

News & Views

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At the Legion Week opening ceremonies some Veterans pose for a picture.



Happy
Thanksgiving

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Do the members of this Branch really care of what the Executive do or plan in regards to functions, entertainment or other activities in general at your Branch?

I'm beginning to wonder just who the members that really care about their Branch are. In the past the Executives have put out surveys, we have asked time and time again for your suggestions, sadly nothing comes forward for us to take a look at and see what changes can be made to make your Branch a more enjoyable place that you and your family as well as your friends may come to on a more frequent basis. Please we need your suggestions, let's work together and make Branch 11 great again.

I'm sure that in the not so distant future we will need volunteers for the various committees that will be needed to plan the future and the design of our new building. Please if you are interested let us know and we can all work together as a team to plan the future of Branch 11 for its members and future generations.

Well summer is over and I hope everyone had a great time and all is well. Fall is now upon us and we will keep up a busy schedule of fund raising and I am sure the Special Functions Committee with the help from the Ladies Auxiliary will be working exceptionally hard at planning special functions for the upcoming season. I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped out this past summer. This is what makes the place work. It is "VOLUNTEERS" as well as the members, families and friends who come out to support the Branch that help us make these functions successful. This is what keeps the Branch open for business.

Legion Week has just wrapped up for another year and once again June Smith with her committee and all the volunteers made this event work. This year again was very busy with all the students that come out look at the displays and interact with the Veterans and Volunteers.

The most important event of the year is fast approaching – Poppy Campaign. As of last year the area that Branch 11 looks after has doubled and we need VOLUNTEERS. Jeff Paulin and his committee will be looking to break the previous year's total and the money raised goes to a great cause, VETERANS and that is what the Legion is here for, to help VETERANS and their DEPENDENTS. So please volunteer as much as you can we need all the help.

John N. Dufort - President

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2018 "IN MEMORIUM"

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

OSBORNE Terrance
Joined Branch 11 in September 1973

SUTTON Molly
Joined Branch 11 in January 2002

Our deepest sympathy to the members of their families

Molly Sutton: Not enough can be said about Molly and all the work she has done for the Branch and "her" Ladies Auxiliary. Although she only joined the branch in 2002, she was a 61 year member of the L/A, and was always been there for us in the old building at Coleman Avenue and here at Dawes Road. She was one of the last members who could remember our Majorettes as she went with them on many parades as well as the bus trips with the Colour Guard where they won many prizes, trophies and recognition. She was always active in some capacity within her Legion family whether it was cards, bowling, helping with catering etc. She has left a big hole in the volunteers within the branch and the L/A.

Many thanks to the people who have donated stamps for use at the Branch over the last year. I have received strips of 10, sometimes several at a time; I even received a roll of 100 stamps from someone who doesn't want to be named. Each stamp costs 85 cents + HST, cost of 96 cents, this is a wonderful savings for the Branch as we do mail out a lot of items, letters, newsletters, cards, invitations etc. too many things to list. All I can say is THANK YOU, THANK YOU to the donators - you know who you are and I know this is your way of helping us out by contributing anonymously.

Cathy Cole

Membership/Secretary

HONOURS & AWARDS

On Sunday, October 14th, 2018 from 11:30am until 4:30pm, we are having our annual Honours & Awards day – hope you have already marked this date on your calendar. This special day is an afternoon function with a luncheon for members and other people receiving awards as well as anybody who wants to purchase a ticket to participate in the luncheon. Letters have been sent to the members receiving recognition for their length of service or for their help in the Branch or Community who helped in many ways and to acknowledge our Veterans. To those

who received letters, we ask that you please return your response in the supplied return envelope.
Looking forward to seeing you on October 14th.

June M. Smith

Honours and Awards Chair



Dear Comrades The annual Poppy Campaign is almost upon us. This year, the campaign will be from Friday, October 26th until November, 10th.

The Poppy Campaign is absolutely critical to the success of our Branch's ability to fulfill our mandate to support our Veteran's and their Families –

Our goal this year is \$55,000

Please consider and reflect on the Oath that we all swore when we became Legion Members in which we all swear to:

“Ever strive by all proper means – to promote the work of the organization, including active participation in the Poppy campaign”

We require Poppy Volunteers and lots of them, but we can't all stand out there for too many 2 hours shifts or have a vehicle to drive. But there is something for everyone. We need:

Taggers - The Poppy Board will be available for sign-up on or before the day of our next General Meeting on Oct 3rd, 2018. Shifts in 2 hour time slots.

