

# News & Views

## August/September 2017



LA President Nancy McKnight and Branch President John Dufort cut the Canada 150th birthday cake on July 1st.

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### President's Message



Hello Comrades all,

Well the summer is shaping up to be a fairly good one so far it has been a little damp but not so hot. 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 cold refreshments.

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 possible rain). Don't forget that the next parade is Warriors Day, August 19<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**. Remember white short sleeved shirt with the Legion crest on the left shirt pocket, tie and beret, no medals just your ribbons (undressed medals).

Once again Canada Day was a huge success and my hat goes off to Karen Boudreault and Cindy LeRoy and all the volunteers who worked so hard to make this day such an event that we of Branch 11 can be proud of. The weather held off for the most 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 Branch 11. 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 I that it can be done if we all pull together. Some of the areas that require volunteers are these special dinners but we also have other various functions that we need help with e.g. Legion Week, Youth Education programs, Sports and Track & Field events and just helping setting up, taking down and decorating the hall for other events.

On **August 7<sup>th</sup>** the Branch will be having a "**Simcoe Day Steak Dinner**" 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 let's 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 Dufort**

**President**

JUNE-JULY 2017

"IN MEMORIUM"

TOPHAM. Bill (William) joined Branch 13 1973. Transferred to Branch 11 December 1997.

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

Our deepest sympathy to the members of his family who recently lost their loved one.

Bill, from the time he transferred to our Branch was a proud Legion member and an active volunteer. Due to his commitments, he was awarded his well-earned Life membership in 2010 and he never tired of pitching in and helping whenever something had to be done. He had many friends in other Branches as well as he participated at all levels of the Legion here in Toronto. He will be missed by many of the regular patrons of our Sunday fundays as he has run them for many years; his never ending work with many of us will never be forgotten. Just a special note of condolence to Violet Kelly, Wayne his son, Barb, his daughter-in-law, Steven his grandson who all became members of HIS Branch. He will be missed by many.

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### PARADES

Warriors Day parade is on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be three buses again this year to take marchers, band members and supporters to the Exhibition grounds. As form up is at 10:00 am with march off at 10:30 we will be leaving the Branch at **9:00 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 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. We can't/won't wait for you.

Battle of Britain parade We are hoping to have a Battle of Britain parade on Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup>; this parade will be the same format as the Branch Remembrance parade, form up at Shoppers World at 1:00 pm with march off at 1:30 and arrive at the Branch for the opening of Legion Week on the main floor at 2:00 pm with all our displays and memorabilia. After the opening ceremonies the clubroom will be opened for anyone who might want a refreshment. The parade permit has been requested although we have not received the actual confirmation yet for the parade on Danforth Ave., we are planning a parade. Further info/confirmation will be available in the Branch at a later date. Please come out, watch or participate in our parade, enjoy the opening and look at the awesome displays.

**Cathy Cole**  
**Secretary**

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#### HONOURS & AWARDS DAY: SUNDAY OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> 2017

On Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> from 11:30 am until 3:30, 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. After the luncheon and presentations are finished the clubroom will 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 recognised and invited to our Annual Veterans Dinner which used to be held on November 11<sup>th</sup> each year. Due to the decrease in these Veteran's numbers, they are now being recognised 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**  
**Chairman, Honours & Awards Committee**

#### Legion Week

Once again things are falling into place for an exciting event for our veterans and children.

#### LEGION WEEK STARTS:

Friday September 15<sup>th</sup>: 11:00 am, set up for trenches and sand bag filling, we have a crew for this set up

Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup>: 10:00 am, hall set up chairs and tables, displays and memorabilia, cadets will be in to help and we would appreciate any willing hands to help get this job done.

Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup>: We are starting with a parade from Shoppers World led by our illustrious Branch 11 Legion Band (also known as the Ulster Accordion Band) who always keeps us in step. This will be in honour of the Battle of Britain and we are looking for marchers to join with us. You do not need a uniform. Parade will form up at Shopper's World at 1300 hrs (1:00) and march off at 1330 hrs (1:30). Our opening ceremony will be held at our Branch following the parade with our dignitaries and friends.

Please come out and join with us for an interesting day. Light refreshments will be served by our Ladies Auxiliary and you will have first advantage to see the displays. Our clubroom will be open after the ceremony for those wishing to partake in further refreshments.

Monday September 18-21: our displays are open from 10:00 am until 8:00 pm. School classes take up most of the days but viewers are welcome anytime.

Friday September 22: Open from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm at this time we will start dismantling our showcases and would once more be appreciative for a helping hand if you can spare any time after 3:00 pm.

Our final cleanup will be on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> and our Cadet Corps will be on hand to help along with our committee and any volunteers would be appreciated.

Lastly while I am asking for all this help, two things I have not covered is donations for the school children *goodie* bags which we hand out to each visiting class, items such as small notebooks and pencils etc. which is a separate item not included with Youth Ed. If you can contribute please mark as Legion Week when leaving at the Branch. The second item is volunteers to man the display floor from 4 to 8 so that the items are guarded at all times. Our committee is there for 9:00 am to 4:00 pm every day and it would be

wonderful to trust the evening shift to volunteers. We don't get a lot of evening people in but we are hoping that will change this year.

