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#### PRESIDENT REPORT

What a month November was. Everyone stepped up immensely to make this one of our greatest months ever. It started with our unveiling and dedication of our new cenotaph at the Miracle Park. This was followed by our Veterans dinner and our Remembrance day service. All were well attended and respected. This was all during the Poppy campaign which was a huge success. Lynn Girard and Ken Marshall along with all the volunteers received over \$55,000. for our veterans. An unbelievable achievement. Thank you to everyone.

Also during the month we were invited to speak to a group of immigrants who were about to become new citizens of our country. We spoke about the importance of Remembrance Day and what the Royal Canadian Legion is all about. Thank you to Katherine Posamai for a very enlightening speech. We then hosted the Deputy Minister of Veterans Affairs, Retired General Walter Natynczyk who spoke to about 30 veterans and their families. He was very well received and we thank him for choosing our legion.

Our general meeting was well attended as we welcomed and swore in 13 new members. Along with 3 new members already sworn in and 1 transfer, we have 17 new members this month. Welcome to all. This was followed with the Flags of Remembrance ceremony, where all families involved received their flags. A very fitting way to end November.

None of this is possible without the tremendous work of our volunteers. There are too many to thank by name, but you are all recognized for your time and effort. Thank you again.

Lastly I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and holiday season.

Thank You. Ken Dault / President



NO GENERAL MEETING IN DECEMBER Next General meeting will be THURSDAY, JANUARY 24TH @ 7PM



# LAST POST

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,

# **"WE WILL REMEMBER THEM "** REMEMBERING

All Veterans, Legion & L.A. members who have left us. ullet

# IN **2019**



RONALD EWING - January 24th TED PRICE - January 26th BILL MARSHALL - March 2nd GARY MALLOY - May 2nd JERRY LEWIS - May 20th DENNIS SAWYER - June 13th ANNE BENO - July 16th DERECK WILLAR - July 26th TERENCE TUER - October 22nd



#### To the Brave Men and Women we wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year!

It's **Christmas** time! As the year comes to an end, we prepare to bid it farewell by celebrating with our friends and loved ones, but unfortunately, there are people who won't be home for the holidays.

Our troops work so hard to keep our country safe and they won't get to spend Christmas with their family. To the men and women of the Military, thank you for your sacrifices and the hardships you endure on our behalf.

Thank you for the many holidays you have to spend away from home so that we can enjoy our time here, with our friends and families.





# 2828 CADET LIASION - Dave Jarvis / CD1

Once again it has been a busy month for the cadets. They were again very heavily involved with the branch's Poppy Campaign this year plus the Remembrance Day dinner as servers. Thanks to Mcpl Forbis and Cpl Black for participating in the service at our remembrance dinner. The Garrison also put up 18 cadets for the poppy campaign plus 3 cadets for cenotaph duties.

I would like to extend thanks to the ladies auxiliary for supplying the light lunches for the cadets during their poppy campaign days.

During my first visit for the month the cadets were busy doing post exercise drills. The Corps had a total of 41 go on exerciser the last weekend of Oct. On my second visit this month we had a parent support committee meeting where we put together the logistics for the upcoming 2nd annual candy bar fund raiser in support of their yearend trip. The cadets will be in the branch on 23 Nov and 24 Nov.

#### A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

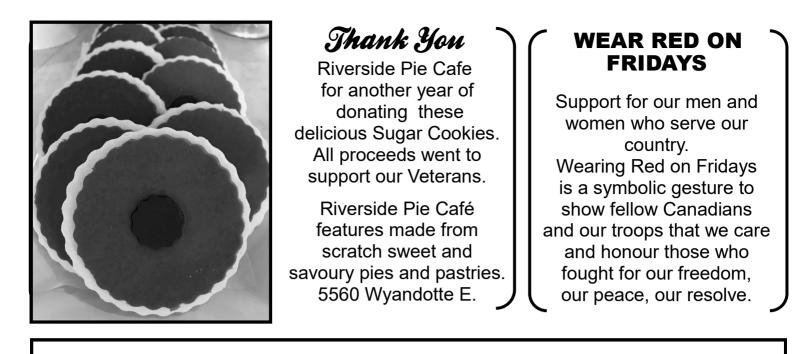
Having trouble finding the perfect gift to get for your loved ones? Give them the gift of a Riverside Royal Canadian Legion Branch 255 membership. Must be a Canadian citizen or citizen of an Allied nation who is **18** years of age.



