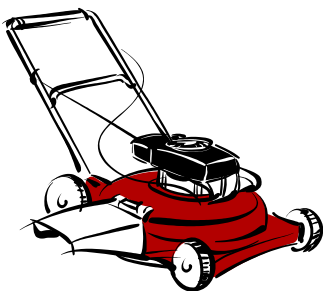


News & Views

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President's Message



Hello comrades and all,

The elections are history and the new Executives as well as the re-elected Executives are getting busy, either learning their new Chairs or trying to think of ways of being more creative in the chairs they have held in the past. I asked each of the Executives and extended this to the new Ladies Auxiliary Executives to give me a list of ten (10) things that could be done to help get this Branch moving in the right direction. Some of the suggestions were interesting but yet this was a way to see the common thread that everyone was thinking.

I ask all members of this Branch to sit down and think what you would like to see your Branch do for you, come up with a list and either e-mail it to me or write it out and leave behind the bar for me. We are the Executives, but it is you the members of the Branch that should be telling us what you think is needed to improve your and your guests experience at Branch 11.

Well enough about that, the St John's Norway as well as Canada Day parades were well attended, no major mishaps and the weather cooperated. Don't forget that the next parade is Warriors Day August 16th, 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** as we did on Canada Day with a tie. I ask you to bring your blazer just in case it is needed. (Remember white short sleeve shirt with the appropriate Legion crest on the left breast pocket)

Canada Day celebrations at the Branch this year were slightly different than past years, it turned out to be **highly successful** and was well received by all who attended. This took a lot of hard work and thought, jumping through hoops to get the insurance and just all the planning that is required to make it all come together for you, your guests and the community. Thanks to those who volunteered so hard to make this

day a great success, there are just too many to name but as it came together we pulled it off and everything went well. (give yourselves a pat on the back, you all deserve it.)

On August 3rd the Branch is having "RIBFEST DINNER"

And on September 7th a "BBQ and CORN ROAST"

The key to running this Branch is to have all the members participate in the functions and activities that are planned now and in the future. This is your Branch, you are the one that chose to join Branch 11 and we need it to be working the best that we can so you the member get the most out of your Branch from services that are available to you or just for the social aspect and the comradeship of belonging to this Branch. Please attend the General meetings and tell us what you would like to see happen with your Branch and if that's not possible send me an e-mail or leave me a note or ask me to call you, it's that simple.

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 this Branch. Once again 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 just goes to show you and me that it can be done if we all pull together.

We are still hoping to collect more e-mail addresses, this has proved to cut the costs of mailing and a better way to give you notice of any news or events at the Branch that will interest you.

I hope that you and your family have a great and safe summer till now and the rest of the summer will be the same.

John Dufort
President

JUNE-JULY 2014

“IN MEMORIUM”

ROBERTSON, Bob (Robert) service # 35309
Joined Branch 1, 1954, transferred to Branch 11,
1984.

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

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

AULD, Joel, Joined Branch 11, 1981

MIDDLETON, Elsie, Joined Branch 13 1984,
transferred to Branch 11, 2010.

MORTON, Nadine, (Dee) Joined Branch 11, 2005.

Bob Robertson: Bob was well known to many members of Branch 11 and many other people in the neighbourhood as he was an extremely friendly man and spoke to everyone who would listen to him. His little gifts that he used to bring to give to his many “lady” friends at the Branch functions, at the Ulster dances and just because he felt like it was always appreciated as they were small but nice tokens from him. He went on many trips with “Showtime Tours” before his wife Dorothy passed away and even after that he went on many trips with others in the Branch. His face is missed around here by many people who knew him when he was well and bobbing around everywhere and later when he took ill but still came in to see us. He is missed.

