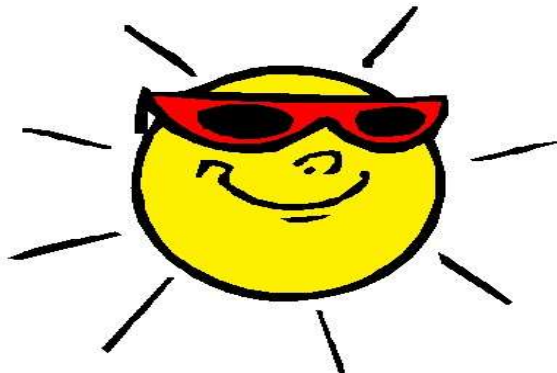


News & Views

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The servers and cooks for Canada Day, mmmm good!



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President's Message

Hello Comrades,

I hope you are all staying well and taking care of yourselves and checking in on loved ones and friends.



We are now in **Stage 3** as of July 16, 2021... Our hours are now 1:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Monday through Saturday. As much as the rules continue to change and improve, the two constants are we still need to wear our Masks and to social distance... We are still not back to normal what ever the new normal will be... I ask that when you do come down to the Branch for what ever reason... Having a beer with friends or coming to participate in an event... Those working or volunteering for our Branch / events are following the covid protocol rules that we are required to follow... So please be patient with us...

For those who came out to our **Stage 2 Canada Day Event**, what a good time that was. It was great to be out and mingle with our members / comrades... and finally getting my hair cut lol... I want to thank **Karen Boudreault and her team of volunteers and all those who made donations for this event...** and of course all of you that came out.

Unfortunately, I missed our first **Sunday Funday** on July 25th but I heard there was a good time had by all. I want to thank **Susan Squires and her team of volunteers...**

The 'Over 60' club is back as of August 10, 2021, and we have other events coming up... Nevada Tickets are back on sale again... please come out have a good time and support your Branch...

Stage 4 is just around the corner (I hope) August 6 depending on the covid numbers and vaccines... I am hoping this will allow us to play some sports and resume our general meetings... I will keep you posted on Facebook and our website.

The **Dominion Convention** is August 13, 14 and 15, 2021. It will be held via Zoom and will be at the Branch for our Delegates and Observers...

***Yours in Comradeship
Jeff Paulin President***

JUNE - JULY 2021

"IN MEMORIUM"

ORDINARY MEMBERS

We have been lucky; we have not been notified about an Ordinary member passing away.

"At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them" rules that we must abide by...

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

FILBEY-HAYWOOD

David R

Joined Branch #11, October 1987

David was one of the "Donway Ford" crowd so very few members would even remember him, as he has been in England for the last number of years. Our sympathy goes out to his family and friends who might still be with us.

***Cathy Cole,
Membership***

PARADES

Warriors' Day parade: cancelled

Battle of Britain parade: cancelled

IMPORTANT PLEASE READ ANOTHER REMINDER

EMAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED

There are a number of members who receive their newsletter by mail and we discovered during the branch closure that many come into the branch and get a copy from the clubroom. During the closure we needed to keep these walk-in members informed and incurred extra costs as their newsletters had to be mailed as well. If you have been receiving your newsletter by post or if you are a walk-in and have an email, please send your email address to membership@rc111.com you will then be included in our database and receive your newsletter in in colour without us incurring costs of labels/printing/mailling, etc. Due to the lack of income during this terrible time of closure, every bit of costs that we can eliminate will help us in the future.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A GARDENER

We have 2 gardens and 2 planters at the front of the branch on Dawes Road that need a lot of care as they seem to grow weeds faster than flowers. Is there someone out there looking to get their "green thumbs" dirty and help make the front of the branch look as if it is taken care of? Possibly there is someone who has no garden of their own but would like to nurture one and has the time to weed regularly. We have someone who waters but we need a "weeder". Please let Jeff Paulin or Cathy Cole know if you are interested.