# SPORTS REPORT - Brian Crockett / Chairman

We had 2 Teams qualify for District cribbage. The Team of Janine Bailey and Mary Fusco, they will be playing in Wallaceburg on January 11 at branch 18. I am asking for the entry fee of \$40 per team and also asking for gas and food for the eight players at a cost of \$170 per team.

Zone Darts was held at our legion on Saturday, November 16. We had 2 Teams qualify to go to District in Corunna. The team of John Troy, Todd Kavanaugh, Steve Moir and Mark Willis won the tournament so now we will host this tournament next year. Also Mark Willis qualified in singles. The Team of Brian Crockett, Don Ellwood, Al and Brandon Williamson also qualified in Teams. In doubles all eight players qualified. I am asking for the entry fee for both teams \$170 and also asking for gas and food for the eight players \$250 per team.



LEGION RIDER REPORT - Quice Tubute / Road Captain, Legion Riders Branch 255

We have our bikes put to bed for the winter so we are quiet for now. I have been in conversation with Marty Denonville and Carrie Lee of the Farrow Miracle Park and Cenotaph committee and we are looking at holding a Chili Cook-off Fundraiser around the end of January to help raise some funds for the Cenotaph. As there is no meeting in December, I wanted to bring this idea to you now, Please watch for posters and Facebook postings as planning gets underway.

# HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT - gruce Tubute / Chairman

Work is progressing on the wall and ceiling repair in the back hallway now that the roof leaks are repaired. Due to all the events taking place in the last month, the kitchen ceiling project had to go on the back-burner but can now resume.

Barry and Stuart have been working on the sound and communication systems throughout the branch.

The main men's washroom has a new toilet as the tank was cracked rendering that unit out-of-order. A new flange needed to be installed as well.

Wednesday of this week, the House Committee met and discussed our goals for the Branch and laid out a list of priorities needing immediate attention. We feel as though many of our needs have already been accomplished but much more need to be done. We are in a better financial position to handle repairs and upgrades than before.

There are many talented and knowledgeable members in the Branch and we would like to call upon some of you to take a few of these chores and help to whistle down the list. A list of needs will be forthcoming and we hope to get some positive response.



Sara LaPorte, Darin Schiller, Renee Haney, Roger James & Isaac Verge Sales Representatives

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#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020 at 12PM

At the WFCU / 8787 McHugh St. Windsor, Ontario Fun **FREE** community event for the family. Come out and see the local soldiers and sailors face off once again for the chance to take home the Grapes Cup. Come out to support the 3rd annual Army vs Navy hockey game. We suggest a donation for admission of \$1 per person or a non perishable food item. All funds raised goes 100% to helping the veterans here in your community.

Come out to see the local soldiers take on the local sailors. Make signs to support your favourite team. It's going to be another fun unique event.

Remember Don't forget to bring your skates because following the game there is a free skate where we invite anyone to come out and skate with the local soldiers and sailors. Feel free to ask any questions you may have about the Canadian Armed Forces. This will be a fun day for the whole family. Hope we see you there.

### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT** - (Info: Debra Thompson facebook)

Our The RIVERSIDE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 255 would like to give a great big welcome our 13 new members. In no particular order they are Member of Parliament Irek Kusmierczyk, Patricia Cooper, Kenneth Storey, Sandra Storey, Ken Bruner, Maureen Bruner, Al Nevin, Peter Pelletier, Colleen Bruner-Pelletier, Joseph Ferrigan, Glenn Chaif, David Smith, and Mary Jane Bowyer. We would also like to welcome three new members installed in November Dan Crockett, Karen Price and Dennis Carso. Be sure to say hello when you see them in the branch.



