

"THE RED TOURRI"

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE 48th HIGHLANDERS OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

We will be having our nomination and elections at the Annual Meeting in April to elect an Executive to operate the Club for the next year. If you are a paid up member and wish to run for office for the year please contact the Secretary at the Club. Your support in this matter is vital for the Club (your Club) to carry on and grow.

To the Ladies Auxiliary I say thank you for all your dedication and support. You have been a great help in all the Club functions. It is indeed a great pleasure to work with you and I hope we will continue this relationship for many years to come.

I would like to thank the members who volunteered their services in the setting up, decorating and cleaning up after the rentals, parties, dinners and dances held at the Club throughout the year. It was a great help to the Executive and the Staff members of the Club. Thank you again.

Memberships for 1992 are still on sale for \$15 until the end of Dec. and will increase in price to \$25 in January of 1992. Pay now and save \$10.

The Club will be having a half price sale on all Reunion Souvenirs on Saturday December 14, 21 and 28 and on January 11/92 from 1-4 pm. All items must go. Get in on the bargains, you will be glad you did.

May you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Drive Safely and may the good Lord be in your corner. Dileas Gu Brath. Gord Outhwaite.

HOUSE

House Committee Chairman Bob Barnes extends his thanks to our fine staff and those members who have helped keep our Club in great shape with their extra efforts. He on behalf of all of

the Executive and Members wishes to especially thank Mark Vincent for the super job he does building new things and repairing others around the Club.

ENTERTAINMENT

A very *Special* Social Member, Ken Waylett and his excellent committee have been doing a wonderful job organizing dances, trips, visitations and parties of all kinds. They had 96 at the Halloween Dance and 46 at the Grey Cup party, both of which made a profit.

NEW YEARS EVE at the Club should be a fabulous time with great music, a Prime Rib Dinner and bar included for only \$60 each. Tickets are already selling fast so get your group together to welcome in the New Year at the Club.

BURNS NIGHT - actually on his birthday Saturday January 25. There will only be 100 tickets available at the ridiculously low price of \$25 each or two for \$45, for this sit down dinner including Haggis (complete with ode), table wine and appropriate 'Robbie Burns' entertainment and dancing. Will you be saying "I wish we had been there"? Make your reservations early.

SPORTS

Ed Majeau, an Associate Member, continues to do an outstanding job organizing card games, darts, golf, billiards, meat rolls and our Annual Turkey Shoot.

CARDS - Ed reports that, due to bookings at the Club, the Euchre and Cribbage leagues will be shut down until the first week of January. All Members who wish to join these groups should contact Ed, at the Club, during the Holidays to be placed on a team. They would like to get up to 10 tables

A new John Sandulak trophy has been set up to honour John's many years of service to the group and Norma Blake has provided a trophy to honour her late husband Don's memory.

MEAT ROLLS - Ed is running the very successful Meat Rolls every other Saturday. The party begins about 2 and goes on until about 5 pm. The last one for this year will be on December 28 with next year starting on January 11 followed by January 28 and every two weeks after that. Bring your spouse or a friend or several friends and join in the Fun. You could win Sunday supper.

SICK

Harry Ross reports, that we are down to eleven in Sunnybrook at the moment with several more in other hospitals and a number still invalided at home. When you hear of someone who is ill, needs help or has passed away, please call the club so that appropriate measures can be taken. When everyone thinks that someone else has called, sometimes no one does and by the time we do find out its too late to do the right thing. It is better to receive too many calls than none at all. The committee can always use more volunteers to do visitations. Can you spare an afternoon for a friend?

All members of The Old Comrades Association offer our deepest condolences to the families of those who have gone to their God this past year.

MEMBERSHIP

Our tireless Jack Smale reports that our 1991 Membership got up to 822 with 433 being Regular Members. Dues can be paid now for our 1992 Membership and did we ever get a break. Our Executive in an effort to be more cost effective and since it hadn't been done for a long time, voted to increase our dues to \$25 per year starting immediately. Some people objected to paying this nominal and realistic increase simply because no prior notice had been sent out even though prior notice is not required. It was determined, in the

interests of peace and tranquility at this time of year, that anyone who pays for their 1992 Membership before December 31, 1991 will be allowed to do so for the old low \$15 fee. This was reinforced at the November General Meeting with a motion from Don McCron, seconded by Marg Ritchie and passed unanimously. Cash received or cheques dated and mailed on or after January 1, 1992 will need to be at the new \$25 rate. Let's see how many of that 822 are really Highlander's enough to save the \$10 by renewing before December 31.

We always need more members using the Club. Who do you know that should be a Regular Member and isn't or who could be an Associate or Social Member?

DRILL TEAM

Ray Bower tells that the Boys in White have had a very busy and successful year. Not only were they at every Regimental function but numerous other parades as well. You should see the new trophies and plaques they have added to our collection this year. Everyone should be very proud of our excellent Drill Team.

