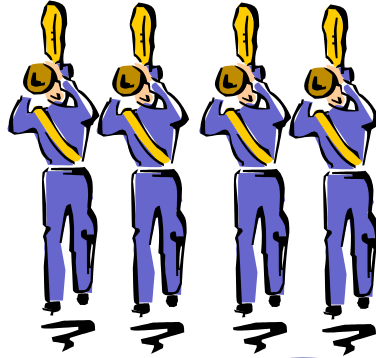


News & Views



Lest We Forget
November 11th



Happy Halloween
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President's Report



Well summer is over and I hope that everyone had a great time and all is well.

This summer we tried to keep the Branch busy with a few extra Sundays and dinners. These are the same as we did last year, these dinners and functions were well attended and were a success. They even proved to do better than last year, but more is needed. Fall is now upon us and we will keep up with a busy schedule of fundraising and I am sure Susan Squires and the Special Functions committee as well as the Ladies Auxiliary are working exceptionally hard at planning special functions for the upcoming season. I would like to thank all the volunteers that helped out this past summer, this is what makes the place work

“VOLUNTEERS” as well as members, families and friends that come out to support the Branch and help us make these functions successful.

Once again I am asking you, the members of the Branch to give me ideas of what you think are needed to keep the Branch active in the clubroom. We are the executives that manage the Branch on your behalf, as members we need you to tell us what you would like to see in the way of functions and also what changes as a whole you believe that we need to make at the Branch so you and your guests can have an enjoyable experience at your Branch. We must find ways to attract more people to come and enjoy our Branch, also this would be a good time to look around and talk to your neighbours and see if any may be interested in joining the Royal Canadian Legion or even coming out and joining the Over 60 Club. The easiest thing to do is just invite them to one of our dinners and let them see for themselves what the Legion is all about.

Legion Week was as usual amazing; hats off to June Smith (and her trick knee), all the volunteers on June's committee that rallied around her as well as Helen Pearce to make this Legion Week display the envy of all the other Branches. I would also like to thank the cadets that came out to help with the setup of Legion Week and also for providing the Colour Party on September 20th for the opening of Legion Week.

It was unfortunate this year that the teachers of the schools in our area were on a work to rule campaign and we did not have any students except the ones from a private school.

Now on to more important items; the Branch is having another fund raiser dinner on October 18th Oktoberfest, this will be a great day, we have lots of goodies donated to us. Please purchase tickets early (only \$12.00) so we can order the required food. On October 30th there will be a Halloween dance on the main floor with prizes for the best costumes.

But the most important item to remember is the **Poppy Campaign**, this year the campaign is a short campaign **we need all the volunteers that we can get out tagging**. The sign up board has been made up (thanks to June Smith)

And should be in the clubroom shortly for you to place your name on. We also on various occasions during the campaign need drivers to help get the Poppy boxes delivered or to help get the volunteer taggers to and from the various locations. We will need drivers especially on November 7th when the cadets will be in to do the tagging. So far this year we have not had any special requests about tagging at any different venues.

John Dufort
President

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2015
“IN MEMORIUM”

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE MEMBERS OF
HER FAMILY

Zinn Ellen. Joined Branch 11 2010

Ellen Zim Ellen came into the Branch on many occasions with a number of her friends especially on Thursdays and supported many of the functions that were put on. Ellen travelled on several of the trips organized by our Branch and also other branches. She was always ready for a good time and enjoyed the friendship of many even when going through her medical rough patches. There are many in the Branch who miss her smiling face but we know that Frazer Adams misses her immensely and our thoughts are with him in his time of grief. Stay strong Frazer, Ellen would have wanted you to: she fought long and hard and she needs to be remembered as a fighter.

HONOURS & AWARDS DAY



On Sunday October 4th from 11:00 am 'til 3:30 pm we are having our annual Honours & Awards day. Hopefully this date has already been marked on your calendar. This special day is an afternoon function with a

luncheon for the members and other people receiving awards as well as anybody who wanted to purchase tickets to participate in the luncheon. After the luncheon and presentations are finished, the clubroom will be open to go to if you want to stay and enjoy entertainment down stairs.