The Hamilton Signal Corps will be on hand once again to share their vast knowledge of WWI

**June M. Smith**

**Legion Week Chair**

### Ways & Means



**Rest in Peace.  
Bill Topham**

Sadly our Ways & Means chairman, Bill has passed on after a short illness.



Well comrades, summer is half over and the sport season is coming to an end. We have two events left in August. The first is horseshoes on August 12<sup>th</sup> with the team of Lynn Somerton and Jim McKiel representing Branch 11 at Provincials at Brighton. Also we will be represented at the Provincial washer toss by Mark Reddy and Travis Durham in Cambridge in August.

Summer darts is concluding and the winter leagues will commence in September. Both Monday Men's darts and Thursday Mixed darts. The meeting for Thursday Mixed darts will be on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm and the meeting for Men's darts will be on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm.

I have the date for the Provincial cribbage tournament which Branch 11 will be hosting and it will be held on March 10, 2018. I will require many volunteers to help make this event a success.

Thank you Comrades.

**Rick Groome**

**Sports Chair**

### Sick



Hello Comrades,

Mary King is about the same. Bill takes very good care of her but Bill has not been well, he has lost 35 pounds in the last three months. He has had many x-rays and ultra sounds and is now waiting for results.

Joe Lake is in the hospital section of Sunnybrook. When I went to visit him last week he was sitting in a wheel chair but very seldom responds, he is very feeble.

Sandy Venman is back and forth to Michael Garron Hospital and still in a lot of pain.

Pat Collie had a great day last week and seems to love where she is at Fountain View

Sheila Hadden was really pleased when I brought her a large teddy bear and gave the bear a great big smile. That's great news.

Rose Mooney was in excellent spirits the last time I saw her. She was expecting company from out of town and was very excited.

John Mooney is doing great.

Brian Nichols has been having some trouble with reversal procedure.

John Dufort has been having heart problems for a while now. He will be going into Michael Garron Hospital on August 3<sup>rd</sup> for another procedure. If not sooner!! John has taken a number of days off to rest and we wish him well.

Alice Million is in palliative care at Providence Health Centre. Please visit as Alice loves company but please do not stay long as Alice gets very tired.

George Moorhead was in Michael Garron Hospital waiting for a bed in Sunnybrook and it finally happened. George is a veteran and is in the K wing. He would love a few visitors.

Anne Davis is in a lot of pain with her legs. She had a MRI and has been diagnosed with osteoporosis, we all know how painful that is.

Caron Carter is still at Bridgepoint. She will be there for a few weeks getting more therapy.

Lis Hurley McCloud is home after her stay in hospital.

Bill Topham our Past President and friend passed away July 26<sup>th</sup> at Scarborough General hospital. Bill had not been feeling well for a while and was taken to hospital by ambulance. I saw him at 6:00 pm and he was going to be



sent up to the cardiac ward later in the evening. He will be missed by us all, he was a true gentleman.

Yours in comradeship,

**Joyce Haden**

**Sick Chair**

The shortest war on record was fought between Zanzibar and the UK in 1896. Zanzibar surrendered after 38 minutes.

### **Clubroom Entertainment**



Hello,

I would like to introduce myself, I am your new Clubroom Entertainment chair.

### **Upcoming Event**

We are having a Halloween party & dance on October 28<sup>th</sup> with Frank Wilks and the Freedom Express for entertainment. So please mark this on your calendar.

Please come out and enjoy our clubroom entertainment, we have great music. 7:00 'till 11:30.

Hope to see you there.

**Lynn Somerton**

**Clubroom Entertainment Chair**

### **Poppy**



### **The Poppy Campaign is just around the corner.**

We are still looking for volunteers to join the Poppy Committee team. Those who will help with inventory, setting up Poppy boxes, visiting local businesses with letters then follow up with the Poppy boxes, and to plan our strategy for the 2017 Poppy Campaign.

We are looking for everyone to participate in the Poppy Campaign at whatever capacity you can. As taggers, drivers, and those who can "adopt" some counter boxes, drop them off, check on them and pick them up after November 11<sup>th</sup>. If you have not participated in the Poppy Campaign in the past please hear my heart felt plea to join us. For those who will be returning again this year. **Thank you.**

Please e-mail at: [firstvice@rcl11.com](mailto:firstvice@rcl11.com) or [jeffpaulin@rogers.com](mailto:jeffpaulin@rogers.com) or leave your name and phone number with the Bar Steward.

**Jeff Paulin**

**Poppy Chair**

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The oldest living thing in existence is not a giant redwood but a bristlecone pine in the White Mountains of California, dated to be aged 4,600 years old.