BURSARY

Once again it is bursary season again; applications are behind the bar or on the Ontario Command or District "D" websites. Applications will be accepted starting on September 1st, until the last Friday in March. (March 25th, 2022)

This year it may be increased to a maximum of \$1000 pending its final approvals.

John N. Dufort

Branch 11 Bursary Chairman

Clubroom Entertainment

Hello Comrades

We hope to get the Saturday night entertainment up and running soon. As soon as the rules permit us to do so... Watch our Facebook page, Website and Clubroom chalkboard for updates...

Clubroom Entertainment Chair



Over 60 Club

We are back. First day back is **August 10, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.** and we will continue to alternate Tuesday in the clubroom games of euchre. I am sure that darts and our casino bus trips will be back very soon... It is looking promising... Come out and join us....

Tom Bragan

Over 60 Club Chair



Special Functions



Our **Canada Day** Event was very Successful!! We made a Profit of \$906.44. Thanks to all that attended. I would also like to thank **Dave Ferron** for BBQing, **Debbie Kirkland** and **Cindy Bryne** for serving the meals, **Susan Squires** and **Debbie Kirkland** for all the prep work with salads the day before, **Lynn Somerton** for selling the tickets. **Fred & Linda Green**, **George Small**, **Jeff Paulin**, **Alan Groome** for setting up and taking down the tables and chairs, **Nancy McKnight** for helping me with the Shopping and Posting it on the Board, **Sandra Durham** for her food donations and a big thanks to **Jim LeRoy** for tending bar. If I missed anyone, please accept my apologies and a Thank you! The winners for our draws were **Carol Smart**, **James Louis** and **Debbie Kirkland**.

Please come Join us we will be having a Chicken Souvlaki Dinner on **Monday, August 2nd** for \$15.00 (the dinner will consist of 2 souvlaki sticks, rice and Greek salad & baklava for dessert), the Legion will be open 1 - 7 pm. There will be music by **Joe Tucker & Rocky** 2 -6 pm, Dinner will be served at 4:30 pm. Tickets Available at the bar, get your tickets early, only 75 available. Prizes to be WON!!

Stay tuned to the Legion Website, The Clubroom Board, and Facebook for my upcoming event for Labour Day Monday, September 6th.

Yours in Comradeship,

Karen Boudreault

Special Functions Chair

Legion Week

One more year when we have had to cancel Legion Week.

This has meant so much to so many volunteers that worked so hard to help educate the children about why we have a wonderful country and the sacrifices made for all of us. We will remember and thank you once again to the people that made Legion Week so great in the past years.

June M Smith

Legion Week Chair.

Ways & Means



Hope you all are enjoying your summer.

July 25 being our first Sunday Funday back was a huge success thanks to my team of volunteers much appreciated. The meals and music were raved about.

Thanks to all who came out, many compliments were passed my way on the lovely bar steward **Karen Boudreault** that served them...

Please join us for our next **Sunday Funday August 29** same time same place entertainers **John & Sandy Mills**, karaoke time come out and sing a tune. You will have to purchase from John for the cost of \$1.00 a microphone cover you keep and use each time you sing. We are following the COVID rules regarding karaoke. The microphone will be sanitized after each singer, take your cover home for future use. tickets for meals go on sale Wednesday August 4 @ \$12 per person **Come join in some fun CHEERS**

Also turn the page on your calendar, mark **September 26 Sunday Funday entertainment Ian McDonald and Al Jordan duo**. Food menu for Aug & Sept to be announced later. Follow info on the chalk board in the clubroom at the Branch, Facebook announcement or call Susan. For both events there is a possibility of dancing, Yahoo!! Shine up your dancing shoes. As always I'm looking forward to seeing you

And if you have any donations for prizes they are welcomed. Plus, if you could volunteer your services are greatly needed.

Thanks in advance

REMEMBER TO ALWAYS THANK A VETERAN.

Susan Squires

Ways & Means Chair

Walkathon

Reminder Comrades and Friends, the **Walk-A-Thon is September 18, 2021..** If you are not walking, please sponsor someone who is. Pledge sheets available at the Branch.

