



CLUB 344 NEWS

Winter 2017

ANAF 2017 – 2018 Executive

January 2017 Mark McApline will commence his third term as the president of ANAF Guelph 344. Mark was re-elected as president in November 2016. The full executive is as follows:

Mark McAlpine	President	Jim Luesink	Vice President
Dayna Horgan	Treasurer	Don Kaufman	Treasurer
Heather Widmryer	Director	Jim Reynolds	Director
Alistair Bevan-Stewart	Past President		

Leaving the executive with much thanks Steven Page; Trish Lowry; Charlie Ford; Mary Page; Barry Fowler; Barry Fowler, and Dan Roberston

Year Ending – Report From Your President

Greetings - Over the last year, the ANAF Executive has continued to improve communication with the membership, as well as implement a number of membership benefits within the Club itself. Many of you have received copies of our quarterly newsletter via email or picked up a copy at the Club. This information, and more, is also published on our webpage (ANAF.CA) as well as our Facebook page. Members can easily look up our monthly events calendar online, search out information on upcoming events, follow links to Provincial and Dominion Command articles and information, find the contact information for our Executive members and much more. Another improvement for Club members has been the monthly Club suppers. The dinners have been a great way to raise money for the Club and will continue. Also related to improving Club income, the Executive introduced dual pricing at the bar this year, increasing the prices of drinks after 8pm, when it directly affects Club members the least, but catches the non-member events that take place in the evening. As you also know, the club now has a debit machine behind the bar, which the Club also benefits from. Probably the most successful revenue stream for the Club continues to be the weekend bookings by the public, primarily through drink sales, but also with a new, nominal charge of \$40 for use of the space by non-member bookings. For Club members booking the space for events the \$40 is a refundable deposit and is not kept by the Club. In the meantime, outside guests remain respectful of the space, and these events have been a good way of introducing the idea of membership to community members who might otherwise not have stepped foot inside the club. For the past couple of years the Guelph Executive has made improving our building and club space a major priority. Our most recent endeavour involved repairs and improvements to the facade of the building, which has a heritage designation, and with it a set of strict parameters. Through an \$11,000 grant from the City of Guelph and by fundraising \$15,000 from members and the public, we were able to raise the necessary \$26,000.00 and completed the project on time, restoring the historical front doors and windows as part of the process. Now the Executive has set its sights on renovating the Club kitchen. The space is cramped and outdated, but a committee is hard at work considering ideas on how to make the most of it. We are fundraising for the renovation expecting it will take at least \$15,000 to complete, and have raised \$4,000 to date. During the winter we continue to run in-house Men and Ladies Darts, and the Men's league sends teams to Provincial Darts. Summer time we host at least one golf tournament. Nevada ticket sales continue to provide additional income for the Club as well as funds for a number of local charities. The Club continues to utilize social media as a means of communication, and currently our Facebook page sits at 636+ page likes, and remains our easiest way to speak to the public about Club issues and events. Membership numbers remain a concern as we currently sit at around 107 for 2016, and the deaths of several respected members have also impacted our numbers. Declining membership numbers are always an ongoing concern, not just for the Guelph Unit of the ANAF, but for Veteran's organizations right across the country. Suggestions from members on ways to improve membership retention, renewal and new member recruitment are always welcome. In conclusion, thank you very much for your continued support and membership, and for allowing myself and the rest of the ANAF 344 Executive to serve you, and I continue to look forward to doing so over the next few years.

Mark McAlpine President ANAF Club 344

MEMBER EVENTS

GARY DYKSTRA
CELEBRATION OF LIFE
Saturday, January 14th – 2:00 to 4:00

Jan 26, 2017 – 5:30pm – Pasta Dinner

Both vegetarian and non-vegetarian pasta dishes – full dinner caesar salad, garlic bread, 3 cheese penne with vegetables, lasagna (meat & vegetarian), desert
Cost \$15 per person

Feb 4th Sunday – 3:00 to 5:00

Old Time Music –free

Feb 11, 2017 – 7 pm – Liquor Tasting and Live Music

Dixons Distillery has arranged for tasting of a mix of spirits, and a piano player. Raffle for tour and tasting at the Dixon Distillery with funds going to Kitchen Fund

Cost - \$10 members and \$15 non members

Feb 23rd - 5:30 pm. ANAF Dinner – Chicken Cordon Blue

Menu still being worked on.
Cost \$15 per person

Feb 28th – 5:30pm - Shrove Tuesday
All you can eat pancakes for \$1

Mar 4th. Sunday – 3:00 to 5:00

Old Time Music –free

SONG CIRCLE ACOUSTIC JAM
2nd & 4th Wed of every month

BLUEGRASS JAM
3rd Wed of every month

don't forget
The fun and fantastic
Golden Throats Karaoke

**Time to renew your membership -
dead line February 28th**