### **Bursary**

We have two new requests for Bursary Assistance and are looking to help so many more children and grandchildren of the Legion in paying a little of their expenses. Forms are accepted from September until the last Friday in March. Please take advantage of this worthwhile program.

**June M. Smith**

**Bursary Chair**

### **Youth Education**



Things are quiet right now but I would like to put a request out to all members for any donations for the gift bags that are given to the each student who competes in the Public Speaking Contest in February 2018. Any educational items such as paper, booklets, pencils, pens, coloured markers, small pads, erasers, sharpeners, rulers, Kleenex etc. In the past Legion people have been very generous for the students and we trust it will continue. With visiting the schools this past year and talking to so many teachers and students, we are looking for a much larger student involvement in both the Remembrance Literary & Poster Contest and the Public Speaking Contest as they saw the rewards that the winners received.

Please mark your donations for Youth Ed when you leave them at the Branch and that is what they will be used for.

**June M. Smith**

**Youth Education Chair**

### **Building**



Thanks to Charlie Silson and Joe Calderone whose hard work and dedication got our parking lot sewer basin fixed in time for Canada Day. Doing the work and making a great deal for labour and supplies saved the Branch approximately \$3,200.00 that we costed out, the actual cost to the Branch was **\$28.00.**

Just another example of the hard work, ingenuity and volunteering of so many of our members that is helping this Branch thrive. Thank you all.

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

### **Walkathon**



Hello Comrades,  
Branch 11 is having our annual WALK-A-THON which will be held on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Our Branch will be walking for the Joe Sweeny Fund for Homeless Veterans.

Walkers will begin the walk at Branch 22 and finish at Branch 22. Maps will be provided. All proceeds go to our homeless veterans.

Please, please pick up a sponsor sheet from our bar steward or myself and lets help those who gave us so much.

**Joyce Haden**  
**Walkathon Chair**

### **Ladies Auxiliary**

Wow! Summer is half over. Before we know it the Exhibition will be here and then the kids go back to school and our meetings will start again. Our next executive meeting is Wednesday August 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 and our first general meeting is Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm. Don't forget our General meetings are the second Wednesday of the month

We had our Birthday Dinner which was another success and we thank all the Branch members that came out to help cook, serve and clean up so that we could enjoy our meal and afternoon without having to do it. I think there is one person who should be recognised for this award which is

Molly Sutton who has earned her 60 year pin. Congratulations Molly on this milestone.

We had a very successful Canada Day with a great turnout and I think everyone that came out had a lot of fun. Congratulations to the committee for pulling it off without a hitch and all the people that worked so hard to make it successful.

We haven't been too busy this summer but we did have our garage sale on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and it went very well. We tried something different this year and held it in the clubroom which I think was good, with the Branch's new hours we only overlapped the bar being open by one hour which didn't inconvenience any one. Thanks to all of you that came out to help.

We have lost a very familiar face around the Branch. My heart goes out to Vi Kelly and the Topham family on the loss of Bill on July 26<sup>th</sup>. He will be greatly missed around here and at Sunnybrook where he has been attending the socials for many years.

With that I will say, enjoy the rest of the summer and look forward to starting back up in September.

Yours in comradeship

**Nancy McKnight**  
**L.A. President**

### **Garage Sale**



Thank you all that helped set up tables for our garage Sale. Anne Davis, Rose, Charlotte, Nancy, Helen, Joyce, Marg and Jim for doing the BBQ for us. We did a good job for our sports fund.

Thank you all again for your support and donations for our sports fund.

Yours in comradeship

**Gail Burrow**  
**L.A. Secretary**

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A middle age couple in Toronto go to a local art gallery. They come across a painting of a naked women with only her privates covered in leaves.

The wife doesn't like it and moves on but her husband doesn't budge.

The wife turns around and asks, "What are you waiting for?"

The husband replies, "autumn."

Q: How do you know Adam was a Canadian?

A: Who else could stand beside a naked women and be tempted by a fruit.

Q: What do hockey players and magicians have in common?

A: They both do hat tricks.

# August 2017

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		1	2	3 Summer dart playoffs 7:30	4 Blind draw darts 7:30  Jammers 9:00	5 Clubroom enter- tainment 8:00 Mickey & Mary
6	7 Steak dinner Clubroom 12:00-7:00 Mickey & Mary Darts Blind draw Doubles 12:30	8 Over 60 Club 1:30	9	10	11 Blind draw darts 7:30  Karaoke 7:30	12 Clubroom enter- tainment 8:00 Bill Dunn Summer darts banquet 7:30 clubroom
13	14	15	16 Executive meet- ing 7:30	17	18 Jammers 9:00 Blind draw darts 7:30	19 Warriors' Day Parade Clubroom enter- tainment 8:00 Lindsay Thomas Morgan
20	21	22 Over 60 Club 1:30	23	24	25 Blind draw darts 7:30  Karaoke 7:30	26 Clubroom enter- tainment 8:00 Bill Dickenson
27 Sunday funday 2:00	28	29	30 LA Executive meeting 7:30	31		



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