

News & Views

April/May 2014



The star of the play “ The two worlds of Charlie F.” came into the Branch with the producer, director, CTV reporter, the actor centre and his father the retired general at the right to be interviewed for a TV news show.



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President's Message



Spring is just around the corner or so someone keeps telling me. With spring comes one of the most important times for our Legion and that is the ELECTIONS in May.

This is when you the members of our Legion can nominate and elect your executive for 2014/2015. I sincerely hope that you will give this some deep thought and first of all make sure you keep Wednesday May 7th at 7:30 free so you can participate with your vote. If you don't like the way things are done, this is your chance to change them and make a difference. Please make sure that you are voting for your own selection and not because someone is telling you who to vote for. Maybe you would like to participate more and offer your expertise in the many fields that are open to making this Branch work. If you don't know the people that are running, stop them and ask them about your concerns as I am sure that everyone will be willing to talk to you. I ask you to remember that we are all volunteers and have the best interest of the RCL foremost in our plans.

Participation is needed from all members so please try to attend the functions that are put on for your enjoyment.

Again to the many volunteers that keep this Branch afloat, I say "THANK YOU!" Joe Calderone, Gary Gale and Charlie Silson, keep patching us up and fixing what is needed to be repaired and this seems to be an ongoing thing. To Joyce and Bernie who keep the moods of the time with the decorations in the clubroom up to date and the volunteers who run the meat spins and do the b-b-q and food, to those who sell tickets and run the functions and those who go out of their way to bring supplies in and smile even when they are down, YOU are the backbone of this BRANCH 11. If we all pull together we can make this continue to be a great place to come and more important continue to do the functions that are what we are all about and that is to support our Veterans in their time of need because without their effort we would not have the freedom we have now.

LEST WE FORGET!

June M. Smith
President

FEBRUARY 2014-MARCH 2014

"IN MEMORIUM"

ORDINARY MEMBER

"At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

We will remember them"
ASSOCIATE MEMBER
AFFILIATE MEMBER

Again, we have been so lucky the last two months as we have not lost any of our members. I don't remember ever having four months in a row without having to list anyone in our memorial part of the newsletter. Here's hoping this lasts much longer, as mentioned we have been "so lucky".

Just a note of welcome from Branch 11 to the new member Cody Wagner who joined our Branch since the last newsletter.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER and we hope that you will continue to support the Branch that you chose to join.

EARLY BIRD CAMPAIGN

After a few delays, one where I forgot to draw names and then the next General Meeting cancelled due to a severe storm, four names of members who paid their 2014 dues before November 30th, were drawn at the last General Meeting in March and the Branch will pay their 2015 dues. Congratulations to these lucky members, they were.

Lilian Babineau, Joe Gagne, Roy Hill and Gord Robertson.

Cathy Cole
Membership Chair

2014 ELECTIONS

Please make sure that you mark your calendar with the dates for the nominations and election meetings.

Nominations: Wednesday April 2nd, 8:00 pm

Elections: Wednesday May 7th. **7:30 pm**

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Nominations can be made for the position of President, 1st & 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, six Executive Committee members and Sgt-at-Arms. If you want to be on next years' executive you must be at the nomination meeting to accept your nomination or give a letter to the President or secretary stating your intentions.

All Life, Ordinary, Associate and Affiliate Voting members in good standing shall be eligible for any office providing they have the following requirements:

- (1) to be eligible for the election of President, 1st & 2nd Vice Presidents you must have completed one full term on the Executive committee or served on a council at a higher level of the Legion within the last three years.

- (2) To be eligible for election to the Branch Executive or as Sgt-at-Arms, you shall have been a member of the Branch for at least one year immediately prior to the elections and have attended at least four General Meetings (note: * The change in number of meetings required, we had to cancel several meetings due to storms) in the preceding term from June to April.

Do to the Branch regulations now in effect, after the elections and before the May Executive Meeting, all chairmen will be appointed by the President **but** all appointments need to be approved by the Executive committee members and then by the General body at the June General meeting before the appointments are official.

ELECTIONS: Wednesday May 7th, 7:30 pm NOTE EARLIER TIME.

To be eligible to vote you will be required to show your 2014 membership card to the Sgt-at-Arms at the door.

Please make sure you bring your 2014 card with you.

We would like to see a number of the new members to our Branch come out and exercise their right to participate in the election process. All members are urged to attend this important meeting to elect your Executive for next year; you are the people that elect/create the Executive. Many members of the Branch have a lot to say in the clubroom about the abilities of the Executive that get elected but if you don't exercise your right to vote for **your** Executive, it really isn't fair to them to keep getting criticized. Please come out and vote.

*The number of meetings has changed for this year only as the February meeting was cancelled and that means that we only have the potential of eight meetings not nine that we normally hold.

