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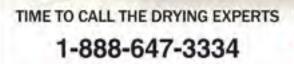
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE NOVEMBER 2019



In November I take time to reflect and to remember. November 11<sup>th</sup> is Remembrance Day, we remember the more than 2,300,000 Canadians who have served throughout our nation's history and the more than 118,000 who made the ultimate sacrifice. This day holds special meaning for me, as my late husband Charlie's Grandfather, Wilf Renner served our country in the Second World War. He is featured in the book by Ian Darling Amazing Airmen: Canadian Flyers in the Second World War.

Wilf and his crew were in a Halifax Bomber JD463 when they left Middleton St. George in Northern England on October 4, 1943. The mission was to bomb the

Frankfurt railway yards, and Wilf was in the nose of the bomber responsible for pressing the button to release the bombs. The mission was completed but the Halifax Bomber was detected by search lights. Wilf Renner was the only survivor when the Halifax Bomber JD463 was struck down by a German night fighter.

Wilf landed in a wooded area of Belgium after being blown out of the Halifax Bomber. Wilf was very lucky to be alive and he encountered Father Laboulle who was supporting the Belgian Resistance to the German forces. Father Laboulle took Wilf in and had a doctor come in to help Wilf with the injuries he sustained when he was shot down. Back in Preston, (Cambridge) Ontario Wilf's Parents John and Louise Renner received a telegram that the plane failed to return, and their son was missing in action. Another notice came about six months later that he was presumed dead. His parents and his finance Elizabeth Pullbrook never lost faith that Wilf would be found alive. During his stay with the priest, Wilf was told that he needed to leave as the Gestapo were searching the area. The information was accurate, because within hours, the Gestapo arrived and took Father Laboulle away for questioning, he was held for a week before being released.

Wilf Renner was taken in by a woman named Maria Dardenne who lived in Fairoul, Belgium. She was an enthusiastic supporter of the Resistance; her brother had been wounded by German soldiers during the first World War. Gangrene had developed in his legs and she took care of him until he died. She was offered money to help shelter Allied soldiers in the Second World War, but she didn't accept anything, she just wanted to help anyone who risked their lives fighting Nazi Germany. Maria hid Wilf for the winter months, and by mid-April Wilf joined the local Resistance known as Secret Army Zone 1C60. The main job of the men in the group was to collect the supplies that the Royal Air Force dropped by parachute. The supplies included such items as Guns, ammunition and cigarettes. On June 6 (D-Day) the men at the camp learned about the Allies landing on the beaches of Normandy. In September the Air Force finally told Mr. and Mrs. Renner the happy news, it had been almost a year, but his mother always believed he was alive. Wilf arrived back in Preston on October 31, 1944, and less than a month later he married Elizabeth. They were married for 68 years until her passing in 2012. Wilf lived to 95, and he passed away in February 2015. This is just one of millions of stories of the brave Men and Women who have fought for our freedom. On November 11, please take a moment to remember and wear your poppy with pride. Be thankful you are a Canadian and you live in this wonderful country.

Thank you, Jaime Renner President of K-W OIAA



Wilf Renner – 1943 – Rest in Peace

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## **EVENTS SCHEDULE 2019-2020**

<u>November 23, 2019</u>	Holiday Fun Bowling at Kingpin Bingemans Carrie Keogh, Jeff Cronk & Randy Henderson Please join us for our first ever Holiday Fun Bowling Event! This is a free event for our chapter members and their families. Registration is required: <u>https://www.kw-oiaa.ca/events</u>		
January 30, 2020 Chili Cook-Off			
	Manish Patel & Lisa Dobson		
	Challenge the winners from the 2019 Chili Cook-off by bringing your best chili, or your trivia knowledge.		
February 27, 2020 Educational Seminar			
	Carrie Keogh, Matthew Bowker & Kayla Helmond		
<u>March 26, 2020</u>	Educational Seminar		
	David Bushell & Stephanie Klages		
<u>April 30, 2020</u>	Election night & Battle of the Bands		
	Jennifer Brown, Carrie Keogh & Matthew Bowker Election for positions available on the board, Members wishing to join the board must be in good standing with the K-W OIAA. Any member of the OIAA with a Band is encouraged to sign up to play and see if you can beat the two-time defending champs the Haz-Mats		
<u>May 28, 2020</u>	Educational Seminar		
	Jeff Cronk & Randy Henderson		
June, 2020 John N	IcHugh Memorial Golf Tournament		
	Date and Location TBD		
	Jaime Renner & Ellie Celestine		

All events will be held at Golf's Steak House and Seafood unless otherwise noted.

