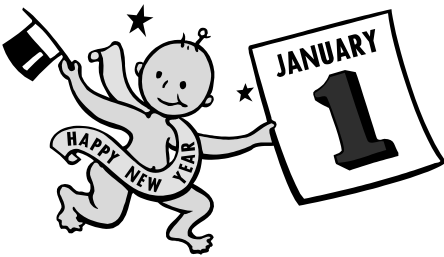


# News & Views

December 2011/January 2012

Merry  
Christmas

HAPPY NEW YEAR



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## President's Message



Hello folks,

Well I cannot believe that summer is over and fall almost gone, where does the time go?

I hope we can make some money on the various fundraisers coming up as we have serious problems with the glass washer in the clubroom due to the age of the machine will have to be replaced. The dishwasher on the top floor is causing problems and will have to be repaired.

The revenue in the clubroom is down this month probably due to the smaller dart leagues this year.

I want to thank Jean Whynot for the donation at the last general meeting and thanks to Marion Martin for the picture of the Avro Arrow that is hanging in our stairwell.

If you are walking around the branch and see lights that are on and do not need to be, please turn them off. We had lights on the top floor that were perpetually on due to the original specs of the building. They have been rewired and can now be turned off when not in use. That's all for this month folks.

I wish everyone, A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

**Bill Topham**  
**President.**

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Tourists visiting Iceland should know that tipping at a restaurant is considered an insult.

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OCTOBER – NOVEMBER 2011  
"IN MEMORIUM"

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

**REYNOLDS, Ed**

Joined Branch 11, 1977 as a Fraternal Member, status changed to Associate 1986

Our deepest sympathy to the members of his family.

Ed Reynolds: Ed was well known by many of the Branch members when he was a bar steward here. He also was a bar steward at Branch 22. He was well known for his saying "big stick" and for his harmonica playing. Ed hasn't been around for several years due to his illness but his wife Joyce is still around, helping out with Nevada on Saturdays, Legion Week, Youth Ed Events and we hope she continues to come in to visit with her many friends. Our thoughts go out to Joyce at this time.

She needs to know we are her friends.

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VETERANS' DINNER APRIL 15, 2012

THIS IS A SPECIAL DAY FOR OUR VETERANS

Although this get together is called a dinner, the actual time for the meal is noon. The participants come around 11.00am and

after their meal, there is entertainment put on for them. One room always has our own Ulster Accordion Band playing. This day's social time is from 11.00am until 3.30pm.

The age for an invitation to this dinner was changed last year (2010) to include any Veteran, 75 years old or older. This dinner is always held at Highland Creek, Branch # 258. If you want to be included and are 75 years or older in 2011, please call the secretary, Cathy Cole or the Branch before January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012. If you phone the Branch, just ask the steward to leave a note behind the bar and your name will be put on the list. If you need and have someone to drive you to this function, there is a spot on the form that you will receive from the Veterans' dinner committee to indicate that you have someone driving you and arrangements will be made for them to have a meal also. If you have no driver but want to attend, let the committee know and they will make arrangements for you but make sure you let us know as well so that you don't get left behind. This dinner is a time for you to acquaint yourself with other Vets so please if you can, get your name in and go to the dinner. We've been told by many members that have attended in the past, that they have had a great time with the other Vets that are there.

**Cathy Cole** Home 416-266-7359

Branch 416-699-1353

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To make a half a kilo of honey, bees must collect nectar from 2 million individual flowers.

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The University of Alaska spans four time zones.

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### MEMBERSHIP

#### IMPORTANT IMPORTANT IMPORTANT

Any member who has not paid their 2012 dues by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 do not pay before December 31st, your dues will be \$ 45.00; \$ 40.00 for dues and a late penalty of \$ 5.00.

