

News Views

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Gord Pearce presents a cadet with the Medal of Excellence and a certificate at Queen's York Rangers annual inspection.



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President's Report



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.

We have signed a non-Binding Letter of Intent with Trillium Housing, you should have received a letter inviting you to the General Meeting to be held on June 1st at 7:30 pm. This will be an information meeting to let you know what some of the plans are and for you personally to ask questions. This is an important part of the process. On July 6th at 7:30 pm there will be a special meeting, this meeting is for Branch members only (please bring your Legion membership card for 2016) the reason for this meeting is for you to cast your vote on which direction you believe that this Branch should move. This is for the betterment of the Royal Canadian Legion in East Toronto, which will allow us to continue to support the community, but also a fully accessible property for you as members, your family and friends to enjoy in the future.

On another note the Bean Counter (Ed) tells me did that we did a pretty good job in the past fiscal year and should have a small profit. This is good news compared to previous years. 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 year of devotion and hard work on behalf of the members of this Branch, and we are half way through the term and I'm sure we have another year of many challenges we must face. 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 in your devotion to the Ladies Auxiliary and Branch 11.

Remember this is your Branch and is up to all members to support the Branch whether it be 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 also 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 5th and the form up is at the same place in the school parking lot on Kingston Rd. just east of Woodbine Ave. on the north side.

Yours in comradeship,

John Dufort
President

Statistically, 6 out of 7 dwarfs are not Happy.

APRIL-MAY 2016
"IN MEMORIUM"
ORDINARY MEMBER

HEAD, Glenn A.

Queens York Rangers Service No. SIN #
Joined Branch 11, February 1980 dropped out, rejoined
December 2015.

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

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

PROSSER, Elsie

Joined Branch 73 February 1991, transferred to Branch
11 April 1993.

Elsie was a well know Associate member of Branch 11
and L/A member of Branch 73. Before she became ill,
she was often at the Branch and certainly did contribute
to the many fund raisers we had. She will be missed by
her many friends.

Our deepest sympathy to members of their families.

There will be several new members on June 1st. Come
out and support them as they become members of
YOUR Branch.

An early "WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS"
and we hope that you will continue to support the
Branch that you chose to join,

PARADES

St. John's Norway parade is Sunday June 5th. Form up is
at 1:00pm at Norway Public School school-yard with
march off at 1:30 to the cemetery for a service at 2:00.
The host Branch this year is Branch 10 on Pape Ave Just
below O'Connor Drive. Our Branch will be open after
the Parade to welcome members of our Branch and any
guests wanting to come. Our L/A will be serving their
great grilled cheese and onion sandwiches. Please come
out and support our marchers and the Zone at this

parade, we are getting smaller in numbers so everyone that is capable should come out and be a part of this Memorial parade.

The East York Community parade is on Friday July 1st, Canada Day. Form up is at the Public Health building on Coxwell one block north of Mortimer at 9:00 am, march off ??, time is only approximate as it depends on when the parade reaches this 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 MARSHALL WANTS US TO, NOT WHEN WE ARE READY.** Depending on the number of marchers present, as one massed Legion unit rather than a few marchers at a time. For any member that cannot complete the full parade, there will be a section at Sammon and Woodbine where you will be able to form up on Sammon and drop in as the Branch marchers 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 a dunk tank and Par 3 entertaining in the clubroom from 2:00 'til 6:00 pm. Come out and enjoy the Branch's hospitality.

Warriors Day parade is on Saturday August 20th. 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 and with march off at 10:30. We will be leaving the Branch at 9:00 am sharp to avoid getting into 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 Exhibition grounds.

We have not received any information yet but last year there were bleachers to watch the parade if you can't participate in it. The participants in the parade are getting 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 and stay and see anything you need to keep in mind that the buses leave at certain times to come back to the Branch and if you miss the last bus, you need to take the TTC back, we can't wait for you.

If you want tickets for your family, you must write to the following address before August 1st 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 addressed envelope for the return of tickets.

Ticket Chairman
Warriors' Day Parade 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.