Drivers – to assist driving the cadets to their posts on Saturday November 3rd, and November 10, 2018. To drop off counter boxes to businesses, replace boxes, to pick-up drop-off taggers who need a lift etc.

Adopt a street or plaza – volunteers to maintain a certain area of businesses to ensure their Poppy needs are in good supply throughout the campaign...

Stuffers – assist the LA in stuffing Poppy envelopes for the schools and their students.

And many more tasks that need to be done.

There is a sign-up board in the branch for Volunteers. It does not matter if you are not available for the entire campaign. Any time that you can contribute will be helpful and greatly appreciated.

If you don't see something here that you feel capable or comfortable doing. Please talk to me - I will find something for you. There is nothing more gratifying than knowing you made a difference in the success in The Poppy Campaign and a part of the volunteer team at Branch 11.

Thank you for your consideration, I remain;
Yours in Comradeship

Jeff Paulin

Poppy Chair

REMEMBRANCE PARADE & SERVICE



Our parade and service is on Sunday, November 4th, 2018. Form up at Shoppers' World at 1.00pm; march off at 1.30pm with a service at the Branch at 2.00pm. We go to the Clubroom after the service for our Ladies Auxiliary special "roast beef on a bun" and of course, refreshments. Please come out to the parade/service either as a marcher or spectator. With the earlier serving of the food, we are able to accommodate even the 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 food by our Ladies Auxiliary. It is a great day for everyone.

Cathy Cole

Secretary

REMEMBRANCE DAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11th, 2018

(Form up 10am at EY Collegiate)

After the November parade in East York, we will be providing food for everyone at our OWN Branch. After the November 11th parade 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 hot food after the parade, stews, chili and crusty bread (hopefully it won't be cold and we won't need warming up/thawing out) but as weather for the East York November 11th parade is never guaranteed to be warm, we can only wish/hope that it will be. Come back to the Branch after the parade, enjoy our food, the comradeship of our fellow Legionnaires and many friends and celebrate our freedom due to the sacrifice of so many. This is not a regular working day so the Branch will only be open from 11.00am – 6.00pm.

Legion Week 2018

Thank you to Jeff Paulin and Gord Pearce from our Executive for supporting our opening of Legion Week, our Zone Commander Gerry Morgan, LA President Nancy McKnight, Councillor Janet Davis and Terri McGillivray VSC President, the Ulster Accordion Band who kept us entertained, along with the many volunteers who attended to help us get underway to pay tribute to our Veterans, past and present. To the Veterans who always add so much of interest by being with us and talking with the students. The Vintage Signal Corps teaching the children how they communicated without cell phones and what they did use by Lt. Colonel Ken Lloyd.

By the end of the week we had 260 students plus teachers joining us to learn why they have such a great country to live in and the sacrifices made by many to make it so. The artifacts and displays along with the simulated trench and the volunteers to man the displays and to explain to everyone the articles and the chance to meet visiting dignitaries and volunteers and share their experiences has been received so well by so many.

We had the honour of the National Silver Cross Mother of 2017/2018 being with us this week with pictures of her son, his medals and memorabilia and talking to the students. This has been a wonderful experience for us all. Thank you Diane Abel for the offer to come back and work with us for Youth Ed. You added so much interest for the children (along with all of us). We are so fortunate!

Volunteers, I cannot thank you enough - without you this whole endeavour would not be possible. The hours we have all spent together for the last nine days have been rewarding when we have seen the faces of the children and the time spent together. To the people who have minded the hall in the evenings and those who have donated to our funding of the gifts for the students attending and other expenses we have once again covered all costs. Bless you all.

To Helen Pearce who works so endlessly to contact the schools and the teachers to bring the students here by sending e-mails and phone calls - you are priceless and thank you so much.

We are tired but a very gratified committee at the end of the week. Our volunteers are all over 70 years of age and we would love to have young people join us in this most rewarding venture.

Thank you, thank you.

June M. Smith

Legion Week Chair

Building



The chain link fence has come down and the six foot wooden fence on top of the cement wall that runs along the back and south side of our parking lot looks awesome. Next week the workers will be back. Hopefully not just Charlie and Jeff but Nick's crew should be back to help clean up and build the horse shoe pit to Charlie's specs. I am also looking at getting some parking lot paving/patching done. I mentioned to Nick that it might just be easier to pave the whole thing then to just patch but Nick accused me of trying to get 'water from a rock'. They have been very good to us over there. When all is said and done, I am hoping we can give these guys a BBQ or something to show our appreciation for all that they have done.

