

News & Views

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Be My  Valentine



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President's Message



Hello everybody,

Well the holidays have come and gone, I hope everyone had a good one and all is well,

How do you like the looks of our new bar in the clubroom? When we put in the new glass washer, the bar had to be rebuilt. We also installed a new double sink, donated by Lloyd Proctor, and new faucets.

Charlie Silson, Joe Calderone and Gary Gale removed the old equipment and rebuilt the bar. If I missed anyone you know who you are. I want to thank Cecelia Gurney for her substantial donation towards the glass washer, it was much appreciated.

Just when I thought that, everything was back to normal the glass washer on the top floor broke down and has to be replaced. Our fire alarm system also had to be replaced with a new one.

We will be having a few fundraisers at the Branch during the year to help allay the costs of replacing all the aging equipment at the Branch.

Sunday funday on January 29th with Lloyd Young.

February 25th, on the main floor with the Playback band. Tickets are behind the bar at \$15.00 each or see the organizers, John Norris or Robyn Keeble our Bar Manager.

February 26th there is a fundraiser in the clubroom with the Ulster Accordion Band.

Come out, enjoy these fundraisers, and keep our Branch viable and working.

Bill Topham

President

DECEMBER 2011 – JANUARY 2012

“IN MEMORIUM”

ORDINARY MEMBER

IZETT, Andrew Perth Regiment Service # C-79265 Joined Branch 378, Pape Ave, 1963 – transferred to Branch 11, 1965

“At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them”

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

REGEHR, Lillian Joined Branch 344, 1982, transferred to Branch 11, 2003

Our deepest sympathy to the members of their families.

Andy Izett was one of our oldest serving members with 47 years. He hasn't been down at Branch 11 for a number of years due to illness but he used to come to our Veterans' dinners that were held on November 11th for over 25 years. Many of the members that joined with him have predeceased him as our War Vets are getting fewer, fewer and older. WE WILL REMEMBER AND HONOUR THEM.

Lil Regehr will be remembered by many Branch members as well as Ladies Auxiliary as she belonged to both. She came to the Branch for many social & sports activities until she was unable to drive her car at night due to her sight.

OLD SWEATS DINNER APRIL 15th, 2012

There has been a change in the birth date of Veterans who can be invited to this special day. Any veteran of WW II, Korea or new this year, was a peacekeeper, 75 years or older in 2011, is entitled to go to this dinner which will be held at Highland Creek, Branch # 258. Although the deadline was January 5th, if you have decided that you want to be included, please call the secretary, Cathy Cole or the Branch as soon as possible and we will check to see if you are able to be included. If you phone the Branch, just ask the steward to leave a note behind the bar and your name will be given to Cathy and she will try to get you added. We only have two Veterans at this time who are going and we would certainly like to have other Branch 11 Veterans attend this day which is just for you.

Cathy Cole Home 416-266-7359

Branch 416-699-1353

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Just a note of welcome from Branch #11 to all the new members who have joined or transferred to our Branch since the last newsletter:

Frazer Adams, Joe Beckwith, Carole Breeze, Laurie Galbraith, Scott Langley, Vince Melia, Jim Thompson, Holly & Rudy Wagner, Denise Wilson. WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS and we hope that you will continue to support the Branch that you chose to join.

MEMBERSHIP

IMPORTANT IMPORTANT IMPORTANT

Any member who has not paid their 2012 dues by January 31st, 2012, is classed as

“a member not in good standing” as per the By-Laws of Dominion Command. As a Branch adhering to these By-Laws as well as having this requirement in our own By-Laws, any member “not in good standing” will not be allowed to participate in any functions in the Branch, to be served at the bar or to participate in any sports activities. We would really like to see all members continuing to enjoy the facilities of our “Friendly Branch”. *** PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO. *** If you did not pay before December 31st, your dues are \$ 45.00; \$ 40.00 for dues and a late penalty of \$ 5.00.

IMPORTANT

If there is a reason that you are not planning to renew your Legion membership, please call me at home 416-266-7359 (I have an answering machine), phone the Branch 416-699-1353 and leave a message for me or the President, Bill Topham or drop a line to my attention as membership chair. We would really like to know why you no longer want to belong to our great Branch as well as the organization known as The Royal Canadian Legion. Perhaps there is something that we can do/change in the Branch that will help you change your mind and stay as a member.

