

New & Views

June/July 2018



At the Provincial Public Speaking contest in Trenton, May 5, 2018
Helen Pearce Zone D3 Youth Ed Chair, Gord Pearce, June Smith Br 11 Youth Ed Chair, Student, Nirvachita R. 1st placed runner up winner & Wayne Powell District D Youth Ed Chair.

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President's Message



Hello Comrades,

Well it looks like summer is finally upon us. Members and their guests 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 that the bank account is in good shape. This is good news but we still must be ever vigilant on the budget, we still have another three years to go in the current building. Just a note, so far we have been lucky and avoided any major repairs, but we must be aware that they may 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 are now entering the second half of this term and I hope that the next term will be carried out with the determination and hard work of the last several years.

Once again I would like to give thanks to those who devoted many hours in participating on the Five Year Planning Committee. Jeff Paulin, Joyce Haden, Cathy Cole, Chris Ostiguy, Jack Riddell, Ed Kenny and myself included. If you would like to see a full copy of the presentation that we took to Ontario Command for approval, there will be two copies at the clubroom bar for your reading pleasure. We only ask that you return the copy of the report back to the bar and please do not remove it from the Branch. We will need more volunteers in the future as we move forward with the planning of the Legion here at 9 Dawes Road. I am sure that Jeff will be seeking those that would like to assist in the planning.

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's 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 more money to support the Branch or even volunteering to help the Branch. The same crew core volunteers to 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 everyone, have a wonderful, happy 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 3rd. 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. Keep an eye on the clubroom board for further information regarding Canada Day parade and celebrations at the Branch.

Yours in Comradeship

John Dufort
President

APRIL-MAY 2018

"IN MEMORIUM"

ORDINARY MEMBERS

MACFARLANE Davey

Royal Artillery-National Service. Service # 22427928
Joined Branch 11 - 1972.

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

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

LAKE Paul

Joined Branch 11 - 1975

Dave MacFarlane: He was a regular participant in the dart leagues in the Branch; attended many of our dances as well as our New Year's Eve parties. Many times he helped at the bar at our functions when we would need 2 or 3 bar stewards (oh for those busy days again) He was a great singer and when he had "enough" to overcome his hesitancy he entertained us many times. He was one of the last of our Veterans who fought in WWII or in his case put his country at that time back together again. He will be missed by many and especially by Susan who came to mean so much to him in his failing years.

Paul Lake: Paul was one of the first Associate members to join the Royal Canadian Legion as soon as his parent's numbers could be used to join. He was very active in most aspects of the Branch: the Executive, off and on over a number of years, the various dart leagues, ran a number of special functions; worked with his Dad and Mom at their dances and their New Year's Eve parties; so many other functions, too many to list. Paul is and will continue to be missed by his Mom, Gwen, his partner Eunice and all the friends that he had, sat with and of course drank with. Many people had a "Lakeport" for Paul at his Celebration of Life in his honour and out of respect for him. Our thoughts are with Gwen, Eunice and his family at this troubling time.

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

Muhammed Alam, Janice Goudie, Bob Long, Skip MacLeod, Jay Miller, Geraldine Pennie, Jeanette Pennie.

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

Cathy Cole

Membership Chair

PARADES



ST. JOHN'S NORWAY PARADE

The parade will be the first Sunday in June. June 3rd. Form up is at the school on Kingston Rd. East of Woodbine at 1:00 pm with march off at 1:30 to the service that takes place in the cemetery at 2:00. Final details will be posed in the Branch at a later date.

We would like to see as many marchers or spectators as possible out to support this important Remembrance parade and service. Branch 11 will be open after the parade for our traditional L/A grilled cheese and onion sandwiches and refreshments. Come out and enjoy this function.

THE EAST YORK COMMUNITEE PARADE

The parade is on Sunday July 1st. Form up is at the Public Health building one block North of Mortimer just West of Coxwell 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, 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 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 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 also be open after the parade and everyone is welcome to attend. Again this year we will have a Community Day, with a bouncy castle, face painting and par 3 will be entertaining in the clubroom from 2:00 'til 6:00pm. Come out and enjoy the Branches hospitality.

WARRIORS DAY PARADE

The parade is on Saturday August 18th. There will be buses this year to take marchers, band members and supporters to the CNE 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 so we avoid getting into a traffic jam at the CNE. 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 and fewer every 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 to 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 TTC it back, we can't wait for you.

There has been no info sent regarding an address to get tickets as the Veteran who did the tickets passed away this year, As soon as this info is available, it will be

posted in the clubroom and sent to everyone on our e-mail list.

As the supply of tickets at the Branch will probably be limited again, if you require more than four tickets PLEASE WRITE FOR YOUR OWN: we have to limit the number of tickets we give to each member and sometimes they don't get enough 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,

RECYCLING AT THE BRANCH

As many members and patrons already know, Charlie Silson and Larry Shields crush our pop cans and take them to a scrap yard for cash for the Branch and this is very successful. We can send any liquor or 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 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. Any little bit helps with the bottom line; instead of throwing these items out, please consider bringing these items in so all of us will benefit.