Jeff Paulin

Building Chair

5 Year Planning



The new closing date for sale of Branch 11 is now October 4, 2018. There have been 3 extensions at the request of the buyer. This is the last one! I am hoping at the next General Meeting on October 3, 2018 we will have some rough drafts of the new building and the Branch location within the new building. We will soon be ready to get our committee's active again who are going to design our new Branch.

Jeff Paulin,

5 Year Planning Chair

A senior citizen is driving on the highway. His wife calls him on his cell phone and in a worried voice says, "Herman, be careful! I just heard on the radio that there is a madman driving the wrong way on Route 280!" Herman says, "I know, but there isn't just one, there are hundreds!"

Special Functions



We had our annual corn roast Saturday September 2nd. Thanks go out to the BBQ Chefs: John D, Charlie S. and Jim McK.; to the Food Servers: Sandra D, Dorothy K, Joyce H, Cathy C. and special thanks to the LA for the cold slaw. Also thanks to Lynn S. the best ticket seller around! Many thanks for donated prizes from the donators who want to remain anonymous. Branch 11 welcomed members from Branches 10, 614, 258 and 73. Thanks to our Bar Steward Jim LeRoy for volunteering.

Fall is approaching and that means Oktoberfest will be at our Branch on October 21st. Come out and have fun. Entertainment will be Al Jordan. Meal tickets are \$10.00 per person. Come out and support Branch 11.

Keep in mind every Saturday is our meat spin 3:00pm to 5:00pm Try your chance at the wheel to win a gift certificate or two or more while enjoying a cold one!

Please remember to thank a Veteran.

Susan Squires

Special Functions Chain

Walk -A -Thon



Branch 11 hosted the Walk -A -Thon this year.

It gives me great pleasure to tell you that it was a successful day. We had 9 adult walkers and 3 young men who completed the walk. What a great group of people! Many thanks must also go out to our sponsors. Every dollar counted. The proceeds will be going to THE JOE SWEENEY FUND for homeless Veterans. I will be able to give you a final total as soon as all the money is collected. I can almost assure you that we surpassed our last year's amount.

Kudos to Jeff and Caroline for doing our hamburgers on the BBQ in the morning and Jim McKeil for staying and cooking in all that heat. Thank You, Thank You.

Yours in Comradeship

Joyce Haden

Walk -A -Thon Chair.

Sick



Hope everyone had a great summer.

Bill King has decided not to get treatment. He is taking one day at a time. When I spoke to him he was not feeling 100% but found the gumption to come in and help Legion Week. Bill enjoys talking to friends on the telephone so give him a call to say hello.

Rose Mooney was looking ok when I saw her. I will be bringing her husband John's Membership when I see her next week.

John Mooney is hanging in there. He's been in the secure unit at Providence Health care for many years. There is not much anyone can do only keep him clean and reasonable healthy. He doesn't know anybody especially Rose which is a shame. But that's the terrible disease, called Alzheimer's.

Marg Hook has been going back to the Doctor for Walking Pneumonia. Marg has been back at the Branch and is looking much better.

Rod Bailey was sent from Michael Garron Hospital to Toronto General where he had 5 stints put in. He was home within 4 days and now feels wonderful.

Susan Squires has not been feeling well. She is going for more tests.

Frank Babineau was in the branch last week. Frank is a Veteran and a 30 year member of Branch 11. He looked great.

I visited Bill Lyons at his home and he was looking well. Bill said that since he's had his pace maker he does not feel like going out. I am trying to convince him to get out more often. If you can do this I would be grateful, I'll buy you a chocolate bar ha! Ha!

Rick Groome will be going for day surgery.

Alan Groome has had a problem with his foot for a while. Hopefully now it is on the mend.

I will be visiting George Moorhead, Pat Collie, Sheila Hadden next week.

Yours in comradeship

Joyce Haden

Sick Chair

Bursary

Forms are behind the bar or can be printed from the website. Please take advantage of this help that is offered for students that have veteran grandfathers and meet qualifications for University. You have me as Branch

Bursary, Jeff Paulin as Zone Bursary and John Dufort as District Bursary so help is available.

June M. Smith
Bursary Chair

Youth Education



The Legion's Remembrance Literary & Poster Contest information is now being sent out to the schools in our area. We have also spoken to all the classes that were in during Legion Week. Some of the students indicated that they had won last year and were enthused to try again this year as well as the Teachers in encouraging them. Judges have been selected and we are looking forward to the entries coming in and the chance to present again at the schools to the winners. We have reached out the students during Legion Week so that could be 260 youngsters if they all submit entries!

June M. Smith
Youth Education Chair

Sports

Well Comrades the new sports season is upon us.