ST. JOHN'S NORWAY PARADE

The parade will be the first Sunday on June 1st. Form up is at the usual place, Norway school on Kingston Rd. just east of Woodbine Ave. at 1:00 pm and march off is at 1:30 to the service which takes place in the cemetery at 2:00 pm. Final details will be posted in the Branch at a later date.

We would like to see as many marchers or spectators as possible out to support this important Remembrance parade and service, Branch 11, OUR OWN FRIENDLY BRANCH will be open after the parade for food and refreshments. Come out and enjoy.

Ways & Means

Hi folks,

Well, St. Patrick's Day in the clubroom was a great well attended party, thank you all for your support.

I wish to thank June & Doug Smith. June donated four paint ball passes and Marg & Mike Hook who looked after the food tables also thanks to Charlie Silson and Joan Gray for her donation. Thanks also to Ed Kenny and the Irish dancers who entertained us during their break from the main floor party and Lloyd Young our entertainer. A thank you to Susan Squires for selling the tickets for the draws.

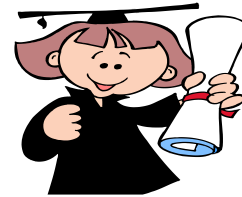
I hope I didn't miss anyone and if I did give me hell when you see me.

Thanks to all the people for your attendance.

Bill Topham

Ways & Means Chairman

Youth Education



I am pleased to report that our Junior Student, Rawdat Rouf placed 3rd at the Zone D3 Public Speaking contest and our Senior Student, Zara Ahmad placed 1st and thus advanced to the District level which took place at Br. 527 March 23rd. Zara again placed 1st in the Senior category and now proceeds to the Area level which is taking place in Guelph on April 6th. Both these young ladies took advantage of my offer for a practice session on March 1st as well as reviewing the excellent public speaking tips provided by one of our Judges, Annamaria Perruccio. As the Area competition falls on the same day that the Veterans' dinner is taking place at Br. 258, I called right away to let Bob Murphy know I would not be able to help him out, although he will still have my other & better half, Gord, helping him. Bob was very excited as he is a real supporter of the Youth Ed programs. I was planning to bus it to Guelph with Zara and her mother but Zone D5 Youth Ed Chair, Heather Vanslack would hear none of that and jumped right in and volunteered to drive us to Guelph. A very kind and generous offer indeed. Another real Legionnaire!

Some more exciting news – I received the results from Ontario Command's Remembrance Videos 1 Singles &

2 Group Competition. Zara was a 2nd runner up with her Video 1 Single Entry. She received a congratulatory letter and a \$100.00 award from Ontario Command. I have viewed all the videos, both the singles & group ones and found Zara's to be very unique, creative, thought provoking with clear visual, strong emotional message. A very talented and bright young lady! Zara's video was the only single video from District D to place, the other winners were all from different Districts. There was also one group video from District D that placed 1st in that category. There was a total of 17 single video entries and 23 group entries.

Please join me in sending along lucky thoughts with Zara at the Area Public Speaking competition. Thank you,

Helen D. Pearce
Youth Education Chair

Special Functions

Keep thinking positive and just around the corner we will be getting ready to open our patio and partake in some nice warm weather.

Our social activities have been lacking in participation and the hard long cold winter we have survived has not helped. With the snow, freezing temperatures and hard to get around conditions it has been a real hardship but it is now all behind us.

Our St. Patrick's Day in the clubroom was great and we had a lot of participation from the members. To the "stew makers", Marg & Mike Hook, Charlie Silson and Doug Smith and the bread from Bill Topham I would like to say a special thank you. I am sure no one went away hungry and topped their food off with a cupcake from Marg who must have a lot of Irish green in her home which she shared by decorating the food tables and made sure we knew it was St. Pat's Day. I didn't hear any complaints and the stews were gobbled up.

Again thanks to the Ulster Band who had their St. Patrick's Day dance on the main floor and once more shared their talented world championship Irish Dancers downstairs in the clubroom to perform for our enjoyment.

If you have any ideas for entertainment you would like to have or want to participate in helping plan events, you are more than welcome to contact me and let me know. I would also like to thank those who have assisted in all the functions as it takes a lot of time, energy and hard work to bring these events for your enjoyment.

It's time for April showers and May flowers.

June M. Smith

Special Functions Chair

Two young blonde ladies were playing golf on a foggy par 3. They could see the flag but not the green. They each hit their ball anyway. When they walked over to the green they discovered one ball three feet from the cup and the other inside the cup.

They try to figure out whose ball was whose, since they were both using Titlist #3. Unable to decide they returned to the clubhouse and asked the golf pro for a ruling. "Okay" said the pro "who was playing the yellow ball."

