

# News & Views



June/July 2017



The Veterans who were at Branch 11's 90th Anniversary. Sunday May 28, 2017



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### **President's Message**

Hello Comrades,

Well it looks like the summer is finally upon us, you are always welcome to come down and visit the Branch for a cold refreshment of your choice and enjoy the patio.

On another note the Bean Counter (Ed) tells me that we did a pretty good job in the past fiscal year and should be close to a balanced budget. This is good news, but compared to the previous year we may be just a little bit short. Just a note so far we have been lucky and have avoided any major repairs, but be aware they will catch up to us in the future.

My thanks to the Executives for another term of devotion and hard work on behalf of the members of this Branch. We have now elected a new Executive Committee and I hope that the next term will be carried out with the determination and hard work of the last several years. Thanks to those executives who are not returning and welcome to the newly elected executives.

Congratulations to the Ladies Auxiliary and welcome back for another year some of the past Executives and the newly elected Executives. You guys really worked hard this past year, this shows your devotion to the Ladies Auxiliary and Branch 11.

Remember this is your Branch and it is up to all members to make suggestions for any changes that you believe will better the Branch. Also you need to support the Branch whether by coming to the meetings to voice your concerns, attending the functions so we can earn enough money to support the Branch and even volunteering to help the Branch. The same crew core volunteers do a great job and are very much appreciated but they are getting older or tired and need a break once in a while so that they may also be able to enjoy some leisure time at the Branch.

#### **Thanks to everyone and have a great and safe summer.**

Please come out and support the functions at the Branch and don't forget it's also parade season. The first parade will be at St. John's Norway on June 4<sup>th</sup> and form up is at the same place in the school parking lot on Kingston Rd. just East of Woodbine Ave. on the North side at 1:00 pm.

Yours in comradeship.

**John Dufort**

**President**

APRIL-MAY 2017

"IN MEMORIUM"

Ordinary Members

WOODS

Polly (Pauline)

C.W.A.C. Service # W7295

Joined Branch 42, 1998. Transferred to Branch 11, 1990

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

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

LINTERN

Margaret

Joined Branch 11, 2005 as a reinstated member.

Polly Woods: although Polly has been sick for some time, some of our older members will remember her from our "Over 60 Club" and she was very active in the Beaches and at the Stan Wadlow Seniors Club. This club sent a donation to the Branch Poppy Fund as was requested in her obituary. She was always proud of the Legion and what it stood for. She will be missed by her numerous friends as well as her family who took care of her in her declining years.

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Just a note of welcome from Branch 11 to the new members who recently joined or transferred to our Branch.

Robert Baglier

Roberta Clark

Fay White

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

**Cathy Cole**

**Membership Chair**

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#### RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS MAY 3rd. 2017

President

John Dufort

Immed. Past President

June Smith

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Jeff Paulin

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Joyce Haden

Secretary

Cathy Cole

Treasurer

Gord Pearce

Sgt-at-Arms

Joy White

Executive Committee Rick Groome, Cindy LeRoy, Lynn Somerton, Paul Stone, Bill Topham, Mike Turner.

Due to Branch regulations now in effect, all chairmanships are appointed by the President, with required approval by the Executive members at their May meeting and then the General Floor at the June General Meeting. No chairs are official until the General Floor approves the appointments in June.

**Cathy Cole**

**Secretary**

#### PARADES

#### ST. JOHN'S NORWAY PARADE

The parade will be the first Sunday in June, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Form up is at the usual place, the school on Kingston Rd. just east of Woodbine Ave., at 1:00 pm and march off is at 1:30

to the service that takes place in the cemetery at 2:00. Final details will be posted in the Branch at a later date.

We would like to see as many marchers and spectators as possible out to support this important Remembrance parade and service. Branch 11, OUR OWN FRIENDLY BRANCH is the host Branch this year and we will be open after the parade for our traditional L/A grilled cheese and onion sandwiches and refreshments. Come out, enjoy and welcome the Zone reps and other dignitaries to our Branch.  
**EAST YORK COMMUNITTEE PARADE**

This parade is on Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup>. Form up is at the Public Health building off of Coxwell one block north of Mortimer at 9:00 am with march off ??? .Time is approximate as it depends when the parade reaches the area for march off rather than a fixed time. Be early for march off , don't be late as we march off when the parade marshal wants us to, not when we are ready.