The Legion Sports Leagues have begun. The Monday Men's Darts and Ladies' Euchre are back for another season. In addition this year we have a new League on Mondays with a new Ladies' Dart League. Welcome All!

I will be attending a meeting on September 29th to get the information on Zone and District Sports Tournaments. The information and sign-up sheets will be posted shortly thereafter.

The Snooker table has been recovered and I ask all comrades not put any drinks or food on the table. Thank you in advance.

The Thursday Mixed Dart League has also started up for another season. Fridays there is also a blind draw doubles darts in the clubroom – everyone is welcome so do come out and have a good time.

Rick Groome
Sports Chair

Clubroom Entertainment



Hello comrades:

It's hard to believe that the summer has come to an end. Please come out and enjoy our Saturday night Entertainment in the clubroom!

7:30pm to 11:30pm – the lineup for the next couple of months is at the back of the newsletter on the calendar.

Lynn Somerton
Clubroom Entertainment Chair

Ladies Auxiliary



Wow, summer is officially over and fall is on its way. Thanks to Dave Ferron, Chris Scott, Karen Boudreault, Debbie Strickland, Debbie Kirkland and William Scott for looking after the board games while Helen and I were away at the Ladies Auxiliary Convention.

We have our General Meeting on October 10th at 8 pm and our Executive Meeting will be moved to Oct. 24th at 7:30 pm to accommodate Halloween as it is on the 31st. We have our Zone LA meeting on Sunday, Oct 21st at Branch 10, registration is 12:30.

Poppy season starts Fri., Oct 26th, don't forget to come out and help tag. We will do the poppies for the schools on Sunday, Oct. 27th in the clubroom. Watch the board for the time. Don't forget we have our Remembrance Parade and Service at the Branch on Sun., Nov. 4th, form up at Shoppers World 1pm, march off 1:30 for 2:00 service. The East York Remembrance Parade and Service will be Sunday, Nov. 11th, form up at East York CI at 10 am, march off 10:30. Let's try and make it as large a turn out as possible seeing as it is the 100th Anniversary of Armistice.

Our General Meeting will be November 14th at 8 pm and our Executive Meeting will be Nov 28th at 7:30 p.m.

Our Bazaar will be Saturday, November 24th, please keep this date open as we will need a lot of help.

We had Legion Week Opening Ceremony and thanks to Debbie Strickland for coming in and looking after the refreshments for me and keeping the volunteers fed throughout the week.

Not too much this time but please we need more people coming out to help, even if you can only spare an hour it would be greatly appreciated.

We have lost our longest member, Molly Sutton has passed away with 61 years of service. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Molly's family. She will be greatly missed.

Yours in Comradeship,

Nancy McKnight
L.A. President

Well ladies, it's that time again. Your LA Membership cards are ready. The price has gone up this year due to the increase in our Per Capita Tax. The new rate is \$20.00 for all Members under 70 years of age and \$15.00 for all members over 70 years of age. I will have the cards available at our General Meetings or you can leave your money behind the bar and I will send your card to you. Remember to pay your dues before December 31st to be an Early Bird and eligible to play sports.

Yours in comradeship,

Helen Small Secretary/Treasurer



A student tries on Mike Turner's combat gear at Legion Week



The Silver Cross Mother explains to students
Her late son's medals and photos



Doug Smith showing students exhibits during Legion Week



Our Battle of Britain Parade with six marchers.

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"EARLY BIRD DRAW"

For many years, we have had a draw for those who pay their membership dues before November 30th, of the current year. The draw is held at the December General Meeting and we draw four (4) names and these winners have their dues for the next calendar year paid for them by the Branch.

We attempt each year to get a renewal percentage of better than 60% and were very successful last year as many of you sent your dues in early, were part of the "Early Bird" campaign and our Branch received an acknowledgement that we attained a 70% renewal.

In order for us to attain this level again this year, we need YOUR help. We need you to pay your dues before November 30th so that we can send your card to Ottawa to be recognized as an Early Bird. Please send or bring your dues of \$ 50.00 to the Branch: if mailing, your cheque must be received before November 30th; do not mail on the 30th and expect an Early Bird sticker or to be included in the draw.

As the cards are already in the Branch, if you pay your dues to a steward, your card will be behind the bar for pick up within the week. If mailing your cheque, you should receive your card within two (2) weeks. If possible when you mail your cheque, in order to save the Branch a few costs, please send a pre-addressed/ postage paid envelope for the return of your card. We would appreciate these small savings as each one helps our bottom line/general funds.

Cathy Cole

Cathy Cole
Membership Chair



MEMBERSHIP
RENEW TODAY!