



TELEGRAPH

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From the Bridge 43° 40'49.85" N 79°18'43.36" W Elevation 384' or 64 Fathoms



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President's Patter

Is there a light at the end of the tunnel? Yes, I think there is.

As you probably know by now, we purchased the old Michaelangelo Restaurant. Located at 1910 Gerrard Street East (near Woodbine), it is smaller than our old club, but it is in good shape and it has two, 2-bedroom apartments that we can rent out. It also has a kitchen that is fully functional. Everything was included in the sale: Tables, chairs, glassware, cutlery, pots and pans and many other things. We have to do some updates to the place including a wheelchair washroom on the main floor, plus we have to make it look like The Naval Club and not a restaurant, which will take some time. All being well, we should be ready to open sometime in January or February. A lot of time and thought has gone into this purchase. S/M Bob Willson and S/M John Anderson have been working to organize all the things we need, like hydro, gas, food and liquor licences, insurance and many other things. The main thing is when we open we need your support to keep the place running. If you don't support your club, we may end up like 14 Hayden Street and have to spend more money to keep the place open than we end up earning.

We, the Executive (plus Bob and John), have done our jobs and will continue to do so until the new facility is open. At that time, it will be your job as members, to attend every meeting and function, to make it like it used to be - after all, it is your new club.

If you have any questions, we still have our old phone number (416-924-2811), where you can leave a message on our answering machine. We will return your call as soon as possible.

And now to change the subject, and prevent me from further ranting on, I would like to thank everyone who turned up for our Remembrance Day ceremony, because we had a really good

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



turnout of shipmates, families, friends, VIP'S, and of course, Eagle Club members.

If not for the Eagles Club, I don't know what we would have done, or where we would have been over this last 18 months or so. I (and all Naval Club members), cannot thank the Eagles Club enough for their generosity. Let's show our appreciation by making a great New Year's Eve party and Levee Day.

Once again, I would like to thank the Executive, S/M Bob Willson and S/M John Anderson for the time they have spent and will spend until we are finally a Naval Club again.

Many thanks,

President, Alan Simpson

2nd Vice-President

SHIPMATES!

It's that time of year again to renew your membership for the year 2010. By now you will have read President Al's article regarding our new premises. In order to make this new location a success, we need every member's support. You can show this support by paying your dues promptly, attending the many regular functions and activities, dropping into the Club during the week, encouraging friends to join by bringing them with you. In the final analysis, it is up to you the membership, to make our Club a going concern.

As an added incentive to encourage prompt renewal payment, your Executive is pleased to announce that all members who send in their renewal payments for the year 2010 prior to 31 December, 2009, will receive "FREE" membership for the year 2011. Shipmate Moyra Haney has come up with a timely suggestion. Why not buy your friends and/or relatives Club memberships as Christmas presents?

IMPORTANT!

PLEASE CUT AND FILL OUT THE RENEWAL FORM ON PAGE 4 COMPLETELY. Please do not write SAME. Please mail to our P.O. Box at the address on the form as we will not be at the new Club on a daily basis until it is open. Forms not completely filled out cannot be processed. We need the latest information to keep our membership records up to date. Also, if you have an e-mail address, please include it on the renewal form. All information is kept confidential.

Yours aye

S/M Michael A. Roger
2nd Vice-President & Membership Chair



Sports

The euchre and bridge continue to be popular. We are looking forward to moving to our new location and have had several inquiries from new members who are interested in joining our group when we move.

The games are still played on alternate Saturdays starting at 1300 (1:00pm).

AT this time of year I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

S/M Phyllis Thomas
Sports Director



Entertainment

As you all know, I haven't been around much, but I have still been arranging DJ's and other thing for the past events since we moved to the Eagles.

For the past almost 2 years I have been the invisible Administrative Assistant for the President and the Club and have been preparing membership cards, keeping membership records up to date and preparing all of correspondence that you have received.

Soon before the new Club is open, we will need volunteer help to organize all the items that will be brought from the storage unit. We intend to have as much as possible done before opening in order that we may better enjoy the Club.

I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

S/M Lori Dunford
Entertainment & Administrative Assistant

Treasurer

Well, we finally did it. We finally have our own Club. We may have not always agreed, but in the long run, we did it! The past twenty months have been hectic for those who have been doing the above and beyond and the sometimes seemingly impossible.

I would like to reiterate the President's comments and thank Bob Willson and John Anderson and his committee for their contributions.

For those who have questioned why I haven't presented "comparative" statements at the General Meetings, there has not been much to compare. We have been out of business since March 31st 2008. Once the Club is active, you will receive the quarterly statements that you used to get and once we have something to compare I will show that information on the statements.

In closing, I sincerely wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Prosperous New Year. And may the new Club, as Spock would say, "Live long and prosper".

S/M Jon Kirk
Treasurer



Editor's Note:

Once the Club is officially open, we will get back to producing the Telegraph on a quarterly basis. If you wish to contribute, please e-mail to info@navalcluboftoronto.com in a MS Word document.

NOTE: Please use our P.O box for all mailings until further notified.

S/M Jon Kirk
Acting Editor

WHY I LIKE THE NAVY

One for 'old-salts'

I LIKE - standing on the bridge wing at sunrise with salt spray in my face and clean ocean winds whipping in from the four quarters of the globe, the ship beneath me feeling like a living thing as her engines drive her through the sea.

