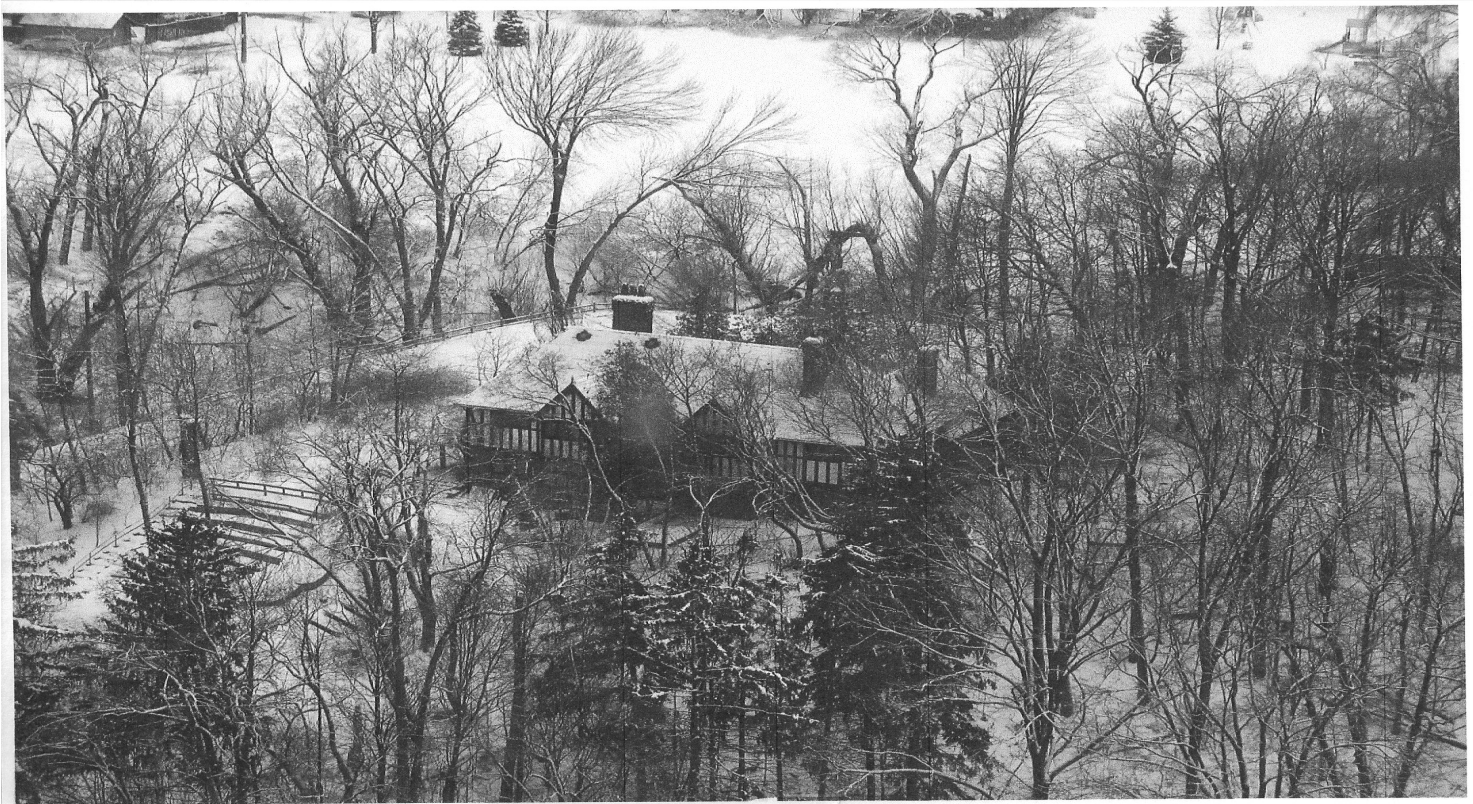


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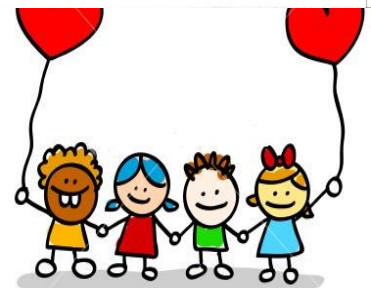


Everyone's Irish
On March 17th.



Happy
Valentine's
Day

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



“Well here we go for another year” Last year the Branch held its own financially, but this year so far we are falling a little short. The executives have been working hard at making sure that the money is spent wisely.

Again I would like to thank all of you, the Executive, the staff and all the volunteers for all the hard work and devotion in supporting the Branch and keeping a viable place for us to function as a gathering place. These members give up a lot of their personal time, family time to help in making sure that the Branch remains open but also an enjoyable place to visit.

