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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



As you know we had a convention in Kamloops 2 weeks ago. Here is the copy of my report given at the convention.

Greetings from Unit 302 Sidney!

We have had an awesome year; our membership is stable as last years numbers. So much has been done around the Unit. Our F86 Sabre in the parking lot has been totally restored. A big Thank you to Dave McGregor, the Mayor of Sidney, he even sent a letter of appreciation.

Our Unit has been painted inside and out by Volunteers, mainly comrades Bob Connolly and John White. The Ladies Auxiliary continues to be the back bone of the Unit with meat draws, special events and the raffles, plus all the extras.

Now for the best news of all, we have gotten our property taxes exempted for four more years. A savings of over \$40,000.00 per year.

Thanks to Don Mann, John White and Dave McGregor for all the hard work. We work well with the community and the town for having our unit available to them.

Lastly, I'd like to thank my executives who have been my biggest asset especially my V. P. Cathie McGinnity, who has helped and aided me above and beyond the call of duty.

Sincerely,
Cliff John
President, Unit 302

Finance Report



Dear Comrades

In the first few months of this year we have had quite a few expenses, large and small:

1. Work behind the bar (cooler area);
2. Paint work throughout the club

excluding the back room at this time;

3. 2 new TV sets, back room and bar area;

4. And, of course, our usual weekly and monthly expenses; and

5. Our books were audited during the month of March to our satisfaction, thanks to Pat Heeley.

As we learned at the Provincial Convention in

Kamloops, many of our ANAF Units are in deep financial trouble.

We at Unit 302 should be proud of our Unit. As Finance Chair, thank you to all our members who support our meat draws, weekend entertainment, special events, and bringing in new members. Without you, we could be one of the unfortunate units. Have a Happy and Safe Summer.

Fraternally yours,
Cathie McGinnity
Finance Chair

Canteen Report



Food & Beverage Services continue to improve. We should have the new bank machine installed in a week.

Al Danes will be replacing Michelle in the restaurant starting on the 15 May 2011. Al has some ideas to add menu items and perhaps the hours of the restaurant.

Table service will continue for the foreseeable future (and may include food). Most patrons enjoy being served during our busy Friday night meat draw.

To improve security the building will be re-keyed and alarm information updated and changed. I will be looking after these projects as Hank enjoys a

deserved holiday.

Finally, it gives us great pleasure to wish Pam well on her departure from the unit. Pam has accepted employment with the Blue Peter.

We will be experimenting with staff solutions over the next month, please have patience & bear with us. It is going to get better.

Plans for a new updated environment in the back room are moving along. Major improvement will have to wait until our financial position following the roof repair is known.

R. Bob Jones
Canteen Chair.

Membership Report



Being your membership chair for this year has been very interesting. I have received many ideas from you to make this year fun for our members and I thank you for your input. A lot of hours have been spent updating membership data thanks to Don and Sylvia Fisher.

Membership is now at 627 and Growing!!!

At Convention, the Units discussed many ideas to increase our membership. For our Unit and our "Membership Appreciation Year" we started with our "Members only Meat Draw & Appreciation Night" on May 14th.

"Guess Who" generated a lot of interest, smiles and

discussion. May 11th was the cut off for entries and winners who matched the most names to pictures were announced on May 14th. I have since matched the numbers with names on the large posters for all to see. As the Clarion has gone to print before May 14th, the results are not yet available for this printed report.

Renew your 2011 membership now as we'll continue with our "Membership Appreciation Year" theme throughout the year. Encourage your neighbour, spouse, friends, sons, daughters, Mothers and Fathers, Grandmothers and Grandfathers to join. They are all welcome. See you in the Club. We'll have a good time.

Respectfully submitted
Catherine Somerville - Membership Chair

Special Events



Since my last report in March of this year; we recognized Vimy Day and honoured those Veterans that were able to attend on April 9th, as well as Cinco de Mayo and we celebrated Mothers Day with a wonderful breakfast.

