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COLBORNE LEGION LINES

Moms dine free on Mother's Day

We have high speed Internet connection and service at the Colborne Legion. You can drop by with your laptop, smart phone and/or tablet and connect to very high-speed Internet service. There's no charge! Just ask the bar steward for the password to connect. The Colborne Legion is the only spot in town open seven days a week that offers this free connection. It also means you can hook into the Internet for meetings, seminars, workshops, etc. booked at the Legion.

Remember! You are only a stranger once at Colborne Legion Branch 187!

Mandy Martin

It's roast beef dinner time again! Where else do you get the full fixin's for just \$10 a person but at the Colborne Legion? It's homemade, too. Roast beef, gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, carrots/turnip/parsnip medley, soup, bread and Tracy's carrot cake to top it off with tea and coffee. Serving 5 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 4.

There's a BID euchre tournament the first Sunday of every month at Colborne Legion. Sunday, May 6, register (\$5 per player) by noon for an afternoon of play. Great prizes to be won. Light munchies served, too.

Everyone loves Mom! That's why all mom's dine for free at our annual Mother's Day Brekkie Sunday, May 13. From 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon, the whole family gathers to treat Mom to a great breakfast (without messing up a kitchen) for just \$7 per person. Scrambled eggs, fried eggs to order, pancakes, toast, baked beans, peameal bacon, tea, coffee and fruit salad are all part of the meal.

This is one of our most popular events of the year — a great reunion for all!

Nominations for the upcoming Legion branch executive are being received at the 7:30 p.m. May 15 general meeting for all members. The meeting will include the annual formal acceptance of nominations, voting and then installation of the executive for the year 2012-13. A half-hour Executive Committee meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Now we're springing into spring, we're changing up our mid-month dinner menu Friday, May 18. Our homemade hamburgers will be grilling. As a new presentation, we're baking potatoes and offering a medley of special toppings: chili, blue cheese, salsa, baked beans, roasted onions, bacon bits... build your own tater taster! For dessert — get ready — chocolate and butterscotch sundaes. Just \$10 per person serving 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Comrade Scott Young, Ontario Provincial Service Officer, is coming to Col-

borne Legion Branch 187 during the week of May 23. If you or anyone you know needs assistance with any help for a veteran, please contact Bill Bachellier, Veterans Service Officer through the branch, at 905.355.5479. The veteran does not have to be a Legion member.

The annual Colborne Apple Blossom Tyme Festival takes place May 26 and 27. Colborne Legion prepares a special apple-themed dinner served starting at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 26 to ensure all festival-goers, or those who want a great meal at a terrific price, are satisfied. Apple-braised beef with mashed potatoes, an apple./cheddar/onion salad, fried onions, rye breads and apple cheese cake for dessert, accompanied by tea and coffee, are yours for just \$10 per person.

Sunday, Apr. 29 saw six, two-person teams compete for the monthly bragging rights for Branch 187 mixed fun pool tournament. First-place finishers with four wins and one loss were John Fox and Kim Hickson. There was a hard-fought, three-way battle for second with Ira and Faye Wile, Jim White and Ray Babcock, Howie Bested and Tom Semple all finishing with identical three and two records. Hope to see a bigger crowd for May as this will be the last of the season until we start up again in September. A big thanks to Karen Finlay who graciously filled in for the vacationing Biff Lutton.

The last monthly Fun Pool Tournament until fall is Sunday, May 27. We welcome players of all calibers who are paired at random with other entrants. There is a fee of \$6 which covers the cost of the lighting and prizes. Lunch is served at a cost of \$4. Interested players please contact the Legion clubroom the week preceding the tournament at 905-355-5479 for more information.

Here are some upcoming June dates to note: Friday, June 1, roast beef dinner, 5 to 6:30 p.m., \$10 per person; Saturday, June 9, yard sale with hamburgers grilling, front lawn, 7 to 12 noon; Friday, June 15, mid-month special Stir-Fry Dinner, \$10 per person serving 5 to 6:30 p.m.; and Sunday, June 17, Father's Day Brunch, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon, just \$7 per person and Dad's dine for free.

Get to the meat (draws) of the matter every Saturday afternoon in the club room. You can win up to three pieces of meat at 3 p.m., three pieces at 4 p.m. and again at 5 p.m. for just \$2 an hour (and five tickets per draw). All welcome!

You can rent our club room or our main hall for events at very reasonable cost. The kitchen facilities are also available for rent or discuss catering arrangements. There's lots of free parking. Give us a call at 905.355.5479.

You shop for food, clothes, gifts, spa services and gas. Here's a way of making it work for both you and the Colborne Legion. You can buy pre-paid "gift cards" for a whole host of name retailers. They never expire and you get the full value for the amount you buy. The retailer, in turn, pays a percentage (from 2 to 10%) of the value to the Legion. Among the many retailers included are Canadian Tire (including gas), No Frills (including gas), Your Independent Grocer, Metro, Ultra-mar, Staples, Winners, Giant Tiger and so on. Order dates are posted and order forms are available in the club room. Drop by the Colborne Legion for an order form. Make a cheque out to RCL Branch 187. Or, go on-line at www.fundscrip.com.



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GRAFTON — Alnwick/Haldimand Deputy Fire Chief Allan Sheppard investigates a fire at a Grafton home on Lakeshore Road on May 2.

Grafton residents escape fire

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GRAFTON — An early morning fire destroyed a lakeside, two-bedroom bungalow Tuesday, leaving two Grafton residents without a home.

The homeowners, a husband and wife, escaped the blaze without injury, said Alnwick/Haldimand deputy fire chief Allan Sheppard. Smoke detectors woke the residents and the couple was able to

call 911 on a cellphone after they left the home, he said.

Fire crews got the call at 2:06 a.m. and all three Alnwick/Haldimand stations responded with approximately 40 firefighters to the home at 433 Lakeshore Rd. in Grafton, said Mr. Sheppard. The fire had taken hold of the home when the firefighters arrived, he said.

"The flames were already coming through the roof," said Mr. Sheppard.

A preliminary investigation indicated the cause of the fire was electrical and started under the floor in the kitchen area, he said. There is no indication the fire is suspicious, he added. The fire investigation is continuing.

Fire crews left the scene late morning on Tuesday and a resident looked over the remains of the home.

She declined to comment to the media.