The five year planning committee has been working very hard over the past year to look at every aspect possible in making this Branch viable in East Toronto, to be here for the next generation of Legionaries, Veterans and providing support for our community. As reported at a previous general meeting I said that the deal with Trillium was not working out to our advantage. Now it is official, we have severed our negotiations with Trillium Housing, but we have started negotiations with a new developer who has after our first meeting presented us with three different scenarios, “let the negotiations begin again”. We have added through the past year Chris Ostiguy to this committee and welcome her expertise in dealing with properties and their development.

Once again I am asking that the members come out to the General meetings and share their thoughts. This is the way that the executives can hear and take note of what your concerns are ...and the other side of the coin you can hear and see how the executives are working for the Branch and its members. This is how best we can share our ideas instead of listening to all the gossip and rumors. We need the support from all our members, their families and guests to keep this Branch up and running. Please share your ideas with the executives.

Yours in Comradeship

John N. Dufort
President

DECEMBER 201-JANUARY 2017

“IN MEMORIAM”

ORDINARY MEMBERS

AUSTIN, Lauraine, R.C.A.F Service # W315325
Joined Branch 11 October 1971.

GOOBIE, N. Myer, R.C.A.F. & Cdn. Army Service # B149079
Joined Branch 42 in 1987. Transferred to Branch 10 and then Branch 11 in 2013

LINNINGTON, Al, NAVY Service # V70590. Joined Branch 11 May 1988

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

AFFILIATE MEMBER

KIDD, Sam. Joined Branch 11 June 1986.

Our deepest sympathy to the members of these families who have recently lost loved ones.

Lauraine Austin: until Lauraine became ill she was an active participant in our Poppy campaign as well as helping out with the Legion Week display even giving the Branch her full WW11 uniform for display. Her help at these functions has been missed over the last couple of years as well as her smiling face, she always had a smile on it. We do miss her around here.

Myer Goobie: was well known at a number of branches in the east end of Toronto, participated in many parades and was recognised for his service in liberating France and was involved with the “Devil’s Brigade”. He is missed by many of his friends at Branch 11, especially those who were involved in our Legion Week displays and interaction with youth during our Youth Education presentations contests. Our sympathy and thoughts go out to his wife Doris who is also well known in our Branch and several others.

****CATHY COLE-MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION****

EARLY BIRD CAMPAIGN WINNERS

The four winners to have their dues paid by the Branch are: Anne Davis, John Dufort, Ed Gray, and Denise Wilson.

Thanks to everyone who paid their dues before November 30th so that your name was in the draw, good luck next year.

IMPORTANT-IMPOTANT-IMPORTANT

Any member who has not paid their 2017 dues by January 31st 2017, is classified 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 Regulations, 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 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 payment for dues is now \$55.00: \$50.00 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 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 Chair

2017 ELECTIONS

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

Nominations: Wednesday April 5th 8:00 pm

Elections: Wednesday May 3rd. **7:30 pm. Note earlier time.**

NOMINATIONS: WEDNESDAY APRIL 5TH, 8:00 PM

Nominations can be made for the positions of President, 1st and 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 have 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.
- 2) To be eligible for the 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 eleven (11) General meetings in the proceeding 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 3rd, 7:30 pm, NOTE EARLIER TIME.

To be eligible to vote you will be required to show your 2017 membership card to the Sgt-at Arms at the door. **Please make sure you bring your 2017 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 the next term which is two (2) years; 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.

Cathy Cole
Secretary

HONOURS & AWARDS RECOMMENDATIONS



Honours and Awards presentations are made at a luncheon on the first Sunday in October if not a Thanksgiving weekend. If you feel that anyone deserves recognition by the Branch for their work, volunteering, helping out or working behind the scene, there are a number of ways to recognize special workers both members and non-members:

Certificate of Appreciation, Certificate of Merit (Branch and Provincial level),

Branch Service Medal, Legionnaire of the Year Award. Life Membership for ongoing work in the Branch, (restricted to Legion members).

Please contact Joe Calderone, chairman for this function either by speaking to him when he is in the Branch, leaving a note behind the bar for him, contacting him by phone at 416-423-3101 or letting someone on the Executive know and they will in turn notify Joe accordingly. A meeting of the Honours & Awards committee is usually held late February/early March; he needs to be advised of your recommendations before this meeting so that his committee can consider all the names that he has been given. The committee is made up of the present President, all past Presidents, a couple of the Executive and usually one member from the General membership.

The Cairo Opera House was destroyed by fire in 1970. The Cairo Fire station was located inside the same building.

