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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As a "Veterans Club" we are holding our own as far as revenue is concerned in the first quarter of 2007. I am pleased to report that we had a profitable three months which bodes well for the upcoming slow times. We do need to add to the bank account an additional amount of \$20,000 to allow us to get through the lean times ahead. To give some idea of what has been accomplished relative to cost cutting, in the first quarter your executive has cut costs by 26%. More detail will be available at **Your General Body Meetings.**

We have so many members to thank for providing their time and effort organizing events. We have had fish fries, dances, cribbage tournaments, dart tournaments, fun darts on Tuesdays, fish and chips dinner, Easter draws, pool tournaments. The Kitchen committee for their continuing support which includes a weekly menu of hot and cold foods. The staff that use their creativity for Jello shooters, scavenger hunts, and decoration of the hall for dances. **Thank you one and all.**

This year has been very positive in many ways for Your Club. We started off with a very successful New Years Eve party filled to the maximum (tickets are on sale for this years party) and events have flowed steadily since. This took a great amount of effort and lots of volunteers. **Thank you one and all.**

As you can see Your Club has come alive with activity that not only allows members to enjoy but produces the revenue required to be provide us all a sustainable business to support "**All Veterans and Members of Unit 247**"

## CANTEEN

We have had a few changes and for that reason I will let you know the names of our current bar staff:

Pat Kelly, Reg Tracy, Aubrey Dyke, Larry Higgins, Jen Bayne, Nancy Rusidouski, Gail Ann-Marie Brady. Gail will be taking a sabbatical in May returning we hope in October. Bob Balfour has made up sign for the name of the Steward on duty. This

will help all us old farts remember who is behind the bar.

The staff are really doing a good job. For the information of all, the bartender is the only one in charge while on their shift. We had a recent incident where this was breached. This is unfair to staff.

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### Executive Board

President	Donald Foster
Past President	Donald Flieger CD
1st Vice President	Bob Balfour
2nd Vice President	Frank Jones
3rd Vice President	Harry Graham
4th Vice President	Jacqueline Duguay
Sgt. Of Arms	Pat Hertel
Secretary	Donna Balfour
Treasurer	Andrew Glenn
Sports	Larry Higgins

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## Daily & Weekly Draws

THANKS TO GERRY BOYER (MRS. B) FOR HER DEDICATION TO ENTERTAINMENT LAST YEAR AND IN PARTICULAR THE NEW YEARS EVE DINNER AND DANCE.

FRANK JONES HAS TAKEN THE HELM OF ENTERTAINMENT AND IS CONTINUING OUR SUCCESS IN PROVIDING TO ALL MEMBERS HIGH QUALITY ENTERTAINERS.

OUR 50/50 DRAW HAS CHANGED IN THAT WHEN A MEMBER WINS THE DRAW YOUR CLUB WILL ALSO TAKE THEIR SHARE OF THE PRIZE. IN THE PAST THIS WAS LEFT IN FOR THE NEXT DRAW. OUR CASH CRUNCH LEFT US NO CHOICE. WE HAVE ALSO INCREASED THE AMOUNT OF THE DRAW TO \$1.00 PER

VISIT. THE GENERAL BODY WAS GIVEN THIS INFO LAST MONTH.

HORSE RACES ARE PROVING REALLY POPULAR ON THURSDAYS ALONG WITH THE MEAT DRAWS.

THIS ALL REQUIRES A BANK OF VOLUNTEERS TO DRAW FROM, PLEASE CALL FRANK TO VOLUNTEER.

DAILY MEMBERS DRAW, HORSE RACES ON THURSDAYS MEAT DRAWS THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS PROVIDE MUCH ACTIVITY PLUS FUN TIMES COME ON IN AND SEE FOR YOURSELF.

## Getting Older

- 1) Reporters interviewing a 104 year old woman: "And what do you think the best thing about being 104?" the reporter asked. She simply replied, "No peer pressure."
- 2) These days about half the stuff in my shopping cart says, "for fast relief."
- 3) Know how to prevent sagging? Just eat till the wrinkles fill out.
- 4) Its scary when you start making the same noises as your coffeemaker.
- 5) An elderly woman decided to make out her will and told the preacher she had two final requests. First she wanted to be cremated, and second she wanted to have her ashes scattered over Wal-Mart. "Why Wal-Mart?" asked the preacher. "Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me twice a week."
- 6) The Senility Prayer: Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

## Did You Know ?

- ◆ **"YOUR CLUB" CONTINUES TO LOWER OUR FLAG TO HALF MAST EACH TIME A CANADIAN LOSES THEIR LIFE IN AFGHANISTAN. SADLY SEVEN LIVES HAVE BEEN LOST SINCE THE BEGINNING OF EASTER.**
- ◆ **THAT A NEW GROUP CALLED THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED. THEY MEET ONCE A MONTH AND PLAN AN EVENT/EVENTS FOR THE NEXT MONTH. THIS IS THE REASON THERE IS A NEW MENU EACH WEEK FOR LIGHT LUNCHES, FISH FRIES, FISH AND CHIPS. CONTACT PAT IF YOU WANT TO BE INCLUDED.**
- ◆ **WORTH NOTING: BE ADVISED THAT ALL COMPLAINERS LIVE AT THE EXPENSE OF THOSE WHO LISTEN TO THEM...**

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Your Executive held a special meeting for members last July to inform us that a huge effort on part of members is needed in order for Our Club to survive.