Our deepest sympathy to members of their families

PARADES



Warriors Day parade is on Saturday August 16th. There will be buses again this year to take marchers, band members and supporters to the CNE grounds. As form up is at 10:00 am we will be leaving the Branch at 9:00 am sharp. There will be a nominal fee for anyone to ride on the buses who is not a member of

the Branch/Ladies Auxiliary or a marcher. The parade route is going to 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 marchers are becoming fewer and fewer each year and 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 at 1:00 pm you will need to take the TTC back as we can't wait for you.

Cathy Cole

Secretary

HONOURS & AWARDS DAY



On Sunday October 5th 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 occasion is an afternoon function with a luncheon for the members and other people receiving awards as well as anyone who would like 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 entertainment downstairs.

Letters to the members receiving recognition for their length of service or for their help in the Branch or community will be sent in August and there will be tickets available, (for a nominal fee) for members and their guests who like to attend this great day. A notice will be posted in the Branch when the tickets go on sale but don't forget, this is a fun day as we will have the luncheon presentations and then an open house with entertainment in the clubroom. You will definitely

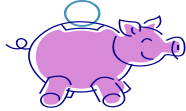
enjoy yourself if you decide to come.

Joe Calderone

Honours & Awards committee Chairman

If anyone is cleaning house or downsizing and has a freezer in good condition that they could donate to the Branch we would appreciate it. We have been having ongoing problems with our ice machine and it seems to be working okay at this time thanks to Rick, Charlie and Charlie's friend Brian taking it apart and cleaning it, we would like to have a backup freezer large enough to hold 6-8 20 pound bags of ice available if we have another breakdown. We had to use the Ladies Auxiliary freezer to store our ice during the last breakdown and luckily they didn't have too much stuff in it, BUT if they have a large function happening we might not be able to use their freezer next time. Please let Rick, Charlie, John, Gord or Cathy know if you have a freezer that is looking for a new home.

Ways & Means



Hi folks,

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer weather as it will soon be Fall.

The next Sunday fundays will be August 31st and September 28th. Come out and enjoy the patio, the entertainment and have a bubbly or two.

See you there.

Bill Topham

Ways & Means Chairman

Veterans Service

This is my first submission to the newsletter as the Branch Veterans Service Officer since being appointed in June. First I would like to thank my immediate predecessor Doug Smith for his fine work over the years in this important role. I know I have some big shoes to fill in the months to come. I also know that Doug will not hesitate to help me out as I learn the ropes.

I don't come to this position completely unprepared however. I'm a Veteran and have been involved in several Veterans groups for several years now. In addition I've been a social worker for over 25 years and this has given me some insight and experience that hopefully will assist me in this position.

I've submitted all the completed forms that I received to date for the Military Recognition Book to Provincial Command. I was advised that the first edition has already gone to the printers but there will be a second edition and possibly more editions so please keep them coming in.

While in Edmonton I had the opportunity to visit the Fennety Marketing booth and see copies of this book for other provinces. They are professionally done and hopefully the Ontario editions will be of the same quality. I also passed on the suggestion from one of our members to look into making extra copies available for sale to RCL members and they will consider it in the future.

Also while at the convention I had the opportunity to visit all the booths that deal with Veterans issues and collect general information, brochures and contact numbers. I will be looking into making this available to the Branch membership via the website and/or newsletter. One contact was with a Veteran Service Officer at Dominion Command who oversees obtaining and distributing financial assistance for foreign veterans residing in Canada from their governments and will follow up with this with any of our veterans with foreign military service should they so wish.

My contact number is posted in the clubroom, on the website and here in the newsletter. I'm usually in the Branch a couple of times a week, so if you have any concerns or questions don't hesitate to contact me.

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James Smith

Veterans Service Officer

Over 60 Club

We are looking for new members to join the club which meets every two weeks for fun, cards, darts and pleasant conversation. One does not need to be sixty or over to join.

Please call me at 416-259-6863 and I'll explain the criteria.