Letters to the members receiving recognition for their length of service or for their help in the Branch or community were sent and there were tickets available (for a nominal fee) for members and their guests who wanted to attend this great day. **Don't forget this a fun day for everyone;** the clubroom is open from 12:00 to 6:00 pm to everyone with entertainment; our luncheon and presentations are on the main floor and then we can go to the clubroom to finish our day. You will definitely enjoy yourself if you decide to come.

Joe Calderone

Honours & Awards Chair

REMEMBRANCE PARADE & SERVICE

Our parade and service is on Sunday November 8th. Form up at Shopper's World at 1:00 pm with March off at 1:30 with a service at the Branch at 2:00 pm. We go to the clubroom after the service for our Ladies Auxiliary special "roast beef on a bun" and of course entertainment and refreshments. Some time ago we changed the location for the social activities after the service to the clubroom, changed the time earlier for the food and it appears as if more people are able to stay around as we don't have to climb stairs to the top floor or leave in the dark.

Please come out to the parade/service either as a spectator or marcher. With the early serving of the meal we are able to accommodate even members who like to get home early. Come out and enjoy our great service with the usual **SURPRISE** By the Ulster Accordion Band, sometimes we laugh, sometimes we cry, but we always enjoy whatever they present us with and of course the meal by our Ladies Auxiliary. It's a great day for everyone.

Bob Murphy

Remembrance Service Chair

REMEMERANCE DAY, WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2015

After the November 11th parade in East York, we will be providing food for everyone at our own Branch. For several years this has proved to be successful and we are going to do the same again this year: we are going to have food after the parade, stew, chili and crusty bread

(hopefully it won't be cold and we need warming up/thawing out) but as weather for our November 11th parade is never guaranteed to be warm, we can only wish that it will be. Come back to the Branch after the parade, enjoy our food, the comradeship of our fellow Legionnaires and many friends, celebrate our freedom due to the sacrifice of so many. This is a regular working day so the Branch will be open regular hours but we want everyone to share their day of Remembrance here at Branch 11

Ways & Means



Hi Folks,

I hope you are enjoying this nice weather.

On October 25th Sunday Funday come out and enjoy the entertainment by Sea Breeze from 2:00 to 6:00 pm and on November 29th the Ulster Accordion Band will be back to entertain you, again from 2:00 to 6:00 pm. There will be no Sunday Funday in December.

Bill Topham

Ways & Means Chair.

Sick



Hello Comrades,

June Smith had total knee replacement on August 26th. There were more issues this time around but she persevered and was back at the Branch for seniors on September 15th.

Joe Lake was supposed to visit the Branch on Sunday August 30th but felt ill and was put in isolation. Joe is still not eating and is on intravenous. I will go back and visit him at Sunnybrook when he is well enough to have visitors.

Sandra Durham had day surgery on Sept. 4th and is back at the Branch.

Sheila Hadden has been in East General Hospital for a number of months in the secure unit. Her son Stephen has agreed to her transfer to a nursing home on Main St. I'll visit her next week.

Sandra Dufort had successful eye surgery

Niles Russell was returning to the doctor for more results, hopefully he had good news for him.

Jim LeRoy went into hospital with a possible heart attack or stroke which turned out to be an angina attack.

Jim will be going for more tests at Toronto Western. Meanwhile he is back at the Branch.

Ellen Swing is finally getting better, it's been a long haul.

Joe and Josephine Cromwell lost their son Joe Jr. from a heart attack. Our sincere condolences go out to the family.

Vera Comber is doing fantastic and is at Bally Cliff Lodge in Ajax.



Vera Comber

Yours in Comradeship

Joyce Haden
Sick Chair

Legion Week

As Legion Week ends this year it leaves us with many different feelings. We have had our share of obstacles to overcome and we did survive. We moved our time slot opening to 4:00 pm to offset the Battle of Britain parade, Honours & Awards at different branches and government election campaigns and other functions that ate into our time. Many that have supported us were not able to attend. On the positive side the faithful dignitaries and friends were there to support us and the volunteers from our membership made us proud as they all stepped forward.

Our biggest fear was the work to rule of the public school board. That meant the teachers could not have extracurricular activities with the students which meant we only had a private school attending on the opening Monday. Helen Pearce works so closely with the teachers and we missed the chance to enlighten the students that are our future, with the knowledge of veterans that fought to give them the free country in which they live today.

