

April showers brings May flowers! One can only hope!

It's been a long winter and it's time to celebrate Spring! What a better way to join us at the Legion for our 3rd Annual Swing into Spring Dinner and Dance with PIJazz. This is a joint fundraiser for the Pender Island Community Jazz Band. The cost is \$35 plus GST. \$15.00 goes to PIJazz and \$20 for the Legion along with the Bar sales. Unfortunately our tickets sales are really low. If you are able to come out and support the Legion this Friday night tickets are on sale at Talisman and the Legion lounge. If you are not able to make it please take the time to mention it to your friends! Amanda Landa will be volunteering her time to cook a spectacular southern style dinner topping it off with Mississippi Chocolate Cheese cake! PIJazz has been practicing for this event and will be bringing us the old time jazz favorites along with some New Orleans tunes! It should be a great evening, it would be a sad evening if the band outnumbers the guests!!

With much sadness we say goodbye to Dana Blume who has been our Legion caterer for the last couple of years. She has really spoiled us with her exquisite menu's and raised the Friday night dinner bar!! She will be a tough act to follow but we hope to have someone or some people to take over for the Legion. Dana's last dinner will be on April 14th, Good Friday. She will be serving Roasted Sirloin Tip with mushroom gravy! Let's give her a standing ovation by having her last dinner sell out!

April 21st we have Shane back at the grill with his superb bbq skills. He will be grilling some tasty BBQ chicken breast to make us all wish for Summer!

Our final April Dinner on the 28th will be by Dave Schissler making his cooked ham specialty with scalloped potato's.

As usual the dinners are \$16.00 plus GST and tickets are available from the Legion Lounge and Talisman Books.

The meat draw is still going on Thursdays at 6pm and Saturday at 5pm. All proceeds from the meat draws goes back into the community in the form of community donations, scholarships and bursary's. It's always a great evening with good fun, people and great for the community!

This weekend, April 8th and 9th, we have the Scrapbookers at the Legion. We have at least 7 or 8 dedicated scrapbookers that work on their projects throughout the weekend. We start at 9am and finish at 5pm both Saturday and Sunday! We encourage everyone to come out and check out what scrapbooking is all about! Be careful, you may get hooked! :) If you are interested in joining the group please contact Melody at 6051. Cost is \$20 per day including lunch.

As always we hate to pass along sad news however, it's important to remember our Legion members and veterans, Max Allen passed away last week. His memorial will be announced shortly so watch the Pender Post or our Website for more information.

The next General Meeting will be Saturday, April 29th at 10am at the Legion Lounge. Once again we will need to have a quorum so we hope to see you there! We have changed the meeting

from the 2nd Saturday to the last Saturday of the month to allow our bookkeeper time to prepare the financial information required for the Executive, Finance Committee and General Meetings.

Yours truly,

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