Thanks to everyone who has already paid their dues for cutting down on the costs to the Branch as no reminders have to be sent out to you, saving us a lot of mailing and copying costs. If you are sending in a cheque and wanting your card mailed to you, it would help the Branch funds if you would include a stamped, self-addressed envelope to send your card to you as we, along with every Legion Branch, are feeling an economic crunch due to our aging population/members. Your help regarding this matter would really be appreciated

\*\*\*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

**Cathy Cole**  
**Membership Chairman**

Just a note of welcome from Branch #11 to the new members who have joined/transferred into our Branch since the last newsletter: Wanda Guerin-Brynes, Laurie Martin and Kevin Portener.

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

THANK YOU, THANK YOU

A note of thanks to all the members who have sent in pre-addressed, stamped envelopes for the mailing of their membership cards to them. This year we also had a number of members send in money to buy postage or actual stamps. I cannot express my thanks enough to all the members who have sent in stamped envelopes, money for stamps or stamps, as this little bit on your part contributes a lot to our finances. I have probably had at least 100 of our members, so far, do this little thing and for us this translates into 100 times .59 postage + GST and 100 times the cost of an envelope as well as the financial/stamp donations that we received. Every little bit on your part helps out the bottom line in OUR Branch. Again, thank you, thank you.

**Cathy Cole**  
**Membership Chairman**

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

**7.30pm Note earlier time**

**NOMINATIONS: Wednesday April 4<sup>th</sup>, 8.00pm**

Nominations can be made for the positions of President, 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 6 Executive Committee members and the Sergeant-at-Arms.

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, 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 chairman 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7.30pm – NOTE 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.

Past Officers' and Honours & Awards Day – Sunday, Oct 2, 2011

This year we invited our Veterans as they are getting fewer and we felt that they would get better recognition by being a part of this day rather than having a very small luncheon where they are not seen by anyone other than the guests they bring and the Executive who attend/serve. A number of our Veterans were able to attend and be recognized by their fellow members and their guests. Thank you for coming.

Presentations were made as follows:

June M. Smith	1st Vice Pres bar & Poppy bar
Doug Smith:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President bar
Gord Pearce:	Treasurer bar
R. James Smith:	Past Officers medal & Sergeant-at-Arms bar
Certificate of Merit:	Eunice Francis, Bob Murphy
Certificate of Appreciation:	Ed Gray, Betty Groome, Mike Hook, Marg Hook, Doug Plourde, member & owner of Danforth Lumber, Lloyd Proctor, Wayne Topham
Certificate of Appreciation to non-members:	Robyn Keeble, Kelly Jackson

The Legion recently created a new service medal to recognize members who have not been on an Executive in order to receive a medal & bar or who have continued to work for their Branch after they no longer hold an Executive position. The first recipients of this new Branch Service medal are:

Violet Kelly, Bill King, Joe Lake, Jean Whynot

Poppy Appreciation Certificates:

Alan Backle, Donna Barnewall, Tom Bragan,  
Daniel Caster,  
Denise Caster, Bob Cheeseman, Jeff Currie,  
Ava Currie, Shirley Currie, Judy Doucette,  
Eleanor Gale, Linda Green, Billie Griffith,  
Rick Groome, Marg Hook, Mike Hook, Jim  
LeRoy, Ruth Moores, Caroline Nichols,  
Audrey Rees, George Small, R. James Smith,  
Doug Smith, Nonnie Wall, Christine Wallace,  
Joe White, Ann Zabiuk

10 year pin to:

ORDINARY: Ron Coates

ASSOCIATE: Gilles Cronier, Susan Duncan, Dave  
Ferron, Marg Hook, Mike Hook, Ann Langford, Ken  
Marshall, Molly Sutton, George Webb

AFFILIATE Beth Cromwell, Josephine Cromwell, Mervyn  
Cromwell

15 year pin to:

ORDINARY Ken Erwin, Bill Irwin

ASSOCIATE George Barry, Sharon Calderone,  
Linda Dempsey,  
Bill Lyons, Elsie Middleton, Fergie  
O'Connell, Sheila O'Connell,  
Terry O'Neill, Jennifer Preston

