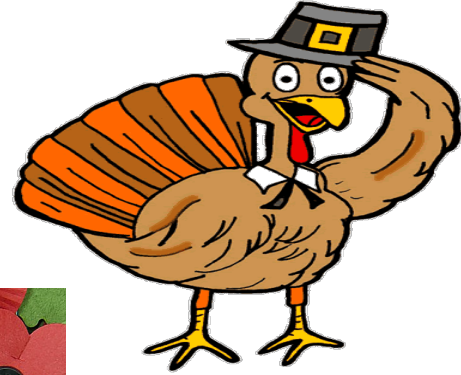


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Royal Canadian Legion Branch 11 East Toronto

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President's Message

Hello Comrades:

As fall has now officially arrived...it's that time of year to reach out to our Legion family and ask of your full hearted support for our annual Poppy Campaign. Our 1st Vice President, Mike Turner (Poppy Chair) will be in command of this year's campaign, so please be sure you give him and the campaign your full support. Mark your calendar for our Branch Remembrance Day parade and ceremony on Sunday, November 10th, we meet up at Shoppers World at 1:00 pm, stepping off at 1:30 pm. Please stay and join us in the clubroom after ceremony.

On August 17th we commemorated the 75th anniversary of D-Day at the annual Warriors Day Parade at the CNE and despite the rain it was a good turnout. The Ulster band was very much missed in the parade but were there in the stands in support and in spirit. Our Civic Holiday steak BBQ dinner on August 5th was a huge success with many members inviting their extended families and the neighbourhood to attend.

The Legion week kicked off on Sunday, Sept. 15th with our Battle of Britain Parade and opening ceremony at the branch with dignitaries and special guests. Thank you to June and Helen who always do an amazing job setting up the memorabilia with the various cadets, volunteers and for reaching out to schools and inviting them to our open house and a special "Thank you" to our Veterans and Members that volunteered their time and knowledge.

Our corn roast on September 2nd was a sell out and we anticipate our Oktoberfest on October 27th will also be another successful event, so buy your tickets early - thanks to everyone for supporting our events. Thanks to our walkers that participated in this years Walk-A-thon.. Don't forget to follow us on our Facebook page, Website, blackboard and remember every Saturday starting at 3:00 pm is our "Meat Roll"

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family!!

Yours in Comradeship.

Jeff Paulin

President

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2019

"IN MEMORIUM"

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

MACLEOD

Colin

Joined Branch 11 in September 1973

Our deepest sympathy to the members of his family

Many thanks to the people who have donated stamps to the Branch over the last year. Again this year I have received a large donation of stamps from John Chafe, even after he transferred from the Branch he continued to help us out. 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 90 cents + HST, cost of 1.08 cents, this is a wonderful savings for the Branch as we do mail a lot of items out, letters, newsletters, cards, invitations etc., too many things to list. All I can say is THANK YOU, THANK YOU to the people who have donated, 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 DAY



On Sunday, October 6th, 2019 from 11.30am until 3.00pm, 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 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, all our Veterans and people from the community who helped in

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many ways. There is a Sunday Funday in the Clubroom this same day and you will be able to go downstairs and enjoy the music of Al Jordan and purchase peameal on a bun, if you are not already full from the luncheon provided by our great Ladies Auxiliary.

June M. Smith

Honours & Awards Chair

REMEMBRANCE PARADE & SERVICE

Our parade and service is on Sunday, November 10th, 2019. 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 early serving of food, we are able to accommodate even the members who like to get home "before dark". 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,

MONDAY NOVEMBER 11TH, 2019

After the November 11th parade in East York, we will be providing food at our OWN Branch for anyone participating as a marcher/spectator/wreath layer, etc. 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 your fellow Legionnaires and many friends and celebrate our freedom due to the sacrifice of so many.

Cathy Cole

Secretary

INTERESTING INVITATION TO ALL LEGION MEMBERS/GUESTS

On November 9th at 5.00pm at the Fort York Site, there will be a number of different ethnic groups reciting "In Flanders Fields" in their respective native language. The event will include potluck ethnic food and musical performances and the event is entirely the effort of the volunteers and the admission is free. An invitation has been given to all the Legions/Legionnaires as their guests and they hope that a number of Legionnaires/guests will come out and if possible they would appreciate the wearing of your "Blues & Greys"

Cathy Cole

Secretary

Ways & Means



Brrrrrr, I believe Fall has arrived. I hope you all enjoyed your summer.

