



The 2014 officers and executive members of Branch 72 Great Village Legion were installed by Zone Commander Wilson MacDonald at the February meeting. (L-R): Comrades Reg Myatt, exec. member; Logan Spencer 1st vice; Joan Richard, past president; Carlotta Langille, exec. member; Ed Langille, Service Officer; Ron MacBurnie, exec member; Pat Murphy, president; Dan Wesley, 2nd vice; Fred Richard, treasurer; Betty McNeil; Jim Hudson, exec. member; Wilson MacDonald, Zone Commander. (Missing from photo is Sergeant-At-Arms Arnold Williams and Chaplain Ken Kennedy). (Submitted)

Masstown Community News

By Christine Urquhart

It has been a long, cold winter but surely spring is coming soon. A robin has been sighted here in Masstown and we hope it is a spring robin, not one who has stayed around all winter! It seems everyone is wishing for some sign of spring - a new blade of grass, daffodils blooming along the banks or in the fields, apple blossoms perfuming the air - just any sign of spring! Oh yes, winter has stayed too long this year.

The DGM Men's Club will hold their regular breakfast meeting on Saturday March 1st, 8am, at the Double C restaurant. All men welcome.

Masstown UCW will hold their next meeting on Thursday March 6th, 7pm at the home of

Irene Gratto. All ladies welcome. We will be doing World day of Prayer background information for our program that evening.

I did a bit of travelling this month, due to the passing of my oldest first cousin. As my husband had to work, my grandson Trevor MacMeekin travelled with me to Ottawa where he was able to go skating on the Rideau Canal as well as meet tons of relatives! It was a short three days but I wish to thank all those who expressed their sympathy at my loss.

Condolences go out this month to Linda Yorke and her family on the death of her father Fred McKinnon; and to Ardith McCully and family on the death of her nephew Kendall McCully.



Television new's crews, RCMP officers and Emergency Response Team converged on Glenholme on Feb. 2nd. Police closed Highway #2 and evacuated the area after they believed an armed man was barricaded inside a local residence, who was later found dead of self-inflicted wounds. (Harrington Photo)



Fillmore Auto Sales doesn't usually have this many police vehicles on hand. The business allowed RCMP to set up a staging area during an emergency situation in nearby Glenholme on Feb. 2nd. (Harrington Photo)

Debert Legion Notes

By Danny Martell

At the January General Meeting, held on the 28th of the month, the Officers and Executive for 2014 were elected as follows: President- Robert (Bobbie) Pash; 1st Vice President- Jackie Glen; 2nd Vice President- Skip Dawson; Secretary- Mandie Blackie; Treasurer- Eugene Adshade; Sgt-At-Arms- Earl Harvey; Service officer- Wayne Higgins; Past President- Ron Eastcott; Executive Members- Cheryl Spencer, Joe Rohrbach, Gordon Slack, Paul Eastcott, Dave MacPhee, Charlie Moore. The Legionnaire of the Year for 2013 is Comrade Dave MacPhee (Congratulations Dave).

The winner of the Free Membership Draw for 2014 is Betty Crossman (Congratulations Betty).

A tip of the hat and a very special thank you is passed along to Robbie Glen for his work on keeping the Legion parking lot clear. It is pretty hard to beat your price. (Thanks Rob).

Congratulations are passed along to our new Legion Manager, Mandy Alexander.

To the outgoing Executive for 2013, thank you for all your hard work in keeping the Branch up and running in what was a very trying year to say the least.

To the incoming executive for 2014, thank you very much for volunteering to serve your Legion. The new Executive has some new and exciting events on the horizon that they hope will pump some new life back into the Branch.

Members are reminded the Executive meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30PM. The General Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month (25th Feb.) in the auditorium and get underway at 8:00PM.

To all members, you are urged to come out to the General Meetings and have a say in the running of the Branch, and see and meet the new Executive. They are open to new ideas and ways to try and generate more participation in the running of the Branch.

Just a friendly reminder the Branch is up and running and if your membership dues are owing, please drop in and bring them up to date (Thanks Mandy).

The standings in the Crib League as of Feb. 18th shows Debbie Cock and Ron Eastcott pegging along in first place with 927 points, Jim MacKinnon and Terry Slack hold down second place with 937 points, rounding out the top three with 978 points is Irene Blenkhorn and Jo-Ann Bartlett.

There has been twenty three, 24 hands so far this year and Earl Harvey leads the way with 4.

Debbie Cock/Ron Eastcott leads the way with Most Hidden

Score with 4 and there are 5 teams tied for Most Winning Nights with 2 each.

Congratulations are passed along to Joe Rohrbach who had a 28 hand while playing a friendly game against Bobby Pash (Thanks Earl).

The Dart League standings show Team 5, with Chris McLean, Mike Hamilton and Dawn Hatt running away out in front of the pack with 104 points. Away back in second place is Team 1, with Ron Eastcott, Marilyn Dykens and Mike Giles. They have 88 points. Team 6, with Bill Hawker, Audrey Gallagher and Joe Rohrbach round out the top three with 84 points.

There has been six 180's so far this season and Mike Hamilton and Bill Hawker have two each, while Dawn Hatt and Craig Fraser have one each.

High Starts- (M) Skip Dawson and Craig Fraser (160), (L) Dawn Hatt (120); High Finish- (M) Bill Hawker (115), (L) Deanna Martell (90); High Score- (M) Bill Hawker (145), (L) Deanna Martell/Dawn Hatt (140); Most Starts- (M) Bill Hawker (107), (L) Deanna Martell (63); Most Finishes- (M) Bill Hawker (67), (L) Dawn Hatt (40); Most Tinkles- (M) Dave MacPhee (156), (L) Diane Rushton (145); Least Tinkles- (M) Ron Eastcott (24), (L) Dawn Hatt (54).

There is a Ladies Dart Shoot in Tatamagouche on Sat., April 1st at 9:30AM. It will be teams, followed by doubles, followed by singles. (Thanks Skip).

To all the people who are saving the pull tabs for me, thank you very much.

There is a rumour making the rounds that Ron "Easy" Eastcott will be making an appearance on "Celebrity Chef". Is there any truth in that Ron?

The Friday Night Suppers are going strong now with sold out crowds the order of the day (Friday), thanks in part to some excellent meals that are reasonably priced and are well advertised. The menu for the next few weeks is as follows: Friday, Feb. 21st- pork; Friday, Feb. 28th- chicken; Friday, Mar. 7th- fish; Friday, Mar. 14th- roast beef; Friday, Mar. 21st- pork and Friday, Mar. 28th- chicken.

Supper starts at 4:30PM and run until 6:30PM. Cost is \$10 for an adult and \$5 for children 12 years of age and younger.

To Betty Hill and her Thursday morning peeling and get ready crew, thank you very much. For Betty and her Friday evening serving and clean-up crew, thank you very much. To you, the people who drop in and have supper (support us), thank you very much; your support is greatly appreciated.

To the membership of the Branch, please feel free to drop off some vegetables if you wish. Potatoes, carrots, turnips and onions

are always needed and they will go a long way in putting more money in the profit column.

Happy Birthday wishes for February are passed along to Tim Martell, Ralph Tuner (JR), Charlie Borden (JR), Gerry Dykens, Kaye Rushton, Gordon Slack, George Cooke, Glynn Balsom, Owen (Odie) Slack, Norm Eastcott, Sam Worthington, Don (Wolfman) MacDougall, Glen MacDorman and Audrey Gallagher.

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. Please say a prayer for our troops who are serving in foreign countries and their families.

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