20 year pin to:

ORDINARY: Bill King, James Lockhart, Gord

Pearce

ASSOCIATE: Elizabeth Croft, Tom Crombie, Lisa  
Cromwell, Jeff Currie, Art Darnbrough Jr,  
John Fraser, Donna Gumbley, Gord Hutton,  
Debra King, Judy King, Wayne King, Brad  
Kormann, Janet Nichols, Bruce Prentice, Gord  
Robertson, David VanSickle

25 year pin to:

ORDINARY: Bob Murphy

ASSOCIATE Joanne Barden, Margaret Carter,  
Gayle Chambers, Josephine Edwards, Gwen  
Lake, Jim Lint, Bill Lowen, Ed Reynolds,  
Dave Thomson

30 year pin to:

ORDINARY: Kerry Burnett, James Dunn who is  
currently serving in St Pats Regt, based out of  
Edmonton

ASSOCIATE: Brian Auld, Kay Baxter, Terry

Holmes, Bud McColgan, Lil Regehr

35 year pin to:

ORDINARY: Bud Hotrum, John Thomson

ASSOCIATE: Roy Hill

40 year pin and their membership card –the tradition of Branch  
11 is to pay the dues of any Ordinary (Veteran) member who  
reaches a Legion service level of 40 years. Dave McFarlane,  
Art Nottingham, Doug Smith, John Smith, James Vannot

45 year pin to: Rod Bailey, Pat O'Brien,

60 year pin to: George Moorhead

65 year pin to: William Knox

LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR AWARD: Joe Cromwell

LIFE MEMBERSHIP: Gord Pearce

*Joe Calderone*

*Honours & Awards Chairman*

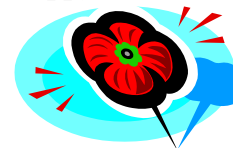
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I would like to thank Joe Calderone and Gary Gale for setting  
up most of the hall on the Thursday before our Annual  
Remembrance Day Service. This was a big help as there was  
just a few things more to setup on the Saturday and it only took  
a short time to do these things. I also want to thank Gary as he  
was in early on Sunday to put away the few things that the  
people counting the poppy monies were using the day before.  
I also want to thank all those involved in any way in making  
sure our Annual Remembrance Day Service is in my opinion  
one of the best that is held by any branch. Just for a heads up  
our service next year will be held on Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup>,  
2012

*Bob Murphy*

*Remembrance Service Chairman*

Poppy



When the going gets tough, the tough get going and boy does  
Branch 11 have alot of "Tough Guys".

The Poppy campaign has ended for another year and what a  
wonderful group of people have made this a success for our  
Branch. To the drivers, the taggers, the delivery of poppy  
boxes people and everyone involved including the LA that  
stuffed the envelopes for the schools and, fed the cadets.  
Robyn, who made sure there was something to eat for us at the  
Branch and donated the sales of food to the poppy fund, I say  
we couldn't have done this campaign without you. Thank you,  
thank you.

Joe Cromwell, my boss, my right and left hands makes the  
campaign work every year. The poppy boxes are always filled  
and ready to go along with the help of Ed Gray. Joe, Gary  
Gale, Joan Gray and Bill Topham make sure the boxes are  
delivered to all the locations and kept replenished. There are so  
many that step forward and offer to drive the taggers to their  
locations and the cadets back and forth on the Saturday they do  
the tagging.

The drivers, Ed Gray, Joe Cromwell, Bill Topham, Marg  
Smith, Wally Simpson, John Dufort, Rick Groome, Gord  
Pearce, Ron Sherwood, you did a mighty fine job.

