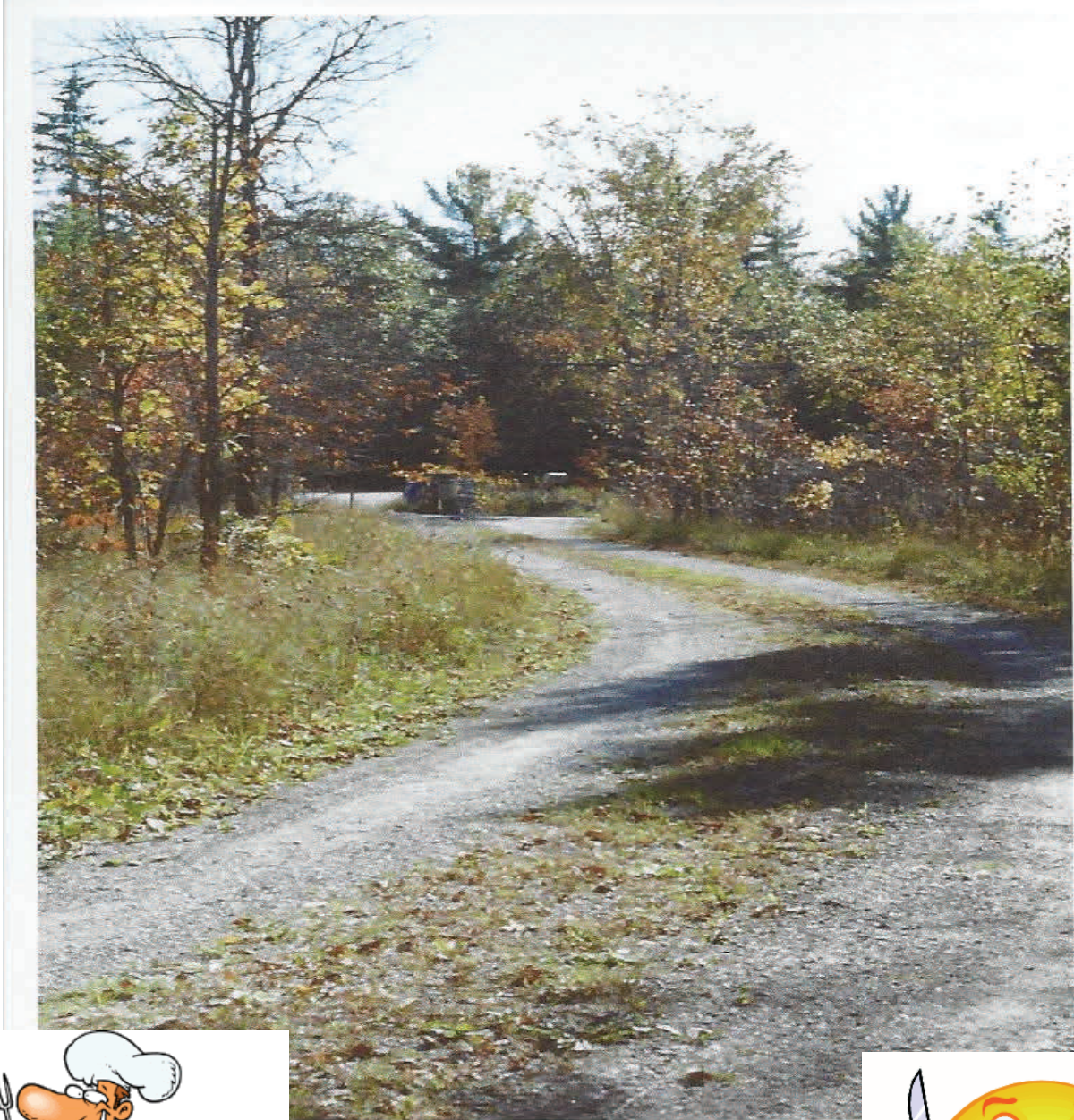


# News & Views

## August/September 2016



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**President's Message**



Hello Comrades and all,

Well the summer is shaping up to be a good one and so far it has been hotter than usual. I hope that you and your family are enjoying and having a great summer. You can always come to the air-conditioned Branch or sit on our patio and enjoy the day with some of your comrades and partake in having some of our various cold refreshments.

