



# News & Views

February/March 2020



Bill King



Doug Smith



Tommy Chiasson



Joe Gagne



Don Hillier



Mike Bischoff

Veterans of the Legion who received  
“QUILTS OF VALOUR”  
At Branch 11  
by **Frank Babineau’s** son  
**Mike** and daughter –in-law  
**Naomi** along with a number  
of his younger family mem-  
bers in attendance to honour  
his memory



Pieter Zuber



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## **President's Message**

### **Hello Comrades:**

For my message, I would like to share a part of my President's report I presented January 5<sup>th</sup> at Zone: While fresh in my memory (from just a few weekends ago) 1 of our 3 teams at District Euchre came in first. We are looking forward to hosting the event next year... Congrats: **Harold Timms, Nancy Timms-McKnight, Cindy and Jim LeRoy**. Our hall rentals are doing well (**Jean Whynot**). We have had great luck with our special events: **Susan Squires** can pack them in for our Sunday Funday's. We had our successful breakfast with Santa and our New Year's Eve celebration. I want to thank **Cindy LeRoy and Lynn Somerton** for their ongoing support when I held the Chair of Special functions and thank you to **Karen Boudrault** who has taken on that position. We have our monthly bus trip to the casino. Saturday meat roll, Saturday night Entertainment (**Tom Bragan**), Karaoke every other Friday night and one Friday evening a month we are trying a 'new band' to bring in the younger crowd... Of course we have darts at least 4 nights a week.. There is always something to do at Branch 11.

We had a very successful Poppy Campaign. Not all the totals are in but we are sure to exceed last year's record campaign of \$55K. Congratulations 1<sup>st</sup> Vice **Mike Turner** on a job well done and for all of those who participated.

Our plans for the redevelopment of property are sitting in appeal along with 5 other developers in the area. If it continues this way this may delay our project as much as another year. That of course would help our bottom line for when we do move back in. As we are currently collecting a mortgage payment of 2% which is averaging.. \$11.5k a month and we are here rent-free. The good / downside is all the extra income related to the new building is for the new building and not to be touched for the day to day running of the branch... We continue to do what we need to do to pay the bills and keep our doors open and we are doing **great!**. We even passed our Zone inspection...



This is not to brag about our success (maybe it is), but to let you know **Branch 11** has its act together and has secured the future of the Legion in the east end of Toronto on Dawes Road for generations to come.

Do you know how proud and what an honour it is for me to be able to share this kind of report to the rest of the branches in the Zone and of course to share with you... This can only have been achieved by a hard-working Executive and the number of volunteers that step up and help and of course all of you that come out and support all the branch events... Thank you.

**All the best in 2020!!**

Yours in Comradeship.

**Jeff Paulin**  
**President**

## **DECEMBER 2019– JANUARY 2020 “IN MEMORIUM”**

We have been very lucky these 2 months, as we have had no notification of any member passing. If you hear of any member taking ill, please call the branch and leave a message for the president, Jeff Paulin, as we have a board to notify anyone coming into the branch that one of us is sick and a member/patron could be interested in that member who might be ill.

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## **\*\*\*CATHY COLE – MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION\*\*\***

### **EARLY BIRD CAMPAIGN WINNERS**

The 4 winners to have their 2021 dues paid by the Branch are: **Jun De Leon, Rudy Jaeger, Bill King and Jeff Wilson**

Thanks to everyone who paid their dues before November 30<sup>th</sup> so that your name was in the December draw, good luck next year:

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### **WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:**

welcome from Branch #11 to the members who recently joined or transferred to our Branch; we hope that you will continue to support the Branch



that you chose to join: **Ginny Dang, Peggy Dwyer, Lee Fernley, Anne Gaudet, Mark Llewellyn, Anne McNamara, Thuy Vu**

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### IMPORTANT IMPORTANT IMPORTANT

Any member who has not paid their 2020 dues by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020, is classed as "a member not in good standing" as per the By-Laws of Dominion Command. As a Branch adhering to these By-Laws as well as having this requirement in our own Regulations, any member "not in good standing" will not be allowed to participate in any functions in the Branch, to be served at the bar or to participate in any sports activities. We would really like to see all members continuing to enjoy the facilities of our "Friendly Branch".

**\*\*\* IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR 2020 DUES YET, PLEASE PAY THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE \*\*\***

If you did not pay before December 31st, your payment for dues is now \$ 55.00; \$ 50.00 for dues and a late penalty of \$ 5.00. A reminder letter has been sent to all members with outstanding dues.

