

April showers bring May flowers! Everything should be in full bloom for the spring!

My apologies for this newsletter being so late, but I guess better late than never!!

I'd like to start the newsletter with a few special thank you's. Thank you to Jim Swanson, Roger Clark and Herb Noyes for coming out and cleaning up the grounds, cutting the lawn and weed whacking. It's very much appreciated. Also, thank you to George Ohlmann for fixing the fan in the beer tower. All Legion members and guests thank you for that! I would also like to thank Margie Berringer from Pender Event Rentals for the back drop used for the music events. It takes a lot of time for Margie and Keith to put it up and take it down and we really appreciate all the work, it's a great addition to the evening!

Unfortunately I am so late in getting this out we have already missed two excellent Friday Night suppers. Attendance has been down dramatically over the last 4 weeks!! The last two weeks we've haven't even made it to 20 people!! Here are the remaining dinners for May:

\*May 16 Crusted Pork Tenderloin Medallions, Mixed Greens, Scalloped Idaho/Yam Bake, Herbed Bread, Vanilla Layer Cake with Pineapple topping, Plenty of time to have dinner and head over to the community hall for the opening performance of "The Mousetrap" (7:30pm performance time)

May 23 Indonesian Dinner – coconut rice, pork and chicken satay with peanut sauce, Indonesian cucumber salad and an Indonesian dessert

May 30 Classic Beef Stroganoff with Buttered Egg Noodles, Romaine Salad with Cranberries, Pecans and Balsamic Vinaigrette with a sprinkle of blue cheese on top, Strawberry Shortcake. This is also the **Blues on Pender Jam Night!** Tickets are \$16.00 and available at the Legion Lounge or Talisman Bookstore and Gallery!

\*Remember May 16th is Dinner and Theatre Night, purchase a Friday night Mousetrap Ticket and Friday night dinner ticket and if you are a Legion member you can get \$1.00 rebate on your meal. Tickets are sold separately; you will get your rebate at the Legion at the dinner!

This weekend is the Victoria Day Long Weekend and there is a lot happening on the island! Bring your friends and family out to the Legion for the dinner or on Saturday for the meat draw....always a good time! This weekend is also 3 performances of The Mouse trap, the longest running play in London! The Pender Legion will be looking after the front of house and the concessions for all three performances. I am in need of baking for this event so if you are able to help please contact me asap, Melody 250-629-6051! I'm looking for cookies, squares, cakes!

Don't forget the unforgettable Mike Banks Celebration of Life on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm at the Legion. Music, memories etc....Pot luck supper to follow. Please remember your favorite pictures, memories and mementos. For more information contact Shannon Dudley 250-629-6535 or Sue Bailey 250-629-3703.

Have a great month and hopefully I'll be back at the beginning June with more Legion updates!

Melody