The Five Year Planning Committee has been working hard for the past year and a half and would like to thank you for coming out to the meetings to hear of the plans and to support the committee in their recommendations. It was decided to move ahead for the re-development plans for Branch 11 by 88% of those members who came out to the special meeting that was held on July 6<sup>th</sup>. I would like to thank the committee but we also realize that once we require the approval from Ontario Command the hard negotiations and planning are just beginning. Once again thanks to members for backing the committee and giving us the green light to move ahead.

We have had two parades so far this year. St. John's Norway and Canada Day, these were both attended by our usual Branch members but we could always use more to fill the ranks. (Canada Day parade was a little light with marchers from all branches due to the weather). Don't forget that the next parade is Warriors' Day August 20<sup>th</sup>, the buses will leave the Branch at 9:00 am **SHARP**. Hopefully the weather will be nice and again the parade will be in **summer dress**. I ask that you bring your blazer just in case that it is needed. Remember white short sleeved shirt with the Legion crest on the left shirt pocket, tie and beret, no medals, just your ribbons.

Once again Canada Day was a huge success and my hat goes off to Karen Boudreault and all the volunteers that worked so hard to make this day such an event that we at Branch 11 can be proud of. The weather held off for the best part of the day and all that attended had a great time.

The other key aspect to the running of this Branch is **VOLUNTEERING** this is a function that is needed most desperately at the Branch. It seems that most of the same

people do all the work for the benefit of others. **THIS IS YOUR BRANCH AND WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO RUN MOST FUNCTIONS THAT ARE HELD AT THE BRANCH.** This will benefit the Branch and all of us as a whole that are members of the Branch. I can only say that the volunteers that helped prepare for and gave up their time on Canada Day made the day really worthwhile and this goes to show you and me that it can be done if we all pull together.

On **July 31st** the Branch will be having a "**Summer Steak Blast**" and on **September 4<sup>th</sup>** we will once again be having "**BBQ and Corn**". Please come out and have a great meal, meet some of your friends, bring your family, friends, neighbours and lets have a good time. Enjoy the rest of the summer and keep safe.

**PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR BRANCH...BRANCH 11 THE "FRIENDLY BRANCH"**

Yours in comradeship,

*John N. Dufort*  
**President**

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We have been lucky the last two months as we didn't lose a Branch member in June or July.

Just a note of welcome from Branch 11 to the new members who have joined or transferred in to our Branch since the last newsletter: Katelynn Harker, Ashley Pearson, Steve Topham.

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

PARADES

Warriors' Day Parade is on Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be 3 buses again this year to take marchers, band members and supporters to the Exhibition grounds. As form up is at 10:00 am and march off at 10:30, we will be leaving the Branch at 9:00 am sharp. The parade route will be the same as last year and there will be bleachers set up in front of the old Automotive building for you to watch the parade if you can't participate in it. The participants in the parade are becoming fewer and fewer each year and they need as much support as we can give them.

Please keep in mind that our buses leave at specified times to return to the Branch and if you miss the last bus (1:00 pm) you will need to take the TTC back as we can't/won't wait for you.

*Cathy Cole*

**Secretary**

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**HONOURS & AWARDS DAY: SUNDAY, OCT 2<sup>ND</sup>**



On Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11:30 am 'till 3:30 pm we will be having our annual Honours & Awards Day. Please mark this date on your calendar. The format for this special day is an afternoon function with a luncheon for members and other people receiving awards. Once the luncheon and presentations are finished the clubroom will be open if you want to stay and enjoy entertainment downstairs. Letters to the members receiving recognition for their length of service, for their help in the Branch or community as well as non-members who have helped us in many ways, will be sent in August and there will be tickets available (for a nominal fee) for members and their guests who would like to attend this great day. For the last couple of years we have sent invitations to and included the Veterans who would have been recognized and invited to our Annual Veteran's Dinner which used to be held on November 11<sup>th</sup> each year. Due to the decrease in these Veterans' numbers, they are now recognized at this luncheon.

Don't forget, this is a fun day, as we will be having the luncheon, presentations and then an open house with entertainment in the clubroom. You will definitely enjoy yourself if you decide to come.

**Joe Calderone**

**Honours & Awards Chair**

*Did you hear that in New York the Stop & Shop grocery chain merged with A&P?  
It's now called the Shop & P.*

**5 Year Planning Committee**

With an overwhelming vote of 88% to support the recommendations to redevelopment of 9 Dawes Road during the July 6<sup>th</sup> special meeting, we would like to thank you for your vote of confidence. I would again like to thank our committee members for their hard work and dedication: Ed Kenny, Jack Riddell, James Smith, John Dufort, Cathy Cole and Chris Ostiguy (our newest member to balance off the core team).