\*\*\* If there is a reason that you are not planning to renew your Legion membership, phone the Branch 416-699-1353 and leave a message for me or drop a line to my attention as membership chair. We would really like to know why you no longer want to belong to our great Branch as well as the organization known as The Royal Canadian Legion. Perhaps there is something that we can do/change in the Branch that will help you change your mind and stay as a member.

### Over 60 Club



Our membership is increasing. Welcome to new members **Karen Boudreault** and **Ann Breen**. We meet every second Tuesday and if you are interested in a nice afternoon come out and join us.

**Tom Bragan**

**Over 60 Club Chair**

### Sports



Zone 8 Ball was held at Branch 527 on December 8th and the team of **Jason Prevost & Asif Somji** were the overall winners and advance to District at Branch 101 on February 2nd.

Zone Senior darts was held at Branch 22 on December 14th and 4 teams (**Rob Jewett, Eunice Francis, Fred & Linda Green**)(**Rudy Wagner, Lynn Somerton, Cindy Le Roy & Lynn Brough**)(**Dave Reeves, Cindy Sammut, Rick Groome & Bob Murphy**)(**Sandra Durham, Joan Quilty, Angie Francis & Greg Grant**) advance. 6 doubles (**Bob & Rick, Eunice & Rob, Cindy Le Roy & Lynn Brough, Sandra & Greg, Dave & Cindy Sammut and Angie & Joan**) advance. 6 singles (**Dave Fred, Cindy Sammut, Sandra, Greg & Angie**) moved on to District at Branch 101 on January 25th, but I'm sorry to say no one advanced. Branch 11 will be hosting Zone Senior darts next year.

We had 2 teams & 3 doubles playing District Mixed darts on January 5th at Branch 266/46 but no one moved on.

We had 3 teams playing District Euchre on January 18th at Branch 101 and the team of **Nancy Timms-McKnight, Harold Timms, Cindy & Jim Le Roy** were the overall winners and move on to Provincials at Branch 171 in Alliston on May 2nd. Congratulations!! This means Branch 11 will be hosting District Euchre next year.

District Snooker was at Branch 266/46 on January 26th and again, I'm sorry to say no one moved on.

District Darts is at Branch 345 on February 8th and we have 4 teams, 4 doubles and 3 singles playing.

District Cribbage is at Branch 1/42 on February 15th and we have 3 teams playing.

District Shuffleboard is at Branch 31 on February 22nd and we have 3 teams playing.

Good luck to everyone.

Yours in Comradeship

**Linda Green,**  
**Sports Chair**



### **HONOURS & AWARDS RECOMMENDATIONS**

Honours & Awards presentations are made at a luncheon, usually the first Sunday in October if not the Thanksgiving weekend. This year the luncheon will be on October 4<sup>th</sup>. If you feel that anyone deserves recognition by the Branch for their work, volunteering, helping out or working behind the scenes, there are a number of ways we recognize special workers both members and non-members such as:

Certificate of Appreciation

Certificate of Merit (Branch and Provincial level)  
Branch Service medal.

Legionnaire of the Year award (restricted to Legion members)

Life membership for ongoing work in the Branch (restricted to Legion members) please contact John Dufort, for this function either by speaking to me when I am in the Branch, leaving a note behind the bar for me. If you leave me a note, please include your name and contact information so I can communicate with you if necessary. You may contact me by phone at 416-688-3555 or by email at [jd-tran@hotmail.com](mailto:jd-tran@hotmail.com). If all else fails, please let someone on the Executive know and they will in turn notify the Chairman accordingly.

A meeting of the Honours & Awards committee is usually held late February/early March; I will need to be advised of your recommendations before this meeting so that the committee can consider all the names that I have received.

**John N. Dufort**

**Honours and Awards Chairman**

### **Legion Week**

Our dates for Legion Week are from

Set up on the 19<sup>th</sup> of Sept, with the opening on Sun.

Sept 20<sup>th</sup> and into full swing with the students and Veterans from Monday to Friday and take down on the Sat. Sept, 26<sup>th</sup>.

We need volunteers to be there during the week and from 4 pm to 8 pm evenings. On Fri Sept 18<sup>th</sup>, we



will need our bag stuffers for the trench so come out and enjoy yourself as you always do.

Without your help, we cannot do this alone. It is a rewarding time to share and teach the younger generation that is our future. Please call me or leave a note behind the bar if you can donate any Of your time.