YOUTH EDUCATION



Happy to report that I feel we made the right decision in cancelling the Y/E presentations at the Branch.

The schools attended that we presented the awards at were most welcoming and very interested in our program. The school assembly at Gledhill was with 550 students plus teaching staff. It was a wonderful opportunity to interest the teachers and the students when they saw the awards being given out plus, I elaborated on the monetary awards. The entire ensemble was so well behaved and hopefully we will get a larger response for the participation next year. Thanks to Elsie Higgins and Doug Smith who filled in for the presentations. Our next venue was to George Webster School and 230 students were very interested in seeing the certificates presented to their classmates along with the monetary rewards which we made sure to mention. Along with students and staff there were quite a few parents present. At the end of the awards, I asked the student body, to give me a show of

hands, how many would be participating in the Posters, Essay and Poems for next year's contest. I would say over one half the students raised their hands. The Principal, vice and teachers were all impressed and very receptive. Again I would like to thank Nancy McKnight, Doug Smith, Elsie Higgins and Anne Davis for presenting the awards and pins and taking pictures. See picture below. The highlight of the day for me was when I told the one student how her black and white poster, was my favorite of the all, she asked me if I would like to have it as her parents have so many and the Principal had her sign it. Look for it when I have it framed for our displays.

June M. Smith

Acting Youth Education Chair

Poppy



First of all I hope that all members of the Branch and their families had a wonderful holiday season and 2017 will turn out to be a prosperous year.

Despite my earlier concerns our 2016 Poppy Campaign was an overall success. The total raised was \$50,182.70 a fair increase over past years. Well done and thank you to all who volunteered. We have made donations to two Cadet Corps that played a major role in raising as much as we did. In the coming months I'll be asking the membership for suggestions and advice on other donations to be made as in past years. Sunnybrook, Bill Tanner Fund, Finchurst, Leave the Streets Behind, Bursary etc.

The bulk of the funds as always will be used directly to support Veterans and their survivors who may need some financial or other assistance. Remember, they do not need to be a Legion member, so if you know of someone have them contact me.

Finally as Poppy Chair it was my honour to host the annual Appreciation Luncheon on January 15th. This was an opportunity to formally show the Branches appreciation for their hard work in October and November. We enjoyed a nice luncheon prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary and after presented certificates of appreciation to many of those who volunteered.

Many of the certificates were to those who volunteered for the first time, and I certainly look forward to seeing all the volunteers again next fall. We also made a surprise presentation to the man who mentored me in the role and has finally taken a well-deserved retirement from running our Branch Poppy Campaign. Mr. Poppy himself, Joe Cromwell, we gave him his old glue gun, mounted on a wood trophy with a plaque. You set the bar high Joe and we'll try and maintain it.

Yours in comradeship

R. James Smith CD

Poppy Chair

By the age of 60, most people have lost all of their taste buds.

Bursary

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We are still looking for students that would like to take advantage of our Bursary Fund and more to come on Legion Week as we move along.

June M. Smith

Bursary & Legion Week Chair

The word 'news' came from the first letter of the words North, East West and South. This was because information was being gathered from all different directions,

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Sick



Hello Comrades,

Welcome to 2017, hope it's a good year.

Brian Nichols has been in and out of Sunnybrook and is currently home and doing fine.

Daniel Caster has finished his treatment but is still on medication and will be for some time.

Rose Mooney is undergoing more chemo, Rose is very sick this time around and in a lot of pain.

Joan Gray is now staying with her daughter Barbara in Brooklin. The family had planned to attend the Robbie Burns dinner but couldn't make it. Barbara assures me they will bring Joan to the St. Pats dinner in March.

Pat Collie is happy at Fountain View and she loved the cards from the Legion.

Sheila Hadden is about the same. They take good care of her at Harmony Hills.

Fergie O'Connell had a total knee replacement in November and is still in some discomfort but persevering.

Doris Goobie took a fall and broke her leg. It's a clean break and now in a cast.

Myer Goobie passed away on New Year's Eve. His wife, Doris will be having a Memorial service for him as soon as she can get around.

Joe Lake is about the same, always the same, Smiling Joe.

Marg Hook was back at seniors this week. It was really good to see her again after losing Mike.

Bill King will be going in to the hospital on February 3rd for surgery on his left leg. Bill doesn't know if it's day surgery or not, Will keep you informed.

Dorothy Dupont is undergoing treatment and is having a hard time.

Bill Irwin and his wife Pat are feeling better. They both ended up in hospital after their holiday. Bill cancelled this year's mixed darts and hopes to be back next year.