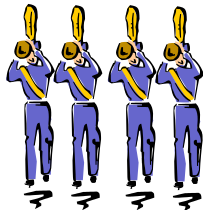
To the counters, Jean Whynot, Jack Riddell, Sharon Calderone,  
Helen Pearce, Cathy Cole, Beth Cromwell, Joyce Haden and  
Elsie Higgins who helped me get it all in rolls and finally to  
Rocco for letting us invade his supply room with all our gear,  
boxes and presence. I again say you are wonderful and thank  
you so much. I wish I could name all the taggers from anyone

who went out once to those who went out 10-12-15 and more times and carried the heavy money boxes you were great especially those who did double shifts when no one showed up to carry on.

Hold your heads up high everyone and give yourselves a "PAT ON THE BACK". You remembered your pledge when you were initiated as a member that you would work for the Poppy Campaign and did it well.

Yours in comradeship.

**June Smith**  
**Poppy Chairman**



It was so nice to see the turn out that we had for our two parades in Nov. Branch 11 is looking better all the time and on Nov. 6th, you all looked pretty smart marching along the Danforth to our branch with everyone in step and berets worn smartly with no hair on the forehead. The Ulster Band sure helps keep us in step and the on lookers were pleased with the presentation of remembrance that we represented.

Thanks to the Ulster Band for the concert and reading as it touched us all and mothers did suffer greatly in the loss of many sons and daughters. Branch 11 is always known for doing a heart felt service for Remembrance Day and again it was accomplished with a laying of the wreaths and a Poppy Drop for those we have lost in the last year and an interesting sermon and talk. Thanks to all who helped make this a successful day.

I would like to take this time to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas from Doug & I and all the best for 2012.

Yours in comradeship,

**June M Smith**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.**

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In Ancient Greece, tossing an apple to a girl was a traditional proposal of marriage. Catching it meant she accepted. (Cheaper than a diamond.)

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### Sports



The signup sheets for all of the Zone Sports can be found on the notice board located at the back of the clubroom. Zone Cribbage is being held at Branch 11 on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Registration is between 10:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. with play starting at 11:00 a.m. WE have three teams entered for this event. Zone Darts is being held at Branch 527 on January 07<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The deadline to sign up is December 07<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Registration for singles is between 9:00 a.m. and 9:45 a.m.

with play starting at 10: a.m. Registration for doubles is between 11:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. with play starting following the end of the singles event. Registration for teams is between 1:00 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. with play starting following the end of the doubles event. We are allowed 4 entries from the branch for each event. If there are more the 4 entries for any of the events there will have to be a playoff with the top 4 entries for that event advancing. The date for the playoff would be determined at a later date. Zone Euchre is being held at Branch 10 on Jan 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012. Registration is between 11:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. with playing starting at 12:p.m. The deadline to sign up is December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011. We are allowed 6 entries from the branch. Zone Mixed Darts will be held on March 03<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 at Branch 527. The Deadline for entries is February 03<sup>rd</sup>, 2012. Registration for doubles is between 10:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. with play starting at 11:00 a.m. Registration for teams is between 12:45 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. with play starting following the end of the doubles event. We are allowed 4 entries for each event. Again if there are more than 4 entries for any event there will have to be a playoff for that event with the top 4 entries for that event advancing.

There is no Zone 5 Pin Bowling Event so any entries will go straight to District which is being held on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at Bowlerama West 5429 Dundas Street West. Registration is between 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. with play starting at 11:15 a.m. The deadline to signup is January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

The next dates that our Friday Blind Draw Doubles are being held will be December, 9<sup>th</sup>, which will be a mixed blind draw and December 23<sup>rd</sup>. In January we will be playing on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you out for any or all of these events.