Sick



Hello Comrades,

Bob Robertson is at home and doing very well. He can't wait for the weather to improve so he can visit his friends at the Branch.

Elsie Prosser was rushed to hospital for her breathing and is home now and doing fine.

Ron Sherwood had a bad bout of stomach trouble and spent many hours in East General. He is fine and back at the Branch.

John Kormann has more appointments at Princess Margaret Hospital and we wish him well.

Joe White finally has had the monitor removed. The monitor supplied his system with antibiotics every four hours for six weeks. This all occurred from a small cut on his hand and the poison went into his system and he became very ill.

Betty Loche was feeling ill and went to East General and was there for many hours and then sent home with medication.

Joe Lake was in the hospital for a few days. The original thought was blood clots and was sent home with medication. Joe cannot be left alone anymore and his family is taking turns staying with him. This gives Gwen much needed breaks.

Rose Mooney was feeling a little better when I visited her. She was a little sad that she couldn't visit John but his ward had an outbreak.

Loretta Martin hasn't been at the Branch for a while, she has a lung infection and on medication. Loretta thinks things will get better soon as her grandson moves in to give her a hand.

Terry Holmes was in Toronto General and had his pacemaker removed. This was a serious operation but Terry came through like a trooper.

James Lockhart was a hard person to get in touch with. Finally he called me to thank the Branch for the card and to say he has some problems but will try and come in to say hello soon.

George Moorhead is in his late eighties but is still active and can't wait for the weather to clear so he can get about in his scooter.

Brian Topham is waiting to go into Oshawa General for surgery.

Violet Kelly was back at seniors and doing marvelous. Our sincere condolences go out to Jim LeRoy who lost his dear mother, also to Ellen Zinn who lost a precious daughter. Sympathy cards were sent from the Branch.

Thank you to Dave Ferron for the walkers and canes. Also to John Dufort for the containers and Ellen Zinn for the handicap equipment.

Yours in comradeship,

Joyce Haden
Sick Chairman

Sports



The year 2013/2014 was a great year for sports at our Branch.

Euchre: We sent six teams to Zone, 3 teams to District and one team to Provincial.

Cribbage: five teams to Zone, three teams to District and one team to Provincial.

Five pin bowling: two teams to District and one team to Provincial.

Darts: Singles, eight teams to District and one to Provincial.

Doubles. Six teams to District.

Teams, four to District and One to Provincial.

Mixed team, Four to Zone and two to District.

Mixed doubles, six teams to six to Zone and two to District.

The bowling, mixed team darts and the mixed doubles darts are still competing as of this newsletter.

Jack Riddell
Sports Chairman

Clubroom Entertainment



Is everyone fed up with winter yet? Well I am! The snow that was dumped on us is slowly disappearing.

The attendance has been fluctuating up and down during the bad winter. I am sure that things will pick up when the nicer weather arrives just around the corner.

Gary Peters was supposed to play on April 5th but phoned me to say that he had fallen and injured his arm and shoulder. His replacement for April 5th is Al Jordan. Please check the calendar at the back of the newsletter for the list of entertainers for Saturday night.

Tom Bragan
Clubroom Entertainment Chairman

Service Officer

I am still looking for submissions for our Veteran's Recognition Book. We are starting to get a few but could use a lot more and it is a shame not to take advantage of putting our family and friends into this book where they belong.

Have you thought about entering your Husband/Wife, Father, Brother, Sister, Mother, Cousin, Aunt or Uncle that are perhaps deceased and were Veterans? It doesn't take much to put together the time and place where they served and under what service and a short note. I am willing to work with anyone who would like more information to do this. Alberta has put four books together and working on more so that we can do as well or better here in Ontario.

This will be a nice tribute to those who have donned a uniform for their Country.

Doug Smith
2nd Vice President
Veterans Service Officer

Over 60 Club

Our Over 60 Club meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month and our first meeting in April is April 8th at 1:00 pm. The meeting dates are on the calendar at the back of this newsletter

Tom Bragan
Over 60 Club Chairman

P.R.O.



Hello everyone,
Since our last newsletter we have had Valentine's Day and St Patrick's Day. We had the Swing Band, they were excellent. The singers were amazing, I wish I could dance as well as the people that came out for the evening.

I was unable to attend the St. Patrick's Day party but the pictures that Joyce Haden took showed that everyone had fun.

The young Irish dancers were certainly a hit with all. Everyone is still talking about them and their costumes. Thank you Joyce for the pictures, they are in the album for all to see.

Till next time.

Anne Davis

P.R.O. Chairman

Ladies Auxiliary



Dear comrades,

Maybe we will get spring this year, it's supposed to be getting nicer. I hope everyone made it through safely this long, long, long winter.

Ladies don't forget the Branch nominations will be held on Wednesday April 2nd and Branch elections are on Wednesday May 7th.