Mark your calendar Sunday funday on October 6th, entertainment by Al Jordan, 2:00-6:00 pm. On November 3rd karaoke hosts John & Sandy Mills will entertain 2:00-6:00 pm. Non-members and children welcomed.

There is no cost to attend. A meal will be served at 4:30 at a cost of \$5.00 pp. Come out, meet friends or make new ones over a cold beverage. Dance & sing the afternoon away. These two events will be held in the clubroom.

Remember to THANK A VETERAN>

Susan Squires

Ways & Means Chair

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Poppy



Hello everyone. I hope you had a safe and enjoyable summer.

October is here and that means cooler weather, jackets and the Poppy Campaign!!

This year the Campaign will start on Friday October 25th and conclude on November 11th.

I have been busy getting the counter and tagging boxes ready for this year. The poppies and supplies are at the branch and we are ready for an awesome poppy campaign! All we need is wonderful volunteers like you to assist in making it all happen.

As the Branch and Zone Veteran Service Officer, I see and meet many of the Veterans and their families that our Poppy funds assist directly. The support and changes these funds provide is heartwarming and so greatly appreciated. The funds that assist these veterans and their families gives them hope and the ability to get back on their feet. I truly wish I could share with you the experiences of watching a family smile and cry out of happiness for what we were able to do for them through the poppy fund and the support of our branch members. This past year the funds assisted getting Veterans and their families food and medical supplies, assisting with first and last month rent for homeless families and individuals as well as enabling others to obtain hearing aids and emergency dental work; the list goes on with the types of support the poppy funds contribute to.

So I ask every one of you to please assist me in the poppy campaign this year, no matter how much or little time you can commit to; the support will be greatly appreciated.

If I could I would ask each and every one of you face to face. ☺

The Branch area has not changed from past years. It is from Victoria Park Ave to Woodbine Ave and from St Clair Ave down to the water front. Outside of our area we

have The Real Canadian Super Store, Shops at Don Mills and we will have opportunities to tag at the Scotiabank Arena (Former ACC) as well.

There was a recent change in Poppy areas within our zone and we now have the opportunity to assist Branch #344 with their area. This will include the Scotiabank Arena (Former ACC), Bay Towers, Dundas Square and Spadina Ave from Dundas St north to Bloor St and the Eaton Centre.

I will be putting the Tagging Board up in the Clubroom on October 2nd. I have a non-tagging sign-up sheet on the clubroom bar. Please feel free to put your name on either or both forms to assist with poppy services. The poppy Tagging Board is set up this year in two hour time slots. If you can tag for 2 hours or more feel free to put your name on the time and location you wish to tag. If you are only able to help for an hour or even 15 minutes please do the same and write your availability of time beside your name. (There will be a dashed line between the 2 hour block so another person could put their name to cover the other hour).

We will be offering the Wristband Packages again this year for \$5.00 each. They will consist of a "Lest We Forget" Wristband, a Poppy Pin Centre and a "Lest We Forget" poppy ceramic pin. If any branch member would like several of these packages to sell please contact me and I will have them ready for you as soon as possible.

Thank you all for your greatly appreciated support and I look forward to assisting you all to make this an Awesome Campaign!

If you have any further questions or wish to contact me feel free to do so.

Mike Turner, (Retd)

Poppy Chair & Veterans Service officer

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Lest We Forget



Leadership & Development

Our CPR/AED training is coming up on Sept 29th from 10AM to 4PM

Once again we are making sure that members in our branch are qualified to give all the help we can when an emergency develops.

I have been approached by a man who was at our Legion Week with a display and information on John F Kennedy. It was very interesting and he would like to come and talk to a group. I would appreciate feedback on your interests and suggestions.

June M Smith

Leadership & Development Chair

Clubroom Entertainment

Hello everyone.

Members and non-members are welcome to Branch 11 entertainment every Saturday night from 7:30 to 11:30 pm.

We have entertainers every Saturday night so come out and enjoy yourselves.

There is a list of entertainers on the clubroom wall by the bar and also listed for two months on the newsletter back pages.

Any questions? Give me a call. 416-259-6863

Tom Bragan

Clubroom Entertainment Chair

Sports



Hello Comrades,

It's the new season for Zone sports and all the sign-up sheets for 2019 have been posted in the clubroom.

Please make note of the dates for each event as some of them have changed as of September 23rd.

I hope that everyone who signs up has a good time and advances to District.

Yours in comradeship.

