

Good News!



The projector and new sound system are installed and have been a big hit with renters, along with the internet and wifi access at the hall.

We are very fortunate to have received a Community Services Grant. These funds will go towards upgrading and/or replacing our much used tables and chairs. In exchange for the grant, we will be working at bingo events at a casino in Winnipeg.



And Some Not So Good News....

You may have heard that the Legion was broken into and, while not a lot of damage was done, we did experience the theft of some of the sound and bar equipment, liquor, and memorabilia.

The daycare who were using the hall also lost items. It is especially heartbreaking to lose any of the items from the display cases. We are working with our insurance company to replace what is replaceable, and have reviewed and updated our security plan. We are looking at further protection in the form of cameras or alarm systems, and continue to work with the RCMP to solve this theft and recover items.



Local Veterans presented the Knight o the French National Order

Congratulations to Comrades Bennie Klick, Lloyd Lehman and John Owczar on receiving the Knight of the French National Order of the Legion of Honour Medal. A special ceremony was held on May 8, 2016 to honour these veterans for their service. The medals were presented by Monsieur Bruno Burnichon, Honorary Consul of France. A special thank you to the Prairie Thistle Pipe Band, Mr. Ryan Aubry (bugle), Stoneybrook Air Cadet Squadron #307, Steinbach Scouts and the RCMP or their participation.



If you missed the ceremony you can order a dvd for \$25.00, all proceeds go to the Legion. Contact Audrey Harder for a copy bizebee464@hotmail.com, 204-381-0558.

We have also received word that Alex Tarasenko was honoured with the French National Order of the Legion of Honour medal as well. Congratulations to him on the receipt of such an honour.

Sick & Visiting

Our Branch Chaplain, Cde. Werner Trapp, would like to hear of any local veterans or branch members who are ill or shut-in. You can contact him through email at wtrapp@mts.net or you can call the branch office and leave a message. He will arrange a visit or send a card to those who might appreciate it. Please let him know if you become aware of someone in this circumstance.

Legion Supply Orders

For those who may be in the market to purchase uniform wear but don't know where to start, Lori Borkowsky has created a list of what you will need. The list is on the website or you can use this link (<http://steinbachlegion.ca/standard-legion-uniform/>). Items are available at the Poppy Store: <http://www.legion.ca/members/shop/> and you can place your order directly with them, or give Lori a call and she will be happy to assist you. There are also great Legion themed casual wear and gift items available.

Ways and Means

We will be hosting a **Welcome Back BBQ** on **Tuesday, September 6th**, starting at 6:30pm. This will be followed by the **General Meeting** at 7:30pm. The bar will be open – come on out and enjoy a great meal and catch up with what's happening at the Legion.

Grey Cup Tickets are out! They sell out quickly so call the branch office to purchase or email juanitabrown52@yahoo.ca for more information. Or better yet, come out to the meeting on Sept 6th as they will be available then too.

The annual **Fall Supper** is coming up on **Sunday, October 2nd**, with dinner served from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Planning is underway and we always appreciate volunteers. Please let Juanita Brown know if you can help out in any way! It's also a fabulous time to reconnect with friends, get your 'early-bird' status by renewing your membership for 2017, and to just let someone else do the cooking and cleaning up.



Spread the word and we look forward to seeing you there!

The **Cash Calendar** is back again this fall. The price is \$5 with lots of prizes. One difference is that the draws will be held earlier than last year. The winners will be picked in November so that the cash is available for Christmas shopping. The calendars will be available for sale at the general meeting, September 6th.

Cribbage nights will be back soon – watch for dates by checking the website. It is always a fun evening of friendly competition, prizes and a light lunch.



We're hosting our first ever **Paint Night, Wednesday, October 26th**. Colleen Watchorn, local artist, will lead us through the process of creating a masterpiece with acrylic paint (yes, even those of us without *any* skill or talent), and we'll leave with our own painting just like the one you see on the ticket.

Tickets are \$40 which includes all supplies and a light lunch. The bar will be open – so enjoy a glass of wine while you paint up a storm!

Tickets are available from Audrey Harder at bizebee464@hotmail.com or you can call her at 204-381-0558. You can also contact Juanita Brown or contact the Legion by email or phone.



Two very successful fundraising BBQ's were held this summer. It was really great to see over 100 people out to both events and the weather was beautiful for an outdoor lunch.

Thank You to the organizers and volunteers who made this possible.

Ladies' Auxiliary News

The Ladies Auxiliary is looking at possibly hosting another Fall Craft, Trade and Bake sale in October. Watch for updates regarding the details.

The next meeting will be Monday, **September 12th** at 7:30pm.



Bookings

Rentals of our hall and boardroom continue to be brisk. This is great, as rentals are our biggest source of revenue and help to pay our rent. We are always looking to expand on our bookings. If you are planning a Thanksgiving or Christmas event, you are encouraged to book soon so that you get the dates that you want! Our rates are very competitive and members qualify for a small discount.

Send an email to Steinbach190RCL@outlook.com or leave a message for Jen Tourond at 204-326-5335. Here is a link to the rental area of the website as well - <http://steinbachlegion.ca/facility-rentals/>

Poppy Campaign



The annual poppy campaign begins Friday, October 28th and runs until Remembrance Day. The distribution of poppies will include a number of communities outside of Steinbach as well as many local businesses. Volunteers are needed to help deliver poppy boxes on October 28th and also with the pick up on November 12th. If you have a few spare hours to help with organizing or dropping off poppy boxes, please contact Christie Borkowsky.

The End....

We are looking forward to a busy fall, and hope that many of you will come out to enjoy all that the Legion and community hall have to offer. If there is anything that we can do to encourage attendance at events or our general meetings, *please* let us know. Call any member of the executive, email via the link or send a letter. If you know of anyone who is thinking of joining or would like to volunteer, please encourage them to contact us.

until next time!

