

The Canadian Club

Meetings Monthly

(Nov to Apr) at

Banquetmaster

8100 Park Blvd.



Earle Wilson Founder

To promote fellowship among
Canadians in Florida and to
foster good will with
American people.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE It was sad to hear of the passing of Frank Oliver, a long time member, and co-founder of the Canadian Snowbird Association. Condolences have been sent. **HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR;** the year of the Wood Horse (2014/01/31 – 2015/02/18). Those born under the Chinese

Zodiac sign of the Horse love to roam free. They're energetic, self-reliant, money-wise, and they enjoy traveling, love and intimacy. They're great at seducing, are sharp-witted, impatient and sometimes seen as a drifter. Stable and strong, Wood Horses are better able to make decisions. They interact well with others; a trait that enables them to have more successful personal and professional relationships. Please be sure to mark the dates for our upcoming events on your calendar, and ensure you lady marks them on hers. With many apologies to our ladies, because there seems to be too many factors contributing to a lower commitment for tickets, we won't be able to have our Sweetheart Dinner/Dance this year. At our next luncheon there will be an announcement about an alternative event that we hope will please our ladies. Remember to bring a new guest to our lunch so they may have the opportunity to join our happy group. We are always looking for interesting, topical speakers, so pass your suggestions on to one of your Board. We have reached the point where we will be sending this newsletter by email, mail, and putting it up on our web site. Be sure we have your email address by sending me a "Hi there"

at: dannoliver@galt.biz. Come to lunch on Wednesday, 13 February and enjoy the Tennessee Baked Ham, and an interesting speaker from the Blue Jays. See you there!

President

Dann Oliver

Men's Luncheon

Wednesday 12 Feb. 2014

Doors open at 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Bar 11:30 a.m.

Lunch at **12:00 p.m.**

Please confirm attendance. In order to determine the number for lunch, it is important that you confirm **no later than Monday 10 Feb.**

with Past President Ernie Sharpe 532-3867

(or) President Dann Oliver 343-3843

Please note time change!

I'm sure you have noticed the change of format for the newsletter. This was done to better accommodate sending the bulletin electronically. If you would like to receive your bulletin electronically, send us your e-mail address now. Those members without computers will still receive via snail mail.

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Executive meeting

Wednesday
10 a.m. 26Feb
Palms of Largo



Gulf Coast
Florida



GOLF: The club has a golfing date every Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. at East Bay Golf Club. If you are interested in playing with the group, please contact **Ernie Sharpe @ 532-3867**. There is no entry fee. Green fees includes a shared electric cart with GPS. Be sure to notify Ernie by the Sunday before the Thursday that you would like to play, otherwise, he can not reserve a tee time for you. *Participants must be members of the Canadian Club.*

Calendar of Events



Wednesday 15 January.

Luncheon

Monday 10 February

Post 144 Pipes & Drums night
at American Legion Post 7



Wednesday 12 February

Luncheon



Friday 21 February

Sweetheart Dinner/Dance



CANCELLED

Wednesday 12 March

Ladies invitational luncheon



Sunday 23 March



Annual USA/Canada Flag ceremony From
4 p.m. to twilight @ American Legion

119 in Largo. Farewell to 'Snowbirds' party.

2014 Events

Please mark these dates on your calendars

10 February Pipes & Drums Post 7 American Legion

12 February Luncheon

Friday 7 March Blue Jay Game

12 March Ladies Luncheon

23 March Flag ceremony @ A/L 119 in Largo

2 April Luncheon



Address changes

Our mailing list will be maintained by **Ernie Sharp**. If you want to continue receiving the newsletter, it is imperative that he is kept informed of any changes. Give Ernie a call at **532-3867** if your address or phone has changed. (Or) You can e-mail him at esharp20@tampabay.rr.com



Luncheon Speakers

We are always looking ahead for interesting speakers for our club luncheons. If you have any ideas for subjects, or suggestions for speakers, please contact one of the Board



Members who are ill.