Linda Green,

Sports Chair



5 Year Planning Committee

I want to thank everyone who showed up from the branch and showed their support for the Branch on September 23rd, at the community consultation. I have been to several of these consultations and this one was tame compared to the other ones I have attended. A few people spoke on behalf of the Branch with the most memorable being that from Bobby Glencross on behalf of the Ulster Accordion Band. As the meeting went on...even the naysayers who object to the height of our new building, all spoke highly of the Legion, appreciate our value and welcomes us into this community. I hope you have taken a look at the display boards of the new building in the clubroom.. What do you think??

The next step for us will be a meeting with Councillor Brad Bradford and the developer to review the feedback and plan for the next community consultation...

But in the meantime, the Developer is wanting our wish list from our various committees to ensure the space configuration fits our needs.

Our 5 sub committees have been meeting and working hard for the future of our Branch

Branch Design Subcommittee – Jean Whynot chairperson

Kitchen Subcommittee – Nancy McKnight chairperson

Memorabilia / Legion week Subcommittee – Joyce Haden chairperson

Modern Vet Subcommittee – Mike Turner chairperson

Services Subcommittee – James LeRoy chairperson

As always, thank you for your support.

Jeff Paulin 5YP Chair

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Special Functions



As you know we are having 'Friday night Entertainment' one Friday a month in the clubroom to shake things up... Come and enjoy some live music, a cold beverage and bring along a friend or two. Our evenings entertainment start at 7:30 pm. Our next Friday nights are:

October 11th - Frank Wilks

Nov. 22nd - Al Reilly and Catalyst

On October 27th, we celebrate our annual **Oktoberfest** from 12:00pm to 7:00pm with music by Lloyd Young – so get your tickets early at the bar for only \$12.00.

Our Annual New Years Eve celebrations will have Al Jordan more details to follow.

Special Functions Team

Youth Education



This year's Legion Week welcomed 189 students from Grades 2 to 5 and all from Secord School! While it was disappointing that none of the other schools responded to my invitation kudos to Secord Teachers ... Doug Cornall, Rosemarie Colangelo, Jack Bruce, Jennifer Wymer, Heather Roberts, Yun Cheng, Shandee Wong, and Shannon Fernandez for stepping up to the plate enabling their respective young students with a hands on Canadian History learning experience. Secord Teachers have been supporting the Legion's Youth Ed programs since I first started in 2002. It is truly very rewarding. We were running out of items for the goodie bags as well as the goody bags – Nancy McKnight to the rescue from the LA supply!...so my thanks to Anne Davis, Victoria Armstrong and Joanne Barden for taking the time to pick up items ... no child went without a goody bag! I would like to thank Teacher, Shandee Wong for donating tote bags which we in turn gave to each of the visiting Teachers as a special thank you to them.

Helen D. Pearce

Youth Education Chair

PRO



Both Beach Metro and EY Chronicle ran Ads for our Legion Week. As well Alan Shackleton from Beach Metro attended one afternoon during a group of students' visit ... took pictures and interviewed the teacher and volunteers. Beach Metro has an ongoing Ad in its Community Calendar for our Saturday night entertainment.

Helen D. Pearce

PRO Chair

Over 60 Club



We are looking for new members. If you are free on Tuesday afternoons and you are under 60 or over give us a call.

Our meetings are euchre, darts and casino bus trips. If interested give me a call at 416-259-6863.

Tom Bragan

Over 60 Club Chair

Legion Week

Once more we have had a very successful week with the displays, the veterans, students and visitors.

The success depends largely on all the wonderful volunteers that came forward and donated their time and energy and patience to help make this an interesting period of learning.

This year we had many more adults come in thru seeing the posters (with thanks to Gary Gale for getting the 50 posters spread all over) and to our comrades who passed the information on to their friends. Legion week could not happen without the volunteers who show up and stay with us all week long. Whatever task they take on, it is done with devotion and caring and is so rewarding to see the way the children respond to what we have to offer, from the trench to the communications used in the 1st WW, the uniforms and trying on of such and talking to

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the Veteran's and listening so attentively. Not to forget the volunteers, that spent hours crushing newspaper, that was saved for us, to make the sandbags and then stapled closed, building the trench, and when all is said and done repeating the procedure and undoing all the bags and flattening out the newspaper to put in the dumpster, and those who put the goody bags together for the students and of course our QYR Cadet corps that use their strength to carry all the memorabilia from the third floor to the main floor. The Ladies Auxiliary for their opening goodies after the Battle of Britain Parade which we asked them to serve and Debbie Strickland who made the sandwiches for lunches so we could purchase and survive without leaving the hall.