**June M Smith 416 439 5114**

**Legion Week**



### **YOUTH ED**

Public Speaking will take place for students on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> at our Branch— anyone wishing to help out please contact me. Even with the ongoing issues, I have received responses

from parents wishing to have their students compete and all information has been resent to the Principals of the schools in our area who in turn are forwarding it to parents. Plus we have private tutorial schools reaching out with students wishing to compete – accordingly our Legion Public Speaking is a go!

The awards and Certificates for the winning students in the Remembrance Literary/Poster contest will also be taken care.

**Helen Pearce**

**Youth Ed Chair**

### **PRO**



a) Submitted an Ad for Sunday Funday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>. Please note this time it will be held on the main floor as The Peppershakers are playing – pertinent information is posted – sounds like a fun time!

b) If you know of any students interested in part-time jobs – City of Toronto is recruiting including some positions for hire at 14 years of age – apply online at [Toronto.ca/recjobs](https://toronto.ca/recjobs) – please pass this along to any young people who are looking for a job.

**Helen Pearce**

**PRO Chair**



Main Street Planning Study: Big buildings and big density are coming. See the Beach Metro article January 22, 2020 for their story on development.

### 5 year planning committee

Though there are big plans agreed to be coming to the area of the branch. We are at a standstill with the permit side of things as the city has not yet responded to the developer on their application.. That was due on October 10, 2019... A letter of appeal was filed. On January 22, 2020 we (Ed, John and I) met with the developer who has now told us a letter of appeal has also been submitted on the OPA (Official Plan Amendment). The good news shared is that the City has agreed to sit down with the developers by the first week of February to discuss their concerns. Hope to have new developments to share at the general meeting February 5, 2020. The 5-year planning committee will be meeting again soon.

**Jeff Paulin 5YP Chair**

### Leadership & Development

Would you believe that most programs being offered are for seniors.....I am looking to combine something that will have interest for all areas of membership. So far I would like to bring in the group to speak on the BOMBER GIRLS from WW2 and am open to suggestions for other speakers. The other group offering to come in is for Lifeline for seniors the leading medical alert service. Jerry with his JFK collection is another venue of interest so watch the Bulletin Board for dates upcoming.

**June M Smith**

**Leadership and Development Chair**

### Ways & Means



Hi now that we have Xmas & New Years behind us for another year I have a question. Anyone get a Xmas gift you need to regift??? I sure could use it as donation for prizes re

Sunday fun days. Thanks in advance. check your calendar for Feb 9 moving up to first floor as entertainment is **Pepper Shakers** valentine theme dance. No entry cost. Non-members welcomed. Meal cost \$10

Check posters for menu or contact Susan at [squires.sue54@gmail.com](mailto:squires.sue54@gmail.com) by purchasing a meal ticket enables you to win a prize. Branch opens 12 noon to 7 pm meal served 4 pm music 2-6 pm Wear your **RED**.

Moving into March on March 8 in clubroom 2-6pm **David Wild Smith** this will be an early celebration for St Patrick's day wear your **GREEN** meal served 4 pm watch for this poster for further info. Buying a meal ticket gets you in on draws for prizes. I've seen how much fun are you guys actually having?? Lol.

Well come out and experience a Sunday fun day. Remember to thank a veteran and always non-members welcomed

**Susan Squires**

**Ways & means chairman**

SOMETHING NEW:

Jan 25 – something new starting every Saturday at RCL Br. 11, Clubroom, 9 Dawes Rd, a rolling bin indoor "yard /bin" sale from 2 to 4 p.m. – new and old items – a donation of 50 Cents or more on small items is reasonable, on larger items let's be fair o.k. – no profit all donations go towards community projects. Also please stay and enjoy a chance to win at the meat spin which runs from 3 to approximately 4:30 p.m. Due to sudden illness I was not able to run this new project ... so I wish to thank Susan Squires for stepping up and not only running the meat spin game but looking after this new project...my sincere thanks Susan...kudos!

**Helen Pearce**

### Special Functions

Hello Comrades,  
well guess who is back as your Special Function Chair! “Moi” lol! I hope I can accomplish the deeds as well as my previous Successor did! I am looking forward to arranging activities that will get all Members Involved, Excited and wanting to Participate in. Please let me know if there are any Events that you would like to have! We have **Ronnie & The Corvairs** scheduled for Canada Day, Thanks goes out to **Lynn Somerton** for taking the time to arrange that for me, “Much Appreciated”. Working on other Events & Entertainers, I will keep you posted. As for now, please help support our Branch with the three upcoming Events that we have, **Super Bowl on Feb. 2, Sunday Funday Feb. 9 “Early Valentines Event” and Valentines Karaoke Feb. 14.** Thank you all for this opportunity to continue to make our Branch the Friendly Branch makes everyone come back to!