**Bob Murphy**  
**Branch 11 Sports Chairman**

### Youth Education



November 11<sup>th</sup> attended with Bernie Haden at Secord Elementary School to be a part of their Remembrance Day Ceremony. Normally just an announcement is made over their PA System. This time however Gail Kinley e-mailed me requesting (if possible) a Veteran to attend, as they wanted to have full assembly participation. I contacted Living History Chair (Korean Veteran) John Vassair (Br. 258) to explain my predicament as all Veterans were committed elsewhere, without hesitation he said ask Bernie Haden and boy was he right on! Bernie shared a very personal story of losing an older brother (age 21) when he was only 3 in WWII and why he wears a Poppy. It really made an impact on this very young student assembly (grades 1 to 5), along with the teachers & parents and he was thanked by many adults and students afterwards. Bernie was recognized in a store a few days later by a woman and thanked again. Our Sgt-at-Arms James Smith gave his blessing for me to borrow our Canadian Flag & Stand. To the sounds of a bagpipe, with a very handsome shy 10 yr

old boy carrying the colour, we were piped in and out of the gym, and who, stood beside us throughout the ceremony. Neither Bernie nor I could believe it was a first time attempt, as it was so well organized and the students did such an excellent job.

November 14<sup>th</sup> attended Crescent Town Elementary School with June Smith and WWII Veteran Joe Gagne. Both June and Joe did an excellent job interacting with the young students. There were 2 sessions in each about 50 grades 4 and 5. All the grade 5 students remembered June and Joe from Legion Week. Afterwards we had lunch compliments of Teacher/Librarian Phyllis Somers. At which time had a chance to meet and speak with author Linda Granfield and a couple of other teachers. It was a very rewarding day. With June's reciting a very special Poppy poem there was not a dry eye there. Joe mesmerized all the youngsters with his personal experience during WWII. Well done and thank you June & Joe!

November 26<sup>th</sup> The Remembrance Contest judging took place. Thanks to the 5 Judges who jumped in at the very last moment when I was left stranded at short notice due to the Law Students unavailability. They are: Jill Grief (FMC co-worker and also a Poppy Volunteer, plus now selling Basket of Cheer Tickets for Br. 11), her husband Robert Magyar, Ed Rudy (Br. 258) and Gay & Jim Fowler (Br. 322). Also, special thanks to Elsie Higgins for assisting me and taking care of the lunch for everyone, my Gord for taking the pictures below. Thanks to Robyn for organizing and sending up all the necessary items needed, including coffee, pop, juice and keeping tabs for me re: inventory. Lastly but definitely not least thanks to Rehana Ali, a former Br. 11 student who assists imputing the students' Certificate information into my laptop. She has completed the information for the winning students. She will continue to input the information for all the remaining students for their Certificates of Participation. Rehana will complete gr. 12 this year and plans to take Engineering at University. Over the next little while, you will see Rehana coming to the Branch to help me out. Rehana also indicated she would like to continue to help even after she starts University. Please take the time to say hi to this lovely young Lady when you see her at the Branch.

***Helen D. Pearce***  
***Youth Education Chair***



A herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest animal. When the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first.

This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members.

In much the same way the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Excessive intake of alcohol, we all know, kills brain cells, but naturally it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first.

In this way regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells making the brain a faster and more efficient machine.

That's why you always feel smarter after a few beers, and that's why beer is GOOD for you.

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### Sick



Hello Comrades,

Harold Timms was in the hospital for a few days, he is now home and much better.

Rod Bailey had a total knee replacement and is now home doing his exercises. Hopefully he will be back at the Branch soon.

Bill Manderson is waiting for his surgery, he has been told it might not be until December. We hope not as the pain is severe.

Helen Pearce gave her ankle a twist. It was more serious than she first thought, it can take up to 3 - 6 months for it to heal properly. She is a trouper as she still goes to the schools.

Rick Groome will be going for shoulder surgery in December.

We visited Mary Scott at True Davidson, she looks well.

Elsie Prosser had another eye operation on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> and results next week.

Alex Thompson had a fall on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. By the time the ambulance arrived he was on his feet again, was taken for observation, and is now home and everything is okay.

Jack Currie has been relocated and is no longer at Liberty Place. I'm waiting on word from his family.

