that will be working on it. If you would like to volunteer an hour or two let us know. May 1st at the Great Village School Gym John Jessome will be showing us how to

use our medal detectors and showing us some treasures that he has found in our area.

As most of you know we are still waterless at the Community Centre so all funds raised this summer will go towards the drilling of a well. I have been in contact with Baird's Well Drilling and waiting for them to get back to me. So I am hopeful that we will have a washroom by fall.

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