Our General Meeting will be on Wednesday April 9th and our Executive Meeting is on Wednesday April 30th.

We are hosting the L.A. Zone meeting on Sunday May 4th on the main floor. Registration is at 12:00-12:30 pm. Please try and come out to this meeting.

Please note that our General Meeting and elections will be in May this year due to several of our ladies who are away in April.

Our elections will be on WEDNESDAY MAY 14TH AT 7:30 PM. Please come out and vote.

It is with sadness that I tell you that we have lost our comrade Mary Fyles. Our thoughts are with her family.

Yours in comradeship,

Shirley Caster

Ladies Auxiliary Chairman

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I would like to thank our comrades Joyce & Bernie Haden who were quick to answer my call for help on March 5th. They were at my house in ten minutes, helped

me dress and phoned 911 to take me to Scarborough General Hospital ER and stayed with me until Sally arrived. I had a dizzy spell and had a fall.

We need more comrades like them. It was greatly appreciated.

Thanks again.

Yours in comradeship

Elsie Prosser.

THE CRUSHERS



I would like to thank "crusher" Joe Lake for all the work crushing pop cans for many years. I have been doing the pop cans since with the help of Gary Gale, Joe Calderone. Larry Shields who has been bringing cans to Joe Lake and myself. It's a bonus as he crushes them with his safety boots on. We took the cans to the scrap yard and made

\$240.00 for the Branch to be given at the April General Meeting. The pop can tabs are given to Variety Village.

I hope the money we raised will go to buy 2ft X 5ft tables for the main floor so we can get rid of the 2ft X 4ft tables.

Charlie Silson (the new can man)

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On a train from Manchester to London, a Canadian is telling off an Englishman sitting across from him.

"You English are too stuffy. You set yourself apart too much. Look at me...in me. I have Italian blood, French blood, a little Native blood and Swedish blood. What do you say to that? "

The Englishman replies, "Very sporting of your mother".

During a heat wave one summer in Coboconk John is taking a cold shower to cool off. When he gets out of the shower, he says to his wife, "It's just too hot to wear clothes today, honey. What do you think the neighbors would think if I mowed the lawn like this?"

"Probably that I married you for your money."

A young man and his girlfriend are necking in his car, when he suddenly stops and says, "You wanna get in the back seat?"

His girlfriend replies, "No way! I want to stay up front with you."

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| | | 1 L.A. darts 7:30 | 2 General Meeting 8:00 <u>Nominations</u> | 3 Mixed darts 8:00 | 4 Open mike Jammers 8:00 | 5 Clubroom Enter- tainment 8:00 Al Jordan |
| 6 Veteran's lunch- eon. Branch 258 | 7 Euchre Main floor 7:15 Men's darts 8:00 | 8 Over 60 Club 1:00 L.A. darts 7:30 | 9 L.A. General meeting | 10 Mixed darts 8:00 | 11 Blind draw darts 7:30 | 12 Clubroom Enter- tainment 8:00 Marlene Dunn |
| 13 | 14 Euchre Main floor 7:15 Men's darts 8:00 playoffs | 15 L.A. darts 7:30 | 16 Executive meeting 7:30 | 17 Mixed darts 8:00 playoffs | 18 Good Friday Open mike Jammers 8:00 | 19 Clubroom Enter- tainment 8:00 Lindsay Thomas Morgan |
| 20 Easter Sunday | 21 Euchre Main floor 7:15 | 22 Over 60 Club 1:00 L.A. darts 7:30 | 23 | 24 | 25 Blind draw darts 7:30 | 26 Mixed dart banquet Clubroom Enter- tainment 8:00 Allen James |
| 27 Sunday funday 2:00 Allen James | 28 Euchre Main floor 7:15 | 29 L.A. darts 7:30 | 30 L.A. Executive meeting 7:30 | | | |

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| 4 L.A. Zone Meeting 12:00-12:30 | 5 | 6 Over 60 Club 1:00 | 7 General meeting 7:30 Elections | 8 | 9 Blind draw darts 7:30 | 10 Clubroom Enter- tainment 8:00 Lloyd Young |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 L.A. general meeting Elections 7:30 | 15 | 16 Open mike Jammers 8:00 | 17 Clubroom Enter- tainment 8:00 Seabreeze |
| 18 | 19 Victoria Day | 20 Over 60 Club 1:00 | 21 Executive meet- ing 7:30 | 22 | 23 Blind draw darts 7:30 | 24 Clubroom Enter- tainment 8:00 Bill Dunn |
| 25 Sunday funday Ulster Accordion Band 2:00 | 26 | 27 | 28 L.A. Executive 7:30 | 29 | 30 Open mike Jammers 8:00 | 31 Clubroom Enter- tainment 8:00 Mickey & Mary |