

News & Views

February/March 2023



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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...

I want to thank all of you who attended the Branch 11 **Presidents Levee** December 24, 2022, and to all those who donated food and the items that made up Jean's famous baskets... **New Years Eve** at Branch 11 was a great success with over 100 members and guests in attendance... I know I had a great time... Again, thanks to all who helped make this event a success. A special thanks to Lynn Brough for all the prizes she donated.

We have many events coming up in the next few months and I hope to see you out there. **Senior's games, Meat Spins, Super Bowl Party, Pan Cake Tuesday, Sunday Funday and Casino Bus trip.**

As we have discussed we are moving forward with our assisting other legions throughout the country. The next Branch and our 4th will be **'The Royal Canadian Legion Dr C.B. Lumsden, Branch 74 Wolfville. NS'**. We are looking forward to meeting with them later this month and maybe plan a Branch 11 bus trip late spring early summer for / after their grand re-opening...

This is a reminder: At Branch 11 we developed a **Code of Conduct**. You will find it on our website, posted in the Clubroom and if you wish a copy, there are copies behind the bar... You and I should expect that all Executive, Staff, Branch Members and Guests to follow it... To treat everyone with dignity and respect. If someone says something to you that you feel may have been a shot at you or an insult. Ask the question... What did you mean by that? It can go a long way to resolve a misunderstanding, better than your walking away upset and hurt.

Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day will be coming up soon... I know we are all busy... don't forget to take some timeout and enjoy yourselves

Yours in Comradeship
Jeff Paulin President



DECEMBER 2022– JANUARY 2023 **“IN MEMORIAM”**

ORDINARY MEMBER

COMMANDA Alvin

Toronto Police Officer

Transferred to Branch #11, Sept 2014 from
Branch # 225, Sturgeon Falls

**“At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them”**

AFFILIATE MEMBER

HURL Bob

Joined Branch # 11, February 2005

SHERWOOD Ronald

Joined Branch #11, November 2008

Alvin Commanda: although Al wasn't around the last few years, due to covid & ill health, he is remembered by several of our pool players and some of the members who came in the afternoon.

Bob Hurl: many of our members knew Bob when he was a driver for Harmony Hall who took them to their various medical appointments. He is remembered fondly by all the people who sat with him in the clubroom on a regular basis. His wife Lynn is also remembered by many in the branch.

Ron Sherwood: Ron was a 25-year member who came in regularly to watch his hockey games with many of us and even when not in the best of health, he came in on Thursdays with his good friend Kevin Mahoney, shared jugs and spoke to many of the dart players who he knew for quite a few years. His wife Mary came in with him when she was able, he bought many raffle tickets for his family, winning many times, and always supported any fund raisers we had. We know Mary and all his children will miss him a lot.

Our deepest sympathy and condolences to the members of these families as well as their friends who are also members of Branch #11 and other Legions in this area. As these members have been ill for some time and unable to come into the branch on a regular basis, many

new members and patrons will not know who they were or how they contributed to “their” branch, each in their own way.

Cathy Cole, Membership

****CATHY COLE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION****

EARLY BIRD CAMPAIGN WINNERS

The 4 winners to have their 2024 dues paid by the Branch are: **Gail Burrow, Joan Quilty, Emily Smith, Kevin Smith.**

Thanks to everyone who paid their dues before November 30th so that your name was in the December draw.

IMPORTANT IMPORTANT IMPORTANT

Any member who has not paid their 2023 dues by January 31st, 2023, 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 2023 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 will be sent out shortly to all members with outstanding dues.

Sick



There was a great turnout for the Celebration of Life for **Bobby Hurl.**

Anne Bragan is now in Baycrest.

Shirley Buchanan

Sick Committee Chair

Leadership and Development

Nothing is pending at this moment. We are open for suggestions on things you would be interested in.

June M Smith

Leadership & Development Chair

Youth Education



Certificates I want to start off by giving big hugs and big thanks to both Anne Davis and her daughter, Catherine Davis, who

came to my rescue in preparing the Certificates for all the Literary/Poster Winners, including the Zone D3 Winners and as well helped me get the Public Speaking Contest Certificates partially prepared for both the Branch and Zone levels of that contest. Because our printer no longer can handle the thickness of the Certificates I have had to hand write them all – but not this time!! My arthritic hands thank both Anne & Catherine!!