John & Rose Mooney are doing well. I visited them today and they were exercising, good for them.

Al Scott wasn't in his room today, he gets around really well in his wheelchair. I left a Christmas card from his comrades.

Next week I will be visiting our members in hospital or nursing homes and passing along our good wishes from the Branch.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year

**Joyce Haden**

**Sick Chairman**

### Clubroom Entertainment



We have live entertainment every Saturday night at Branch 11, attendance is improving but still some empty seats are available. Come out, enjoy the evening, and bring some friends along.

See the entertainment lineup on the calendar.

**Tom Bragan**

**Clubroom entertainment Chair**

### Over 60 Club



Dear members,

Christmas will soon be here. We have two meeting dates left for this year which are December 6<sup>th</sup> and December 20<sup>th</sup> which is our Christmas dinner. The dinner is sit down, ready to eat at 12:00 noon sharp.

**Tom Bragan**

**Over 60 Club Chairman**

### Special Functions



New Years Eve on the main floor, we have the Par 3 band. Cost is \$25.00 per person with reserved seating only. Dinner is served at 6:30 with the music beginning at 8:00.

For tickets call Anne Bragan at 416-259-6863 or call the Branch and ask for Anne Bragan at 416-699-1353.

New Years Eve in the clubroom, we have Alan James providing the music. The cost is \$15.00 per person. There will be a cold buffet served at 10:00 pm with music from 8:00 'til 1:00 am. Tickets for this function are available at the bar.

Get your tickets early.

**Tom Bragan**

**Special Functions Chair**

### Track & Field



### The Best Strategy?

"The strategy of my coach and me was that we looked at pictures of all the best pole vaulters from around the world, and we took the best parts from them, and we created a person that had never existed. We then started to work toward being such a person." **Sergei Bubka**

For Sergei this strategy worked as Bubka won 6 consecutive IAAF World Championships, Olympics gold and broke the **world record for men's pole vaulting** 35 times (17 outdoor and 18 indoor records). He was the first to clear 6.0 metres and the only (as of March 2011) to clear 6.10 metres (20 ft).

Technique: Bubka possessed great strength, speed and gymnastic abilities. His average speed during pole vaulting approach was reportedly 35.7 km/h (9.9 m/s, 22.2 mph). He gripped the pole higher than most vaulters to get extra leverage and his strength meant that he could use a pole that was relatively heavy for his weight, thereby generating more recoil force.

Can this certainly be true? Can an athlete's focus come from looking at pictures of the best parts of winning athletes' from around the world? I believe that the best strategy comes from inspiration, creation and then plenty of hard work and if it comes from looking at the best, well it has certainly proven true for this athlete.

The next R.C.L. track and field meet dates are:

Provincial Indoor Meet on Saturday, January 28, 2012

District "D" Outdoor Meet on Sunday, June 24, 2012

Sergie's idea has inspired me to capture through the camera lens the athletes that will be competing at these events. Will it encourage some young athlete to be such a person? Only time will tell.

From my home to yours, wishing all our members a safe and Merry Christmas.

**Donna Braniff**

**Track and Field Chair**

### BASKET OF CHEERS

I still need some more logs for the baskets. Please bring them into the Branch and leave it with the bar steward with my name attached.

Let's make this a success, we need your donations as the money is a fundraiser for the Branch, we need your donations.

**Thanks**

**Anne Bragan**

**VOLLUNTEERS NEEDED: Branch 11 FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE.**

Looking for ways to get more involved with the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 11? We are looking for volunteers to join our fund raiser committee. All funds raised by this committee will go directly to supporting our Branch and other related activities.

If you are interested in becoming involved e-mail Tom Bragan at branch11rc1@rogers.com or call Tom at 416-259-6863.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER**



Hello comrades,

The photo album in the clubroom is still not finished but we have a variety of pictures so far.

Come in, take the time and have a look.