Now the next stage of our work begins. While the core committee continues to diligently work in the best interest and best deal for the Branch, we need to form a couple of committees: We have had a group meet with the architect for some preliminary requirements: They were Nancy McKnight, June Smith, Karen Boudreault, Paul Stone, Bob Murphy and Mike Turner, whom I hope will continue. The committee needs to be a good reflection of membership that represents (in no particular order): the clubroom, sports, entertainment, bar requirements, Branch 11 history, the Vets, the modern Vet, the L.A. needs, hall rentals, best use of the property etc.

2<sup>nd</sup> committee will be needed to help determine our temporary home for the 18 months the Branch will be under construction.

3<sup>rd</sup> committee to look into the possibility of a partner for our endeavour either another RCL Branch or a group/agency.

4<sup>th</sup> committee to make sure that Vets and our Legionnaires have their needs met and first opportunity to the housing that we will be developing.

More committees may be required. If you are interested in being on any of these committees, please let me know. The Branch 11 journey of redevelopment continues, the committee will continue to be transparent and keep you up to date.

**Jeff Paulin**

**5 Year Planning Committee Chair**

**Ways & Means**

Hello folks,

Sunday Fundays are going good with some bad turnouts at times but overall we are making money for the Branch which is good. On Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup> the Ulster Accordion Band is back to entertain us so come out and enjoy the music and the fun the band provides for us.

**Bill Topham**

**Ways & Means Chair**

**Building**



Good news, our building is still standing...

Now with the vote passed to go ahead with redevelopment of the Branch. We will be moving forward with the idea that any expenditures will be to cover day to day costs and the costs of making sure the building will be operational for the next two years.

I/We can never thank our Branch volunteers enough for the times they continue to step up and help out either when staff is away or help with a special set up or something in the Branch needs fixing again.

**Jeff Paulin**  
**Building Chair**

### Youth Education

There is a Youth Education Seminar scheduled for Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to be held at Sir Winston Churchill Branch 3, 150 Eighth Street, Etobicoke starting time 7:00 p.m. This is an open seminar and I invite any LA ladies and Legion members who wish to learn more about the Legion's Youth Ed programs and get involved to please contact me no later than August 10<sup>th</sup> so I can let District D Youth Ed Chair, Sheila Harris know the numbers attending from our Branch. My phone number is 416-690-6388, e-mail [helendpearce@rogers.com](mailto:helendpearce@rogers.com). Also I am always looking for items to go into gift bags for our students. You are no doubt aware due to the restructuring of our Poppy area we have acquired several more schools which of course means more students wishing to compete in the Literary & Poster Remembrance and the Public Speaking contests. Items from the Dollar Stores such as small or large note books, erasers, pencil sharpeners, pencils, pens, mini jar sanitizer or lotion, mini Kleenex packages etc. are all welcome items for the bags. We do the zip loc bags to hand out during Legion Week and then larger bags during the Public Speaking contest. I would like to thank those members who have already started to donate either funds and/or items. It is very much appreciated.

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

*Why do fire departments have Dalmatians?  
To help them find the fire hydrants.*

### Sick



Hello Comrades,

I went to see Joe Lake last Wednesday, he is a little feeble and took another fall but fortunately did not hurt himself. It was a pleasure to visit him.

Saw Myer Goobie on the same day. He looked great and Doris was there with him also his pet dog. That was a bonus for him.

Molly Backalar has been in and out of hospital having difficult procedures done. She is home now and was at euchre on Monday night and looks terrific.

Alan Groome is waiting for results from his MRI on his knee.

Betty Groome is undergoing a series of tests at this time and waiting for the results. The good news is she has quit smoking.

Sandra Durham had major tests done and is consulting with her doctor.

Pat Collie is doing great and is very happy at her new residence.

Sheila Hadden is about the same.

Harold Timms was a very sick man, but persevered, fought the good fight and went to Newfoundland for the Dominion convention.

James Smith gave his ankle a terrible twist and was in an air cast for a couple of weeks. But likewise persevered and went to Newfoundland.

John Dufort went to East General Hospital to have his heart zapped again. His heart is beating irregular. Sorry to say it did not work and is still feeling very tired. His next visit to the hospital will be in September for a replacement of his artificial knee.

Tom Chiasson has started treatment. He took a spill on his bike and was badly bruised, he considers himself lucky. Tom said that it was his training as a paratrooper as he rolled when he fell.