As with all of the Special Events that we put on it would not be possible without the volunteers that devote a good many hours into decorating and/or staffing these events. I am very thankful to have such a great crew to assist me in my efforts to bring you fun and entertaining events to enjoy. Thank you Brenda Swain, Terry Tahouney, Charmain Lee, and Cathie McGinnity for always helping with the decorations, it is always a good time. Thank you also to the fellas who did a fantastic job in the kitchen on Mothers Day: Bob Jones, Newf, John Barker, & Pat Baxter and to all the servers: Shane, Wally, John Gill & John White (if I left anyone out it was unintentional and I am sorry, your contribution was invaluable and very much appreciated). Thank you also to Michelle Humber you are always there to help to me and I can't thank you enough.

At this time I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Ladies Auxiliary for volunteering to look after the Fathers Day BBQ

scheduled for June 19th this year. I am sure that it will be a huge success, thank you.

Currently I am working on the First Annual ANAF Unit #302 Classic Car Show, Tailgate Party & Sock Hop slated for Sunday July 31st as this is the BC Day weekend. Once the details are finalized we will have posters in the Unit with all of the information. I would like to thank Doug Lumley and Pat Heeley for their assistance with this event. I know this will be a great day full of fun and some pretty awesome cars and food too.

Last but not least I am working on a Wine Tasting Event for the Labour Day weekend and have tentatively scheduled this event for Sunday September 4th. Again, once I have all of the details worked out for this event I will have posters detailing all of the information posted in the Unit.

In closing, I would like to thank all of those members that come out for each event and have positive feedback and show their appreciation for all of the hard work that goes into putting these events on, your comments and enthusiasm are very much appreciated.

Fraternally,
Debi Rich-Jones
Special Events Chair

APHORISM

The nicest thing about the future is it always starts tomorrow.
Money will buy a fine dog but only kindness will make him wag his tail.
If you don't have a sense of humour, you probably don't have any sense at all.
Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.

Meat Draw Report



Dear Comrades,

As we approach summer and holiday time, I find meat draws have been well attended.

We had our themed “Easter meat draw” and I was very pleased with the turn out. Thanks to my panel Debi Rich-Jones, Laura Davidson, Sylvia Lous, Niki Wichman, John White and Jim Lee.



I look forward in planning the next themed meat draw in September. That will be the International.

I want to thank you for supporting all meat draws with all the changes. As you know for every dollar you spend goes back into the community. I never

forget my volunteers as you all are the key to our success.

At the end of May, I will be in the UK for six weeks on holidays. If you have any questions please direct them to Debi Rich-Jones as Debi will be in charge while I am away. I hope everyone has a great summer.

Fraternally yours
Charmain Lee
Meat Draw Chair

Pictures by
Charmain Lee



St. Patrick's Day Meat Draw



Meat Draw sellers get all dressed up for the St. Patrick's Day meat draw on March 16, 2011. Special St. Patrick's meats including recipes were won by the members.

Left to right
Joy Scott, Charmain Lee, Cathie McGinnity,
Sally Nalleweg and Cathey Somerville

Photo and submission by Don Fisher

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Know Your Limit Play Within It

Ladies Auxiliary



Well it's convention time again. Where did the year go. Michelle Humber, Dee Jones & Marlene Powell will be the delegates for the Provincial Convention held in Kamloops, B.C. At the convention, Provincial Command President Joan Gordon presented Marlene Powell & myself Dee Jones with our Life Membership for the Ladies Auxiliary. It was a great surprise & an honour to receive it.

Comrades Kathy Brintnell, Maxine Ansell & Marlene Powell donated gifts for the April 16th Easter Draw.

On May 7th for Mothers Day Draw, gifts were donated by Comrades Francis Hutson & Pat Wemyss.

And once again a very special thanks for Billie & Jackie owners of Dogs Breath Antiques who graciously donated a diamond anniversary ring. Please check out their shop located at Suite 101A-2423 Beacon Ave. (the old post office) for a lot of beautiful things.

On June 18th there will be a Fathers Day Draw & these gifts were donated by Comrades Victoria

O'Donnell & Michelle Humber.

And Ladies, a reminder to bake your goodies for Fathers Day.

On March 13th Comrade Helen Watt received her 35 year pin along with Ev Sinden & Dee Jones who received their 20 year pins. Dee will be taking Ev's to her in June as Ev lives in Penticton.

