

Mallorytown Legion celebrates members at awards luncheon

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In a world that is, to say the least, ever changing and ever challenged, we think of things lost. That there was a world once, that was simpler and better, sometimes forgetting that this world we live in is pretty good; that good people are out there doing good things, volunteering their time, to make the good things happen. And so it may have been, only a few years ago, that members of Mallorytown Legion, Branch 484, were concerned that their Legion, like some others, would be a thing of the past. But a clear resurgence of commitment to the Legion is softening that fear. A year and half ago The Ladies Auxiliary was once again established and their Charter granted to them in November of 2015. Since then, the Ladies have worked with energy and clear determination to be a healthy supporter and fundraiser for the Branch, presenting the Legion with a

\$2000.00 cheque on Saturday afternoon September 23. The event where they made their presentation is further evidence of the Branch's new lease on life: The Honours and Awards Luncheon. For the first time in seven years, Honours and Awards were once again presented at Branch 484. Branch Membership Chair, Jan Stephenson said "this year, we thought we'd really try. This is Legion Week and we're so pleased and happy to be able to do it." She said members receive a pin in five year increments and those who have held office receive ribbons and bars.

Zone Commander Ralph McMullen said, "I'm pleased to see after a long absence that this Branch has started their Honours and Awards again." He praised the Branch for getting young people involved and "bringing in new members."

Ladies Auxiliary Zone

Commander, Laura Blair, praised the Ladies Auxiliary, commending them on their great team work and their accomplishments in the brief time they've held their Charter.

Catherine Swan, wife of Chief Commanding Officer, Air Cadets Squadron 870, Jeff Swan, paid tribute to the young cadets, stressing the importance of serving the community "as the ground work of serving the country."

Patricia Powell told her wonderful story of the First Special Service Force, reported here, in The Mural a few months ago. Sir John Blair, who had been in the First Special Service Force and now, in his 90's, was present and received an emotional standing ovation.

Edward Donovan accepted from Branch President Comrade, Arnie Day, Branch past President Comrade Jo-Ann Durant and Ladies Auxiliary President,



The Honour and Awards Committee of Mallorytown Legion Branch 484 recognize their members' service with a luncheon celebration September 23 2017. (L-R): Branch President, Arnie Day; Branch Membership Chairperson, Jan Stephenson; Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer, Violet Gibson; Branch Secretary, Norah Rooney; Branch Past President, Jo-Ann Durant; and Ladies Auxiliary President, Wendy Carlson. Photo: Catherine Orth

Wendy Carlson, a picture, to honour his late wife, Doreen Donovan, who was devoted to the branch. "She always gave it her all and would pitch in wherever she could."

Mike Sabourin was

recognized "as one in a million" for his volunteer contribution to the branch: whether it was "cooking, a water crisis, repairs or yard work."

And taking the cake, Ron Warren was honoured for his 55 years as

a Legion Branch 484 member.

Jan Stephenson, Branch Membership Chair was very pleased with the day and said that the Honours and Awards "mean a lot to each and every branch member."

Equine extravaganza in Lansdowne offers horse lore and more

To THE MURAL

Yeehaw!!! Hold onto your horses for this festival! We'll stirrup a whole lotta fun!

Do you own or ride or just love horses? If so, this is the place for you...the first of its kind, an Equine Extravaganza, in Lansdowne, Ontario at the Fairgrounds 1186 Prince St.

Stop horsing around at home on Saturday, October the 14, and

come horse around with us from 10 a.m until 4 p.m.

LAFR (Lansdowne Association for Revitalization) has teamed up with horse owners and horse lovers to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday.

This is your opportunity for hands-on equestrian experiences for both young and old.

There will be a wide variety of horse breeds

including Draft breeds, Morgans, Canadians, English jumpers, Arabians, Minis and more.

There will be demos in the corral, horse parades, horse shows and talented equestrians.

All-day events will offer plenty for children...wagon rides, pony rides, petting zoo, and leather making for kids with the Leather Lady.

A farrier (a smith who shoes horses) will show off his talents.

I'm sure none of you will need the Horse

Ambulance but this demo promises to be most interesting. Although we won't have any giraffes, we've been told that a giraffe can be folded up into this ambulance.

Equamania, a university group coming in from Guelph, will be providing horse lore galore with an interactive activity dealing with the many different parts of a horse (tail braiding and kid-friendly horse bone activities).

On stage in the Education Barn you can

hear about horse nutrition, horse first aid and hoof health.

Ron Pyne, from The Horseman's Way in Elgin, will be demonstrating 'natural horsemanship'.

The Ontario Mounted Special Services Unit will deliver info about search and rescue techniques using horses.

Prince Philip Gaming, a pony club, and the Trick Morgan horse will be sure to amuse children and adults alike.

Visit the 'Oh, Horsefeathers' booth to

have your horse-o-scope or tarot cards read, or just pick up something free for the kids.

Various vendors will provide gifts, nutrition and health products related to the equine field.

And of ca-horse, it wouldn't be complete without good food and beverage service.

Wild horses won't be able to drag you away once you begin to experience the many activities.. and it's all FREE!!! Check it out on facebook.

Casino & Cocktails

To THE MURAL

The stage is set for another successful Casino & Cocktail Evening at the newly owned and renovated Thousand Island Villages (formerly Grenville Christian College Site) from 6:00 to 11:00 pm on October 20. Although the event name has changed in order to comply with AGCO guidelines, organizers promise that Brockvegas for a Cause will not disappoint.

From the moment you arrive you will travel back in time to the 50's with classic vehicles and entertainment provided by The Fabulous Belairs. According to Event Chair and Branch Manager for St. John Ambulance Deborah Coligan, "Guests will enjoy a sit down Roast Beef Dinner with and all the fixings, pies and traditional English Trifle for desert.

We have brought back the gaming tables and the casino funny money which can be used towards bids on the Live & Silent Auction."

Leeds-Grenville MPP Steve Clark is proud to be the honorary chair for this year's event and said organizers definitely have a great evening planned - one not to be missed. "St. John Ambulance is always there when our community calls on them for support," said Clark. All proceeds raised will go towards allowing their dedicated volunteers to continue to run community services such as the Therapy Dog Program, Car Seat Program, Youth Program and to provide Medial First Response at community events throughout Leeds, Grenville & Lanark.

Tickets must be purchased in advance and will sell out. Call 613-342-2974 for details.

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