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President's Patter

Sorry, but I don't have much to say. Attendance by our members is still poor and I can't see it getting any better with summer coming. The only people who I see in the club are a few members with guests on Thursday and Friday nights (from around the neighbourhood). We have a shuffleboard table now. It was donated by some friends of the club about two months ago. Maybe it will attract some members into coming in and playing. Or maybe our new sports director may come up with some great ideas to get members down to the club. If not, things will just stay the same. Have a good summer.

Alan Simpson
 President

1st Vice-President

After five years of committees, revised committees and some procrastination, the re-write of the 2003 Constitution (plus amendments) was finally presented to the Naval and Life members at a Blue Card meeting on 29 January, 2012 for discussion and ratification. Unfortunately, we were one member short of a quorum so there was discussion but no ratification. A second Blue Card meeting was convened on 25 March, 2012 and this time there was more than enough for a quorum. Discussions resulted in some minor changes and the revised document, hereinafter referred to as the "GENERAL BYLAW OF THE NAVAL CLUB OF TORONTO" was ratified.

A copy of this General Bylaw will be filed with the appropriate Provincial Government Department. Copies in booklet form will be made available to the membership at a later date. At this time I would like to express my sincere thanks to all those committee members, members of the Executive and our legal counsel, Richard Baker, for their help and advice in producing the General Bylaw.

Yours aye
 Shipmate Michael A. Roger

Second Vice-President

My first term as 2nd Vice-President and member of the Executive has been a sharp learning curve for me. One of my duties is to report on the status of the membership. We still have a number of Naval, Associate and Social members who have not yet paid their 2012 dues. If you are one of those who have not renewed your membership, please take a moment to fill out the attached form and send it in with your remittance. Those members who receive this newsletter via e-mail will receive an e-mail notice with attachment.

We are currently trying to recruit new Naval members. If you submit 2 new Naval members and their applications are approved, you will get your 2013 membership renewal for FREE! If you submit 1 new Naval and 1 new Associate and their applications are approved, you will get 50% off your 2013 dues. We need your help to increase our nominal roll. Help the Club by doing your part and get out there and encourage your friends to join.

We are building a good reputation in the local community and we want to continue the forward momentum. Come out and support your Club. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at – donna.murakami.fujimoto@gmail.com or call me at (905)821-3018.

Yours aye
Shipmate Donna Murakami

Recap of Recent Events

The New Year got off to a good start with our annual New Year's Day Levee. Around 1500, the traditional Royal Canadian Navy "Moose Milk" was prepared by shipmates Andy Macnaughton and Mike Roger.

It was subsequently "tasted" by Captain (N) Gary Hatton who, after consuming two cups of the concoction, declared it officially fit for human consumption. All those present then partook thereof. A steady stream of guests appeared throughout the afternoon and into the evening. A sumptuous array of food was provided by our in-house catering staff and everyone had a good time

Our next event was our first ever, "Robbie Burns Supper" on 29 January. It was very well attended (over 46 paying guests). As usual, an excellent meal was provided by our in-house catering staff along with the traditional "Haggis". The Haggis was piped in by Pipers Stewart and Mike followed by an eloquent oration of the "Ode to a Haggis" by Piper Mike.

On 12 February, the Club celebrated its 77th Birthday Party combined with a Valentine's Day Party. Our in-house catering staff provided a delectable array of goodies and our resident DJ provided a great range of music to suit all ages. It was a very enjoyable evening.

On 17 March, we celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a traditional Irish Dinner (which included "Smashed Potatoes"). This was followed by Delia's (to die for) Trifle. WRCNS President, Diane Lee Huba performed a traditional Irish Dance to the delight of those present. 2nd Vice-President, Donna Murakami arranged for a "fund-raising" event called "Closest to the Bottle". The winner received a bottle of Krug Champagne. Several door prizes were also awarded.

Lastly, 28 March, a musical night was put on by the members of HMCS York's band. They did a fine job and all members and friends in attendance were treated to some excellent music ensembles. Treats and eats were available to all, compliments of the band members. There was also a brisk trade in chicken wings (all were sold) and hamburgers provided by our in-house catering staff. This is the second year that the Band has performed at the Club and they hope to make it an annual event. We share that hope and will work towards making sure that it becomes a reality. On the following page is a montage of pictures taken at these events.

Message From the Manager

Hi Shipmates!

May 25th will mark the second anniversary of our unofficial opening at 1910 Gerrard St. East. This, in my opinion is worth celebrating.

The WRENS are celebrating their 70th anniversary this year and I would like you all to join me in congratulating them on this impressive milestone. If anyone has suggestions on how the general membership could help mark this year. I would like to hear from you.

As the neighbourhood learns that we are here and what we represent, there has been a very positive interest in the Club. Through this interest, I have had the opportunity to meet many of the residents and business people and discovered that this is a very active community. There are at least three neighbourhood improvement associations and one business association, funded solely by their own efforts. Their interest in improving the neighbourhood and making this a better environment for people to live in is their motivation. It has been heartening to find out that we are part of a vibrant community that is willing to spend the time and the effort to make a difference.

I would also like to thank our local Councillor, Mary Margaret McMahon for her staunch support of the Club. Whenever she is in the community, someone else finds out who we are and where to find us.

From a revenue standpoint, we still have a way to go but projections are much improved and I anticipate a steady growth over the next year. Please come out and support your Club. We would love to see you and any excuse for a party will be a priority.

THIS BOAT DOES FLOAT! Delia



Announcements

After many years of dedicated service as Chair of the Sports Committee, Phyllis Thomas has submitted her resignation. Phyllis will continue as an active member of the Club. We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks for all she has contributed over the past years.

BRAVO ZULU – PHYLLIS

Your Naval Club Executive is pleased to announce the appointment of Social member, Jennifer Brass as the new Chair of the Sports Committee. Jennifer was introduced to the membership at the recent General meeting which was held on Sunday, 18 March, 2012.

Sports

I am delighted to take on the position of Sports Director for the Naval Club. I am a relatively new Social member (second year) and I am thoroughly enjoying the events and stimulating conversation that this lovely Club has to offer.

My first direction in this role is to determine what you, the members, would enjoy as activities, and that you would see building and committing to, on an ongoing basis. I have already received some excellent suggestions that I feel would enhance our social experience at the Club.

I am in the process of drafting a questionnaire about possible activities at the Club and hope that you will assist with your input. The questionnaire will be available shortly.

Shipmate Jennifer Brass
Chair, Sports Committee

Coming Events

22 April, 2012 – The TSCAA presents “BEHIND THE SCENES IN THE RCN” – A special presentation by CDR Steven Thornton on Canada’s participation in the drug war in the Caribbean with the US Coast Guard and Above Water Tests and Evaluations. See enclosed flyer for more details.

29 April, 2012 – A Memorial Service commemorating the 68th Anniversary of the sinking of HMCS Athabaskan with the loss of 128 crew members will be held at HMCS Star/HMCS Haida in Hamilton. Start time – 1300.

06 May, 2012 – The annual Battle of Atlantic Parade at Toronto City Hall followed by a reception at the Naval Club. Muster time is 1000 at Nathan Phillips Square.

20 May, 2012 – The regular bi-monthly General meeting of the Naval Club members. Time 1300 for a 1330 start.

Crossed the Bar

Hughes, John - Naval - 19/02/2012

Jensen, Eric - Naval - 11/04/2012

Fair Winds and following seas, shipmates.

New Members

Naval - Love, Ena Doris

Associate - Durdy, Roslyn

Social - Alexander, Gordon

Welcome aboard shipmates!