# DID YOU KNOW ???

Do you wonder why Canadian Thanksgiving is celebrated on a different date than American Thanksgiving?

When declared a national holiday in 1879, Canadians celebrated Thanksgiving on November 6th, each and every year. However, the close of the First World War and its annual commemoration on November 11th saw both holidays fall on the same weekend. Some felt that the revelry and cheer associated with Thanksgiving did not fall in line with the solemnity of Armistice Day.

In 1931, the Canadian Government declared November 11th Remembrance Day. In 1957, the second Monday of each October was set as Canadian Thanksgiving. As we give thanks, we remember.

Two five five

#### **RESTAURANT & GRILL / WEEKLY SPECIALS**

#### **EVERY TUESDAY SENIORS DINNER & MUSIC**

ONLY \$10 Bucks - Dinner 4:00 - 6:00 / Music 3:30 - 6:30PM You don't have to be a Senior to come.

#### EVERY WEDNESDAY - BURGER & SIDE ONLY \$8 Bucks

A juicy, delicious handmade 1/2 pound HAMBURGER with all the fixings & one side.

#### **EVERY THURSDAY - TACO THURSDAY IS BACK**

ONLY \$2.50 EACH / Different Taco options each week.

**EVERY FRIDAY - FISH FRY -** Call us to find out what we will be featuring. (Served with your choice of soup, garden salad or fries.)

#### **KITCHEN HOURS**

SUNDAY & MONDAY CLOSED - Open for special events booked ahead of time TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY 11:30 till 8PM THURSDAY & FRIDAY 11:30 till 9PM / SATURDAY 11:30 till 10PM **TO BOOK YOUR NEXT EVENT /Call Chris at 519-944-6956 or 519-945-2012** 

Looking for the perfect gift for your favourite person. Get them a gift certificate from Two Five Five Kitchen.



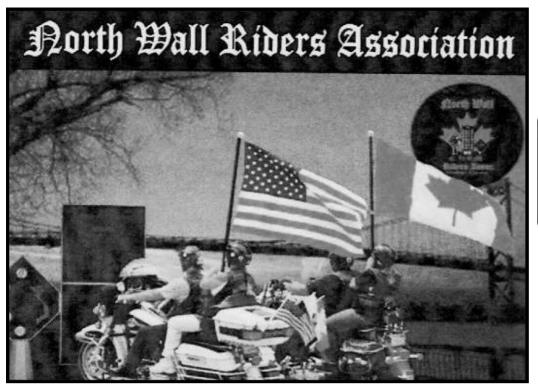
#### LOLA'S PAJAMA FAIRY PROJECT

Today we stopped in at the RIVERSIDE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 255 We made the outing with Lola (her baby Cora) and Beckett for dinner. What a treat that was. Lola and Beckett were so excited to see the lights aglow and the Christmas trees being decorated. Beckett shouted with glee while running around "I love Christmas". The food was delicious and the atmosphere as always warm and welcoming. While there Lola collected 30 pairs of Pajamas. Thank you Branch 255 for supporting Lola's Pajama Fairy Project. Your generosity is so much appreciated. Lola sends great big hugs. xo

(Info: Debra Thompson facebook)



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#### IT'S THE SEASON TO BE GIVING!! (Info: Debra Thompson facebook)

The Windsor area has 7 Military FAMILIES in need this year. The Military Family Resource Centre has asked for grocery gift cards to meet the needs of these families. Please consider donating a grocery gift card or two. You can give it to the bar steward for safe keeping. The MFRC will distribute the gift cards. The RIVERSIDE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 255 and the Military Family Resource Centre Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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Branch 255 has once again offered to put up an Angel Tree to assist in collecting HUGS items for the Windsor Youth Centre, we are blessed to being sharing the spotlight this year with active troops families. Please remember these families as well when you are making your donations. We have a drop off box located in the empire room by the Christmas tree. Grab an Angel and return the item. You will notice a lot of theses items are everyday life essentials such as tooth brushes , toothpaste , polysporin , socks , hats , gloves, underwear , hoodies , feminine pads and similar things. These items run/ wear out fast and are hard to come by when you are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

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BRANCH 255 has a drop off box inside the branch for Lola's Pajama Fairy Project. You can help out by bringing in new pajamas of all sizes. Thank you Lola's Pajama Fairy Project for the mention in this fantastic article in the Shoreline. We are very excited to be helping out.

