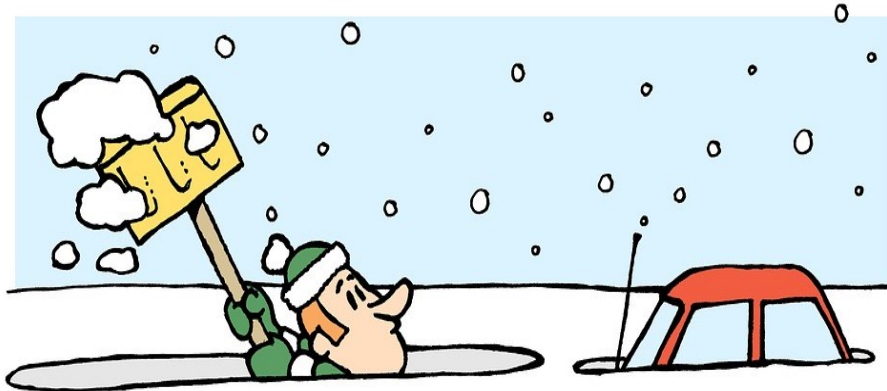


News & Views

December 2022/January 2023



HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Royal Canadian Legion Branch 11 East Toronto

President's Message

Hello Comrades,

I would like to thank all our Members and Guests that continue to come out and support the Branch and those behind the scenes who continue to do what they do to keep us going...



With 2022 soon coming to an end... Where has the time gone...

At the Branch we are having a good turnout for our events: **Meat Spins, Sunday Fundays and Special Functions...** We would like to see more out on our Friday Karaoke and Saturday Night Entertainment... If you have any suggestions for events or how to get a better turnout, I am all ears... Our rentals are doing well and continue to be our main source of income for the Branch. We picked up a few bucks from a movie shoot rental, **Run the Burbs** along with a generous poppy donation and lighting upgrades. I thank you all for tolerating the couple of days of parking inconvenience...

We have just completed our first post Pandemic **Poppy Campaign...** This was a very successful campaign thanks to **Mike Turner** our Poppy Chair and all of you that helped to make it happen... Thanks to all of you.

Karen Boudreault has stepped down from the Executive... The Executive would like to thank Karen for her years of service...

Congratulations! to the LA on their **successful LA Bazaar** held November 19, 2022.

We have many events coming up in the next few months and hope to see you out there. **Senior's games, Meat Spins, Breakfast with Santa, the Presidents' Levee, New Year's Eve, Sunday Fundays and the Casino Bus trip.**

Our first **General meeting for the New Year is January 4, 2023, at 8:00 p.m.** For those who are not regular attendees, I would like to challenge you to attend every general meeting in 2023. Have your voice heard and help make positive changes in your Branch. **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year** to you and your loved ones from Caroline and I and our Family...

Yours in Comradeship
Jeff Paulin President

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2022

"IN MEMORIUM"

ORDINARY MEMBER

ZUBER, Pieter

Pieter joined the Legion at Branch # 22 in 1961, transferred to Branch 405 and then to Branch 11 in 2021

Service # SB180163

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

AFFILIATE MEMBER

MANLEY, Donald

Donald Joined Branch #11, October 2003

Pieter: joined the Legion at Branch # 22, transferred to Branch # 405 then finished his Legion years at Branch # 11. Pieter was always a supporter of anything to do with young students and helped **Helen Pearce** for several years representing the Legion at various Remembrance Day functions, student's luncheons, and opportunities to speak to students. He had a great family, 3 daughters and their families, and was well thought of by many of his Legion friends. He will be greatly missed next year when he cannot represent the branch at functions, nor be at the many parades he attended. **R.I.P. Pieter** you will be missed by many; our thoughts are with your family.

Don: isn't known by many in the branch now, but he used to come to all the functions that **Bill Topham** ran. He has been ill for some time but those who knew him send our thoughts of him to his daughter, **Donna & son-in-law, Kevin** (branch member); he was well liked by any who knew him.

Cathy Cole, Membership Chairman information

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS: we hope you will continue to support the Branch that you chose to join/transfer to: **Veronika Alonso, Fitz Barker, Pauline Beaudoin, Bob Beaudoin, Bruce Bell, Rob Dupuis, Wendy Glenn, Marilyn Howse, Hannu Lindholm**

MEMBERSHIP

IMPORTANT IMPORTANT IMPORTANT

Any member who has not paid their 2023 dues by January 31st, 2023, will be 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 Branch 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”. *** PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO. *** If you do not pay before December 31st (in January or later), your dues will be \$ 55.00; \$ 50.00 for dues and a late penalty of \$ 5.00 which covers some of the costs of sending letters and reminders out to delinquent members.