Cathy Cole
Membership Chairman

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2012 ELECTIONS

Please make sure that you mark your calendar with the dates for the nominations and election meetings;
Nominations: Wednesday April 4th, 8.00pm
Elections: Wednesday May 2nd,

7.30pm Note earlier time

**NOMINATIONS: Wednesday April 4th,
8.00pm.**

Nominations can be made for the positions of President, 1st or 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 6 Executive Committee members and the Sergeant-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 either the President or Secretary stating your intentions.

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

- (1) to be eligible for election as President, 1st or 2nd Vice President, 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 (3) years.
- (2) to be eligible for election to the Branch Executive or as Sergeant-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 5 General Meetings in the preceding term, from June to April.

Due 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 2nd, 7.30pm,
NOTE EARLIER TIME

To be eligible to vote you will be required to show your 2012 membership card to the Sergeant-at-Arms at the door. **Please make sure you bring your 2012 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 lots to say in the Clubroom about the abilities of the Executives 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.

Early Bird campaign winners for 2013 dues paid by Branch 11 are:

Danny Bond, Tom Brynes, Gary Dickens & Valerie Dubois.

Service Officer

Here we are, almost through the first month of 2012. Less than eleven months from now and Christmas will be here again.....

I am attending a Veterans Affairs seminar in February and I'm looking forward to the new updates that enable us to help our fellow veterans.

I wish you all a wonderful 2012 and stay healthy.

Doug Smith

2nd Vice President

Veterans Affairs Service Officer

Youth Education



Student winners and Veterans together at the Students' Remembrance Awards Luncheon Jan. 7.

We had a successful awards luncheon thanks to so many who stepped in to help, both behind the scene and up front!

Without the following people, it just could not have happened. Jan. 6 - Bar Manager: Robyn Keeble, coordinated all the water, pop, and juice needed; Hall Set Up: Joe Calderone, Charlie Silson, Gord Pearce, Joyce, Bernie Haden plus Rocco who came to the rescue when we had a problem with the electrical mike system; followed by the Hall Decorators: Elsie Higgins, Rehana Ali. Food

Preparation: Meanwhile hidden away in the kitchen, Shirley Caster, Anne and Tom Bragan made up the sandwiches.

Jan 7 – Shirley Caster arrived early to get the coffee, tea going and to ensure the food was all ready to bring out after the opening ceremony. She also joined the dignitaries during the opening ceremony and after all that stayed to clean up and secure the main floor. Bernie Haden behind the bar to hand out juice and pop etc. Cindy LeRoy and Ruth Moores dropped off amazing sweets trays which were an instant hit!

Greeters – Air Cadet Warrant Officer Daniel Caster, 6 QYR Cadets and Rehana Ali. All of these young people took on other duties throughout the afternoon including restoring the hall to its original set up. As well, Muriel Ganny (Br. 22) stepped in to help in various ways. Elsie Higgins also gathered up all the soiled table clothes and took them home to wash.

Opening Ceremony – Dignitaries who spoke briefly: President, Bill Topham, District Commander, Peter Ganny, Deputy District Commander & Youth Ed, Jay Burford, Zone D3 Commander, Hetty Tyrrell, LA President, Shirley Caster, 1st Vice President, June Smith (who also looked after the lights during the last post), MPP Michael Prue, Councillor Janet Davis. Cadet Officer Ada Kan made a brief presentation regarding the Cadets' programs. Gord Pearce, who took care of the tape recorder.

Sgt.-at-Arms, James Smith, did an excellent job with the 6 QYR Cadets in marching on and off the colours as well as coordinating all the Cadets in escorting each student up to the front to receive their awards. I had Elsie Higgins beside me to ensure that each Veteran came forward to present an award. A very special thank you to our Wonderful Veterans: Frank Babineau, Joe Gagne, Alstair Davidson, Jack Aldred (Br. 10), Bill King, John Kormann, Doug Smith (also looked after the Honour Roll Curtain), John Vassair, Pat Fellowes (both Br. 258), Pieter Zuber, Margaret Haliburton (Naval Club), Chin Tam (Br. 614), Myer Goobie (Br. 10). Thanks to Bill Topham for picking up Veteran Jack Aldred and to Lis Horley-McLeod for taking care of Veteran Margaret Haliburton. Lis also took the initiative as a Teacher to connect with several of the parents with suggestions about setting up portfolios for their children which would assist

them when they enter high school and must earn community service hours. Thanks Lis. Through out we had our District PRO, Brenda Tam and Branch 11 PRO, Joyce Haden busy taking pictures. We were also very pleased to have present Reporters/Photographers from Metro Beach and Snap News in attendance. To steal the old saying, "it takes a Village to raise a child", well as you can see it takes Legion members and non-members to create such an event and make it happen! THANK YOU ALL!