### **COLOUR PARTY REPORT** - *Quice Tubute |* Sgt at Arms / Colour Guard Commander

Remembrance Day kept us busy. Saturday, 2 November we attended the Riverside Branch 255 Cenotaph Service. It was very well attended and as part of the service, the new monument was dedicated by Padre Olav Kitchen. If you haven't had a chance to see it, you must take a few minutes to enjoy the significance and beautiful workmanship.

Sunday, 3 November the Branch held our annual Veteran's Dinner. The Colour Party marched on the Colours and we all enjoyed a great dinner.

As members of the Windsor Veterans Memorial Services Committee, our members attended Remembrance services at Malden Park, Huron Lodge, and Kensington Park Retirement Home where we were graciously served lunch. We also participated in two Memorial services the following day.

Our members have also been quite active in the poppy Campaign, most heading out multiple times to distribute poppies for our veterans. A big thank you goes out to them and all others who gave of their time.

Remembrance Day, 11 November, Comrades Doug and Omay were on hand for the In-Branch Remembrance service. Comrades Frank, Earl, and Don attended the Downtown Service, and Comrades Betty, Kim, Jenie and Scott and Louis, along with myself, attended the LaSalle Cenotaph Service. Despite the snow falling steadily, all went well, followed by a Potluck lunch and camaraderie at the Branch.

Coming up Saturday, 30 November, 1130am, the branch will once again host the presentation ceremony of the Veterans Voices of Canada Flags of Remembrance. The Colour Party will march on the Colours. Please plan to attend.

Please remember Comrade Olga of the Colour Party as she lost a very close friend this past week. She has been by his side continuously through his battle with cancer.

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."



# BURSARY REPORT - Linda Tetley / Chairman

As there is no General meeting in December, January 2020 will be the last month to put in for a bursary for the 2019-2020 school year. Exams will start in April or May.

I will still accept bursary applications starting in Feb. 2020 until Sept. when the 2020-2021 school year starts. Applications received will be presented at the General meeting in Sept.

I must receive a copy of your student card for 2020-2021 school year. All will be contacted in early Sept.

This bursary is for full time students at a University or College.

ONTARIO COMMAND BURSARY -

Deadline for this bursary is the last Friday in March 2020. Same criteria applies to all bursaries. Applications available at the bar.

#### **BURSARY RECEIPENTS:**

ANDREW REAUME- Attending Brock University. Studying for his Bach. of Biological Sciences Degree.

MONTANA BUNNA - Attending Algonquin College. Studying for his Aircraft Maintenance Diploma.

ALEXANDER PERRY - Attending the University of Windsor. He is studying for his Masters of Psychology and Social Work. He is our first Afghanistan Veteran to receive a bursary.

**Congratulations** to all of our Branch 255 Poppy Bursary Recipients: Ruth Ann and Gary Reaume received Andrews bursary on his behalf Montanna's Grandmother and Great Grandfather Roland Demers received her Bursary on her behalf.



I also received a Thank You card from Chris Hoy. Thanking the membership for his bursary he received in September.

### **POPPY REPORT** - (Info: Debra Thompson facebook)

The RIVERSIDE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 255 is ecstatic to announce our 2019 Poppy Campaign was a humongous success. We raised \$55,022.05 for our veterans. Kudos and a huge thank you goes out to Poppy Chairman Lynn Girard and our Poppy Co Chairman Ken Marshall who both did a stellar job organizing and running this years Poppy Campaign.