Thanks to everyone who has already paid their dues for cutting down on the costs to the Branch as no reminders have to be sent to you, which saves us a lot of mailing and copying costs. If you are sending in a cheque and want your card mailed to you, it would help the Branch funds if you would include a stamped, self- addressed envelope to send your card to you as we, along with every Legion Branch, are feeling an economic crunch due to our aging population and decreasing membership. Your help regarding this matter would really be appreciated.

*** If there is a reason that you are not planning to renew your Legion membership, please call me at home 416- 266- 7359 (I have an answering machine), phone the Branch 416- 699- 1353 and leave a message for me or the President, Jeff Paulin 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.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU:
AGAIN, AGAIN, AGAIN

A note of thanks to all the members who have sent in pre- addressed, stamped envelopes for the mailing of

their membership cards to them. This year we also had several members send in money to buy postage or actual stamps. I cannot express enough thanks to all the members who have sent in stamped envelopes, money for stamps or stamps, as this little bit on your part contributes a lot to our finances. I have probably had at least 60 of our members so far, do this little thing and for us this translates into 60 times .92 postage + GST and 60 times the cost of an envelope in savings as well as the financial/stamp donations that we received. Every little bit on your part helps the bottom line in OUR Branch. I also have several members who donate stamps during the year, and I want to extend my thanks to these anonymous members who never want to be revealed.

Poppy



Hello Everyone,

The 2022 Poppy campaign has come to an end for this year.

Without the heightened concern of Covid this year's campaign still did not go on without its own hiccups and stresses. An unexpected lack of paper products had us scrambling. The envelopes we get printed for the schools had a kraft supply shortage, so we had to change to stock white envelopes, the turnaround time from our supplier for printing was also 3 times longer than in previous years, Even getting new counter box coin inserts to replace damaged ones was not an option. Poppy stickers were very limited, and supply did not have very many, we managed to get the last 24 rolls Ontario Command had. Luckily with the help and diligence of the poppy volunteers we were able to make it through with limited supplies and have a successful poppy campaign.

This year we had new volunteers come forward to Tag and assist in many different aspects of the poppy campaign. So, thank you to all that came forward for the first time to do something different and/or support the campaign for the first time. We had Many

Volunteers, too many to list in this news entry, we will recognize every volunteer at the poppy luncheon next year.

I do want to acknowledge and share a story of a specific member of our branch. (I will probably get into trouble for this but here goes) **Shirley Richie** aka “Energizer Bunny” this amazing lady was out over seven times tagging for up to four-hour periods each. She asked me early in the campaign if I could help her fill out her slots on the board, after the fourth slot I asked if she will be ok with that? (Me being concerned for her welfare) she was adamant it was ok. After the 6th or 7th slot she filled out I confirmed if she would be ok with all those days and hours, her reply was priceless, “I’m not the same person I was three years ago but I’ll be fine, I like doing it” Blew my mind! This amazing lady is 91 years young and did all her shifts with strength and pride.

We have finally gotten all the tag boxes and counter boxes back together, refilled and put away ready to go for next year. I have ordered extra supplies for next year so we will be good to go without any shortages.

This Year so far, we have deposited in donations \$37,147.78. We still have funds coming in and most of the schools still to collect from. (We usually wait a week after Remembrance Day to collect from the schools, so the students have time to get their donations in) Last year for the whole campaign we collected \$39,531.00. So far, we have done very well, and I am very certain we will exceed last year’s donations.

Just a little breakdown of some of the unique sources of donations.

We collected \$230.00 from the Poppy Gift draw (congratulations to all that won a prize).

We had “**The Queens York Ranger Cadet corps**” in tagging on two Days.

On October 29th we had 23 Cadets out tagging, they collected \$5,424.85

On November 5th we had 34 Cadets out tagging, they collected \$3,965.00

For a grand total of \$9,389.85. Like always they did extremely well with smiling faces and an esprit de corp. We are very lucky to have an amazing, engaging and supportive Cadet corps.

I could go on about the amazing volunteers, but the newsletter is only so long. ☺

So, in closing I would like to thank everyone who assisted with the campaign. From stuffing envelopes to making food for lunches to tagging and delivery of boxes every bit of help is greatly appreciated.

Happy Holidays and a Great New Year to all.