Mike Hook was not well the last time I saw him, his wife Marg is very concerned.

Brian Nichols has had his second surgery at Sunnybrook. He was in the operating room a very long time and is now home recuperating.

Don Manley has not been well, he had another ultrasound and waiting for results.

Vera Comber is in Bally Cliffe nursing home in Ajax. We had a great visit. Her picture is on my Facebook page.

Bill Topham is going to have eye surgery.

Dave Lane is having stomach problems and will be going for ultrasound.

Yours in comradeship

**Joyce Haden**  
**Sick chair**

### Bar Steward Committee



A position is open for a Bar Steward. We are looking for someone to work 4 shifts a week on a rotation basis with other stewards. Preference will be given to anyone who has worked in a Legion bar or has bar experience; must be available Monday – Saturday, afternoon & evenings

Please leave a resume behind the bar in our clubroom, attention Jean Whynot Bar Manager or e-mail your resume to [branch11rcl@rogers.com](mailto:branch11rcl@rogers.com); if you have any questions e-mail or call the Branch at 416-699-1353.

Pay and hours to be discussed at interview time. Only people who qualify will be contacted for a personal interview,

**Jeff Paulin**

**Bar Steward Committee Chair**

### Clubroom Entertainment



Our Saturday night attendance is between 35 to 45 members and non-members. The dance and music is great and we have different entertainers every Saturday night so come out and enjoy the evening.

A list of the entertainers is on the calendar at the back of this newsletter.

**Tom Bragan**

**Clubroom entertainment Chair**

*What do you get when you cross a pit bull with a collie?*

*A dog that rips your leg off and then goes for help.*

### Walkathon



The walkathon is scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup> and will be starting at Branch 345. The sponsor/pledge sheets are available at our Branch behind the bar. Laura Groome raised the most money last year, who will it be this year?

I will be walking with Caroline again this year. Come out and enjoy the day, if you are not walking, please sponsor someone who is.

**Jeff Paulin**

**Walkathon Chair**

### Over 60 Club



The Over 60 Club are held every second Tuesday of the month, starting at 1:15 p.m.

Meeting dates are: Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. These dates are also listed on the attached calendars.

**Tom Bragan**

**Over 60 Club Chair**

### Branch 11's Saturday Afternoon Meat Spin

We have changed our Butcher supplier and I invite all of you to join us on Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. for a chance to win some meat, enjoy a social get together plus a BBQ'd hamburger, pea meal, hot dog or two!! A very special thank you to the volunteers who have jumped in to help make these afternoons fun because without you the Branch wouldn't have a meat spin event: *Rick Groome, Bill Topham, Linda & Fred Green, Susan Squires and her sister Dorothy, Lisa Cromwell, Jeff Paulin, Caroline Hanus, Anne Davis, Lynn Somerton, Sandra Durham, Karen and Nicole Boudreault, George Small, Nancy McKnight, Johnny Munroe, and Kevin.* I would be remiss if I didn't mention the staff who set up the meat spin/BBQ equipment behind the scenes. Some of these volunteers are helping out weekly so it would really be helpful to have more volunteers to give them a break once in a while. PLUS, it is a great way to start getting involved in your Branch. All volunteers are welcome. Give me a call 416-690-6388 or e-mail [helendpearce@rogers.com](mailto:helendpearce@rogers.com).

**Thanks,**

**Helen D. Pearce**

### Legion Week

On behalf of our Legion Week Chair, June Smith, (who is away right now), I wish to remind you that Legion Week is fast approaching (September 17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> – this includes set up and take down dates). The call is going out for volunteers and I would ask that you contact June Smith directly at phone 416-439-5114, email

[judosmith@sympatico.ca](mailto:judosmith@sympatico.ca) and/or leave a message for her at the Branch 416-699-1353. June is also busy raising funds to bring back the Hamilton Signal Association who have been a very important and a active part of our Legion Week – in fact they are a part of our Family Legion Week Volunteers – something you all should make a point to come out and see! She is doing this by selling special T-shirts she had designed. Please take a look at the picture of them clipped to the blackboard in the Club Room. They are selling for \$20.00 for medium, large and extra-large with 2XL at \$22.00 and 3XL at \$24.00. The sign-up sheet is right beside the picture. Please make sure to print your name and indicate the size you would need. June would appreciate your money “up front” as she must pay the supplier up front in cash. **NOTE:** Our opening ceremony on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> will start at 4:00 p.m. This is to allow the Ulster Band to arrive and be a part of our ceremony as prior to that they will be involved at the Battle of Britain ceremony and we especially want them at our Legion Week Opening! The Club Room will be open that afternoon.