Yours in Comradeship,

Karen Boudreault Walk-A-Thon Chair



Youth Education



This is the **2nd Place Winning Intermediate Poster at the Legion's National Level** – a very talented 12 year's old **Ayesha Hossain** did us proud in representing **Branch 11** not only proceeding through the levels but also is the only winning entry at National Level representing all of Toronto! As we have

done in the past and which I have mentioned to the Executive our Branch should also provide a special gift to this young student – I would appreciate everyone's support in that respect. Planning a presentation to Ayesha in late August when Beach Metro is back on track.

Helen D. Pearce

Youth Education Chair

Leadership & Development

In this Pandemic state we are trying to get back to Normal.....

Our activities at the Branch are slowly opening again and we are looking forward to good times.

We will try to get some activities for Leadership and Development and Bomb Girls will be a priority.

Stay safe and wear your mask.

June M Smith

Leadership and Development Chair

Sports

Now that we are in Stage 3, I hope everyone is getting out and about and enjoying the warm weather.

I would love to say that darts will be starting up again in September, but we will have to wait until the social distancing protocol has been removed.



I'm assuming in Stage 4....maybe...? If things do change, we will get the word out.

There will be a magnetic dart board outside at the Bake & Garage sale on August 7th for those who really miss playing darts. 2 bucks to play.

Keep your fingers crossed!!

Thanks.

Linda Green

Sports Chair

PRO

August 2nd – Karen's Souvlaki Dinner – see Karen's report for the details; **August 7th** – LA

Garage/Bake Sale – please see Nancy's report for the details – also a Youth Ed Table will be set up with items for sale **please note** that YE is working in partnership with the LA and will be sharing ½ of any proceeds with the LA – also a special surprise is planned for our anxious Dart Players which will be outside complete with all compliance to social distancing etc.; **August 29th Sunday Funday** – 2 to 6 pm. Meal: Cold Salad Plates with dessert served at 4 pm. Only 50 Tickets, must go to the Branch to purchase and/or contact Susan at 647-657-8817 deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, August 27th. **Monday September 6th Labour Day** – See Karen's report for details; **September 26th Sunday Funday** – information to follow – see Susan's report. Finally, if anyone has something they want to advertise please let me know well ahead of time.

Thank you,

Helen D. Pearce

PRO Chair



Branch 11 Clubroom and Patio are open....

We are open to our members and guests.

Monday to Saturday -- 1:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Sunday – Closed, Holiday hours to be posted. During **Stage 3** wearing **Masks, contact tracing and social distancing are still required.**

The Clubroom is set up to maximize seating while social distanced. Please do not re-arrange the furniture... Come on down... and Enjoy!!



Ladies Auxiliary



It is now mid way through summer and the Branch is open with limited capacity. There is some hope that we can get back to meetings, etc. My goal is our first meeting may be in September.

We are having a **garage sale** and

bake sale on **Saturday, Aug. 7th from 1 to 4 pm in the parking lot.** All donations are welcome for both (please no furniture). Come down and see what we have, buy some home baked goodies and even have a burger. Or just pop down to say hello. We will be cooking burgers during the sale only. Hope to see you there.

That is about all I can tell you, but as restrictions are removed, we will move forward, until then I remain Yours in Comradeship

Nancy McKnight

L.A. President

Happy 100th Birthday

Gracie Campbell

July 5, 2021

Jeff and I had the pleasure to attend Gracie Campbell's 100th Birthday Celebration (Covid Style). We took her a card and some flowers, she looks great and says hello to all at Branch 11.



Gracie joined the LA in 1982. She was very active helping out at various activities. She helped at our Annual Bazaar and in later years she generously donated items for our gift baskets. She always attended our Birthday Lunch. Congratulations Gracie on reaching your 100th birthday.

Canada Day 2021



From clockwise: Top left, patio & parking lot full. Rain delay, A Youth Ed winner and her parents enjoying the festivities, Ann & Tom Bragan, Gord & Helen Pearce, Doug & June Smith and Pieter Zuber, President Jeff having his hair looked after. Jeff and family members . Jason and Val at a happy table.
Thanks to Caroline Paulin for the photos.