Yours truly

Mike Turner (Ret’d)

Poppy Chair

Youth Education



We had Youth Ed/Legion Week Tables at the LA Bazaar on Nov. 19th – our star salesperson was successful in bringing in great donations – thank you **Anne Davis** with her two young Volunteers, **Gabby & Sidney**. It means we will be able to provide our LA with ½ of the proceeds to help them with our YE/Legion Week projects. Once I do the final count, I will provide our **LA President, Nancy McKnight** with that donation.

Judging took place Friday, November 25th for the Remembrance Day Lit/Poster contest at Branch Level. My Judging Team consisted again of **Elsie Higgins, Vi Kenny, Wendy Wood** with the addition of our newest Judge **Debbie Strickland**. These Ladies really put their heart and souls into it, and I thank you very much for taking this task on and for such a great job. We have winners in all 4 categories – with 4 first place winners (Primary, Junior, Intermediate and Senior) now proceeding to Zone D3 Level. That judging takes place Friday, Dec. 2nd with a different set of Judges. Keeping my fingers crossed that their entries will be successful in some way at that Level.

Helen D. Pearce

Youth Ed Chair

Ways & Means



Hi, Christmas is fast approaching us, so from my household & family I'm sending the merriest of wishes to all of you.

December Sunday Fun Day is cancelled.

Thanks goes out to all who supported this monthly event for the year 2022 - ending on Nov 20 with a packed house.

The next **Sunday Fun Day** is **January 29th** in the club room with **Joe Tucker**.

Each Saturday evening 8 pm to midnight, music, and dancing

NO COVER CHARGE

Dec. 3 = Bill Dickinson

Dec. 10= Ronnie Russell

Dec. 17 = Ken & Deb Melodies

Dec. 24= President's Levee

Dec. 31 = New Years Eve celebration upstairs main floor - with **Yvonne Chapman**. Call Branch 11 @ 416- 699-1353 or myself 647- 657- 8817 to purchase tickets \$35.00 per person - only 100 tickets available.

Let's say goodbye to 2022 and Ring in 2023 together!

Jan. 7= Al Jordan 8 pm to midnight

Jan. 14 = Yvonne Chapman

Jan. 21 = Gary Peter's

Jan. 28 = John Mills

Don't forget every Saturday meat spins 3pm - come spin the wheel for a chance to win a gift certificate.

On behalf of Branch 11 let's go into the year 2023 supporting our Branch to the best of our ability.

Susan Squires

Ways & Means Chair

Leadership & Development

How can we follow an act like the **Bomb Girls!** What an interesting way to spend an afternoon and what a good presenter **Barbara Dickson** was.

We are looking for more interesting subjects and learning experiences so if you have any ideas on this, please contact me and we will see what can be done.

June M Smith

Leadership and Development Chair

Over 60 Club



Once again, I am asking for your help to fill our Christmas Baskets with bottles of cheer. All monies raised will be donated to the Legion.

Donations of bottles or gift cards can be dropped off at the bar to my attention. **The tickets are 3 for \$5.00** and will be drawn at the **President's Levee on December 24th around 4:00 pm.**

Thank you for your help and Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to you and your family.
Yours in Comradeship,

Jean Whynot

Treasurer

Sports



Zone Regular Darts was held on October 23rd and we have 4 Singles, 6 Doubles & 3 Teams moving on to District on January 29th at Branch 13. We have 4 teams playing **District Cribbage** which will be January 14th at Branch 345. We have 1 team playing **District 8 Ball** at Branch 345 on February 11th.

Zone Senior Darts goes directly to District which will be held on February 18th at Branch 345, and we have 5 singles, 6 doubles and 3 teams playing.

Zone Shuffleboard goes directly to District which will be held on April 29th at Branch 31, and we have 5 teams playing.

Zone Euchre will be held on December 18th at Branch 75. **Zone Mixed Darts** will be held on January 8th at Branch 11. **Zone Washer Toss** will be held on February 5th at Branch 11. The sign-up sheets for these events are posted on the Sports board in the clubroom. I will be doing squares for the **Super Bowl game on Sunday, February 12th**. The sheets will be on the bar in the beginning of January. The Legion will be open, starting at 4:00pm.

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Linda Green

Sports Chair

Sick

Hello everyone. It is with sadness That I am informing you of the passing of **Pieter Zuber** a Veteran, father, and friend.