Depending on the number of marchers present, we could be marching as one massed Legion unit rather than a number of individual Branches as it looks better to have a massed presence rather than a few marchers at a time. For any member that cannot complete the full march, there will be a section at Sammon and Woodbine where you will be able to form up at Sammon and drop into the parade as the Branch members turn the corner to march north on Woodbine. There will be the usual refreshments for marchers and Branch 11 members after the parade in the Shoppers' Drug Mart parking lot and the Branch will be open after the parade and everyone is welcome to attend. Again this year we will have a Community Day with a bouncy castle and dunk tank with Par 3 entertaining in the clubroom 2:00 pm to 6:00. Come out and enjoy the Branchs hospitality.

**WARRIOR'S DAY PARADE**

The parade is on Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be 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 am sharp to avoid a traffic jam at the CNE. There will be a nominal fee for anyone who is not marching or a member of a Branch or Ladies Auxiliary to take our bus to the CNE. We haven't received any information yet but last year there were bleachers to watch the parade if you couldn'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. As we have not received any information on the activities after the parade,

if you want to stay and see anything, you need to keep in mind that the buses leave at certain times to return to the Branch and if you miss the last bus, you need to take the TTC back, we can't/won't wait for you.

If you want tickets for your family you must write to the following address before August 1<sup>st</sup> requesting a specific number of tickets, there is an application form on the internet and they would prefer this form to be used. You must include a service number and a stamped self-addressed envelope for the return of the tickets.

Ticket Chairman  
Warriors' Day Council  
105 Hollyberry Trail  
Willowdale ON  
M2H 2N9

**This is very important: the supply of tickets at the Branch is limited, if you require more than 4 tickets PLEASE WRITE FOR YOUR OWN.**

We have to limit the number of tickets we give to each member and many people did not get enough/any tickets. The Warriors' Day committee is stressing that you should write for your own as they will not be giving Branches large quantity of tickets, we have to write for a supply and they limit us.

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**HONOURS & AWARDS  
SPECIAL RECOGNITION DAY**

This special day will be held on Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup>, from 11:30 am until 3:00 pm, please mark this day on your calendar. As noted this is an afternoon function with a luncheon for the members. Invited guests etc. receiving awards, recognition of our Past Presidents and Veterans who would have attended our November 11<sup>th</sup> dinners which have been cancelled as well as anyone who wants to purchase a ticket to participate in the luncheon. After the luncheon and presentations are finished, the clubroom will be open if you want to stay and enjoy the entertainment down stairs. Letters to the members and invited guests receiving recognition for their length of service or for their help in the Branch or community will be sent late August and there will be tickets available (for a nominal fee) for members and their guests who like to attend this great day. (Speak to Cathy Cole or myself about tickets) Don't forget, this a fun day as we will be having a luncheon, the presentations and then entertainment in the clubroom. You will definitely enjoy yourself if you decide to come.

If you feel that any member deserves an award or recognition by the Branch at the Honours and Awards Day, it still isn't too late, please contact myself, Joe Calderone or leave a note for me at the clubroom bar with a steward so that your recommendations can be brought to the committee. The committee is made up by a few Branch Past Presidents so you can also talk to one of them with your suggestions. As we are not in the Branch all the time and don't see who is doing extra, we rely on the members to supply names of the people that they feel should be given an award or recognition on this day.

**Joe Calderone**

**Honours & Awards Committee Chairman**

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### **POPPY**



#### **Our sights are set on a new Poppy season.**

As you are aware our boundaries changed for our last Poppy campaign and our Branch's poppy area has doubled in size, extending all the way south to the lake front. James Smith had spent most of last summer exploring this area and introducing himself to local businesses. Five new tagging locations were added to our previous nine. In addition the number of schools has more than doubled to twenty and we have doubled the number of places who want a counter box to over 280. Hopefully Branch 22 will again ask if we can help out with some of their locations possibly including the Eaton Center and the Air Canada Center.

