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The Royal Canadian Horse Artillery Brigade Association

Dear Current & Former RCHA Member/Associate

The Board of Directors have again approved the early bird offer of \$75 for the 2019-20 membership year, if paid in full by Oct. 31, 2019. Renewals & new applications revert to the \$100 fee on Nov.1, 2019.

Please take a moment to renew your membership today by sending your cheque and renewal form to the address above, attention Membership. Alternately, you may submit your renewal at the Club with cash, debit or credit.

In addition to your being a supporter of the Association, your membership provides other benefits to you at the RCHA and several businesses, List may be found on the Bulletin Board. Additional participants would be welcome.

Some highlights this past year:

- More members volunteered to meet the many needs of running a not-for-profit volunteer association; such as cleaning, door monitors, event organizing & decorating. Your support is most appreciated & essential.
- Mike Hamilton accepted a nomination and was elected to the Board of Directors.
- We welcomed 37 new members this year. Thank you for your support.
- Ten associates applied and were granted Active/Voting membership.
- We welcomed 3 new Honorary Associates: Megan Knott, Executive Director Tourism Kingston; Karen Cross, CEO Chamber of Commerce and Dr David Pedlar, Scientific Director, CIMVHR.
- Many successful music events were held, including the highly popular Limestone Blues Festival, an additional Saturday afternoon -open jam & jazz nights, thanks to Frank Warnica & Linda Cameron and supporters.
- Several successful special events were held including the annual Robbie Burns Day and St Patrick's Day organized by Linda Cameron.
- An excellent Remembrance Day ceremony was organized by L.Col.(Ret'd) Bob Chamberlain, his 19th year.
- Sandra Vellone, Carol Whyman & Kevin Bleeks are reviewing emergency and health & safety procedures.
- Following an inventory of cleaners and other chemicals in the building, Kevin Bleeks is preparing a binder with awareness information to comply with health and safety laws under WHMIS.
- To help the bottom line, the Board decided to close the club on Sundays unless there was a special event, and to open at 3 pm on all other days.
- Board approved revisions to the bylaws as prepared by Phil MacKenzie & Carol Whyman
- Social Schmoes were approved by the board to manage the Website, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.
- We continued to support various charities & non-profits including, Joe Mill's Lending Library, the Rotary Club, ALS, Frontenac Heritage Foundation, Darts League
- Another successful golf tournament was held thanks to organizer Ken Edgecombe, and many supporters including Blu Martini & Bubba's who provided the dinner.
- Successful Turkey and Ham Shoots were held thanks to organizer John Rising and other volunteers.
- **Capital improvements and major maintenance include:**
 - Winter weather caused a challenge with freezing pipes.
 - Two pumps in the basement, responsible for keeping the elevator shaft dry, were replaced.
 - Following a Fire Inspection, we were required to replace sensors, lights and emergency battery packs.
 - Many improvements made by Jim Davidson, including renovating the alcove back to the limestone walls to take another Kegorator, installation of shelving above it; clearing out the attic & insulating a ground floor window.
 - Toilet in women's accessible washroom replaced, thanks to a generous donation by Sandra Vellone.
 - Old paint and aerosols cleaned out of the basement by Kevin Bleeks.
 - Two windows requiring major repairs/replacement submitted to City heritage committee for approval.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Capital Improvement Fund in 2018-19 that totalled \$4080.

Your support through membership, financial contributions, volunteering and participation in the Club activities is appreciated and essential to the sustainability and future of the Association.

Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or suggestions; and if you are able to volunteer.

Yours sincerely,

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