Public Speaking Contest Starting at Branch level is setup Saturday, February 18th and the contest on Sunday, February 19th. Now the setup on the 18th is of concern, as Gord will be involved at a Dart Tournament that day – so far, I have 3 women and I believe Anne’s grandson, Ben, available to help. A couple more “muscle” would be greatly appreciated. I have met with Nancy McKnight, and she has her team in place for Sunday – thank you Nancy. If you could help out, please contact me at 416-690-6388 or helends4pearce@bell.net – it involves lifting and rearranging the hall etc.

Helen D. Pearce

Youth Education Chair

Over 60 Club and Seniors

Boy us old guys are still kicking and enjoying our every other Tuesday afternoon on Euchre and Darts. We have room for more players and as the saying goes the more the merrier. Jean has a bus trip to Niagara on the 31 of January and



always an enjoyable treat. Come and join us for a visit, pull up a chair for an afternoon of fun and comradeship.

June M Smith

Chair

PRO

Comrades, please mark the following events on your calendars:



February 21st – Shrove Pancake Tuesday in the Clubroom – 5:00pm to 7:00pm at \$5.00 p/p. Check with Nancy for details **February 26th** – Sunday Funday, 1:00pm to 7:00pm – Check with Susan for details.

March 26 Sunday Funday, 1:00pm to 7:00pm – Check with Susan for details.

Meat Spins – Every Saturday starts at 3:00pm.

Saturday Evenings – Dancing every Saturday starting at 7:30pm – Check the calendar regarding the Entertainers.

Karaoke – Every second Friday, starting with February 10th. Check out the calendars for February & March.

Legion Magazine – a) sent an email request to correct Jean Whynot's surname from "Silson" to "Whynot"; and b) sent in pictures for the first time – so hopefully we might see one of them in an issue!

Helen D. Pearce

PRO

Honours & Awards



The Honours and Awards luncheon will be held on October 15th 2023.

Invitations will be sent to those who are to be invited. Please, if you have nominations for those that you believe should be recognized now is the time to start letting the committee know. Leave in writing who you would like to nominate and the reason why you are nominating this person and leave it in the Clubroom with the Steward, Cathy Cole, Jeff Paulin, or myself. The Honours & Awards committee will meet and go over the requests of nominees at a future date to be set.

John N. Dufort

Honours & Awards Chair

This is a very busy time for SPORTS....



We had 4 teams playing **District Cribbage** on January 14th at Branch 345. The team of **Jim & Cindy Le Roy, Karen Boudreault & Debbie Kirkland** placed first. Congratulations!! The team of **Jean Whynot, Jack Riddell, Nancy McKnight & Dave Ferron** place fifth. Well done!! Both these teams move on to Provincials at Branch 272 Hespeler on March 4th. Good luck!!

District Regular Darts was on January 29th at Branch 13. We had 3 teams, 6 doubles and 4 singles playing, but I'm sorry to say no one moved on.

We have 1 team playing **District 8 Ball**, hosted by Branch 345, but held at Cornerbank Sports Bar on Warden Avenue on February 11th.

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

Zone Euchre was held on December 18th at Branch 75. All 5 of our teams move on to **District at Branch 11** on February 25th. We are looking for any donations for baskets that we can raffle off at this event.

Zone Mixed Darts was held on January 8th at Branch 11. We have 4 teams and 3 doubles moving on to District in May.

Zone Washer Toss will be going directly to District at Branch 345 on June 17th.

I will be doing squares for the **Super Bowl game on Sunday, February 12th**. The sheets are on the bar in the clubroom. The Branch will be open, starting at 4:00pm. Come out and enjoy the game. Snacks, finger foods, prizes!!

Happy Valentine's Day! Enjoy Family Day. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Thanks
Linda Green
Sports Chair

Ways & Means

By the time you read this article the January Sunday fun day will have come & gone.