Thank you to all of our volunteers, (members, non members, the Riverside neighbourhood, high school students, veterans and the 2828 Windsor Regiment RCACC Cadets) who all stepped up and distributed Poppies at our participating business. Thank you to all businesses who allowed us to place a Poppy Box inside of your establishment. A huge shout out to the LADIES AUXILIARY Branch 255 for donating sandwiches, to Maryann LaFlamme and Carrie Lee donating delicious soup. Last but not least, thank you to all of you who got your Poppy on. **Congrats** to all involved. We did an amazing job. So proud to be a member of this great branch.

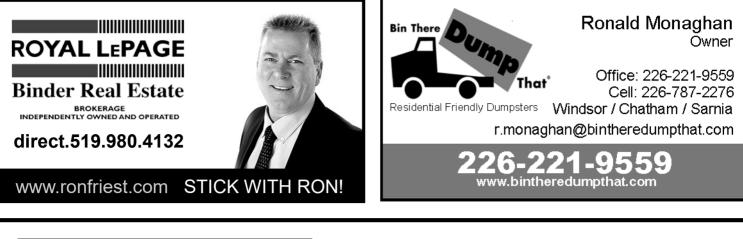


# **OPERATION VET BUILD**

The next Operation Vet Build will be held at BRANCH 255 on Saturday, December 28th at 10:00 AM.

Operation Vet Build is a peer to peer support program organized and implemented by Veterans for Veterans. The program is hosted across Canada and is 100% free to Veterans. The objective is to incorporate Hobby as a means of assisting Veterans to alleviate the symptoms commonly associated with OSIs and PTSD.

The incorporation of hobby in a social atmosphere will give Veterans the opportunity to meet other Veterans in their area while working through their projects to provide mutual support and comradeship.





This is such a beautiful bench. Branch 255 would love to install one at the branch outside in front of our Memorial monuments as a contemplation bench for our community and veterans. The cost is \$1000 + hst Thank you to everyone at the November general meeting , who donated to the commemorative Bench. We raised another \$367.45 towards the purchase of the bench.

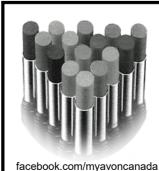


The RIVERSIDE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 255 would like to thank the following members for their Donations to help purchase the contemplation bench. Virginia Bartelt for the \$200 donation she made selling her jewellery at Sunday's Ladies Auxiliary craft show. Rusty-Elaine Johnson and Carole Cowin for their generous donation also the Ladies Auxiliary of Branch 255 for the \$138.00 donation after passing the hat at their meeting.

Branch 255 would like to thank Rob Garant and Mary for the very generous donation of the blue icicle Christmas lights hanging in the Empire Room. If you haven't yet, you have really got to see it. They look awesome.

(Info: Debra Thompson facebook)





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#### **ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 255 DONATIONS** Month of October . 2019

#### NEVADA

Seniors Program Big Brothers / Big Sisters Canadian Mental Health Assoc Downtown Mission Family Services / Windsor Essex Feeding Windsor Hiatus House Street Help Autism Ontario Windsor Huntington Society	1100 300 300 300 300 300 300 300 300 500 4000 Total
SPECIAL LOTTERY	
The Windsor Youth Center The Hospice of Windsor The Salvation Army The Welcome Center Shelter for Women Windsor Goodfellows Windsor Homes Coalition The Windsor Residence for Young Men	300 300 300 300 300 300 300 2100 Total 4000+



Because of all of you, our members and customers, the RIVERSIDE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 255 was able to donate to all of these local charities in the month of October .

If it was not for all of you and your continued support, we would not be able to do this important work . We are doing amazing things for our local community at Branch 255. We all should be so very proud to be a member and to be part of it.

6100 Total

Debra Thompson facebook

#### RIVERSIDE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 255

President Ken Dault and Katherine Possamai went to talk about Remembrance Day, the Poppy, and our military to soon to be , new citizens of Canada.

They both did a fabulous job and did our Legion proud.

(Info: Debra Thompson facebook)



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# UP COMING EVENTS..GREAT FUN FOR EVERYONE!.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AND NEW YEARS ARE **SOLD OUT** Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets. We hope you have a wonderful time.



