

# localnews

## ■ COLBORNE LEGION LINES

### Branch 187 cooking up another delicious roast beef dinner Friday

Hello everyone. It has been a while since I have written and we have quite a bit planned for the next couple of months. Where to begin? Well, with our famous dinners, I guess.

On Friday, April 2, 2010, we will be having our usual delicious roast beef dinner. Along with our famous roast beef, we plan to serve mashed potatoes, gravy, a delicious root vegetable medley and another vegetable as well. The meal also includes soup, bread and a luscious lemon dessert. YUM! All this, plus tea and coffee, for \$10.

On Friday, April 16, 2010, we plan to have a ham and scalloped potato dinner. The menu will include baked beans, homemade creamed corn and broccoli. Also, a cheddar and apple salad, buns and a variety of scrumptious homemade cheesecakes for dessert. Again, all this, plus tea and coffee, for \$10.

The Colborne Legion is always trying to think up ways to raise money to keep this great organization alive and well, and also, to get the community involved. We would like to show the Colborne commu-

nity just how friendly and fun The Colborne Legion can be and have decided to introduce an evening called Frugal Friday. If you want to know more about what is frugal, drop by the Club Room starting at 4 p.m. on Friday evenings. While you're there you can play some pool — we now have two tables to play on — play cards or just stay and enjoy the wonderful comradeship in the Club Room while being frugal. Everyone is welcome, so bring your friends to one of these Fridays.

As most of you know, we have dinners on the first and third Fridays of every month. One of our members, Elaine Lemon, has thoughtfully offered to bring her guitar and her great singing voice and we have a fun sing-along after these dinners. It is becoming quite popular. I didn't know we had so many good, and good 'wannabe,' singers in the area. A special thanks also to Dennis Stralak, who adds his unique brand of comedy to some songs. Come into the Club Room after one of these dinners and join in. It is really worth it.

The Colborne Legion is planning a Banquet Room Ceiling fundraiser. We are raising funds

to replace the ceiling tiles and retrofit our lighting to make it more cost-efficient. You can 'buy' a ceiling tile for \$10, either in your name or in memory of someone you love. This list is in the Club Room. Just pay the bar steward to add your name to the list.

And, looking to the future, we have booked a Neil Diamond impersonator for Friday, May 14, 2010. "Diamond in the Rough," as Joey Purpura calls himself, is amazing. I listened to his website and, if you close your eyes, you would think that it is the real Neil Diamond performing. He does two one-hour sets starting at 8 p.m. with a 20-minute intermission. The show is usually over by 10:30 or 10:45 p.m., and then he plays CDs for anyone wishing to stay and drink and dance. Tickets will be \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door and will be available starting the week of March 29. I have received his flyers and will soon be posting them around town. I imagine these tickets will go quickly. I am really looking forward to meeting and hearing Joey's Neil Diamond Tribute.

Please keep an eye and ear open for more information about the following events we

have planned for the next couple of months.

On Sunday, May 9 we will be holding our annual Mother's Day Breakfast where mothers will eat for free.

On Saturday, May 22, we plan to have a huge yard sale and a barbecue from 7 a.m. until about noon.

On Saturday, May 29, The Colborne Legion will once again host the Apple Blossom Tyme Dinner from 4:30 until 6 p.m. for just \$10.

Also, please don't forget our ongoing events, which are open and welcome to everyone. These include line dancing every Tuesday morning from 9:30 until 11:30, a 55 Club every Tuesday afternoon starting at 1 p.m., an exercise class every Wednesday afternoon from 1:30 to 2:30, a meat draw every Saturday afternoon starting at 3 p.m. and a pool tournament the fourth Sunday of every month (except July and August) at noon. To sign up for the pool tournaments call the branch at 905-355-5479.

Please don't forget that the first Friday of every month we have a delicious roast beef dinner from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. and the third Friday of

every month we have a different and delicious themed dinner for just \$10, also from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

And, for Colborne Legion members, the following information applies:

There is still time to sign up for the remaining Zone sports events which include bid euchre on May 29, horseshoes on June 12 and golf on June 26. Sign-up sheets and more information is available in the Club Room.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our cribbage players — Gerry Ivanski, Sandra Boland, Marj Barlow and Dennis Stralak — who won first place at Zone level and advanced to District, where they placed fourth, which allowed them to advance all the way to Provincial Cribbage on March 13 in Dunnville, Ontario. They ended up in seventh place — very respectable for a provincial tournament.

Our annual honours and awards ceremony will be held on Sunday, April 11. Again this year we are having a wine and cheese afternoon. Invitations are being handed out, e-mailed and mailed to recipients of long service pins and volunteer

awards.

Our general meeting on Tuesday, April 20 is when the nominations for your next year's executive take place. Final nominations and elections take place at the general meeting on Tuesday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m. Please consider taking a position on the executive. This is a great organization but we need more participation from more members. You can have a lot of fun as well as getting to share your valuable knowledge. We would really appreciate your input on new ways to improve the running of The Colborne Legion. Comrades, this is your Legion. Please consider running for the executive. If you don't wish to run for the executive at this time, at least come on out and vote for who you think is best suited for one of the many positions available. All comrades of Branch 187 Colborne who have their 2010 dues paid are eligible to vote.

I'll sign off for now. Please look for another column next month.

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