*Yours in Comradeship*  
**Karen Boudreault**  
**Special Functions Chair**

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### 2020 BRANCH ELECTIONS

There will be **NO** elections this year as our elections are now for a 2-year term and elections were held in May 2019.



Using this donation box. Helps support the Legion.  
The box is located at the entrance of our parking lot at 9 Dawes Rd.

### Bursary Program

2019 - 2020 SCHOLASTIC YEAR NOW **OPEN**  
**2019-20 STARTS IN SEPTEMBER 2019 AND THE DEADLINE IS THE LAST FRIDAY IN MARCH 2020** The Bursary Program is designed to assist those students who are entering or continuing their post secondary education up to \$750.00 (including courses and training programs of a technical and vocational nature) and pursue the same course throughout their academic years. Approved bursary assistance is not based upon scholastic standing but rather on the successful admission status to a post secondary institution or successful completion of one or more years leading to a recognized degree, diploma or certificate. The Bursary Program is funded through the Ontario Command Branches and Ladies' Auxiliaries Charitable Foundation. Ontario Command branches, and our Auxiliaries, raise funds for the Bursary Program through Poppy Tagging, and other activities such as Bingo, Break Open Tickets, Banquets and Clubhouse Operations.

### Branch 11 Bursary Program

We also have a great Bursary Program through the Poppy Fund. With a maximum payout of \$750 and this is available to a Veterans child, grandchild and great grandchild.

### "Hearing Better Now"

An elderly man was having hearing problems and went to see a specialist. The doctor fitted him with some hearing aids that brought his hearing back to full strength.

After a few weeks the man came, back to make sure the new equipment was working properly, which it was.

The hearing specialist said, “It all seems perfect. Your family should be delighted you can hear everything now.”

“Oh no,” the man responded. “I haven’t told any of them. I just sit quietly, listening carefully. I’ve changed my will four times.”





### Poppy:

Happy New Year everybody! I hope 2020 will be a great year for you all.

This year's Poppy campaign was Very Successful. Thanks to all the Volunteers that assisted with the campaign. We had many new people out volunteering this year including members from other branches assisting our branch and many persons whom are not members of the Legion. It was great to see the dedication and commitment to the branch the legion and most of all to our veterans; that we can support due to your gracious support.

I would like to share the figures with you; I feel you will all have pride in our accomplishments:

Our Cadets Received in donations:

\$9,071.50

The Net Profit on Wristband package sales:

\$2,807.25

The Counter boxes, tagging and Donations:

\$53,548.00

Giving us a Grand total for the poppy Campaign to date of: **\$56,355.25**

### **Great volunteering every one!**

Next Year is going to be a bit of a challenge as the Campaign is only 10 days long. We will need drivers to get the counter boxes out as soon as possible on the first Friday of the Campaign. Also we could really use more Taggers. You do not need to be in uniform nor even a member of the legion. People in the community tend to give larger monetary donations to an actual person volunteering.

With that said thank you all again for your support and next year's poppy campaign is only 9 months away!

**Mike Turner**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President / Poppy Chair**



### Ladies Auxiliary

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year. I can't believe it is February already. It has been a fairly quiet January. Ella Coyle is still in rehab and is slowly getting back to normal; **Betty Groome** went into Michael Garron Hospital on Jan. 24th with pneumonia and will be in for a few days for tests. **Shirley Duval** had a bad fall but is said to be in good spirits. Sending warm wishes and all of them a speedy recovery.

There are few things in February coming up. On Feb 2nd the clubroom will be open at 4pm for **Superbowl**. Our general meeting will be on Wed, Feb. 12th at 8 pm. February 14th will be **Valentine's Karaoke**, bring your favourite person and sing them a love song. February 16th is the public speaking at our branch. Come out and hear the students do their speeches on different topics. February 26th will be our Executive meeting at 7:30 pm. On Sunday March 15th we will be hosting **St. Patrick's Day** in the clubroom with the **Ulster Band**, Irish Dancers and to follow in the tradition of **Vi Kelly**, Irish Stew for everyone. Don't forget to wear your green!! Our executive meeting will be Wed. March 25th at 7:30 pm.

We also have Ladies District Cribbage on March 14th at branch 22.

The next newsletter will find us in April and hopefully spring will be showing its face. Looking forward to warmer weather.