We extend get well wishes to Comrade Katie Griffith who had surgery & Comrade Faye Davis who had shingles and, it's good to hear Comrade Shirley Parker is doing well after her surgery.

Marchers are more than welcome May 23rd in the Victoria Day Parade.

A reminder ladies after the June meeting, we will be having our annual BBQ & the Executive are excused from wearing uniforms that day.

This is my last report till September so, to all have a safe & fun filled summer.

Submitted by Dee Jones
Publicity & Membership

Boogie Through Life!

Don't cry because its over,
Smile because it happened

Pain and Suffering is inevitable
But Misery is optional.

Life is what you make of it...
Kinda like Play-Doh

The babbling brook would lose its song
If you removed the rocks.

Happiness comes through doors
You didn't even know you left open.

Everything is always okay in the end,
If it's not, then it's not the end.

So be happy!

Don't let anything burst
your balloon!

Boogie through life!

In The Club



Above: Unit 302 President Cliff John presents Museum Unit Board Of Trustee member Ken Miller with his 40 year pin.



Above: Unit 302 President Cliff John presents once President and Past President Don Hinse with his 15 year pin.

Shane Holwell Retirement



On 25 March 2011 Unit 302 Past President Shane Holwell celebrated his retirement from the Canadian Forces (Navy) after 28 years and now joins the Canadian Forces (Air Force) Class B service with 443 Sqn in Sidney. Shane provides a magnificent spray of flowers to soul mate Karen Quigley as she provided a superb *scran* for Shane and friends who helped celebrate the occasion. Photo by Maurice Rapier Story by Don Fisher

Sidney Tab Fairies

Hi you all! Beautiful Angels!

It's been a long two years to get a decent price on aluminum. Now finally it is up to 51 cents a pound.

Gary and Dolores took in 374 pounds, Wow! Thank you G & D.

Again, I repeat, if it weren't for all you awesome Tab Fairies, we wouldn't be able to donate

to Variety-Children's Charity - \$100.00; Camp goodtimes - \$50.00 and Sidney Food

Bank - \$100.00 this year so far. Balance in the bank \$137.00. Thanks Again Love yas

Sylvia Fehr, Dee & Bob Jones and Bob Larsen



House Report



Hello everyone

We'll need to get everyone up to speed on the improvements that have gone on since the last report.

But first, we need to thank all those folks John White, Cathie McGinnity, Shane Holwell, Debi Rich-Jones, Paul Peacey, Bob Connolly, Lynn Anderson, Randy Evans and Sylvia & Don Fisher who worked very hard at spiffing the club up at the "spring clean up

Very special thanks to "Bob the Painter", the entire main area of the club has a fresh coat of paint, including the kitchen ceiling and floor, Electrical room floor and club entrance. Bob and John White caulked and painted the exterior cladding...heck of a job!

More... Ray Upton provided the labour and tiles to clean up the old phone booth floor and Newf MacDonald supported the rewiring and coat rack make over...next time you see these folks...say thanks and buy'em a beer. I know I missed names to thank in this issue...if I did, tackle me and let me know...I'll make a point of getting your names on the next post.

So what has changed?

New floor, ceiling tiles and lights outside the men's wash room. We still have 3 bookcases to install, and a change to the coat rack ...call it "the

MARKII" model, which may be installed in about 4 weeks. We will have a chair, and a mirror near the area as requested, and the men's washroom open door stay (the foot), will be removed to ensure a more presentable appearance.

The ATM machine should be in shortly, and the area beside the gaming machine has been cleared out as well.

The broken ice machine behind the bar was swapped out (thanks Luke!) and we will look at repairs or replacement with a modern machine, dependent upon the cost of course.

What's next?

Still working on the roof contract, need some good weather and tidy up last minute details.

We continue to clean and eliminate "non value added" items to make way for those items some of the committees need today.

The games room is still in work; with much brainstorming going on...some additional clean up is still required followed by the first coat of paint.

Lock on the ladies washroom stall was replaced. Have a great summer...cheers

Hank Lous
House Chair

Pictures of the Electrical Room Improvements follow on the next page.

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House Pictures Before and Afters

Electrical Room Improvements



Pictures by
Hank Lous

After

Before