Sandy Venman will be going for surgery sometime in February. I will pass along all information that I can at that time.

Thanks to Bern, Vi Kenny, Gary Gale and Nancy McKnight for their help.

Yours in Comradeship,

Joyce Haden

Sick Chair

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Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.

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SPECIAL FUNCTIONS



Hello Comrades,

I hope that everyone is still on track with their New Year's resolutions! Thanks to everyone who attended the New Year's Gala. You helped us start the New Year off on a good note and a good time was had by all. I would like to thank the following for all their help, support, contributions and time in making the night such a SUCCESS. Nichole Boudreault (my right hand gal LOL) The Ladies Auxiliary for their amazing dinner and walking me through this event, Cindy & Jim LeRoy, Mike Turner and Natalie, John Chafe (setting up and taking down all the tables, decorations and clean up), Vi Kelly, Betty Groome and Anne Zabiuk (tickets and checking coats) Jean Whynot, Cathy Cole, Cindy LeRoy, Nancy McKnight for donating such lovely prizes, you all made the evening a work of art!

On Sunday February 12th we will be having a "Valentine Brunch". I am hoping that everyone will come out and join us. Where else can you go and get an All you can eat a Lumberjack Breakfast for \$12.00. Further details are posted in the clubroom. It would be our pleasure to serve you breakfast. Join us and support the Branch.

Karen Boudreault

Special Functions Chair

Veterans Service

I hope that all members of the Branch and their families had a wonderful holiday season and that 2017 will be a prosperous year. The rather mild winter so far has meant that I am not as busy as I thought I may be in 2017. I was certain that my time would be

busy with requests from Provincial Command and elsewhere to assist homeless veterans in need of emergency assistance and calls from Branch veterans and/or their survivors needing assistance with high hydro and fuel costs. Fortunately that has not yet come to pass, however the winter is not over yet.

There has been a steady stream of requests for help, many small things such as assistance in obtaining proof of service, help in obtaining and/or repairing medals and a few more challenging issues but nothing so far, luckily, I haven't been able to handle.

The District D and E service officer weekend training seminar is again coming up in Aurora in February and hopefully I'll be able to attend. If I can't go then we'll arrange for someone else from the Branch to be there so that we are aware of any changes or updates.

Finally as always I am available at any time if you have questions or concerns regarding veteran's issues. Come up and talk to me after a meeting or when I'm in the clubroom or give me a call or e-mail. I'll do my best to try and answer all your questions.

Yours in comradeship

R. James Smith CD

Veterans Service Chair

WAYS & MEANS



Hello folks,

Sunday Funday on February 26th is the Ulster Accordion Band. Next Sunday Funday is March 26th. The entertainment for that day is unknown at present so watch the blackboard to find out.

Come out to the clubroom on a Sunday afternoon and support your Branch. You will enjoy the music and fun.

Bill Topham

Ways & Means Chair

Ladies Auxiliary



I hope everyone is enjoying the New Year, although it seems to be going a little fast. Wow! January is already over but you must admit that the weather has been very favorable. Now that we are into February, anyone who has not paid their dues are now "not in good standing" and need to send their money in ASAP to Gail Burrow. Our next General Meetings are February 8th and March 8th starting at 8:00 pm.

I would like to thank Sandra Lougheed, Debbie Kirkland, Karen Boudreault, Nicole Boudreault and of course Helen Small for all their help in making our New Year's dinner a success. We had our Poppy Appreciation Luncheon and I would like to thank

Debbie Kirkland, Roberta Clark, Karen Boudreault and Helen Small for their help.

A reminder to all that your dues should have been paid by January 31st or you are classified “not in good standing” You have the month of February to get your dues paid and stay current so please send your money to Gail Burrow, our secretary, and she will get your card to you. If for any reason you do not wish to renew your membership please drop Gail a note and let her know. By the next newsletter Spring will be just around the corner so here is hoping the winter weather continues being the way it has and the spring weather comes on time. Wishing you all health and happiness.

Yours in comradeship

Nancy McKnight

L.A. President

A joke?

A man is lying on his couch in the living room watching a hockey game. When his wife walks into the room a few minutes later. He says to her, “Just so you know, never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that happens just pull the plug.”

His wife walks over to the TV, shuts it off and throws out all of his beer.

Sven and Ole went out duck hunting. They worked at it for a couple of hours and finally Sven says, “I wonder why we aren’t getting any ducks Ole?”

“I don’t know,” says Ole. “I wonder if we are throwing the dog high enough.”

There are two cannibals eating a clown and one says, “Does this taste funny to you?”

Elsie, June Nancy, and Doug presenting an award to a George Webster student, with Anne Davis taking the pictures.



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