If you know of any of our members who are ill, please advise **Dann** or **Ernie**



Be a Recruiter The Canadian Club is

always in need of **NEW MEMBERS**. Do some recruiting. Bring a friend to one of the luncheons. Remember, he doesn't have to be a Canadian. We also welcome Americans as members. I'm sure he will enjoy the camaraderie that exists when we get-together. We all know that there is a substantial number of Canadians living in the hundreds of Mobile Home Parks and condos in the county. One suggestion that was made is that we form a membership committee with the idea of having representatives in the parks to educate and inform resident Canadians about the Club. We need volunteers for this! Will it be you??The membership chairman is **Harold Bechtel**. 727-238-3234. Give him your support .
e-mail – bechtels2@ymail.com

A closed mouth gathers no foot.

Important Notice



The Canadian Club Sweetheart Dinner/ Dance

With the amount of interest shown in the Sweetheart Dinner/Dance, **it is not a viable event**. In lieu of that, there will be an opportunity to entertain your lady at a group dinner/theatre event. The details will be announced at the Feb. luncheon.



100 tickets were purchased for the Ball Game on Friday 7 March between the Blue Jays, and Tampa Bay Rays. We are virtually sold out.! This game is traditionally a sell-out, so if you haven't committed yet, do so before they are all gone!



The Guest Speaker for the February luncheon will be from the Toronto Blue Jays



The Blue Jay game vs. Tampa Bay Rays

is scheduled for Friday 7 March. We have been invited to a Fish Fry at the VFW (2550) after the game. The post is just across the road from the stadium. The prices are very reasonable, and we are expecting entertainment also. Let me know if you would like to join us. Note: You don't have to go to the game to join us at the VFW. Gord Bennett 727-585-8717

David R. Gormley
President

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Do you like the "Pipes & Drums?"

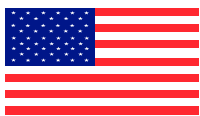
The St Andrews Pipes & Drums of Tampa Bay, will be putting on a concert at Post 7 American Legion 1760 Turner St. in Clearwater, on Monday 10 February. 7:00 p.m. All members of the Canadian Club are invited. There is no charge.



Hands across the Border



On Sunday 23 March, the Honor Guard of American Legion Post 119 (Largo) in conjunction with the Colour Party of Royal Canadian Legion Post 144, will conduct a special Flag ceremony. This ceremony is designed to dispose of torn and tattered flags from both countries in a dignified manner. This event is traditionally combined with a "Farewell to Snowbirds" party. Meals will be served from 4 p.m., and there will be entertainment. The service usually starts at twilight, or approx. 7:00 p.m. Bring your torn and tattered Canadian Flags to be properly disposed of, and join the party at the post. The more Canadians to join this event, the better!



I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was Always.

I haven't spoken to my wife in 18 months. I don't like to interrupt her.

The last fight was my fault though. My wife asked, "What's on the TV?" I said "Dust!"

Since the Sweetheart dance has been cancelled the Canadian Club has arranged for members and their spouse to attend The Ed Fletcher Early Bird Dinner Theatre on **Friday, February 21st, 2014** at 4pm, ending around 8pm. This is a live professional theatre show and buffet dinner that includes a salad bar, dessert and coffee and iced tea. Soft drinks are 1 dollar; (there is no wet bar so bring your own wine or liquor). Cost is \$32.00 per person (this includes tax) to be paid with cash or cheque, as *credit and debit cards are not accepted*. This venue is located at 13355 49th St. N in Clearwater, on the southeast corner of Ulmerton Rd. and 49th St. Now playing is the comedy, "Lend Me a Tenor". We have reserved seating for 32 persons at 4 tables in the centre of the theatre. **Please let us know your intentions of attending at the next luncheon meeting on February 12th** so that we will be able to advise the theatre staff whether to increase or decrease the number of reserved tables.