The Funeral service will be held on **Saturday December 3rd at 11:00am at Jerrett Funeral Home. 660 Kennedy Rd, Scarborough.** A Legion service will be inclusive to the funeral service. Please wear your blues and greys if you have. A reception will be held at Branch 11, 9 Dawes Rd at 1:00pm till 3:00pm. On the main floor. Please come out to wish Pieter a Honourable farewell.

Shirley Buchanan
Sick Chair

PRO

Details re: Pieter Zuber are set out in the Obits Section of the Toronto Star, Saturday, November 26, 2022.



Dec. 4th – Breakfast with Santa – details posted in the Club Room, Beach Metro Community Calendar and in Nancy McKnight's report.

Dec. 24th – Branch opens at 1:00 pm President's Levee 2:00 p.m. - in the Club Room closes at 6:00 p.m.

Dec. 31st – New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance – posted in the Club Room, Branch & Zone Websites and in Beach Metro.

Beach Metro – closed from Dec 17th to Jan 1st -

NOTE: I will need submissions on or before **Jan. 3rd/23.**

Jan. 29/23 – Sunday Funday – Joe Tucker in the Club Room – watch for details.

Helen D. Pearce
PRO

A woman on the phone to her friend: "I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising.... I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over."

Legion Week

This is a brand-new experience for us all as we close the doors of 9 Dawes Rd and await the opening of a new start in a new building.

Memories are flooding as we remember going to dances from 1966 and have said goodbye to so many friends and comrades.

I would like to say **"THANK YOU"** to all that have worked on Legion Week as we are the only branch that has such a display and volunteers and children learning about why our life in Canada has been secured. Thank you, Helen Pearce who has maintained a connection, with so many schools and teachers and without the children we would not be able to have such a remarkable week. Our uniform collection has grown, and some are still on loan but what a fortune some of these are worth. The volunteers are so many and educators and Military personnel have shared so much knowledge along with the **Hamilton Signal Corps** and remarkable ways of WW1 and how they communicated.

To all that have been a part of our week, from dealing with the children, sitting the hall in the evenings, and going home tired day after day. You have been wonderful! Our L/A made sure we had sandwiches and coffee to keep us going and it was like a family and the children will always remember the gift bags when they were leaving that Helen organized with donations.

Lastly, I would like to say that while we have done this for many a year, we have never had to take a donation from the Branch. Including the \$400.00 for the Signal Corp (and well worth it). The volunteers have donated all our costs and never wanted recognition for it. What a legacy we are leaving behind us.

Currently, Doug and I are sending Merry Christmas wishes to you and your families and a Healthy, Happy and Safe New Year for 2023.

June M. Smith
Legion Week Chair



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Royal Canadian Legion Branch 11.

Branch 11 Building status- update

As you know the lease we have with Minto is set to expire on March 31, 2023. We have spoken with Minto, and they will be looking for another lease extension. We will be having that

conversation in early January 2023... we have already discussed that there we will be a clause of 3 months' notice.

We are currently working with real estate agents to find a location and many Branch members have their eyes out there looking... I would like to hear your feedback on how you feel we should proceed and your thoughts on where you would like us to call home for the next 3 years... jeffpaulin@rogers.com

Also, we have revised our **Branch 11 Redevelopment Plan phase II update** which we will present to the membership at the next General Meeting...

Jeff Paulin

5 Year Planning Committee Chair



Ladies Auxiliary



Wow we are already in December. We had a busy November with Poppy "Season", and we were late getting started, but in Branch 11 style we all pulled together and got all the schools delivered by November 3rd thanks to **Jeff Paulin and Cindy Bryne** delivering the bags. A big thank you goes out to **Cindy Bryne** who sat and stuffed poppies from 2:30 in the afternoon until 10 pm Tuesday night with help from **Vi Kenny, Giselle Pelletier, Lucas Scott, Glenn Millar** while I got 9 schools out of the 18 ready - they were delivered on Wednesday. Then Wednesday the team of **Jean Whynot, Vi Kenny, Ruby Glencross**, and myself helped to put the class requirements together and managed to get the balance

of the schools finished and they were delivered on Thursday. A big thank you to all of you for the team effort.

We had our Bazaar on the 19th, and it went quite well. Thank you to all the volunteers that came Friday night to set up and Saturday to help and pack up. To **Dave Ferron, Paul Stone, and William Scott** to pack the trucks and took the leftovers away, to **Charlie Silson and Joanne Barden** for putting the tables and chairs back. Thank you, I couldn't do it without all of you.

