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RCHA Life & Times

Current Club Happenings

By Linda J Cameron, Editor

Great Events Have RCHA Club Growing & Rocking into 2011

November has just ended and December is upon us. So much has happened since the Club reopened its doors in the spring. Our **first annual Oktoberfest was sold out** thanks to the efforts of the Promotions and Special Events Committees and other volunteers. The Oktoberfest event was an authentic German style celebration including decorations and food with even German beer on tap.



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The Halloween Party was a huge success as well thanks to the efforts by volunteers, promotions and special events committee members, decorating committee members and others like



Remembrance Day 2010 Brings Largest Turnout Ever

Remembrance Day Celebrations at the RCHA Memorial at City Park brought in the largest crowd ever this year. More than 400 attended the moving ceremony conducted by Lieutenant Colonel (Ret'd), Bob Chamberlain, who has acted as master of ceremonies for the service for the past 11 years. As usual, he did an outstanding job. The reception followed back at the RCHA'S *The Standeassy* on the top floor.

James Boileau served up delicious homemade chili par excellence to a crowd of hungry appreciative visitors. Glenna Green, Board Member, and local musician, provided entertainment 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Brian Flynn who performs at the Club every Thursday from 8:00 – 11:00 pm finished off **Remembrance Day** entertainment. **Yet another successful event achieved.**



Letters To The Editor (A New Monthly Feature)

Hats Off To The RCHA Club

By Shane Dunne

More than a few years ago, I discovered **Kingston's RCHA Club**. *The Standeassy*, the top floor of the Club, so named this year, was the weekly home of the Sweet Folk All Club run by Roger Eccleston.

Unlike other places which had hosted SFA over the years, the RCHA turned out to be a rather special,



welcoming place, and so we stayed and when the Club reopened this year, our numbers grew. Not just at Sweet Folk All each Sunday, but eventually Schadenfreudeless Thursdays (8 -11 pm) hosted by Brian Flynn, and Tuesday Nights (7-10 pm) at the RCHA with Jon McLurg and Chris Murphy, Wednesdays (8 – 11 pm) with Tracie Morgan, and many other events which have popped up from time to time. Kingston is blessed with a very active community of musicians—some professional, many semi-professional, all talented and all amateurs in the most literal sense—people who play and sing for the love of it. We love performing. We love an appreciative audience. We love our community and we've certainly come to love "our" RCHA Club, where all these things come together.

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When the Club ran into financial trouble a short time ago, many of us became members in order to show our support, backed up with a little hard cash. When we come to *The Standeasy*, we know we'll find friends. When we get up to perform, we know the folks in the Club will listen, clap and sing along, and make us genuinely welcome. We also know there will be no pressure, no hecklers, and no hassles. Oh, and of course there are reasonably priced drinks, interesting conversations with Club Members and sometimes a little money for performers. In short, all the things we like and none of the things we don't.



I dare to speak for the whole community when I say "hats off" to the RCHA Club. We're proud to be a part of a long-standing tradition in Kingston and delighted with the welcoming atmosphere we've found at *The Standeasy*.



(Shane Dunne is a local musician who plays with the Kingston Ceili Band) We welcome Letters To The Editor but reserve the right to edit as needed. All contributors need to give an e-mail address or phone number with submissions. Thank you for your contributions to our monthly newsletter. We appreciate & value your input. Articles are welcome also or poetry or cartoons, whatever...

Chairman's Communiqué By Ken Edgecombe

The past month has again been very positive for your Association. Most notably, through the efforts of Bob Chamberlain and the volunteers who helped, the very well attended Remembrance Day ceremony at our Memorial in City Park and the following reception at the Club. Both were very successful. Bob has organized this ceremony for 11 years and we are extremely grateful for his work over that time--as it is our responsibility and he has shouldered much of that over the past 11 years.



Lt. Col. Bob Chamberlain

He is stepping down as the Committee Chair and Master of Ceremonies for the event in 2011 and the Association wishes to express our sincere appreciation for his efforts. Once again I have to say: It is the volunteers who make our Club what it is and I encourage you to help out where you can.

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First Annual Fashion Show Receives Rave Reviews

Male and female RCHA Member volunteer Models took to the runway set up in *The Standeassy* on Sunday afternoon, November 28, 2010. The room was transformed with white table cloths, peach coloured roses in clear glass vases and miniature mannequins in various colours on each table. An appealing buffet table featured

croissant sandwiches, crudités, fresh fruit and a white cake much enjoyed by guests. **Chris Giguere, a Classical Guitarist,** entertained over lunch.



Susan Warnica



Participating stores included: **ESTILO** (opening in December) at 68 Princess St., **Cunningham & Poupore** at 75 Brock St., **Tweed & Hickory** at 101 Princess St., **I ♥ Mode** at 206 Princess St., **Sears & Laura**, **Design by Terry**, **Cobico Jewellery**, **Art Display**, by Artist, **Arlene Cassidy**.



Cheryl-Anne Bennett



Ken Edgecombe

The event coordinated by Susie Edgecombe and promoted by Linda Cameron was made successful with the help of the volunteers, the stores and others donating prizes and items especially **Greco's for tablecloths and Zappa's for dishes**. All in attendance enjoyed the day.

Thank you for modeling goes to:
Brian Flynn,
Frank Warnica,
Gary Bennett,
Frank Kenchington,
Ken Edgecombe,
Susie Edgecombe,
Linda Cameron,
Susan Warnica and
Cheryl-Anne Bennett.

A special thanks to ESTILO Manager, Catherine Tatton, and Glenna Green, who dressed the models and kept things running smoothly. Tony Davis, volunteer janitor, kept the place tidy before and after the event. Thanks to Phil MacKenzie who took photos and Kevin Brown who did the commentary. Another successful first achieved by the RCHA Club thanks to the work of the volunteers!



Brian Flynn



Gary Bennett