Thank you to Pat Collie, Joe White and Jim LeRoy, I'm still sorting through the pictures, not all of them could be used but I think we have a nice assortment.

*Joyce Haden*

*PRO Chairman*

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On behalf of the late Ed Reynolds, and myself I want to thank everyone for the card and kind wishes at such a difficult time. It's nice to know that the comradeship that surrounds us each and every day here at Branch 11 exists.

*Joyce Reynolds*

**Open Letter to East Toronto Branch 11**

Subject: Honouring Veterans: Branch 11 of the Royal Canadian Legion every year holds a Veterans Week. This year I was asked to partake in their programme What a wonderful event! They had racks of uniforms, tables of displays – and several Veterans on hand to answer questions. Students from the near by schools are invited to attend. The programme is most effective – teachers bring their classes, the Veterans sit in a row facing them and the children look at the displays, touch and try on those items that are allowed – ask more questions and have a good time.

The first class consisted of children in the 8 to 10 age group and were mostly from immigrant families. They were delightful and obviously the subject had been well taught. The questions were relevant, intelligent and sometimes very hard to answer. Can any of you explain to an 8 year old the reason for WWII? The second class was again from immigrant families, a little older but still enthusiastic and well informed. They walked a good distance in the pouring rain with no complaints or whining and cheerfully donned their wet coats for the walk home. This time instead of random questioning the children wishing to partake lined up at the mike and allowed only one question each. It was obvious they had never used a mike before as the enhanced value of their own voices startled them. Branch 11 is to be commended for this most worthwhile and successful project. The work and time involved is enormous.

This is not just one event - they do it every year – carefully storing, cleaning, polishing and mending the artifacts. As with many worthwhile projects such as this, the hours and difficulty of work behind the scenes often goes unnoticed. I was so impressed and of course honoured to be invited to take part.

*Margaret Haliburton,  
WWII WREN*

**Ladies Auxiliary**



Hello Ladies,

I cannot believe that we are almost at the end of another year. I hope that everyone has been good this year so that the jolly fellow will visit everyone.

Congratulations to our two teams who came in first and second in district euchre and are moving on to Provincial, good luck ladies.

I want to thank all the ladies who marched in our Branch 11 parade from Shopper's World. A thank you to Nancy McKnight for carrying our colour in this march and thanks to Jean Edie and Vi Kelly for laying a wreath each.

The evening of doing the poppies for the schools went as smooth as butter one more time. Thank you to the following people who came out and volunteered for this job. My thanks to Nancy McKnight, Sheila Hadden, Vi Kelly, Betty Groome, Cindy LeRoy, Lis Horley-McLeod, Ann Stiff, Joyce Haden, Joanne Barden, Audrey Reese, Eunice Francis, Cathy Cole and a special thank you to Branch member Billy Griffith who came out and helped this year. I missed seeing Grace Gooderham out on this night as she has always been one of our volunteers for this job. She sent her regrets as she is very ill and could not make it this year. My thanks to June Smith and Bill Topham who made ready the poppies and envelopes, it was a job well done by all.

Thanks to all the people who volunteered their time to man a table at our bazaar this year and also many, many thanks to all the people who came in and supported us.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year.

Yours in comradeship,

*Shirley Caster*

*President, Ladies Auxiliary.*

Everything weighs 1% less at the equator.

**BAZAAR**

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the setup and staffing the tables on Saturday. I would also like to thank everyone who donated one way or another and especially the bake table. Thanks to everyone who helped to clean up after and reset the hall.

The winners of the clock draw were:



11:00 Dish, Linda Stiff.

12:00 Cup set, Shirley Caster.

1:00 Candles. Joe Calderone.

2:00 Slippers, Mike Hook.

The jelly bean count 548 beans. The winner was Aiden Kenny who was the closest with 549. He won the jelly beans and the gingerbread house.