# **SOCIAL CHIT CHAT**

## November 2019



It's hard to believe that November is here already. We've had two great events so far and with the Family Bowling Party

coming near the end of this month, we hope that it's 3 for 3!



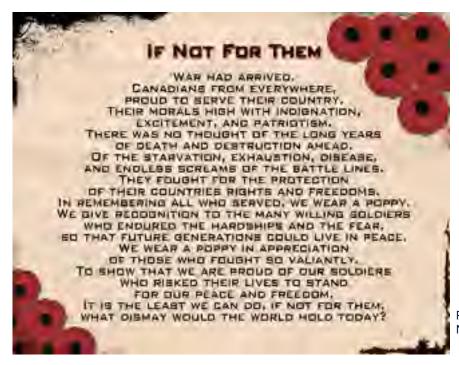
We want to remind everyone of a great vehicle for building your presence in the K-W market and giving the author inside you an opportunity to get some recognition. That's right, the monthly chapter bulletin is a great tool for you to share your

knowledge about how your area of the business helps others. It's a great way to build your credibility with prospective users of your service and reinforce with your current clients why they should continue to use your services. Other vendors might also be suitably impressed and help promote your business with some co-marketing.

Life certainly gets busy but attending events regardless of their direct relevance to your organization can prove useful in so many ways. As we head into the dark days of fall and winter, getting out for an evening once a month can be an important part of a positive mental health regimen.

See you on the 23rd at Bingemans!

Socially yours, Randy Henderson



Poem by: NOELLE DUDDRIDGE



# PROVINCIAL DELEGATE REPORT



On October 23, 2019, the OIAA hosted their past presidents at the King Edward Hotel for an evening with Brian Roman- an international performer. The OIAA history began on February 11, 1931 when R.G. Mann of American Automobile, Thomas H Bell of General Accident and Herman R. Magill of Employers' Liability Insurance met to talk about establishing a "club of staff claims men" in order to share their experiences and learn from each other.

Our history is long standing in the industry. I am so glad to be apart of the legacy that is the OIAA. Past President's night is a way for us to honour the

contributions of those that have served this organization. Without the contributions of the many past presidents, where would we be?

Thank you to all our industry partners for your continuous and ongoing support, we truly could not do this without you.

Please remember to renew your OIAA membership for 2019 - 2020. Your membership provides you with a subscription to WP Magazine and access to many excellent education and networking events throughout the year.

#### Upcoming Provincial OIAA events for 2019/2020:

December 11, 2019 OIAA Holiday Party\*–Royal York, Toronto \*Sponsorship opportunities available

January 22, 2020 Claims Conference- Metro Toronto Convention Centre

You can sign up for Provincial events at www.oiaa.com

Regards, Jennifer Brown K-W OIAA Chapter, Provincial Delegate



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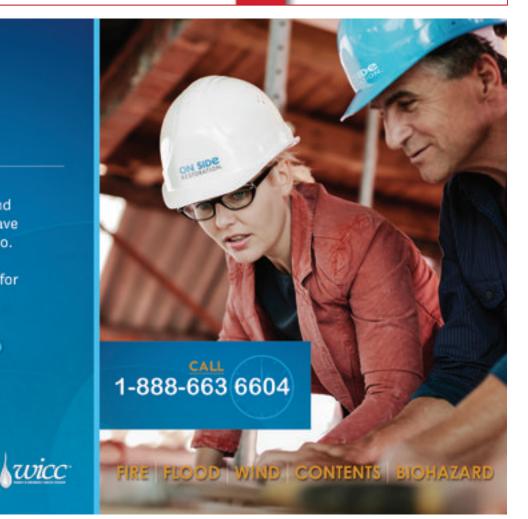
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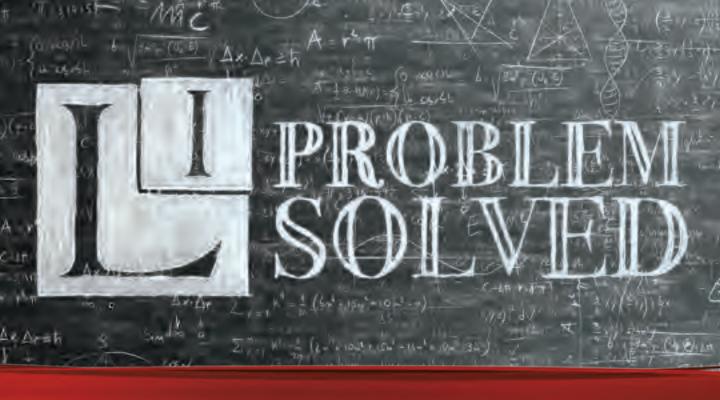
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