Tom Bragan

Over 60 Club Chairman

Youth Education



July 10th Elaine Perkins, Matthew Kellway's assistant joined me at the Branch at which time Elaine videotaped Zara Ahmad giving her winning speech "Violence against Women". Zara will be a part of a group of youth who will be receiving awards and recognition from Matthew at a special reception Matthew is giving this September.

The Remembrance Literary & Poster Contest Kit has arrived from Ontario Command thus the work commences. Have lost a supportive principal due to retirement and also a teacher at another school due to medical leave – both schools will be a challenge to get involved again. I would be grateful if all Legion members could spread the word regarding the Legion's Youth Education programs. Elaine Perkins has very kindly offered to help get the word out there. My thanks to Elaine.

Helen D. Pearce

Youth Education Chair

Legion Week

July 9th attended at Sunnybrook with Gord, June & Doug Smith – my thanks to the 3 of you. We had the pleasure of meeting a delightful 93 yrs. young WWII Veteran Photographer with whom we spent an amazing 2 hr. presentation from Jack Ford – the pictures and stories were absolutely awesome. Can't begin to describe the work involved by Ana Seara, Art

Therapist and Jack in reproducing the pictures. Suffice it to say she will personally work with Jack in preparing a presentation and attend with him during Legion Week. I want to thank John Dufort who was instrumental in referring me to this Veteran – what a treasure trove of history from Jack.



Legion Week as always starts out with the set up – Sept. 20; opening ceremony and reception Sept. 21; open to the Public & schools Monday to and including Friday – Sept 22 – 26/14. This is the 100th anniversary of WWI which we are working on reproducing artifacts from that era. Volunteers are appreciated and very much needed. Please contact me directly at 416-690-6388 and/or leave a message at the Branch 416-699-1353.

Helen D. Pearce

Special Functions



July 1st, Canada Day was truly a Community Day at Branch 11. What a fantastic turnout we had, even the weather co-operated. The kids enjoyed the bouncing

castles, the face painting and the dunk tank was a great success thanks to all who volunteered to get wet. Hats off to all the executive who participated, thanks to our two chefs for cooking the food that was enjoyed by all. The cupcakes, ice cream and cake were big hits.

To all who set up, sold tickets, decorated or helped in any other way. As there are too many names to mention, thank you! Thank you! We came together as a team to pull this day off.

Susan Squires

Special Functions Chair

Sports

Andrew, Jim McKeil and Lynn are moving on to Provincial championship play in Bellville on August 23rd for horseshoes.

Paul Stone

Sports Chairman

Sgt-at-Arms



The 93rd anniversary Warriors Day Parade is on Saturday August 16th. Branch 11 will again participating in the parade.

I need to know who is participating in the parade, participants and family will receive a pass into the Exhibition grounds...I need names.

Go Transit is free for the day for all Vets and one guest.

There is a signup sheet on the Branch bulletin board or you can e-mail me at sgt-at-arms@rc111.com

Jeff Paulin

Sgt-at-Arms

Walkathon



I've been advised by the Zone Walkathon Chair that the 'D' walkathon will be on September 20th. The pledge sheets are available from the bar stewards in the clubroom. There is a District walkathon meeting in August and as I obtain more information I'll ensure it is passed on by posting in the clubroom and/or website and Facebook page.

I know Branch 11 always has a fair turnout and I encourage all those who have come out in the past to do so again and also extend an invitation to those who have never done so to participate this year, it's a fun day, good exercise and all for a worthy cause. For those who can't participate, you can still show your support by pledging a donation to one of the walkers.

James Smith

Walkathon Chairman

Clubroom Entertainment



Our entertainment on Saturday nights is doing well but we could use more members out to enjoy the fine entertainment that we have lined up for your pleasure. So come out and have some fun! We need you.

Look on the calendar at the back of the newsletter for the listings of the great entertainers we have lined up.

Tom Bragan

Clubroom Entertainment Chair

Sick



Hello comrades,

Myer Goobie was in St Mike's hospital for a minor stroke and is now back at the Branch and doing fine.