Now I am looking for volunteers to join the Poppy Campaign Committee team, those who will help with inventory, setting up boxes, visiting local businesses for Poppy boxes and to plan our strategy for the Poppy campaign.

We learned for the last Poppy Campaign and have heard you loud and clear, when the Poppy Sign-up board is posted in the clubroom, our tagging locations will be in two hour increments.

We will be 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 with 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, thank you, thank you.

**Jeff Paulin**

**Poppy Chair**

### **RECYCLING FOR THE BRANCH**

As many members and patrons of the Branch already know, Gary Gale and Charlie Silson crush our pop cans and take them to the scrap yard for cash for the Branch and this is very successful. We can send any liquor and wine bottles, tetra packs etc. anything with a deposit purchased at either beer or liquor store, back via the Branch beer returns and get the benefit of these deposits. Although very small, from 05-20 cents, each time we redeem a deposit the Branch benefits. Whenever you have any pop cans or items with a deposit on them, please bring them into the Branch, the cans will be crushed and the deposit items returned and cash gained for the Branch. Any little bit will help at this time.

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I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger and then it hit me.

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### **Bursary**

Now is the time to start thinking about the Bursary Allotment for students attending university. Do you have a child or grandchild that could use some assistance? This is a nice little help for all the expenses that occur with education.

Forms are available in the clubroom.

**June M. Smith**

**Bursary Chair**

### **Sick**



Hello comrades,

Bill Maynard is still in Michael Garron Hospital and is waiting for an assistant living facility.

Glen Rose was in Scarboro General and unfortunately he passed away, he will be missed.

James Smith is resting, taking things very quietly after his heart attack

Joe Lake was sleeping when I saw him and the nurse woke him up. The doctors do not want to put him through any

more surgery. They are making him as comfortable as possible.

Vi Kelly had day surgery and was in the Branch the next day.

Bill Topham is scheduled for more surgery on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Jim LeRoy had bladder surgery earlier last month and was home the next day but has to take it easy for a few weeks.

Daniel Caster is finally in remission. Daniel has had a hard time lately, it's about time he got some good news.

Reg Morris is in a lot of pain with his knees. The doctors will not operate because of his age. Reg wants to take this opportunity to thank James Smith for all the work James did in getting his Veteran status.

Brian Nichols has had his surgery at Sunnybrook and is doing fine.

Lis Hurley-McCloud was in Michael Garron Hospital and is now home but the doctors are planning to operate in the near future.

Sandy Venman was also in Michael Garron Hospital, her blood count was 40-41 and was sent home with a monitor.

Pat Irwin had hip surgery, everything went well and is now getting rehab.

Vi Kenny had her appendix removed, everything went well.

Caron Carter had another fall and broke her leg in two places, she is at Mt. Sinai Hospital. I have not gone to see her yet. The information came from Gwen Lake.

Jeanette Phalen is back at the Branch looking good.

Tom Chiasson has finished treatment but is now having a few other problems. Tom reminded me that no one is getting any younger Ha! Ha! Tom is doing okay.

Sheila Hadden is doing as well as can be expected. I brought her a stuffy from one of our members.

Rose Mooney is in the process of getting new glasses and dentures as they were misplaced when she was sent to hospital in an ambulance, when I saw her she looked great.

John Mooney is about the same. I took his picture and gave it to Rose. John looks fantastic.

Pat Collie is doing okay, loves getting muffins.

Joan Gray is now in an assisted living nursing home in Oshawa. Her meds are being regulated and she is adjusting very well. If you would like to send her a card I have her address.

Bill King's leg is still giving him problems and is not completely healed. Bill said it's going to take another two weeks.

Yours in comradeship

***Joyce Haden***  
***Sick Chair***

### **Legion Week**

We are looking for volunteers to aid us in looking after the Memorabilia in the main hall while we are open for visitation. Also if you would like to be there in the daytime to assist with all the students that come thru to learn about our past history and view the artifacts on display, we would be very happy to have your help.

Legion Week dates are from Sept 18<sup>th</sup> to Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>,

***June M. Smith***

***Legion Week Chair***



Hello comrades,

Wow! Our Branch is 90 years young!