Helen D. Pearce
Youth Education Chair



Veterans and Legion members at awards ceremony.

Poppy

I trust you are all enjoying the nice winter we are having. I guess not too many of us are wishing for snow to ski or snowboard so we can just accept the clear roads for driving.

Our Branch is still alive and holding thanks to the many that come out and support us. We have had our more than fair share of expenses lately with repairs and replacements being needed. Please continue to be generous in your support of all the fundraisers that are being held by different groups at the Branch to raise the necessary funds to keep us going and combat the challenges that are ours.

May 2012 be a year of health, happiness and good times for you all.

Yours in comradeship.

June M. Smith
Ist Vice President and Poppy Chair.

*At 3,855,103 square miles, Canada is the second largest country in the world behind Russia.
Canada has the longest coastline of any country in the world at 151,600 miles.*

In 1883, the baseball glove was invented in Canada.

Over 60 Club



Our membership is low and I will have a membership total by the next newsletter.

Our meeting dates for the next few months are:
February 14 & 28. March 13 & 27. April 10 & 24.

Tom Bragan
Over 60 Club President

Special Functions



New Years Eve on the main floor and clubroom was a great success. A special thanks to Betty, Rick and Allan Groome and Pat Collie for taking charge of the clubroom celebrations.

Thanks to all the ladies that worked the kitchen, sold tickets and took care and manned the cloakroom.

A very special thanks to my wife Anne who shopped for the food with me but she did the cooking.

There will be a special function on Sunday March 11th in the clubroom celebrating St. Patrick's Day with entertainment provided by Bill Dunn and we will have Irish dancers so come out and enjoy the fun.

The Branch will be open at noon and the fun begins at 2:00 pm lasting 'till 6:00 pm.

Tom Bragan
Special Functions Chairman.

Toronto residents hold more university degrees than any other big city.

Sick



Al Scott is looking better these days and has gained a few pounds. He loves to read and takes advantage of Bridgepoints great library.

Vera Comber is about the same health wise. After the New Year I'm going to try and make some arrangements for her to visit her friends at the Branch.

Cathy Cole gave me a number for Dorothy Dupont. I called Dorothy Monday and had a long chat, she is having cancer treatment and has developed psoriasis on her feet. She has a daughter who is in palliative care. This is a very sad lady, I will keep in touch.

Gary Gale took a fall Wednesday December 28, he was taken to hospital with a large egg size bump on his head and a dislocated shoulder. Gary came home the same night wearing a sling.

He said that Robyn, Cathy, Bill and other members were great and is thankful for all their help.

Ellen Zinn is at home and had her staples removed on Dec. 30th. Ellen is still weak but overjoyed to be at home. She has put on a little weight and looking much better.

Jane Goodfit thought that she had just twisted her ankle but the pain was so severe that she went to emergency. Jane has a broken foot and in a walking cast. Otherwise, she is doing great.

Grace Gooderham is in East General Hospital room 305A with back and leg problems and had a mild stroke. Grace is in a lot of pain and has lost weight and could use a visit from her friends.

I visited Rose and John Mooney on Dec. 31st. They are doing well and looking forward to the Branches New Year's party.

Cecilia Gurney took a fall before Christmas and is improving every day.

Marg Smith had a dizzy spell and fell. She went to the emergency at East General and had forty stitches put in her arm, is now home and on antibiotics, she will see her own doctor next week.

Maureen Lacy is not feeling very well as her cancer has spread, I'll keep in touch.

Mike McGrath has had all his tubes removed and is now cancer free.

Peggy McGrath is having a difficult time and is going for a number of tests. I'll keep in touch with both of them.

Joyce Haden

Sick Chairman

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There are more donut shops per capita than in any other country.
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Clubroom Entertainment



Saturday night we have live entertainment beginning at 8:00, so come out, greet your friends, bring your friends, enjoy an evening of fun, and dancing.

Branch 11 now has its own web site where all the news of the Branch is shown including the News & Views newsletter. For our members with a computer it is easy to get in to. The address in www.rcl11.com so give it a try as it may cut down on our postage and printing costs that we have six times a year.

