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President's Greetings

Greetings Everyone,

Where are the weeks going? Here we are at the first of November already, time change weekend, iffy weather forecasts, one weekend we celebrate Remembrance Day Ceremonies, the next weekend is Santa parades, Christmas Bazaars every weekend for the next month or more, busy stores already for Christmas Shopping, not to mention all the decorations that are up already. It is a very busy time of year. Just have to hope we don't get any snow anytime too soon. We have had some lovely weather up to now, hope it keeps up a little longer.

All communities are holding Remembrance Day Parades and Ceremonies next weekend, hope they all get a good turn out for these events. I am so glad the children are in school on November 11th, this way they all participate in their own programmes, otherwise, it would only be a day off school. Nowadays, the young ones all know so much of the sacrifices that were made for our freedom today.

Hope to see everyone at the Christmas Dinner at the end of the month.

Cheers

Ann





*** *WING NEWS* ***

October was another good General Meeting, followed by an afternoon social, guest speaker and pizza & wings for our dinner.

Mary Slingerland gave us a wonderful talk of her early childhood experiences during the war, moving from Manitoba with her parents and siblings, to Newfoundland, where she encountered the Navy Ships, the sailors from other parts of the world, parades of soldiers before settling in St. Catharines, Ont. Thank you, Mary, we all so enjoyed this.

Reminder – Sutton & Keswick Legions will be holding their combined Remembrance Services on Sunday, November 10th . Information on these parades have been sent out last week.

There will be NO General Meeting for December. Our next meeting will be for our Robbie Burns Dinner in January. More information on this will follow later.

Christmas Dinner Invitation was sent out earlier, but a copy is attached to this newsletter. Please note, numbers should be in before November 13th. We expect to have a guest speaker joining us as well.

At the general meeting, the invitation to 441 Wing Christmas Social was circulated around. They are holding their social on Sunday, December 1st. 1:00 p.m. at the Air Force Museum, CFB Borden. A tour of the museum will also be conducted after the dinner. RVSP to Andrea Sloan 705-734-9449.

Winner of the Monthly Lucky Draw for October - Vern Flaherty.



ABSENT AIRMEN



*Aircraft long gone which some try to trace
Best blues hang limp in an out of the way place
Those who remembered went down to the strand
With bright polished gongs, they need to band
Forty five thousand down memory lanes
They thought of them all at Saint Clement Danes
A statue unveiled to their honoured chief
Quietly contained both their pride and their grief
And with ageing eyes I looked once again
I watched the protesters cry out in vain
So I whispered close in the bronze casts ear
How could they know Sir, they weren't even there.
They listened in silence to The Last Post
One Lancaster flew; t'was just like a ghost
But the sound I heard was a mighty roar
And in my mind's eye a thousand more
I looked to the future, close by my said
Stood a man with tears he ne'er tried to hide
And lifting his Son high over his head
Cried 'Never Forget Those Glorious Dead.'*





MEMBERS, FAMILY and FRIENDS

*429 (Georgina) Wing
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Cordially invite you to the

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2019.

RED CREST GOLF CLUB

Keele St. north off Highway #9.



TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

*Cocktails: 5:30 p.m.
Cash Bar*

*Dinner: 6:30p.m.
\$45.00 per person*

*RSVP - Vern & Donna Conklin
705-438-3886*

*e-mail: yoursincoins@hotmail.ca
or dfconklin@bell.net*

before November 13th



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659 Brock Air Cadet Squadron

***Meet every Thursday evening 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
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