When we look at our history since 1927 as Branch # 11 and even before that in 1918, when the Branch was first established, one thing stands out true through all the years which is the support, dedication and pride of our volunteer members. Without our volunteer members, we may not have celebrated our recent 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary event. So a big thanks to all those who volunteered their time in making the function a great success and to all the people who came out to celebrate East Toronto Branch 11's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We also cannot forget the support of the past Branch members and persons since 1918 that enables us to reach this historical event.

With the prospect of great future plans for our Branch and the dedication of our volunteer members; the concept of knowing the Branch may last for eternity is a heartwarming thought.

At yesterday's historical anniversary event (Sunday May 28, 2017) there was a proposed idea presented by Ed Kenny. The idea was to create a time capsule to place Branch 11's significant items within. This year is momentous for three main reasons:

- 1: It marks the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Branch
- 2: It's the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of Canada; and,
- 3: The prospect of positive big changes to our Branch's building.

Once items are placed in the time capsule it will be sealed up on July 1, 2017. It will be re-opened on the first July 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the new Branch building (after completed).



Items may be added to it at that time as well. The capsule will be re-sealed for 25 years which will be the Branch's 115<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The capsule will be on display at the Branch until renovations commence and replaced back on display in the new Legion.

If any member has any Branch memorabilia that they are willing to part with for the capsule please bring it to the clubroom and leave it with the bar steward, labeled for the "Time Capsule" including your name or the person donating it. Such items can be pictures, past newsletters, darts, pool ball or anything that you feel represents or that you wish to share in respect to our Branch. Please personalize the items.

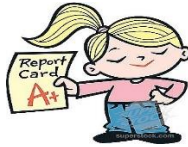
When the capsule is opened in 25 years it would be historically beneficial to have the knowledge and history of the items. For example if a set of darts is placed in the capsule it would be nice to know who they belonged to and the details of their use.

Thank you,

**Mike Turner**

**Public Relations Chair**

### Youth Education



All the awards have been presented to the winning students and all their talented posters, black and white and coloured, essays and poetry have been returned to the students.

With talking to so many students at assemblies, we are hoping to have a much larger group participating next year. Also with the contacts to teachers that Helen is consistently in touch with we are hoping to expand our program to many more students.

Thanks to everyone that made this a successful year with their volunteer work.

**June M. Smith**

**Youth Education Chair**

### Clubroom Entertainment



Dear participants of Branch 11 Saturday nite entertainment.

May 27<sup>th</sup> will be my last night as entertainment chairman. With the new executive in place after June 1<sup>st</sup> Lynn Somerton will be the Saturday night clubroom chair, I wish her well.

All my entertainers are booked until the end of September. It will be Lynn's task to fill up the rest of the year.

Thanks for a great 4 or 5 years

**Tom Bragan**

**Clubroom entertainment Chair**

### Over 60 Club

Our Over 60 Club is doing well and we are always looking for new members. The meeting dates are on the calendar at the back of this newsletter,

**Tom Bragan**

**Over 60 Club Chairman**

A special thanks to the workers who came out scrub our chair backs and polish the chrome and clean the tables. Vi Kenny, Joyce Haden, Sharon Calderone, Elsie Higgins, Victoria Armstrong, Shirley Ritchie, Molly Sutton, Jack Riddell, Doug Smith, Mike Turner & Jeff Paulin. It is a long time since we did this before, around 10 to 12 years and we were a lot younger and had more tenacity but struggle through we did. Also thanks to Jeff who had a pizza sent in for the workers and to Cathy Cole who made sure we had coffee brought up from the clubroom. This pulling together for the sake of the Branch was a nice sight to behold. **Merci Beaucoup!!!**

**June M. Smith**

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If you don't go to other people's funerals then they won't come to yours.

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### Ladies Axillary



I would like to thank you all for your faith in me by electing me as your President again this year. Our lineup is:

President	Nancy McKnight
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	Helen Small
Secretary	Gail Burrow
Treasurer	Eunice Francis

Sgt-at-Arms

Nicole Boudreault

Sports

Helen Small

Well ladies, summer is just around the corner, where did the time go?