Yours in Comradeship

**Nancy McKnight**

**LA President**



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The Annual inspection photo of the Queens York Rangers Cadet Corps with John Dufort, Jeff Paulin & Mike Turner from Branch 11



CO Capt. Danielle Ferris and Richard Ferris thanking John Dufort on receiving their cheque and their Branch 11, 10-year pins.



Cadet liaison chair Mike Turner and President Jeff Paulin present a \$5,000.00 cheque to Captain Danielle Ferris of the Queens York Rangers Cadet Corp.



The 48th Highlanders Cadet Corp receive their cheque of \$5,000.00 from President Jeff Paulin and Mike Turner.



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| <p>2</p> <p>Super Bowl Party 5:30</p> <p>Clubroom opens at 4:00</p>                  | <p>3</p> <p>Euchre 7:30</p> <p>Ladies darts 7:30</p> <p>Men's darts 8:00</p>  | <p>4</p>                           | <p>5</p> <p>General Meeting 8:00</p>       | <p>6</p> <p>Mixed Darts 7:30</p>  | <p>7</p> <p>Blind draw darts 7:30</p> <p>Open mike jam-mers</p>   | <p>8</p> <p>Meat Spin 3:00</p> <p>Clubroom entertainment 7:30</p> <p>Lloyd Young</p>     |
| <p>9</p> <p>Special Sunday Funday</p> <p>Main floor.</p> <p>Peppershakers 2-6 pm</p> | <p>10</p> <p>Euchre 7:30</p> <p>Ladies darts 7:30</p> <p>Men's darts 8:00</p> | <p>11</p> <p>Over 60 Club 1:15</p> | <p>12</p> <p>LA General meeting 8:00</p>   | <p>13</p> <p>Mixed Darts 7:30</p> | <p>14</p> <p>Blind draw darts 7:30</p> <p><b>Valentine's</b></p> <p>Karaoke 7:30</p> <p>Bring your Sweet heart.</p>  | <p>15</p> <p>Meat Spin 3:00</p> <p>Clubroom entertainment 7:30</p> <p>Dave Wildsmith</p> |
| <p>16</p> <p>Public speaking. Everyone welcome</p>                                   | <p>17</p> <p>Euchre 7:30</p> <p>Ladies darts 7:30</p> <p>Men's darts 8:00</p> | <p>18</p>                          | <p>19</p> <p>Executive meeting 7:30</p>    | <p>20</p> <p>Mixed Darts 7:30</p> | <p>21</p> <p>Blind draw darts 7:30</p> <p>Karaoke 7:30</p>  | <p>22</p> <p>Meat Spin 3:00</p> <p>Clubroom entertainment 7:30</p> <p>Gary Peters</p>    |
| <p>23</p>  | <p>24</p> <p>Euchre 7:30</p> <p>Ladies darts 7:30</p> <p>Men's darts 8:00</p> | <p>25</p> <p>Over 60 Club 1:15</p> | <p>26</p> <p>LA Executive meeting 7:30</p> | <p>27</p> <p>Mixed Darts 7:30</p> | <p>28</p> <p>Blind draw darts 7:30</p> <p>Open mike jam-mers</p> <p>Scout Euchre 7:15</p>   | <p>29</p> <p>Meat Spin 3:00</p> <p>Clubroom entertainment 7:30</p> <p>Bill Dickenson</p> |

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| 8<br>St. Patrick's Day<br>David Wildsmith 2-6 pm<br>  | 9<br>Euchre 7:30<br>Ladies darts 7:30<br>Men's darts 8:00  | 10<br>Over 60 Club 1:15 | 11<br>LA General meeting 8:00   | 12<br>Mixed Darts 7:30 | 13<br>Blind draw darts 7:30<br>Open mike jammers<br>Scout Euchre 7:15 | 14<br>Meat Spin 3:00<br>Clubroom entertainment 7:30<br>Mickey & Mary |
| 15<br>St. Patrick's Day<br>Ulster Band<br>Irish dancers, and tradition of <b>Vi Kelly</b> , Irish Stew<br> | 16<br>Euchre 7:30<br>Ladies darts 7:30<br>Men's darts 8:00 | 17                      | 18<br>Executive meeting 7:30    | 19<br>Mixed Darts 7:30 | 20<br>Blind draw darts 7:30<br>Karaoke 7:30                           | 21<br>Meat Spin 3:00<br>Clubroom entertainment 7:30<br>Al Jordan     |
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| 29  | 30<br>Euchre 7:30<br>Ladies darts 7:30<br>Men's darts 8:00 | 31                      |                                 |                        |   |  |