Cathy Cole
Secretary

Poppy



At the District Meeting April 22nd 2018 Branch 11 made the following donations from the Poppy fund.

- 1) Sunnybrook hospital K wing comfort funds \$2,500.00
- 2) Finchurst Legion Homes \$2,500.00
- 3) Ontario Charitable foundation (Bursary) \$2,500.00
- 4) Joe Sweeny leave the streets behind \$2,500.00
- 5) 'New' Operation Service Dog \$2,500.00

For a total of \$12,500.00

Thank you all for supporting the Branch 11 Poppy Campaign.

Watch for the kick-off of the 2018 Poppy Campaign in September.

Jeff Paulin Poppy Chair

Youth Education



At our next General Meeting in June, we will be presenting a special award to Nirvachita our 12 year old student who placed as 1st runner up in the Intermediate Category at the Provincial Public Speaking contest held in Trenton May 5th. We are very proud of her representing our Branch.

Hopefully we will have a good turnout as we have also invited her parents, friends, and teacher and as well our Deputy District Commander, Wayne Powell, and Zone D3 Youth-Ed Chair will be presenting along with myself.

We will deviate from the meeting at the start so the guests can attend and then back to business.

June M. Smith

Youth Education Chair

Sick



Hello comrades

Paul Lake passed away May 14th. Paul was a friend to many, he will be missed.

David MacFarlane was a veteran and a member of our Branch for over 40 years. David's memorial will be on June 3rd.

Rose Mooney is in Providence Health housing unit. Rose was bed ridden for over three weeks with a virus, she was hoping to get out of bed in the next few days. They are keeping a close eye on her.

John Mooney is also in Providence but in the secure unit, John is about the same.

Sheila Hadden is in Harmony Hills. Sheila is a handful and lets everyone know that she is there. They take good care of her.

Pat Collie is at Fountain View. Pat now uses a wheelchair which makes it a lot easier for Pat to get around. She is in good health.

It was good to see Joan Gray. Joan is doing very well in her assisted living home. Her daughters bring her to the Ulster Band dinner and dance. We are looking forward to see her again soon.

Caron Carter is now cancer free, that's good news.

Bill King is getting treatment for his cancer. Mary King is about the same. She sits and watches her birds and that makes her happy. If you have someone in your family with dementia than you have an idea how hard Bill has it.

George Moorhead is doing very well at Sunnybrook. When I visited him last time he was giving what for to the attendant for not fixing his phone. He rides along on his scooter and is very fast for a 90 year old. Last week his unit was in lockdown.

Joe Cromwell is still at St. Mikes. The last we heard he was about the same. I guess no news is good news.

Harold Timms was in Michael Garron Hospital on a respiratory ward. He is now home and has been back to the Branch.

Jeff Paulin had a blemish removed from his right cheek, and many stitches were required, everything is fine, it has not taken away from his good looks.

Sandy Ewart will be going into hospital the first week of June for surgery.

Ellen Swing was taken to St. Mikes by ambulance, and it was thought at first she had suffered a stroke but Ellen was at Senior's this past Tuesday and she is still not feeling 100%.

Enjoy the nice weather, stay safe.

Yours in comradeship.

Joyce Haden

Sick Chair

Clubroom Entertainment



Hello Comrades,

I hope everyone is enjoying the nice weather.

I just want to remind you to come out for our clubroom entertainment Saturday nights at 7:30 to 11:30 pm.

Enjoy the music and dance the night away.

The lineup of entertainers is on the calendar of this newsletter.

Lynn Somerton

Clubroom Entertainment Chair

Sports



As the summer approaches the sporting season is drawing to a close with only two events remaining. They are horseshoes and washer toss.

There was a replay of the mixed darts tournament on May 20th, unfortunately no one from Branch 11 qualified for the Provincial tournament.

The summer dart league is underway and soon summer will be here. Wishing everyone a safe and a happy summer.

Yours in comradeship

Rick Groome

Sports Chair

Bursary

Again I'm bringing it to your attention that our Bursary Fund is available and forms are behind the bar. It is a great savings for our young students entering the expensive years of University. Our future is in their hands.

June M. Smith

Bursary Chair

Track & Field



The District Track & Field event is on June 17th at York University with 44 competitors qualifying to go to the Provincial Meet July 13th 14th at St. Catherine's.

Rick Groome

Track & Field Chair

Legion Week

I don't want to wish the summer away but September Legion Week will need lots of volunteers as usual and if you would like to join in our fun program please let me know by calling me emailing or leaving a note to me

with the bar steward, along with your name and phone number...more to come!

June M. Smith
Legion Week Chair

Seniors

Hello comrades,
I visit two of our seniors who do not get out very much in the winter time. Dorothy DuPont is in remission at the moment but is still dealing with psoriasis. She was very pleased with her gift and sends her regards to all our members. Reg Morris is hoping to get back to the Branch as soon as the warm weather is here. Reg was pleased with his gift and says he relies a lot on his friend Gary.