The many parents, mothers and fathers, who visited with the students this year, were very complimentary and several observed the benefits of visiting and knowledge that was learned through historical value was so great that attendance should be made compulsory.

We would be remiss if we didn't mention the members of the UAB that supported us with our work when we didn't have enough helpers. You are always there for us. Merci! Our rewards are in looking at the faces of young ones and knowing we have made a difference in their knowledge of why we have this wonderful free country for all of us to live in and remembrance of those young men and women who laid down their lives to enable us our freedom. Bullies are not to be tolerated and the students have promised to look after our future for their children and grandchildren.

Instead of filling the newsletter with names I will have a notification posted in the clubroom of volunteers and I thank you to the many who donated money for the Hamilton Vintage Signal Corps and the articles that went into the goody bags that do not want to be named.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Yours in comradeship

June M Smith

Legion Week Chair

Ladies Auxiliary



Ladies, we are back from summer and in full swing. The membership cards are ready, under 70 years is \$20 and over 70 is \$15. Pay before December 31st to be an Early Bird and also to qualify for playing sports. Our next General Meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 9th at 8 pm, our Zone Commander will be at this meeting. We had two teams play Zone Euchre and I am pleased to say they are both moving on to District on Oct. 19th at Br 1/42. There was a conflict with Branch Crib so that has been moved to Sunday, Oct. 20th. This was going to be the day we stuffed the poppies for the schools but it has now been moved to Wednesday, Oct. 23rd at 7 pm on the main floor. All are welcome to come and help. Don't forget your oath to the poppy campaign. Our Executive meeting will be on the 30th.

Our Remembrance Parade and Service will be on Sunday, Nov. 10th. Form up at Shoppers World 1:00 pm, march off 1:30. The service at the branch will start at 2. The Ulster Band puts on a wonderful performance and then we will have our Roast Beef on a Bun afterwards. Then the East York Remembrance Parade is Monday, Nov. 11th, form up at East York CI for 10 am, march off 10:30.

The General Meeting will be Wed., Nov. 13th at 8 pm and the Executive Meeting will be Nov. 27th at 7:30 pm.

Our Ladies Bazaar has been changed to Saturday, November 16th, to accommodate Branch Euchre on the 23rd. We will be holding the Bazaar from 10 to 2 pm. Come out and find a treasure to buy or a treat from the bake table. We will be having Peameal on a Bun this year and of course fries and gravy. Come have your lunch and help support the Ladies Auxiliary. The draw tickets will be on sale in the next couple of weeks, they will be 3 for \$2 again this year. If you have any donations to our Bazaar please make arrangements to bring it to the branch and we will get it put away for now.

A little birdie told me that Ella Coyle's surgery went very well and before we know it she will be back around the branch.

Yours in comradeship,

Nancy McKnight

LA President

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"I find these days, that most of my conversations start out with: Did I tell you this already? Or What was I going to say?"



Veterans at Opening Ceremony of Legion Week from Branches 258, 344 and 11

Honours & Awards



Our Past Officers and Awards Day will be on Sun Oct. 6th. The invitations have been sent out and the reception is on the main floor at 11:30 am with luncheon following at 12 pm.

The response has been wonderful and we are looking forward to honouring those who do so much for our Branch.

Your devotion has saved us money and so many functions are able to be done due to the volunteers that help. Looking forward to being able to say "THANK YOU" to those that care.

June M Smith

Honours and Awards Chair

Walk-A-thon



The walkathon is over for another year, many thanks to the walkers and pledges for their support of this event.

Tom Bragan

Walkathon Chair



Thanks to Phil McVeigh's son Tim who has completed a couple of projects in the Branch.

He created a new wooden wing for the Past Presidents plaque that hangs in the main foyer and has just completed another project. We were given seven pictures by the **Babineau family** that are on the back wall in the clubroom. When Frank passed away we were given another picture to complete the set but it was in the wrong frame. With Tim's woodworking ability he was able to complete a frame so that the full set now looks as if it was always complete.

Thank you Tim for all the work you have done for our Branch.

Charlie Silson



Fallsview Casino bus trip October 17, 2019. Bus leaves Branch 11 at 9:00 am sharp.. Tickets \$10.

See Jean Whynot.



"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 payment for 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!



This is a look at the 'draft' of the new Branch 11, looking up Dawes Rd from the Go Station / Storage Units.



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