

Author's Evening series resumes next month

Get in the swim of things at Colborne Legion Branch 187's annual fish fry dinner, Friday, Aug. 17 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. An added bonus: Michael Tremblay returns to sing and play for your enjoyment starting at 4 p.m. in the club room (remember the Frugal Fridays special bar pricing!) and then on into the evening. For dinner, we will be deep-frying the battered fish outside on site! The \$12 cost also includes John Ton's cucumber and onion salad, tomatoes, coleslaw, bread, homemade tartar sauce, rice and/or french fries, and lemon dessert with chocolate drizzle.

This month's bid euchre tournament will be held Sunday, Sept. 9. Register (\$5 per player) by noon for an afternoon of play. Great prizes to be won! A homemade, delicious lunch is available for just \$2.

With fall comes the return of our Author's Evening series. We've decided to hold the events on Sunday afternoons to make it easier for those of you who want to "come from away" to attend. On Sunday, Sept. 30, from 2 to 4 p.m., meet author Gil McElroy.

McElroy will be reading from his latest book, *Cold Comfort: Growing Up Cold War*, published this past May by Talonbooks. It gives an "army brat's" perspective of growing up in a family whose father's military career was integral to the building of Canada's electronic defence system, including the Distant Early Warning (DEW) Line. An award-winning poet and curator, McElroy and wife Heather live in Colborne. You'll be sure to enjoy this opportunity to meet with the erudite and thoughtful author. There is no entry fee. We ask you consider a donation to support the Colborne Legion's community outreach fund in support of the food bank and many programs.

We take the labour out of Labour Day weekend! Our annual Labour Day Weekend steak and hamburger barbecue will be Saturday, Sept. 1 serving 5 to 6:30 p.m. Enjoy a homemade hamburger dinner for \$10 per person or sirloin steak for \$12 per person. The price includes baked potatoes with sour cream, cheese and green onion toppings, caesar salad, carrot salad, dinner

rolls and mousse for dessert with tea and/or coffee.

This is a very popular event. We welcome all the Auction Barn Jamboree attendees who will be arriving all during the week before to catch the concerts starting Monday evening, Aug. 27 for great musical entertainment all week long and through the Labour Day weekend.

Our hall has a new look! It's perfect for bridal showers, weddings or stag and doe parties. You also have the option of male or female bartenders, if required. It's a good place for afternoon get-togethers, too! You can rent the room, and/or our club room and kitchen, for events and meetings at very reasonable cost. Contact Judith Howe at 905-355-5479.

It's Frugal Friday every Friday in our club room. Regular beer and liquor becomes \$3 each after 4 p.m. until closing at 10 p.m. End the week on a frugal note with friends new and old. Arrive an

hour early for one of our twice-monthly dinners and enjoy the savings!

Par excellence and all that, the Colborne Legion Mixed Golf Tournament will be held Sunday, Sept. 23 at Salt Creek Golf Links north of Brighton. For just \$35, you get nine holes of golf, prizes and an excellent dinner at the Colborne Legion afterward. Tee-off time for this shotgun start is 11 a.m.. Call 905-355-5479 to register or donate prizes.

Remember! 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.

The September mid-month dinner Friday, Sept. 14 will feature pulled pork and fixings. More menu details to come in future!

Our club room is open seven days a week at 1 p.m. For summer, we've extended the evening hours to 8 p.m. Saturday through Thursday, then on Friday until 10 p.m.. Enjoy the outdoor patio. Inside, it's air-conditioned. We have two pool tables, a large-screen TV, great jukebox, dart boards and, of course, free high-speed Internet service. Everyone is welcome to drop by! You don't have to be a member to drop in.

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!

Once a month, budget your shopping needs to benefit you and the Colborne

Legion. You shop for food, clothes, gifts, spa services and gas. You can buy prepaid "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. The orders for the gift cards go in monthly. The next deadline date for ordering is 2 p.m. Sept. 5.

Among the many retailers included are Canadian Tire (including gas), No Frills (including gas), Your Independent Grocer, Metro, Ultramar, 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 online at www.fundscrip.com.

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

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Grafton writer celebrates a special milestone

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Northumberland Today

GRAFTON - The success of sprinters Usain Bolt and Yohan

Blake at the Olympics is only one reason Jamaicans are celebrating this month.

Grafton resident Faith Campbell pointed out that

this month marks the 50th anniversary of Jamaican independence and, as a writer, she is celebrating in her own way.

Campbell calls her poem simply *A Tribute to the Jamaican People*.

Beautiful people, so courageous and strong
Resourceful individuals, facing life head on.

Undeterred by a skewed and flawed reputation
Committed to building character with fierce determination.

Innovative you are, most enterprising too
Entrepreneurs of all stripes, creating in every venue.

You hustle, you bustle, you fight your way upstream
Confident to the top you'll rise, just like true cream.

Children of Bogle, Garvey, and noble Nanny
Of visionaries and prophets like my Grandma Annie.
A special brand of people, your influence expands worldwide
Stand tall and with great pride, you have nothing to hide.

Professionals and tradespeople, no better find
Your impact is felt throughout humankind.

Artists and spiritual beings whose truth spreads light
Laborers on whose butchered

backs exploiters have built their might.

Listen carefully now to what is being said

I am speaking to the living on behalf of the dead.

This is your day, your unique opportunity

To break shackles of mental slavery like Brother Bob Marley.

Wherever you dwell, whatever your gift

Lay it on God's altar, while others you lift.

Embrace your legacy, descendants of queens and kings

Awaken to your destiny, you're born to accomplish even greater things.

Let no one define you; how would they know
Your mountain and chasms of pain, scars too ghastly to show
Keep your own counsel, in God put your trust.
In a cause greater than yourself, commit you must.

Phenomenal people, indomitable spirits so rare
Walk your talk fearlessly, your victory is near.

Take the hand of a sister, to a brother give the other
And continue being salt and light as we travel together.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

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