I want to thank the following:

Sandra Dufort for donating the desserts for this event;
John Dufort for donating a bottle of spirits for a prize;
and **Paul Loser** for taking me to Costco to pick up food needed for this event, all very much appreciated.

Moving forward to February 26th Sunday Fun Day - doors open at 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Entertainment 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm with **David Wildsmith**.

Menu - Peameal bacon on a bun, coleslaw, cold pasta salad, dessert. - Meal Served 4:00 pm. Meal tickets are \$15 per person. You do not need a meal ticket to attend. No cover charge but if you have a ticket, I will take half your ticket for a draw prize.

Keep in mind there are **NO REFUNDS** on tickets.

Meat Spin - each Saturday of the month at 3:00 pm - come spin the wheel for a chance to win. A lot of fun to be had.

Every Saturday from 7.30pm to 11.30pm there is dancing to a different entertainer: **NO COVER CHARGE**

If anyone would like to volunteer, I welcome you with open arms and many thanks ahead of time.

If you have new items, you do not need, pass them my way so I may incorporate them into a basket to use as a prize at these different events.

At our Feb 11 Saturday night dance theme is Valentines - so wear your **RED** and bring your partner.



We will have baskets pre-made up to sell tickets at the bar 3 for \$5.00. The draw will take place on this day for the winners. Instead of complaining or keeping it inside of you come to me with who you would like for entertainment or food choices but keep in mind the cost must be within our budget limit - thank you. Thanks to all of you that continue to come out each Saturday and every month to support Branch 11 Moving forward let's have a great year together. **March Sunday Fun Day** will be March 26, with David Russell. Doors open 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. For all other information watch in the clubroom for information posters.

Susan Squires
Ways & Means Chair



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February 26, 2023

Sunday FunDay

Clubroom doors open 1:00–7:00 p.m.



David Wildsmith
2:00–6:00 p.m.
Meal Served at 4:00 p.m.

\$ 15.00 p/p

**Menu — Peameal Bacon on a bun,
coleslaw, cold pasta salad & Dessert**

Limited Tickets (cutoff date Feb 24)
Tickets Sold at the Bar or See Susan Squires

Ladies Auxiliary



Hello Ladies, we had a very busy December and January has been quiet, which is a nice change. We had the Poppy Appreciation Luncheon on Jan. 29th, other than that there was nothing going on. February brings Shrove (Pancake) Tuesday on Feb. 21st. We will again be serving Pancakes and sausages from 5 to 7 pm in the Clubroom for \$5.00 per person. Come out, support your Branch, and have a great priced meal.

On February 25th the Branch will be hosting District Euchre and the ladies will be looking after the food. This was won back in 2020 by the team of Jim & Cindy LeRoy, Harold Timms and me, but we never got to go to Provincial due to the Covid shut down. So, we have the bragging and hosting rights. The ladies will be serving Chili and sandwiches that day.

March 11th is Ladies District Cribbage being hosted by Branch 22. We have 2 teams participating that day and I wish them luck.

Our meeting in February is the 8th and March is also the 8th. A reminder that our General Meetings are now starting at 7:30. March meeting will also be our official visit from our Zone Commander, and she will be reviewing our books.

Anne Breene will have finished her treatments by the time this newsletter is printed, and we are all praying for a positive result. Gwen Lake is back home but has had to get a hospital bed brought in. Helen Small continues to have more better days than bad so that is good.

We have had some snow; February always brings bitter cold temperatures and then we look forward to March when things start to warm up a little. Wishing you all good health

yours in comradeship

Nancy McKnight

L.A. President



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SHROVE (PANCAKE) TUESDAY

FEBRUARY 21, 2023

5:00 to 7:00 p. m.

WE WILL BE SERVING:



Sausages & Pancakes (or
extra Pancakes in lieu of
Sausages)
\$5.00 per person

Coffee & Tea will be available
And juice for children

Come out and enjoy, food will be served in the Club Room,
all are welcome.



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JOIN US FOR SUPER BOWL




SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12nd 2023

Clubroom doors open at 4:00 pm

Snacks & finger foods provided,
- for those who participate

Prize draws throughout the game.

All Welcome – bring your Valentine 

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