# SANTA RAMA PUB CRAWL Before Christmas SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

The buses will pick us all up at the Riverside RCL Branch 255 at **11:30AM** sharp. The buses will be going to: Royal Canadian Legion Branch 594,Br. 206 Tilbury. Br. 261 Tecumseh, and back Br 255. Tickets for the PUBCRAWL are \$20 and tickets for both PUB CRAWL AND TURKEY DINNER are \$40 ( includes a Santa hat)

#### **TURKEY DINNER** Before Christmas (Ladies Auxiliary) SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

If you do not want to come in the pub crawl come out for the Christmas dinner. Tickets for the all you can eat turkey dinner are \$20.Dinner will start at approx 6:15 to 6:30PM.

You can get tickets from Sue Yablonsky, Debra Thompson, Virginia Bartelt, or Lynn Girard. You can also call Debra at 519-990-3038 and leave a message and your phone number and I will call you back to arrange pick up at the Branch.





Branch 255 **LEVEE** Wednesday January 1st, 2020 We will be open 11:30 till 5:00PM on New Years Day.



# **CASINO BUS TRIP**

Gateway Casino (Sarnia)



#### MONDAY, JANUARY 20TH

Organized by Royal Canadian Legion Branch 255 *Ladies Auxiliary* The cost of the seat is \$20.00.**MUST PAY IN ADVANCE** Seat cost includes \$10.00 voucher for casino play (free trip to casino) (Sandwiches, snacks and water will be served on the bus for donations.) Bus leaves the old Riverside Arena Parking lot on Wyandotte E. at 9:45 AM . REMEMBER YOUR VALID PHOTO ID (Driver's License or Passport) Please sign up at the bar / Seats are limited.

# BRANCH 255 DECEMBER 2019 CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 OPEN SPACE BOOK YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION HERE ▼	2 PEPPER 1PM AND 6:30PM MEN'S POOL 7PM	3 SENIORS DINNER 4-6PM MUSIC 3:30-6:30PM MENS DARTS 7:30	4 CRIBBAGE 1PM EUCHRE FUN DARTS CRIBBAGE 7PM	5 CRIBBAGE 1PM	6 FISH FRY 12-8PM OPEN MENU MENS DARTS	7 MEAT DRAW 2-5PM MISTER PLEASE 8:30PM
8 BREAKFAST WITH SANTA 10 AM SOLD OUT	9 PEPPER 1PM AND 6:30PM MEN'S POOL 7PM	10 SENIORS DINNER 4-6PM MUSIC 3:30-6:30PM MENS DARTS 7:30	11 CRIBBAGE 1PM EUCHRE FUN DARTS CRIBBAGE 7PM	12 CRIBBAGE 1PM	13 FISH FRY 12-8PM OPEN MENU MENS DARTS	14 <b>PUB CRAWL</b> <b>MEAT DRAW</b> <b>2-5PM</b> <b>TURKEY</b> <b>DINNER</b> CROWBAR HOTEL 8:30PM
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22 OPEN SPACE BOOK YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION HERE ▼	23 PEPPER 1PM AND 6:30PM MEN'S POOL 7PM LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING7:30PM	24 OPEN TILL 5PM KITCHEN CLOSED	25 CLOSED A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL	26 CRIBBAGE 1PM NO GENERAL MEETING	27 FISH FRY 12-8PM OPEN MENU MENS DARTS	28 MEAT DRAW 2-5PM CROW BAR HOTEL 8:30PM
29 OPEN SPACE BOOK YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION HERE	30 PEPPER 1PM AND 6:30PM MEN'S POOL 7PM	31 KITCHEN CLOSED WEW YEARS EVE PARTY DOORS OPEN AT 6PM	HAPPY NEW YEAR JANUARY 1ST, 2020 OPEN 11:30-5PM LEVEE	ATTENTION EUCHRE, PEPER, CRIBBAGE, DARTS, AND POOL PLAYERS PLEASE CHECK WITH PERSON IN CHARGE TO SEE IF ANY DATES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED OVER THE HOLIDAYS.		