We are host Branch for St. John's Norway this year and we will have extra grilled cheese sandwiches ready. This will take place on June 4<sup>th</sup> Form up for the parade is at 1:00 pm at Norway School on Kingston Rd. with march off at 1:30. Our Birthday luncheon will be on Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup> and tickets at \$8.00 each. Cocktails will start at 11:30 am with luncheon at 12:30.

I would like to thank the people who came out and helped for the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We had Jean Whynot, Joyce Haden and Debbie Strickland who peeled the potatoes. Helen Small, Dave Ferron, Chris Scott, Debbie Kirkland, Nicole Boudreault, Karen Boudreault and Joanne Barden who worked in the kitchen cooking and serving an excellent roast beef dinner, the people who helped clear the dishes, Chris and Nicole for doing all the dishes and special mention to Vi Kenny who was everywhere that day lending a hand in so many ways. We couldn't have done without all of you, again, thank you for all of your help and making this such a successful event.

Thank you to everyone who came to Sunnybrook for our Spring Social and helped hand out the sandwiches and sweets. They would be Helen Small and Debbie Kirkland who helped me make all the sandwiches, to Cindy LeRoy who came through again with her awesome butter tarts and Jim LeRoy who brought Cindy and her butter tarts. To John Dufort, Jeff Paulin, Caroline Hanus Shirley Ritchie, Vi Kenny and Joanne Barden for taking the sandwiches and treats around the room. For Bill Topham who always drives and has room in his car for people or food year after year and my father, Harold Timms who is still able to come out and carry a tray or two on his walker for us. The biggest thank you goes to the Ulster Accordion Band for playing for everyone year after year, we wouldn't be able to have this event if it weren't for them. If I have missed anyone I apologise and it is worth seeing the smiling faces of our veterans at these events that makes it all worthwhile. We have a team going to Sault Ste. Marie on June 3<sup>rd</sup> for Provincial Cribbage, good luck ladies.

Our last meeting before the summer is Wednesday June 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm and our next Executive meeting will be Wednesday August 30<sup>th</sup>.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer and please come out and support the Branch on July 1<sup>st</sup> to celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> year.

Yours in comradeship

**Nancy McKnight**

**L.A. President**

Paddy was driving down the street in a sweat because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking spot. Looking up to heaven he said, "Lord take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of me life and give up me Irish whiskey".

Miraculously, a parking place appeared. Paddy looked up again and said, "Never mind, I found one."

How did the Irish Jig get started?

Too much to drink and not enough restrooms.

# June 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1 Mixed darts 8:00	2 Blind draw darts 7:30 Karaoke 8:00	3 Club room enter- tainment 8:00 Al Jordan
4 St John's parade Branch open af- ter parade	5	6	7 General meeting 8:00	8 Mixed darts 8:00	9 Blind draw darts 7:30 Open mike Jammers 9:00	10 Club room enter- tainment 8:00 Bill Dunn
11	12	13 Over 60 Club 1:15	14 LA General meeting 8:00	15 Mixed darts 8:00	16 Blind draw darts 7:30 Karaoke 8:00	17 Club room enter- tainment 8:00 Lindsay Thomas Morgan
18	19	20	21 Executive meet- ing 7:30	22 Mixed darts 8:00	23 Blind draw darts 7:30 Open mike Jammers 9:00	24 Club room enter- tainment 8:00 Seabreeze
25 Sunday funday 2:00 Seabreeze L.A. luncheon 11:30 Main floor	26	27 Over 60 Club 1:15	28	29 Mixed darts 8:00	30 Blind draw darts 7:30 Karaoke 8:00	



# July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Canada Parade & community Day Branch 11 with Par 3 Mickey & Mary at night
2	3	4	5	6 Mixed darts 8:00	7 Blind draw darts 7:30 Open mike Jammers 9:00	8 Club room enter- tainment 8:00 Gary Peters
9	10	11 Over 60 Club 1:15	12	13 Mixed darts 8:00	14 Blind draw darts 7:30 Karaoke 8:00	15 Club room enter- tainment 8:00 Silver Wings
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