



The St. Catharines Rowing Alumni Association

APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER

April showers bring May flowers, as well as a busy high-school **rowing season**; Early bird, Mothers' Day, Stotesbury, American Schoolboy South Niagara, CSSRA Championship to name a few.

The Rowing community lost some **old guards** with the passing of Joe Lyttle from the Toronto Argonaut Rowing Club. Joe was great friend of rowing in St.Catharines and Ontario. As well, Don Duggan has passed away on March 12. His long association, immense contribution to rowing and an Alumni Life Member was significant. They will be missed. Our sincerest condolences to their families. Service for Don is at Heidelhoff Chapel, Wed. April 5 at 2:00 pm.

Jim Marino has confirmed that **St. Cath Rec. Rowing League** will be returning to the Alumni Patio for their Thursday race nights and Sunday finals this season. Thanks Jim and Bob Ralph for putting this all together.

An exciting part of this arrangement is Rec. Rowing will donate \$2000. to the Alumni for the season, of which the Alumni will match and a **Coaches Bursary Fund** will be started. Both organizations believe it's time to assist coaches in learning and development. Without coaches, rowing would be in deep trouble. There will be more information on this shortly, as we work out the details. Johnny M, we will be looking for your assistance on this in the near future.

Soon the snow birds will be returning from the south. Even with the sunshine and beer, they have been working diligently on the summer patio plans. Brian has kept the Alumni financially stable with the help of Jane and Tom and **Bingo**. Jasper has been working on **regatta and patio** planning as well.

Thanks again to **OLC and the City of St. Catharines** for their support with bingo; as well as our Alumni volunteers.

Good news on the **Alumni Patio** plans, Jasper and Chris have booked Vito, from Avelia's Pizza for our Friday nights at the Alumni Patio. More info on music and other food news coming soon.

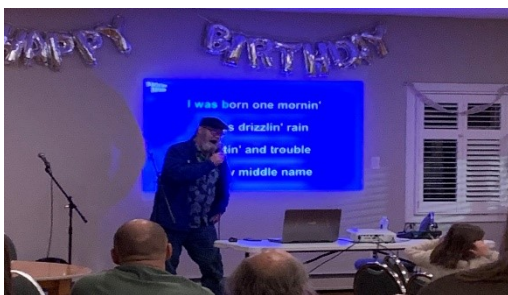
Again, **rentals** have been busy with more in April. Barb can fill us in at our April meeting. Thanks Barb for all your hard work. Thanks to all those who have paid their **dues** for 2023. Gratefully accepting from those still outstanding.

Dave and Joey have finished phase 1 of the renovations in the **back room**. Joey will fill us in at the next meeting no doubt. Thanks Guys looks terrific!

As soon as the spring weather warms a bit, Wayne will be organizing the **Spring Cleanup**, traditionally happens near end of April or early May. More to follow.

Swede hopefully will have **summer students** again this season. They were a great help last year and we are looking forward to working with them this summer.

I have been asked when the next **Steak BBQ** will happen. We are looking at Friday, June 9. \$25/pp, Members and Guests.



Swede enjoying a recent celebration!

Last but not least, thanks to all **our sponsors**. Check out last pages of the newsletter and *please support them*.

Next regular meeting will be Friday, April 14th at 7:00 pm.

Don Baker, President

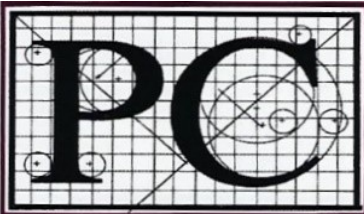
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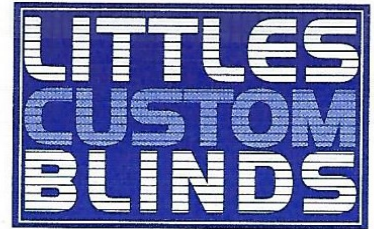
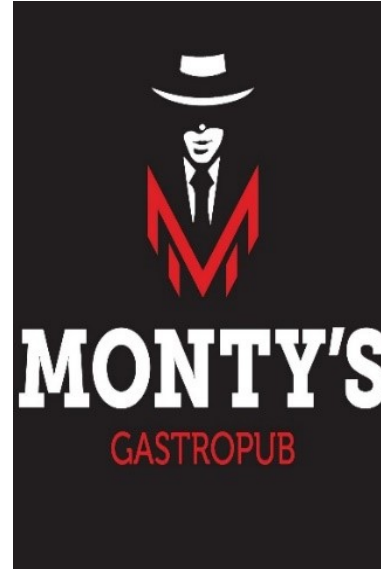
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