The volunteers left each day with an emptiness inside that has in past years made it so rewarding with the children's questions, interest in our memorabilia, interacting with the veterans, trying on of uniforms, helmet's and so much more.

The Hamilton Signal Corps once again joined us and brought the communications used in WWI and added so much to our display.

To the volunteers that set up and dismantled along with the Queen's York Ranger Cadet Corps, we are so grateful. The ladies that stuff the gift bags for the students, the ones that stuffed the bags (110) for the trenches and the men who spent hours remaking the trench, setting up the displays and those who manned the displays so that they were always protected we say you are wonderful and we couldn't have done it without you. Thanks so much."

We are looking at this year as another practice training curve which will just make us better for next year and the following ones.

The Ladies Auxiliary kept us well fed once more for the opening ceremony and had sandwiches for the volunteers to purchase all week long. It was a pleasure working with all of you this week.

To the general public who loan us their family medals and items of interest to display, you have made it very interesting adding to our history.

Lastly to our Legion Week committee, Helen Pearce, Victoria Armstrong, Elsie Higgins, Anne Davis, you never found a challenge you couldn't handle.

Helen, your expertise with the school children is astounding and as always, a pleasure working long side of you.

Bring on 2016. We are ready for you!

June M. Smith

Legion Week Chair & Immediate Past President

Sports



There is a sports meeting coming up on October 3rd. I will be attending the meeting along with a representative of my committee. When I receive the dates for Zone sports I'll announce them at the October general meeting on October 7th, then the signup sheets will be posted on the bulletin board in the clubroom.

Just some advance notice, we will be having a sports fund raiser to support the sports fund. If you enjoy playing sports please support the fund raising activities to pay for them. If you can't make the fundraiser, please donate a prize or something else. Watch the bulletin board for these upcoming events.

Paul Stone

Sports Chair

Clubroom Entertainment

Some good nights and some bad nights. We have the entertainers, all we need are the bodies. Look at the back of this newsletter for the entertainment listings.

Tom Bragan
Clubroom Entertainment Chair

Youth Education



Good news, bad news. The good news is we have a private school who visited during Legion Week with 19 students. The teachers were very interested in their students submitting entries in the Remembrance Contest. In fact at the invitation of our District D Poppy Chair, Wayne Powell, those students will be involved at the opening start of the Poppy Campaign at the Spadina Subway Station along with the Veterans and Dignitaries. I am hoping to generate some interest from the after school youth programs within the Community Centres. I would like to thank Paul Stone for introducing me to this area of contact. I have some parent contacts and of course a couple of high schools that I also hope to generate some interest in competing. As well have spoken with Officers Warren Ralph and Ada Kan and provided them with contest packages for the Cadets. The bad news of course is the public schools from grades 1 to 8. It would appear that the teachers because of the issues unfolding are not allowed to communicate via email with me. Accordingly, I will be delivering packages re: the contest information to each school and can only hope it will somehow land in the hands of students.

Helen D. Pearce,
Youth Education Chair

Over 60 Club



Our meetings are on every second Tuesday at 1:15 on the main floor. Dates for our meetings are on the back of this newsletter. Interested in joining? Please call me.

Tom Bragan – 416-259-6863
Over 60 Club Chair

Special Functions



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On September 6th we had our second annual corn roast, and at first the ticket sales were going slowly but you members never stop to amaze me, you came through for Branch 11, thanks once again. A big **thank you** to all who BBQ'ed and cooked other foods and deserts and donated prizes and the servers. Too many names to mention but you all know I appreciate you helping in the success of an eventful day. That is what it turned out to be, a great fund raiser.

October will be on us sooner than we want it, so mark Sunday October, 18th on your calendar for Oktober fest in the clubroom. \$12.00 per meal and tickets are at the bar.

On Friday October 30th on the main floor we are having a Halloween dance at \$10.00 per person with prizes for costumes, best female, best male and best couple. Table snacks are included. The PEPPER SHAKERS will be entertaining. You asked for this band so come out and support them and most of all, support YOUR BRANCH. Who knows you just might meet a foxy witch before the evening comes to a close. Trick or treat.

Susan Squires
Special Functions Chair

Veterans Service Officer

Summer is over all too soon it seems and fall is fast upon us.