I LIKE - the sounds of the navy the piercing trill of the boatswains call the syncopated clanger of the ships bell the harsh squawk of the main broadcast and the strong language and laughter of sailors at work.

I LIKE - navy vessels, nervous darting destroyers, plodding fleet auxiliaries, sleek submarines and steady solid carriers.

I LIKE - the proud names of navy ships, Ark Royal, Eagle, and Belfast.

I LIKE - the lean angular names of navy destroyers Daring, Battle Axe, Cavalier, and Consort.

I LIKE - the tempo of a navy band blaring through the upper deck speakers as we pull away from the tanker after refuelling at sea.

I LIKE - the pipe "liberty men fall in" and the spicy scent of a foreign port.

I LIKE sailors, men from all parts of the land, from city and country alike and all walks of life. I trust and depend on them as they trust and depend on me for professional competence, comradeship and courage; in a word they are shipmates.

I LIKE - the surge of adventure in my heart when the word is passed "special sea dutymen close up"

I LIKE - the infectious thrill of sighting home again the waving hands of welcome from family and friends, the work is hard and dangerous, the going rough at times the parting from loved ones painful but the companionship of robust navy laughter the all for one and one for all philosophy of the sea is ever present

I LIKE - the serenity of the sea after a day of hard

Please see *Why I Like the Navy* on page 4

Why I Like the Navy from page 3
ships work, the beer issue, watching flying fish
flit across the wave tops as sunset gives way to
night.

I LIKE - the feel of the navy in darkness the
masthead lights, the red and green navigation
lights and the stern light the pulsating
phosphorescence of radar screens

I LIKE - drifting off to sleep lulled by the myriad
noises large and small that tell me that my ship is
alive and well and that my shipmates on watch
will keep me safe.

I LIKE - quiet middle watches with the aroma of
kai on a winters night.

I LIKE - hectic watches when the exacting minuet
of haze grey shapes racing at full speed keeps all
hands on a razor edge of alertness.

I LIKE - the sudden electricity of "action stations"
followed by the hurried clamour of running feet on
ladders and the resounding thump of watertight
doors and hatches as the ship transforms herself
from the peaceful workplace to a weapon of war
ready for anything

I LIKE - the sight of space age equipment manned by
youngsters clad in No8's and sound powered phones
that their grandfathers would still recognise.

I LIKE - the traditions of the navy and the men who
made them and the heroism of the men who sailed in
the ships of yesteryear. An adolescent can find
adulthood, in years to come when sailors are home
from the sea they will still remember with fondness and
respect the ocean in all its moods, the impossible
shimmering mirror calm and the storm tossed green
water surging over the bow and then there will come
again a faint whiff of stack gas, a faint echo of engine
and rudder orders a vision of the bright bunting of
signal flags snapping at the yardarm a refrain of hearty
laughter.

Gone ashore for good they will grow wistful about their
navy days, when the seas belonged to them and a new
port of call was ever over the horizon, remembering this
they will stand taller and say:

**“I WAS A SAILOR ONCE. I WAS PART OF THE
NAVY AND THE NAVY WILL
ALWAYS BE A PART OF ME.**

THAT'S WHY I LOVE THE NAVY”.

Submitted by the Late S/M Chris Shellard



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2010

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

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NAME.....

ADDRESS.....APT#.....

CITY.....PROVINCE/STATE.....

COUNTRY.....POSTAL CODE.....

PHONE # (.....).....E-MAIL ADDRESS.....

MEMBERSHIP #..... 5 NAVAL \$ 35.00 5 ASSOCIATE \$40.00 5 SOCIAL \$40.00

NOTE: PLEASE USE YOUR CHEQUE AS A RECEIPT AS NO RECEIPTS WILL BE ISSUED

DECEMBER

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
5	1300 1630	BRIDGE MEAT ROLL
7	1900	GLEE CLUB
8	1830	WHISKERS
9	1315	RNA XMAS PARTY ** TUCKER MKT PLACE CALL DAVID 519-927-9859
12	1300	EUCHRE
13	1200 FOR 1300	WREN ASSOC. XMAS PARTY - RESERVE BY 9TH CALL 416-594-3359
14	1900	GLEE CLUB
17	1200	MISSION TO SEAFARERS PUB LUNCH ** RESERVE BY 9TH
19	1300 1630	BRIDGE MEAT ROLL
20	1300	GEORGIE'S CHRISTMAS PARTY - TICKETS AT BAR RESERVE BY 16TH
21	1900	GLEE CLUB
25		
28	1900	GLEE CLUB
31		 AT THE EAGLES

JANUARY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
1	1200	NAVAL CLUB'S NEW YEAR'S DAY LEVEE
2	1300 1630	BRIDGE MEAT ROLL
4	1900	GLEE CLUB
9	1300	EUCHRE
11	1900	GLEE CLUB
12	1830	WHISKERS
16	1300 1630	BRIDGE MEAT ROLL
18	1200 1900	WREN ASSOC GLEE CLUB
19	1830 FOR 1900	GENERAL MEETING
23	1300	EUCHRE
25	1900	GLEE CLUB
30	1300 1630	BRIDGE MEAT ROLL

Note: All Events held at the
Eagles
17 Elm St. unless otherwise
Indicated by **



Editor's Note: A close concept of the front of our new Club – with apologies to the tree and the hydro pole as I am not a graphic artist

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