Tom Bragan had a serious operation at Sunnybrook, he has recovered and is back doing his Saturday night entertainment gig.

Rose Mooney has finally finished her chemo, she is still experiencing nerve pain in her legs but hopes it

will disappear in time. Rose said John is doing great, she visits him every day and brings him treats.

John Kormann was at Seniors last week and is still having a nurse visit his home to dress his incision. John said he might have to get treatment in six weeks. It was good to see him back.

I heard that Dave McFarland was in East General Hospital. I went to visit him on July 23rd and was told by Information they cannot give out any info as requested by his family. Hope everything is OK Davie.

James Lockhart is in Centenary Hospital, ICU unit. He is not doing well.

Elsie Higgins had cataract surgery, looking good and can't wait to get the other eye done.

Joe Lake (Crusher Joe) is now in Sunnybrook Hospital, Gwen had her hands full for quite some time and this was her only option. Gwen visits him every day.

Doug Poole was very quiet this visit, he stays in his room and only leaves for meals.

Alistaire Davidson was sporting a new haircut and looked great when I saw him. I couldn't stay long as his meal was about to be delivered.

I can't visit or send a card to our members if I don't have the information. Please let me know if there is anyone that is ill and would like a visit from their Legion.

Joyce Haden
Sick Chair

Special Notice to Branch & LA Members

On July 18 Robyn Keeble and I attended the Heroes Are Human PTSD Awareness Tour event at the Toronto Police College put on by The Tema Conter Memorial Trust. The tour travelled across Canada ending in Toronto. Our Deputy District D Commander Kevin McLean along with two other Legion members was there as well. We were all in our red t-shirts which was noted and appreciated. It was a very insightful, emotional experience for the two of us. We thank Wayne Donald our AED/CPR trainer

for recommending we attend this event. Robyn has advised me that through her daily contact with our members there is a real interest in attending a seminar encompassing PTSD and other related mental health anxieties. As a result while at this event we learned through the National Defence OSISS Family Peer Support Coordinator such a seminar could be set up at our Branch. In order to organize such a seminar we need feedback from you the members. We feel this seminar could involve other Branches attending as well. It will also be beneficial to all Bar Stewards. A sheet for sign up will be placed in the Clubroom at some point and/or please call the Branch 416-690-6388 and give Robyn your name or contact me at 416-690-6388. Thank you,

Helen D. Pearce

Thursday Nights Mixed Darts



Comrades, mixed darts meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 4th at 8 p.m. to pick the Executive and also to vote as to whether the league will play on the third floor or in the clubroom. It is very important that all those wishing to play in the winter dart league come out and place your vote. Thank you

Cindy LeRoy

Ladies Auxiliary



Hello ladies,

Hope you are having a good summer, the weather has been pretty good this year, not too hot.

I had hoped for a better turn out at our July 1st parade but I am very pleased with the ladies that did show up and brave the rain and the heat and for that I thank you.

Our Executive meeting will be on August 27th at 7:30 pm and our general meeting will be on September 10th at 8:00 pm. I hope to see you all then.

I hope you have a safe and enjoyable second half of your summer and that the weather is as good as the first half.

Yours in comradeship,

Nancy McKnight

President, Ladies Auxiliary

Hello ladies,

It's hard to believe we are already half way through the summer, it seems it only recently arrived. Soon we will be back to LA meetings and sports.

The 2015 membership cards will be ready for the September General meeting. The fees are \$15.00 for ladies under 70 and \$10.00 for ladies over 70 and a member with us for two years.

Remember ladies your dues must be paid by December 31st in order for you to play sports in 2015. Let's all try to pay by the end of December to be an "early bird". You can leave your money behind the bar to my attention and I will get your card to you.

Yours in comradeship

Cindy LeRoy

LA Secretary

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An 80 year old man is having his annual medical checkup. The doctor asked him how he is doing.