*Thank you on behalf of June Smith*

*Helen D. Pearce*

### **Branch Mixed Darts**

Summer Mixed Darts Play-offs - Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.; Banquet August 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the Club Room.

Winter Darts meeting – Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.; with mixed darts starting September 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.

### **Special Functions**

OUR CANADA DAY WAS SUCCESSFUL.

Thanks to all the help and support I received from my committee and the many other volunteers that contributed their time. I would like to give a big shout of THANKS to the following: Helen Small, Joyce Haden, Bernie Haden, Amber Haden, Neil Haden, Sean Haden, Vi Kelly, Anne Davis, Joan Gray, Molly Sutton, Cindy LeRoy, Nicole Boudreault, Katelynne Harker, Mike Turner, Sandra Durham, Dylan Durham, Jeff Paulin, Caroline Hanus, John Dufort, Dave Ferron, Brian Nichols, Charlie Silson and let us not forget our TWO BAR STEWARDS, Nancy McKnight and George Small. Without you all this would never been a SUCCESS!!!

Looking forward to seeing everyone on July 31<sup>st</sup> for our Sunday summer steak blast!!

***Karen Boudreault***

***Special functions Chair***

### **2016 Poppy Seminar**

Taking place Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., Branch 286, 11 Irwin Road, Toronto, Telephone 416-741-5670. This is an open informative seminar for everyone to learn about the Poppy campaign. Please contact our Branch Poppy Chair, James Smith, to let him know if you would like to attend this very important seminar. Leave a message for James at the Branch 416-699-1353. Please note he must know how many from our Branch will be attending by August 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Ladies Auxiliary**



I can't believe that half the summer has passed, only another month and the kids will be back in school.

I promise to keep this short. I will remind my executive of our Executive meeting on Wednesday August 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm and our next General Meeting will be Wednesday September 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm.

The Warriors Day parade is Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup> and Legion Week is coming up in September, the week of the 19<sup>th</sup>. If you can help in any way speak to June Smith or Helen Pearce or help with sandwiches, please co-ordinate with Cindy LeRoy.

With September coming that means sports will be starting up. Please check the board outside the ladies washroom for signup sheets. You can also check with Cindy LeRoy who is our sports officer.

The membership cards should be available by our September meeting.

I would like to thank everyone who came out to help with our Garage Sale and made it a great success. From the people on Friday helping to set up to all the people who were there to sell and cook food, to the people who packed everything up and loaded the bin, whether you were there for one hour or five it all makes a difference and is greatly

appreciated. I couldn't believe the donations we had and we managed to sell at least three quarters of it. The remainder was picked up by Oasis on Monday morning. That is about all I have for now and hope everyone enjoys the rest of the summer.

Yours in comradeship

**Nancy McKnight**

**L.A. President**

### L.A. Sports



Good day everyone. I hope you're all taking some time to enjoy the beautiful weather we are having this summer. We are starting to gear up for the LA Sports Season. Our first event this fall is Zone euchre on Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup>. You must have your team signed up by August 31<sup>st</sup>. The sign-up sheet is in the clubroom down by the ladies washroom.

Just a friendly reminder ladies, you must support, work, or attend five things throughout the year from June 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>. You don't need to stay the whole day, just an hour or two will do. Here are a couple of events coming up. Steak BBQ on July 31<sup>st</sup> and the BBQ and corn on September 4<sup>th</sup>. Please speak to Karen our Special Functions chair for these two events. We also have the Warrior's Day Parade on Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup>, and we are trying to put another Saturday Casino trip together in September.

Enjoy the rest of the summer ladies.

Yours in comradeship

**Cindy LeRoy**

**Sports Officer**

A woman went on vacation with her husband to a fishing resort. While he was taking a nap, she took the boat out so she could sunbathe. She anchored in the bay and along came the game warden in his boat and said, `Ma'am, there is no fishing here. I'm going to have to take you in.`

She said, ``But officer, I'm not fishing.``

``But you have all the equipment Ma'am. I'll have to take you in``

At which point she said, ``If you do that I will charge you with rape``

``But I didn't even touch you`` said the game warden.

``Yes that's true but you have all the equipment``

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The snake pit at the Toronto Zoo was accidentally filled in, now the snakes don't have a pit to hiss in.

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