Branch Fundraiser

The Branch is having a fundraiser to help offset the cost of the repairs and replacement of the glass washers in the clubroom and the top floor. The band Playback will be entertaining. Cost is \$15.00 per person.

We will be having a potluck dinner and if you can please bring a dish to donate to the potluck. The sign up sheet is on the blackboard by the clubroom door.

The bar opens at 6:30 pm with dinner at 7:00. The entertainment begins at 8:00.

There will be lots of prizes and raffles. The Retro Fridge, will also be raffled off that night. The cut off date for the ice fridge raffle will be February 25th at 6:00 pm. Buy a jug or a tall boy of Canadian for a ballot to enter in the ice fridge draw.

Everyone's support will be greatly appreciated.

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While grieving the loss of his wife in 1913 Gideon Sundback, a Canadian, invented the modern zipper.

PRO



Pictures were taken of the January 7th Youth/Education awards luncheon. They are in the photo album in the clubroom, come and take a look. Beach Metro news and Snap were both there taking photos. Please take the time to check out those pictures.

I received word from the Legion magazine photo correspondent, Mrs. Gohhen that one of the many photos I submitted was approved for publication. Check out the March issue of the magazine

Joyce Haden
Public relations Chair

Sports



IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR MEMBERS WHO SIGNED UP FOR ZONE D3 MIXED DARTS:

For all the members who signed up for the Zone D3 Mixed Darts that is being played at Branch 527 on March 03rd, 2012 please note that as of the writing of this report we will need to have an in house playoff as I am only allowed to send 4 entries for both the doubles and team events. Right now there are 5 teams and 10 sets of doubles signed up to play. The playoff will take place on Friday February 10th, 2012 starting at 7:30 p.m. We will have a round robin for both the teams and doubles with the top 4 winners in each round robin being the ones who will advance to the zone level. If I am allowed extra entries for either the teams or doubles the extra entries allowed will be based on the order of finish from the in house playoffs.

Branch 11 had a very good day for the Zone D3 Darts that was played at Branch 527 on January 07th 2012. We had four entries for the Singles Event and Dave Dawson was the overall winner and he will be

moving on to the District level along with Andrew Drummond.

The next round was the doubles where we again had 4 entries for this event and 3 of the entries are moving on to the District Level. The three entries moving on are the pairs of Andrew Drummond and Dusan Milic, the pairs of Cliff Withey and Glen Rose and the final pair of Jeff Currie and Vinny Melia.

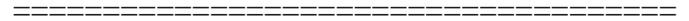
The last round played that day was the team event where we only had three entries. However all three of our entries will be advancing to the District level. The Team consisting of Andrew Drummond, Dave Dawson, Dusan Milic and Glen Rose were the First Place Winners which means that Branch 11 will be the Host Branch for the Zone Darts next year. The team of Cliff Withey, Joe White, Pat Trotter and Bob Fraser and the team of Jeff Currie, Vinny Melia, Fred Green and Bob Murphy are the other two teams that will be going to the District Level that is being played on January 29th at Branch 258.

On January 21st Branch 11 had 4 entries for the Zone D3 Euchre that was played at Branch 10. Two of our entries will be moving on to the District Level. The team of Jean Whynot, Jack Riddell, Diane Bethune and Dave Ferron along with the team of Jim LeRoy, Cindy LeRoy, Harold Timms and Nancy McKnight will both represent Branch 11 for the District Euchre that is being played at Branch 527 on February 19th.

The team of Bill Topham, June and Doug Smith, Judy and Wayne King and George Bricknell will all be playing in the District 5 pin Bowling being played on February 12th at the Bowlerama West Lanes.

The dates for the Friday Night Blind Draw Doubles will be on February 3rd (blind mixed draw) and February 17th. In March we will be playing on the 02nd, 16th and 30th. I hope to see you out at all or some of these events.

Bob Murphy
Sports Chairman



The Ladies Auxiliary are having a Valentine's dance on Sunday February 12th. The bar opens ay 2:00 pm and entertainment is from 3:00 until 8:00 pm.

We are having the Par 3 show band and tickets are \$15.00, each that includes a dinner of ham and scalloped potatoes.

Tickets are available at the clubroom bar or see Anne Bragan. For information, you can call me at 416-259-6863.

I would like to thank everyone who donated Yule logs for our basket draw. The donations were fantastic this year; we made \$1200.00 on the draw. Listed below are the winners.