The winners of the draw were:

1: Poppy set runner place mats & napkins, Anne Stiff

2: Dust buster, Betty Sayman

3: Dog set, Cathy Robinson

4: 7 pc bowl set, Lynn Miller

5, 20 pc flatware set, Robyn Keeble

6: Watering bulb set, Gary Grant

7: tray, Bill King

8: Suitcase, Ann Stiff

9: Silicone baking set, M. Combs

10: Cake plate, Joe Calderone

11: 5 pc beverage set, Lucy Mitchell

12: Bamboo dish rack, Jacque Lauenaire

13: 20 pc flatware, Lynn Miller

14: Cushion, Grace Campbell

15: Papasan chair, Anne Bragan

Congratulations to everyone.

***Anne Bragan***

**Christmas Greetings to** Peter Van Denboomen in Holland from all your friends at Branch 11 - the very best in 2012. Cheers! Marg Smith

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### **My Rules**

A typical macho man married a typical good looking lady and after the wedding he laid down the following rules:

“I’ll be home when I want, if I want and what time I want and I don’t expect any hassle from you. I expect a great dinner to be on the table unless I tell you I won’t be home for dinner. I’ll go hunting, fishing, boozing and card playing when I want with my old buddies and don’t you give me a hard time about it. Those are my rules. Any comments?”

His new bride said, “No, that’s fine with me. Just understand that there will be sex here at seven o’clock every night...whether you’re here or not.”

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# December 2011

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

				1 Mixed darts 8:00	2 Jammers club- room 8:30	3 Clubroom enter- tainment 8:00 Marlene Dunn
4	5 Euchre Main floor 7:30  Men's darts 8:00	6 Over 60 Club 1:15  LA darts 7:30	7 General Meeting 8:00	8 Mixed darts 8:00	9 Blind draw darts 7:00	10 Clubroom enter- tainment 8:00 Bill Dickenson
11	12 Euchre Main floor 7:30  Men's darts 8:00	13 LA darts 7:30	14 LA General meeting 8:00	15 Mixed darts 8:00	16 Jammers club- room 8:30	17 Clubroom enter- tainment 8:00 Mickey & Mary
18	19 Euchre Main floor 7:30  Men's darts 8:00	20 Over 60 Club 12:00. Christmas Dinner  LA darts 7:30	21 Joint Branch & LA executive meeting 8:00	22 Mixed darts 8:00	23 Blind draw darts 7:00	24 President's levee 2:00
25 Branch closed	26 Euchre Main floor 7:30  Men's darts 8:00	27	28 LA Executive 7:30	29 Mixed darts 8:00	30	31 New Years Eve Main floor Par 3 Clubroom Allan James Tickets required

# January 2012

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1	2 Euchre main floor 7:30 Men's darts 8:00	3 Over 60 Club 1:15 LA darts 7:30	4 General meeting 8:00	5 Mixed darts 8:00	6 Blind draw darts 7:00	7 Clubroom entertainment 8:00 Mahogany Ridge
8	9 Euchre Main floor 7:30 Men's darts 8:00	10 LA darts 7:30	11 LA general meeting 8:00	12 Mixed darts 8:00	13 Jammers clubroom 8:30	14 Clubroom entertainment 8:00 Bill Dickenson
15	16 Euchre Main floor 7:30 Men's darts 8:00	17 Over 60 Club 1:15 LA darts 7:30	18 Executive meeting 8:00	19 Mixed darts 8:00	20 Blind draw darts 7:00	21 Clubroom entertainment 8:00 Dock Spiders
22	23 Euchre Main floor 7:30 Men's darts 8:00	24 LA darts 7:30	25 LA Executive meeting 7:30	26 Mixed darts 8:00	27 Jammers clubroom 8:30	28 Clubroom entertainment 8:00 Lloyd Young
29 Sunday funday 2:00 Lloyd Young	30 Euchre Main floor 7:30 Men's darts 8:00	31 Over 60 Club 1:15 LA darts 7:30				