"I've never been better!" the old man replies. "I have a 20 year old bride who is pregnant with my child. What do you think about that?"

The doctor considers this for a moment and then says, "Well let me tell you a story....I know a guy who is an avid hunter. He never misses a hunting season. But one day, he is in a bit of a hurry and he accidentally grabs his umbrella instead of his rifle. He walks into a ravine by a creek and spots a deer in some brush in front of him. He raises his umbrella, points it at the deer and squeezes the handle and BAM the deer drops dead in front of him."

"That's impossible!" says the old man in disbelief. "Someone else must have shot that deer!"

"Exactly," says the doctor.

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Two mischievous boys, aged eight and ten were always getting into trouble, if any mischief occurred in their town they were likely involved.

The boy's mother heard that a local preacher had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked him if he would speak to her boys.

The preacher agreed but asked to see them individually. So the mother sent the eight year old first, with the older boy to see the preacher later.

The preacher, a huge man with a booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked sternly, "Do you know where God is, son?" The boy's mouth dropped open but made no response, sitting there wide eyed. So the preacher repeated the question in even a sterner tone. "Where is God?"

Again the boy made no attempt to answer. The preacher raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face and bellowed "Where is God?"

The boy screamed and bolted from the room, ran directly home and dove into his closet, slamming the door behind him.

When his older brother found him he asked, "What happened?" The younger brother, gasping for breath replied, "We are in BIG trouble this time, God is missing and they think we did it!"

Courtesy of Joyce Reynolds

To Peter in Holland,

Hello to all your friends and family at Branch 11 of the Royal Canadian Legion.



Wild Bill & Joanne, a couple of crazy dancers.



Charlie & Cathy soaking up the sun.



Vi Kelly enjoying the shenanigans?



President John with Joy and wife Sandy wondering, where's the beef



June & Doug Smith with Wild Bill Topham sipping some cool ones and trying to cool Wild Bill down.

August 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Blind draw darts 7:30	2 Clubroom enter- tainment 8:00 Mickey & Mary
3 Rib Fest 2:00 Food served at 4:30 approx. Bill Dickenson	4	5	6	7	8 Open mike Jammers 8:00	9 Mixed dart Banquet 6:00 Clubroom enter- tainment 8:00 Lloyd Young
10	11	12 Over 60 Club 1:15	13	14	15 Blind draw darts 7:30	16 Warriors Day parade Clubroom enter- tainment 8:00 Bill Dunn
17	18	19	20 Executive meet- ing 7:30	21	22 Open mike Jammers 8:00	23 Clubroom enter- tainment 8:00 Gary Peters
24	25	26 Over 60 Club 1:15	27 LA Executive 7:30 pm	28	29 Blind draw darts 7:30	30 Clubroom enter- tainment 8:00 Bill Dickenson
31 Sunday funday 2:00 Bill Dickenson entertaining						

September 2014

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7 BBQ & Corn roast 2:00	8	9 Over 60 Club 1:15	10 LA General meeting 8:00	11 Mixed darts 8:00 ? ?	12 Blind draw darts 7:30	13 Clubroom enter- tainment 8:00 Allen James
14	15	16	17 Executive meet- ing 7:30	18 Mixed darts 8:00	19 Open mike Jammers 8:00	20 Legion Week set up - main floor Walkathon Clubroom enter- tainment 8:00 Al Jordan
21 Legion Week ceremony & re- ception 3pm Entertainment in Clubroom	22 Legion Week open to the pub- lic main floor	23 Legion Week open to the pub- lic main floor Over 60 Club 1:15 In clubroom	24 Legion Week open to the pub- lic main floor	25 Legion Week open to the pub- lic main floor Mixed darts 8:00	26 Blind draw darts 7:30 Legion Week open to the pub- lic main floor	27 Legion Week take down - main floor Clubroom enter- tainment 8:00 Seabreeze
28 Sunday funday 2:00 Ulster Accordion Band entertaining	29	30				