Honours & Awards Day

This special day will be held on Sunday October 2nd from 11:30 am until 3:00 pm; please mark this date on your calendar. As noted this is an afternoon function with a luncheon for the members, invited guests etc. receiving awards 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 downstairs. Letters to the members 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 is 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 & Awards Day please contact myself, Joe Calderone the 2016 Chairman or leave a note for me at the clubroom bar so that your recommendations can be brought to the committee. The committee is made up of a few Branch Past Presidents and a few members from the floor 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
Chairman

Honours & Awards Committee

Recycling for the Branch

As many members of the Branch already know, Charlie Silson and Gary Gale 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, wine bottles tetra packs etc. anything with a deposit purchased at either a beer or liquor store via the Branch and get the benefits of these deposits. Although very small, from 5 to 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 the deposits returned and cash gained for the Branch. Any little bit will help at this time, instead of throwing these items out, please consider bringing them to us so all of us will benefit.

Cathy Cole
Secretary

Building



May 7, 2016 property cleanup day. The Haden family-Joyce, Amber and Bernie, Cathy Cole, Charlie Silson, John Dufort and Caroline Hanus.

Flower planting-Marg Smith

For figuring out how to fix that darn ice machine, Rick Anderson

For fixing the intercom system that became a great concern, Mike Turner.

Again Charlie for his work on the Legion Week room and continued assistance around the Branch.

The Branch would not exist without its volunteers.

Jeff Paulin
Building Chair

5 year Planning Committee

I have received some feedback on our request for wish list items and looking for more. Please put them in writing as I do not want to forget. We will be forming committees to assist in designing the areas of the Branch that you may be most interested in, make sure your thoughts and ideas are heard.

With our important meeting coming up June 1st at 7:30 pm your attendance is very important so you can make an informed decision at the July meeting. We will be starting off with a condensed version of our regular meeting, then Trillium Housing will present what they can do for us if/when we vote YES. We are voting on the concept of moving forward, what will be presented will be the first of many drafts and they will evolve as per your input to the committee.

Jeff Paulin

My neighbor knocked on my door at 2:30 am. Can you believe that....2:30 am? Lucky for him I was still up practicing my bagpipes.

Youth Education



The Youth Ed contests are finished for the summer but will gear up again starting with the arrival of the Youth Ed Kits from Ontario Command in July.

Due to the restructuring of District D Branches' poppy areas, Branch 11's poppy area has increased resulting in the addition of several more schools which I will need to check out and contact. Anyone wishing to volunteer their assistance in this respect would be greatly appreciated. Please let me know.

By special invitation myself, along with Gord, June, Doug Smith, Bill King, Fred Green, Mike Turner, Jim, Gay Fowler and District D YE Sheila Harris along with several members and veterans from Branch 614 attended the "Thank you Breakfast" put on by Crestwood Preparatory College and hosted by the students.

I have received requests from several students for letters of reference as they move on to higher education and job applications. It is a real pleasure to help these young people out.

As many of you are aware and for the newcomers, I am always looking for educational items such as note books, pens, erasers etc. to go into goodie bags for the students. The first of these bags are made up for Legion Week visits which will take place this year September 19 to 23. In the past we have had over 300 students with their teachers visit throughout that week. I'm sure you can see where I'm going here...! Thanks to Jim LeRoy he discovered a real deal in the Legion Catalogue – bundles of 10 writing pads with the words "**See you at the Legion**" at the top – if purchasing 12 or more packages it will cost \$3.00 for each bundle of 10 whereas one bundle would cost \$7.95. Jim started off the donation with \$3.00 and I matched his plus added another \$3.00. Sure would be nice if a few more people would throw in a loonie or 2! Twelve bundles would net 120 pads.

Finally, thank you to all of you who have supported my YE efforts in any way that you can. The work will continue throughout the summer.

Cheers,
Helen D. Pearce

Youth Education Chair

I was at an ATM yesterday. An old lady asked if I could check her balance, so I pushed her over.

19 Newfies go to the cinema, the ticket lady asks, "Why so many of you?" The Newfie replies, "The film says 18 or over."

Cadet Liaison Officer

On Saturday May 28th I attended the annual Queen's York Rangers Cadet Corps Annual Ceremonial Review with John Dufort, Helen Pearce and Jim LeRoy. This year another cadet corps also joined the review and they were the Military Police Cadets sponsored by the York Police Service.

All went well, the March Pass was excellent and much better than last year in that just a few of the youngsters were out of step. Can we at the Branch do any better?

I presented the Cadet Medal of excellence along with a framed certificate to a well-deserved cadet and John gave a speech thanking the cadets for their help during the Poppy campaign and parades. It was an interesting afternoon although it was a hot one.

Gord Pearce
Cadet Liaison

Walkathon



The walkathon is scheduled for September 17, 2016 and it will be starting at Branch 345. More details and pledge sheets soon.

