

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 After that wonderful open discussion last month, the ideas are still flowing. Our first new event, an evening at Ed Fletcher's Early Bird Dinner Theatre, was a fine time, with a sumptuous buffet by Banquet Masters. It would appear we have hit on a suitable substitute for the Sweetheart Dinner Dance. The sold out Blue Jays / Rays game followed by the fish fry at VFW 2550, looks to be another winning outing. Remember we need 50 / 50 ticket sellers at the game. Let me know that you are available. The Ides of March is fast approaching, but not until after our Ladies Spring Lunch. Let's have a full house for almond crusted salmon filet or stuffed pomodoro shells w/chicken parmesan, and a very entertaining speaker. It is most important that you phone Ernie or me, with the names, and **menu choice**, of those who will be attending, **by Sunday night**, so our numbers may be given to Banquet Masters on Monday morning. Guests are always welcome. Ideas for other events, or activities, or speakers are always appreciated. We are looking into when to do a Sunset Cruise. Please note the date of our last lunch of this season, 2 April, 2014, is a week ahead so all those heading home before Easter may attend. If you didn't receive this newsletter by email, and would like to, please send me an "Add my name" to: dannoliver@galt.biz. Mary and I look forward to seeing you and your lady on the 12th. Thanks. *Dann Oliver President*

Men's Luncheon

Wednesday 12 Mar. 2014

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

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

Ladies Invitational !

Menu choices — Almond crusted salmon filet (or) Stuffed pomodoro shells, with chicken parmesan.

Bring your lady to this special luncheon.

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

Sunday 9 March. with Past President Ernie Sharpe 532-3867 (or)

President Dann Oliver 343-3843

Please note time change!

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Executive meeting
Wednesday
26 March 10:00 a.m.
Palms of Largo



GOLF: The club has a golfing date every Thursday morning at 08:45 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



Friday 7 March

Blue Jay Game at Dunedin 1 p.m.
Fish Fry after the game at the VFW



Wednesday 12 March

Ladies invitational luncheon

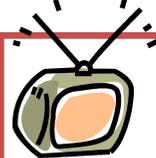


Sunday 23 March

Annual USA/Canada Flag ceremony
From 4 p.m. to twilight @
American Legion 119 in Largo.
Farewell to 'Snowbirds' party.



Wednesday 2 April Luncheon
(Last of the season)



Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.

I've learned.... That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.



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.

I've learned.... That being kind is more important than being right.



Saturday morning I got up early, quietly dressed, made my lunch, grabbed the dog, and slipped quietly into the garage. I hooked the boat up to the truck, and proceeded to back out into a torrential down-pour. The wind was blowing 50 mph, so I pulled back into the garage, turned on the radio, and discovered that the weather would be bad all day. I went back into the house, quietly undressed, and slipped back into bed. I cuddled up to my wife's back, now with a different anticipation, and whispered, 'The weather out there is terrible.' My loving wife of 10 years replied, 'Can you believe my stupid husband is out fishing in that?'
And then the fight started



The Guest Speaker for the
March luncheon will be
Cathy Salustri - Writer of historically based
west Florida travel stories
See her web site: - www.salustri.org



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


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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'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.



Doc, I can't stop singing 'The Green, Green Grass of Home.'
"That sounds like Tom Jones Syndrome."
"Is it common?"
"Well, It's Not Unusual."



Since the Sweetheart Dance was a "no-go", the Canadian Club arranged for members and their spouses to attend The Ed Fletcher

Early Bird Dinner Theatre on **Friday, February 21st**, 2014 at 4pm, ending around 8 p.m.

This was a live professional theatre show and buffet dinner that included a salad bar, dessert and coffee and iced tea. We were all treated to the comedy "Lend Me a Tenor". We reserved seating for 32 persons at 4 tables in the centre of the theatre, and they were all filled.

Many thanks to Harold Bechtel and Neil MacArthur for making the arrangements. It is our hope that this will become an annual event

I've learned.... That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way.



I've learned.... That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.