Over the summer and since Legion Week commenced I received a few requests from Veterans, family members and other Branch members to assist with some research on medals, service histories and such. While this does not fall within the actual description of a Service Officer duties, I am more than happy to help with these if I can, so please don't hesitate to contact me. Understand however that should other issues come up I may have to concentrate on them and work on personal research after. I have been advised the Provincial Veterans Service Officer will again be visiting Branch 345 on November 4th and if you wish an appointment with him, please let me know by October 6th. In the past he has cancelled these visits because no one booked an appointment. This is an excellent opportunity to review any issues you may have with VAC, or ask questions, so please take advantage of it.

I have been advised that Volume 2 of the Military Recognition book is out and by the time you read this a copy should be in the clubroom for viewing. Once I have ensured schools and similar community agencies receive their allotment I intend to distribute any remaining copies of both volumes to those Branch members who have submitted to them. Hopefully we will have sufficient copies for this. I have been assured that Volume 3 will be produced so if you have not already done so complete a submission form detailing your own or family member's service.

Finally as always if you, or someone you know have any questions or concerns as a veteran or family members of veterans, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can't try and help if I am not aware of an issue.

Yours in comradeship

R. James Smith CD
Veterans Service Officer

Poppy Report



Another Poppy campaign is fast approaching. The start this year is Friday October, 30th and again it is a short campaign and we need to make the most of it.

This will be my first as Chair and while I am looking forward to it, I am fast becoming aware of how much is involved. Fortunately I have some seasoned veterans to guide me along.

As I write this our supply of poppies has been delivered. I was optimistic and ordered more than we needed last year. Perhaps that's a challenge to see if we can again surpass our previous efforts.

I am now involved in the paperwork in obtaining permission to allow us to tag at our normal spots and all this will shortly be done and the board will come up in the clubroom. There are a lot of spots that need to be covered by taggers and I would like to see no blank spots this year.

I am always humbled by those who turn up and do many more shifts than is expected. There is also all those behind the scenes, the drivers, those counting the money, checking and replacing counter boxes and others. There is a role for everyone and the more of us that step up the easier the load is.

We all took an oath as Legion members to actively support the Poppy campaign. As Poppy Chair I am asking you all to remember that now and I will see as

many of you as possible on or after October 30th doing your part.

R. James Smith CD
Poppy Chair

Ladies Auxiliary



Well ladies, summer is officially over and fall is here. We have a few things coming up. First we have our General Meeting on Wednesday October 14th at 8:00 pm. Sunnybrook bingo is October 21st and our Executive meeting is October 28th at 7:30 pm and we will stuff the poppies for the schools right after about 8:00 pm.

We have a busy November with poppy tagging, our Remembrance parade on Sunday November 8th and our General Meeting will be on Tuesday November 10th and of course Wednesday is Remembrance Day. The parade marches off at 10:30 from East York Collegiate. Sunnybrook Bingo is on Wednesday November 18th. Our executive meeting is on Wednesday November 25th at 7:30 and our Bazaar is Saturday November 28th, come out and see what we have.

Cindy has the membership cards ready. This year's cost is \$15.00 for those under seventy years of age and \$12.00 for those over seventy years of age.

Our next newsletter will take us into December and Christmas, but in the meantime we can root for the Blue Jays and the World Series.

Yours in comradeship

Nancy McKnight
L.A. President

Good Day Ladies

The summer is now behind us and we start the wonderful season of fall. There are many good things happening this fall for the L.A. Branch 11. Come out to the meeting on October 14th at 8:00 pm and find out what is going on.

ADVANCE NOTICE we are having a fund raiser euchre on Saturday October 24th. It's a potluck dinner at 6:00 pm and play starts at 7:00, the cost is only \$15.00.

Ladies we need food for the potluck and prizes. We also need you to spread the word and please also come out and play. Let's make this one of the best fundraisers yet.

DUES: Ladies, it's that time of year again, your dues must be in before December 31st 2015 to be a member in good standing. The cost this year has risen by \$2.00 and the reason is the per capita tax rose by \$2.00. Please see above for your cost for your new membership card.

Hope to see you at the October General Meeting.

Yours in Comradeship

Cindy LeRoy

L.A. Secretary

Q. What is the difference between mechanical engineers and civil engineers? A; Mechanical engineers build weapons; civil engineers build targets.

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