Jeff Paulin
Walkathon Chair

Ways & Means

It's warm enough now for the outside Barbie with hotdogs and hamburgers, come out and enjoy.

On behalf of my granddaughter I wish to thank everyone, the LA, bar steward etc. for all their hard work at the wedding.

Bill Topham
Ways & Means Chair

Sick



Hello Comrades,

Both Harold Timms and Myer Goobie are in Providence Health Care and visitors are welcome.

Joan Gray went into East General for surgery and is back in the Branch.

Gwen Lake was in East General for over 7 hours, after much testing she was sent home. She is feeling much better at the moment.

Joe White has not been in the Branch for a while. I called him as I knew he was having tests done on his kidneys. He will get the results in July, we wish him well.

Sheila Hadden is in Harmony Hills nursing home on O'Connor Drive, visitors welcome.

Pat Collie is in Fountain View on O'Connor Drive and visitors welcome.

Tom Chiasson was into the Branch, looking good but more tests to go through at Sunnybrook

Brian Nichols is receiving treatment at the moment, we wish him the best.

Eddie Neal is still at Midland and Kingston Rd. nursing home.

Elsie Prosser passed away on April 26th. Her daughter – in-law decided not to have a wake.

Sandra Durham was in the hospital for day surgery and everything okay now.

Rose Mooney had some good news, she is in remission from bone cancer and the tumor on her thyroid was benign.

Our sincere condolences go out to Brian Nichols on the passing of his mother.

Thank you to Gwen Lake, Charlie Silson and Jeff Paulin.

Yours in comradeship

Joyce Haden
Sick Chair

Legion Week

Just a reminder for Legion Week and volunteers needed to help for the third week in September. We will need posters made up for hand delivery and email so if you are artistic we would appreciate your help. The shadow boxes need to be up graded so if your talent lies in this field we would sure like your ideas. Please pass the message on to your friends to come have a look and don't forget the viewing is all free.

June M. Smith
Legion Week Chair

Sports



Dear Comrades,

On April 16th we had one team competing at the Provincial Dart Tournament 55 & over in Cooksville. They didn't win the trophy this year but by next year we might have a few more players to compete in the tournament. The players who went this year were Andrew Drummon (who also qualified for the singles tournament that day) Bob Fraser, Glenn Rose and Cliff Withey. They held their own and did our Branch proud. On May 7th we had one team competing at the Provincial Euchre Tournament held in Angus ON. They didn't win the trophy but had a great time trying. There were 54 teams and our team ended up in the middle of the pack. The euchre players were Dave Ferron, Diane Bethune, Laura Groome and Eunice Francis.

Please note that with the summer fast approaching that there are sign-up sheets in the clubroom for the summer sports which include Golf, Horse Shoes, and Washer Toss. There is a deadline of June 3rd so please come in and sign up before then. Our Zone and District Sports Officers are strict with the deadlines.

Thank you all for playing and supporting our Branch. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Paul Stone

Sports Chair

Saturday Afternoon Meat Spin & BBQ

Please come out and join in the fun with a chance to spin to win some meat, satisfy your hunger with a great hamburger or pea meal or sausage on a bun while sitting on the patio soaking in the sun! In fact our BBQ Chef has been known to continue serving up food well past 5:00 p.m. So you can eat and then join the Saturday dance & entertainment! Well done and thank you Sandra Durham.

We have some hard working volunteers working this weekly event but need more volunteers to help spread out the workload. I invite anyone interested in helping to contact me.

Thanks to: Bill Topham, Linda & Fred Green, Lisa Cromwell, Linda Bowser, Scott Fallis, Karen & Nicole Boudreault, Sandra Durham, Jeff Paulin, Caroline Hanus, Rick Groome, Jim Thompson, Dave Lane, Johnny Munroe and I'm delighted to welcome two new

volunteers, Lynn Somerton and Laura Ferris. Looking for more volunteers.

Helen D. Pearce

416-690-6388

Ladies Auxiliary

Well it looks like summer will soon arrive, the weather is getting warmer and the flowers are blooming.

We are beginning to wind down for the summer. It will probably be mentioned under sports but I am very proud that after 20 + years we finally brought home a gold medal from Provincial Sports. This was for euchre and the plaque we keep is downstairs on our Wall of Honour and the Provincial plaque is at the engravers having the names put on. Congratulations!