It would appear that the momentum is building In the 1st quarter of 2007 we made profit every month. We obviously require more for the summer months ahead.

Our expenses are down for accounting fees by \$500 in the first three months due to us changing accountants. In many other areas we have also cut costs

The secret will be to increase the activity by utilizing the hall to its maximum and attending the functions being created by your fellow members.

We are saying good-by to far too many of our older members of late. Wherever possible please make an effort to join those of us going to the funeral. This gives great

.Calendars of events are being developed monthly (see enclosed) that will aid you as a member to reserve time to attend events that are of interest to you. Bring a friend or better still a family member.

Advertising the hall events is now being done by flyer, posters and word of mouth.

So whether you volunteer, drop by with a friend for a beverage, say hello to the gang of regulars, or recommend the hall to someone every little bit helps.

Any ideas you may have that may help us for the present or future please come on in and talk with the bar steward or any member of the executive. Thank you and best regards

*Pat Kelly - Head Bar Steward*

## Upcoming Sports Events

**Our annual golf tournament will take place in June 3rd at 7:30 AM. The cost will be \$45 and if you require a cart you must reserve it and pay for it yourself.**

**On May 19th we will have a Cribbage tournament. We need more players, invite your friends and come out to enjoy the day.**

## JOIN IN AND ENJOY THE EVENTS

comfort to the family. We have had many favorable comments on the Poppy service we have conducted for a number of our veterans by their families and friends. The color guards have been excellent and Don Fleiger has done a super job of conducting this part of the service. Thanks to all who have made the effort and dressing in blues and grays.

Finally the new wedge hats can be ordered and will cost about \$30. We require the sizes prior to ordering.

Thanks to all the cooks, Shifty, Eddie, Pat & Harriet, Bobby S. & Joanne Mike & Margurete, Simone and all that I may have missed.

Keep up the good work.

**BE ACTIVE IN  
"YOUR CLUB"  
JOIN IN THE EVENTS**

## Membership

Currently our membership is 175, We are slipping slightly from last year. Invite your friends and family to join and become an active member of "Your Club" Welcome all new members.

**BIG NEWS: Ladies now represent over 25% of our membership.**

**Next Meeting  
May 26  
10:30 AM**

**ANAVETS HAD A PROVINCIAL CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT IN LONDON ON MARCH 31. WE WERE REPRESENTED BY THREE TEAMS. RON&BRUCE, LEN&RICHARD, DON&IVAN GAVE IT A VALIANT EFFORT AGAINST TOUGH COMPETITION BUT WON NO HARDWARE TO PUT ON DISPLAY.**

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TO SHOULDER**

## VETERANS BILL OF RIGHTS

### YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

Be treated with respect, dignity, fairness and courtesy.

Take part in discussions that involve you and your family.

Have someone with you for support when dealing with Veterans Affairs.

Have your privacy protected as set out in the Privacy Act.

Receive clear and easy to understand information about programs & services in English or French

Receive benefits & services as set out in our published standards service standards and know your appeal rights.

Make a complaint & have it looked into if you feel your rights have not been upheld

## UPCOMING EVENTS

5/1 FUN DARTS  
5/4 SCHNETZEL DINNER & KARAOKE  
5/5 RANDY KUAN  
5/8 FUN DARTS  
5/12 KENT TOUCHER  
5/15 KARAOKEE  
5/19 CRIB TOURNAMENT  
5/24 KARAOKEE  
5/26 BILL GRIFFITS  
5/26 GENERAL BODY MEETING  
6/1 DINNER & KARAOKEE  
6/2 SEAN LEGREND  
6/9 KIETH HOWELL  
6/16 CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT  
6/30 GENERAL BODY MEETING  
6/30 BILL GRIFFTHS

### EDDIE (EARTHQUAKE) HENTGES

*We said goodbye to a dear friend this month. Eddie past away on Good Friday.*

*Earthquake will be missed for his pies, his great sense of humor, his constant contribution to our Anavets family. Thanks Eddie for adding enjoyment to our lives. Anchors away old pal.*

### Bob (Rabbi) Rabethge

*Another close member of our family passed away. Bob could always bring a smile and liven up the conversation, bring it to a (new) level. He was always positive.*

*Rabbi worked constantly at "The Club" fixing tables and chairs and setting up the hall.*

*We never could confirm the sunburn on his neck from the red light going on so often when he was in goal. Good-bye old friend.*