Joyce Haden
Seniors Chair

Honours & Awards and Luncheon October 14th, 2018



This special day will be held on the second Sunday due to Thanksgiving this year, October 14th from 11:30 am until 3:00 pm. This is an afternoon function with a luncheon for members receiving awards, as well as recognition of our Past Presidents and Veterans. Letters to the members or 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 would like to attend this great day. Please speak to Cathy Cole or myself about tickets.

So far there has been only one recommendation received. If you have thoughts with regards to someone that you feel deserves recognition from our Branch for good work that they do and are doing around the Branch or helpfulness given to other people etc. please put on paper addressed to me, in a sealed envelope along with your name and phone number and I will see that it gets addressed by the committee. Everyone likes a pat on the back and we don't ever want to neglect the chance to say "Thank you".

After the luncheon and awards given out the clubroom will be open if you want to stay and enjoy the entertainment downstairs.

June M. Smith
Honours & Awards Chair

Special Functions



Where are all the months going?

With June fast approaching, please mark your calendars for Sunday June 10th here at Branch 11 1:00-4:00 pm main floor for Johnny Cash Tribute. This group has sold out shows across Canada. A must see! Tickets are available at the clubroom bar.

This is followed by July 1st Canada Day. In the clubroom we have the Par3 entertaining from 2:00-6:00 pm. Also many activities for the children with a bouncy castle, a dunk tank and a BBQ. No cost. Invite as many friends neighbours and family as you can. Come out and put the fun back into our Branch.

I'm always looking for volunteers, call me.

Every Saturday from 3:00-5:00 we have our meat spin in the clubroom.

Special Functions Chair
Susan Squires

Over 60 Club



The Over 60 Club continues to meet every second Tuesday of the year and the schedule is on the calendar at the back of this newsletter. Come out for a game of cards and chat with a comrade or friend and have a good time.

Tom Bragan
Over 60 Club President

Ladies Auxiliary



Happy Summer everyone. I can't believe we are in June already. It took long enough for the warm weather to arrive and now everyone is busy getting their gardens and yards in order. Is it just me or are there three times more dandelions this year?

We had our elections in April and I thank you that you have the confidence in me to be your President for another term. The lineup is as follows.

1 st Vice	Eunice Francis
Sec/Treas.	Helen Small
Sgt-at-Arms	Nicole Boudreault
Sports	Nicole Boudreault
Executive	Gail Burrow
	Debbie Strickland
	Cindy LeRoy
	Anne Davis

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Eunice and Gwen on the loss of Paul Lake, he has left a hole in many hearts and will be missed immensely. The Lakeport Brewing Co. has reported a loss due to lack of sales.

We have one more meeting before breaking for the summer on June 13th. Our first meeting after that will be our Executive meeting on August 29th at 7:30 pm, followed by the General Meeting on Sept. 12th at 8:00.

The Executive decided not to have a garage sale this year, instead we are going to try a fund raiser euchre on a Sunday afternoon in the clubroom with a barbeque. Watch the Branch board for a date, probably in July.

Our Birthday Dinner (lunch) will be on Sunday June 24th, cocktails at 11:30 and lunch at 12:30. This also is our Honours & Awards so if you want to suggest anyone for an award please let me know ASAP. Tickets will be \$10.00 this year and available from the bar or call me and we can hold a ticket at the door. Please get your tickets early so we know how many will be attending.

July 1st, Canada Day is on a Sunday this year, for up for the parade is at the Public Health building the north side of the EY Civic centre. Be there by 9:30 as we don't know when the parade will pass by our area. If you can't march, please come out and have some fun at the Branch and enjoy a burger cooked by our famous barbequers Dave and Chris.

I have a little information to share. I have been approached on several occasions and told I would have helped if someone asked me to. We are all volunteers here and the definition of a volunteer is:

- 1) Noun: *A person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task.*
- 2) Verb: *Freely offer to do something.*

If you see something that needs to be done, just do it, don't wait to be asked.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer.

Nancy McKnight

L.A. President



Paul Joseph Lake
29 July , 1956 – 14 May , 2018

June 2018

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3 ST. John's Norway parade 1:00 pm	4	5	6 General Meeting 8:00	7 Mixed darts 8:00	8 Blind draw darts 7:30 Open mike jam- mers 8:00	9 Meat Spin 3:00 5:00 Clubroom enter- tainment 7:30 Aggie McPhee
10 Johnny Cash Tribute 1:00 -4:00 pm Main floor	11	12 Over 60 Club 1:15	13 LA General meeting 8:00	14 Mixed darts 8:00	15 Karaoke 7:00-11:00 Blind draw darts 7:30	16 Meat Spin 3:00 5:00 Clubroom enter- tainment 7:30 Joe Tucker
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July 2018

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1 East York Communities parade 10:00 form-up Br.11 Open house all day	2	3	4	5 Mixed darts 8:00	6 Blind draw darts 7:30 Open mike jamers 8:00	7 Meat Spin 3:00 5:00 Clubroom entertainment 7:30 Seabreeze
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