We had several prizes, the winners are:

Toaster Oven/air Fryer - **Hazel Hines, #161 - Roger Vieno, #162 - Caroline Paulin, #163 - William Scott, #164 - Kiera Wood, #165 - Joanne Barden, #166 - Barbara (Main Sq), #167 - Diane Walsh, #168 - Caroline Paulin, #169 - Roger Vieno, #170 - Tom Holyday, #171 - Gail Burrow, #172 - Eunice Francis, #173 - Gail Burrow, #174 - Laura Groome, #175 - Anne Cowan (Main Sq), #176 - Caroline Paulin, #177 - Barbara Weer, #178 - Cindy Bradey, #179 - Jean Whynot, #180 - Judy Doucette, #181 - Gerri Pennie, #182 - Hazell Hines, #183 - Diane Walsh, #184 - Ron Sherwood, #186 - Fred Green, #187 - Rick Sherwood, #188 - Rick Sherwood and #189 - Lucille McHugh.** Congratulations to all our winners.

We are having a **Breakfast with Santa** on Dec. 4th. Come out and have pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, or sausage all this for \$5.00 a ticket. Guess the number of jellybeans in the jar and win the jar. Ugly sweater contest, activities and sing along and most of all take your picture with Santa. Breakfast starts at 10 am and runs through to last seating at 11:30 when prizes will be awarded.

Helen Small is still having good days and bad days, she was out at the Bazaar which was a welcome sight. **Anne Breen** is doing as well as can be, she comes into the branch to see us at Seniors and Thursday night darts.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Here's to a great 2023

Yours in comradeship

Nancy McKnight

LA President

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Breakfast with Santa



Breakfast with Santa includes: Pancakes, Bacon or Sausages, Scrambled eggs, Coffee or Tea for the Adults and Juice for the Kids

Sunday December 4th, 2022


Starts at 10:00 am until noon last seating at 11:30 am

-Wear your Best Ugly Christmas Sweater to Win Contest for a Prize.
-Take your picture with Santa
- draws done at 11:30



We will have a jar full of candies... for \$1.00 have a Guess how many candies to Win, Exact or closest will win the Jar of Candy!!!

Candy Canes for all the Children!! Come out and Enjoy in all the Festivities!!


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You are invited.....

Branch 11's President's Levee

Christmas Eve Saturday December 24th, 2022

The Branch opens at 1:00 pm and closes at 6:00 pm
The Branch 11 Famous Basket Draws will be at 4:00 pm ish with last call at 5:30 pm



Finger Foods and a **President's Gift** for Everyone...
President's Levee starts at 2:00 pm

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New Year's Eve
Dinner and Dance
December 31st, 2022

Doors to the Main floor Hall opens at 6:30 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.



Dinner at: 7:00 ish p.m.
Menu: Roast Beef, mashed potato, vegetable, dinner roll and Dessert
There will be: prizes, draws, party favours and a glass of Champagne at Midnight to toast in the New Year

Music by:
Yvonne Chapman



Entertainment from 8:30 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.

Tickets \$35.00 per person sold in advance until December 29, 2022
Only 100 tickets to be sold! Buy your ticket and select your reserved seating.

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January 29, 2023
Sunday FunDay
Clubroom doors open 1:00 – 7:00 p.m.



Joe Tucker
2:00–6:00 p.m.
Meal Served at 4:00 p.m.

\$ 15.00 p/p
Menu – Spaghetti and Homemade sauce, Salad, garlic bread & Dessert
Limited Tickets (cutoff date Jan. 27)
Tickets Sold at the Bar or See Susan Squires

December 2022

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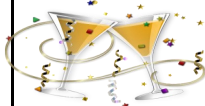
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11	12 Euchre 7:00 Ladies darts 7:30 Men's darts 8:00	13	14 LA General meeting 7:30	15 Mixed darts 7:30	16	17 Meat spin 3:00 Clubroom Entertainment 8:00 Ken & Deb Melodies
18	19 Euchre 7:00 Ladies darts 7:30 Men's darts 8:00	20 Over 60 Club 1:00	21 Jt. LA & Br. Executives meeting 7:30	22 Mixed darts 7:30	23	24 Branch Opens at 1:00 pm President's Levee 2:00 in Clubroom Basket draws 4:00 pm ish Branch closes at 6:00 pm
25 Christmas Day Branch closed 	26 Boxing Day Branch closed	27	28	29 Mixed darts 7:30	30	31 New Years Main floor \$35:00 pp Yvonne Chapman 6:30 to 12:30 

January 2023

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