CONSTITUTION

As a last example of the attendance at General Meetings we had 21 members at the November 14 meeting to vote on the proposed changes to the Constitution. Three or four members who were in the Club didn't even come to the Appledorn Room for the meeting. We also had 57 proxies from all over the country. When Gord asked if anyone had anything to say against the proposed changes no one responded. There was only one comment among the proxies. One member, who still voted for the changes, thought that six months non payment of dues was not long enough to justify removal from the Secretary's list. Dann Oliver, as Secretary, moved, Seconded by Wally Peddle, "That the proposed changes to the Constitution of the 48th Highlanders Old Comrades Association as sent to all members on the Secretary's Mailing List as of

October 15, 1991, be adopted." The motion carried with the unanimous consent of all present and the consent of 56 of the 57 proxies received.

The Secretary commented that the Executive will continue to be in touch with the Membership through a more regular Newsletter which will communicate information from the Executive Committee meetings. As well, members will be able to comment on major items through the expanded usage of the Proxy Vote program. Gord reiterated that all members are invited to pass on their thoughts and ideas about bettering the operation of the Club or improving the welfare of our members, to the Executive at any time. He also asked that anyone interested in volunteering to be on the Executive (there is currently one vacancy) or any of the Committees, to please be in touch with someone on the Executive at any time. It would be great to have some younger members and especially someone from the active Regiment on the Executive. Let's all try to encourage ourselves and others to be more active in the operation of and the functions at our Club.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ACTIVITIES

Gord reported that he was pleased with the way things had gone Saturday at Mt. Pleasant with 65 on parade, the Dinner with 106 in attendance and on Sunday with 68 on Parade. He thanked everyone who worked to make these events a success. Our new Captain (ex RSM) Goldman gave a very fine talk at this really great dinner. There was a substantial turn-out from the Regiment and everyone who attended enjoyed it. Many thanks to the Trust for the contribution to the cost and to the Life Members group for their donation of the dinner wine. Both of these gifts helped keep the cost of this full sit down dinner to only \$20. If you had to miss this one you should plan on attending next year.

REUNION SOUVENIRS

It appears that there are some

100th Anniversary Reunion souvenirs left over. The Reunion Committee, which paid for them, has donated them to the Club. Your Executive feels it is a good idea to have a gigantic

50 % OFF SALE

Some items are in limited supply so don't delay, order today or come by the Club and pick out what you want. Use the enclosed form and send your cheque or money order made out to:

48th Old Comrades Association

to the Club. Please NO Credit Cards.

THE SPIRIT OF THE REGIMENT

Because of the cost involved in preparing and printing these hardcover books they cannot be sold at a discount at this time. This is "An Account of the 48th Highlanders from 1956 to 1991" and is a must to complete your set or even as your first book about the regiment. Interestingly enough, some who criticized it initially for some errors, bought it because of all the other good stuff that is in it. Most buy it because it is a pretty good book and does get you up to date.

HOLIDAY CLOSURE

As usual the Club will be closed during part of the next few weeks to allow our staff a chance to be with their families and/or recover. The Club will be closed as follows:

Tuesday December 24	at 5 PM
Wednesday December 25	all day
Thursday December 26	all day
Wednesday January 1	all day

RENTALS

Your Club survives on its income from functions, the bar and rentals. We have a very nice facility, the price is right and catering can be arranged. Think about holding your next party or business function in your Club.

To: My Friend In The Armed Forces

Hi my name is Kimberly (Kim) Barnes. I am twelve years old. I'm in grade seven, at Dixon Grove Junior Middle School, in Etobicoke, Ontario.

My mother's name is Barbara Barnes. She works at Forte Auto Supplies as a Secretary and likes it a lot. My father's name is Roger Barnes. He works at Lester B. Pearson International Airport as Supervisor, Contracted Services. He is also with the 48th Highlanders of Canada Old Comrades Association Drill Team and is the Drill Commander. He was with the Army for 18 years and liked it a lot.

I live at 11 Sedgeley Dr. #3 Etobicoke, Ontario. M9R-1Z5. That is my address if you have time to write to me.

My favourite sports included are baseball and I love going horseback riding. I also have a cottage at Rice Lake, which is near Port Hope.

In Toronto, this passed couple of days we had 15 to 20 cm of snow and it is very cold.

Enough talking about me. I would like to hear about you and what's happening there. We pray that there will be no more war but if there is, then our hopes and prayers go out to you all. War never proves anything except taking the lives of our loved ones. My father although he served for 18 years never had to go to war and we feel great about this. My dad never wanted to go to war but he says that if he had to go, he would.

Saddam Hussein is a very evil man and deserves to be overtaken by troops. I have listened to the radio and watched T.V. and it appears that this person does not want peace. This is too bad because this world we live in should be at peace, now and forever.

I hope that whoever reads this letter will write me and let me know how everything is going.

Remember to keep your head down because we want you back safe and sound. Good luck and come home soon.

Your Friend Forever
KIM BARNES

This letter was chosen by the Department of National Defense as an example of how our young people can understand what is happening in the world today and it was forwarded to our troops in the Gulf.

HOLIDAY WISHES

Your Executive, Gord Outhwaite, George Roberts, Don Burr, Dann Oliver, Ken Walduck, Ray Bower, Bob Barnes, Ken Waylett, Ed Majeau, Harry Ross, Jack Smale and Tom McCue extend to you their very best wishes in this Holiday Season and hope that you and yours will celebrate in a suitable manner. We all look forward to seeing in the Club in the New Year.