We had our elections in April and the L.A. lineup is:

President: Nancy McKnight

1st Vice President: Helen Small

Treasurer: Eunice Francis

Secretary: Gail Burrow

Sgt-at-Arms: Phyllis Dawson

Sports Officer: Cindy LeRoy

Imm Past President: Shirley Caster

Executive: Betty Groome, Dorothy Bricknell, Anne Davis and Laura Groome.

Congratulations to all for being elected and we will say goodbye to Anne Zabiuk and Lis Horley-McLeod who were on our executive from the past year.

St. John's Norway parade is Sunday June 5th. Form up is at Norway School at 1:00 pm with march off at 1:30. There will be food back at the Branch afterwards.

Our last General meeting before we break for the summer is June 8th and our next Executive meeting is August 31st at 7:30 pm and the General meeting will be Sept. 14th at 8:00 pm. Our joint Executive meeting will be June 7 at 7:30 pm,

Our Ladies Auxiliary Birthday Luncheon is on Sunday June 12th, cocktails at 11:30 and lunch will be at 12:30. Tickets are \$10.00 and will be available from the bar or from Cindy Leroy, Helen Small or myself.

July 1st is the East York Canada Day Parade. Form up is at the Public Health building (formally the Hydro building) by Coxwell and Mortimer. Be there by 9:00 am and we will join in the parade when it passes our location. There will be lots of activities back at the Branch for everyone.

Our annual garage sale will be Saturday July 9th, 9:00 am 'till 1:00 pm rain or shine. We will have coffee, tea, muffins and hamburgers available. If you are cleaning out, please keep us in mind and donate them to our Garage Sale.

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Dolores Raybone. Our sincere condolences go out to her family.

Ladies, I would like to wish you a happy and safe summer,

Yours in Comradeship.

Nancy McKnight
L.A. President

L.A. Sports



Good day everyone, it looks like spring has sprung at last so I hope you're all enjoying the lovely weather. I am the new sports officer for the LA and I want to share some upcoming events with you.

I know September seems really far away but that is the start of our LA Sports. The first event is in September and it is euchre, I don't have the exact date yet because I'm waiting to hear from the Zone Sports Officer. I will put up a sign-up sheet in June. If at all possible please put up a full team, so we don't have any disappointed ladies. Also remember you must have done some work for the Branch or the LA in the past year.

Upcoming events, we have Monday night euchre in the clubroom starting on June 6th at 7:30 pm and runs every other week. We are hoping to run a trip to Fallsview on a Saturday around the end of July. Keep these dates in mind.

Looking forward to a great summer and if you get the opportunity come and support the Branch and your LA.

Yours in comradeship

Cindy LeRoy
Sports Officer

A FEW JOKES EH!

A man went to church and afterward he stopped to shake the preachers hand and say, "Preacher, I'll tell you, that was a damn find sermon. Damned good."

The preacher said, "Thank you, sir, but I'd rather you didn't use that sort of language in the house of the Lord."

The man said, "I was so damned impressed with that sermon I put \$5000.00 in the collection plate.

The preacher said, "No shit?"

"Madam Fortune teller, tell me are there golf courses in heaven?"

"I have good news and I have bad news."

"What's the good news?"

The good news is that the golf courses in heaven are beautiful beyond anything you could imagine."

"That's wonderful, what's the bad news."

You'll be teeing off at 8:30 tomorrow morning."

Why do we call it politics?

Because poly means many and ticks means blood sucking parasites.

How did the Irish jig get started?

Too much to drink and not enough restrooms.

A Brit, a Frenchman and a Russian are viewing a painting of Adam and Eve frolicking in the Garden of Eden. The Brit says, "They look so calm, they must be British." The Frenchman says. "Nonsense. They're naked and so beautiful. Clearly, these are French people." The Russian disagreed, "I don't think so. They have no clothes, no shelter, they only have an apple to eat and they are being told that this is paradise. They are Russian."

June 2016

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5 St. John's Nor- way parade. Form up 100	6	7 Executive mmet- ing Combined Branch & LA 7:30	8	9 Mixed darts 8:00	10 Blind draw darts 7:30 Karaoke 8:00	11 Clubroom enter- tainment 8:00 Gary Peters
12 L.A. luncheon 11:30	13	14 Over 60 Club 1:15	15	16 Mixed darts 8:00	17 Blind Draw Darts 7:30 Jammers 9:00	18 Clubroom enter- tainment 8:00 Bill Dunn
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July 2016

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