Thanks on behalf of the Branch.

Anne Bragan

Basket Winners

1)Ed Grey, 2) Jill Grief, 3) Anna Caruso, 4) Bill Bradley, 5) Linda Bowser, 6) Gary Gale, 7) Anna McCallen, 8) Lynn Somerton, 9) John Chafe, 10) Maria Terra, 11) Rick McAleer, 12) Shirley Ritche, 13) Stella Bowen, 14) Lloyd Proctor, 15) Ruth Moores, 16) Betty Locke, 17) Larry Shields, 18) Wendy Burlows, 19) Violet Kelly, 20) Trevor Wright, 21) Theresa George, 22) Jessica Rutledge, 23) Mile Hook, 24) Ian Nesbet, 25) Jane Goodlet.

Congratulations to all.

Ladies Auxiliary



Hello Ladies,

Well I think we are finally getting winter. Now I can't wait until its spring!

I hope that everyone had a good Christmas and a happy New Year.

I do not have too much to tell you this month, one thing I will mention is our fundraiser for our sports fund on Sunday February 12th with the Par 3. Please try and come out for this function as it is for your sports fund, we need your support

Our next general meeting will be on Wednesday February 8th at 8:00 pm and our March general meeting will be on Wednesday the 14th at 8:00. Please try to come out to our general meetings as our attendance at these meetings is becoming smaller and smaller.

I finally got up to the hospital to see Grace Gooderham. I had set dates to see her several times

but I have not been well since before Christmas and couldn't make it. We had a nice visit for over two hours; it was great to see her and we can still chat as much as always. Grace was in good spirits and we had a laugh or two.

Ann Stiff is back in bed, she had bronchitis and pneumonia. She was improving but I think she overdid it; she is in our thoughts.

If we have an executive meeting in February, it will be held on February the 29th (leap year). Our March executive would be on Wednesday March 28th.

I hope to see several ladies out to our general meetings.

It is with deep sadness that I tell you of the passing of our beloved comrade Lil Regehr. Our deepest sympathy to the members of her family.

Yours in comradeship,

Shirley Caster

President, Ladies Auxiliary.

A few St. Paddie day jokes.

Walking into the bar, Mike said to Charlie the bartender, "Pour me a stiff one-I just had another fight with the little woman".

"Oh yeah?" said Charlie, "and how did this one end?"

"When it was over," Mike replied, "She came to me on her hands and knees".

"Really," said Charlie, "Now that's a switch! What did she say?"

She said, "Come out from under the bed, you little chicken."

Patty was in New York. He was patiently waiting and watching the traffic cop on a busy street crossing. The cop stopped the flow of traffic and shouted out, "Okay pedestrians". Then he would allow the traffic to pass.

He did this several times and Patty still stood on the sidewalk.

After the cop had shouted "pedestrians" for the tenth time, Patty went over to him and said, "Is it not about time ye let the Catholics across?"

Alert, in Nunavut territory, is the northernmost settlement in the world

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 General meeting 8:00	2 Mixed darts 8:00	3 Blind draw darts 7:00	4 Clubroom entertainment 8:00 Al Jordan
5	6 Euchre main floor 7:30 Men's darts 8:00	7 L.A. darts 7:30	8 L.A. general meeting 8:00	9 Mixed darts 8:00	10 Zone D3 Mixed dart playoffs 7:30 Jammers Clubroom 8:30	11 Clubroom entertainment 8:00 Lindsay Thomas Morgan
12 L.A. fundraiser Main floor Par 3 entertaining.	13 Euchre main floor 7:30 Men's darts 8:00	14 Over 60 Club 1:15 L.A. darts 7:30 Valentine's Day 	15 Executive meeting 8:00	16 Mixed darts 8:00	17 Blind draw darts 7:00	18 Clubroom entertainment 8:00 Mickey & Mary
19	20 Euchre main floor 7:30 Men's darts 8:00	21 L.A. darts 7:30	22	23 Mixed darts 8:00	24 Jammers Clubroom 8:30	25 Playback fundraiser 6:30 Main floor. Potluck \$15.00 Clubroom entertainment 8:00 Allen James
26 Sunday Funday Ulster Accordion Band 2:00	27 Euchre main floor 7:30 Men's darts 8:00	28 Over 60 Club 1:15 L.A. darts 7:30	29 L.A. executive. 7:30			

March 2012

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