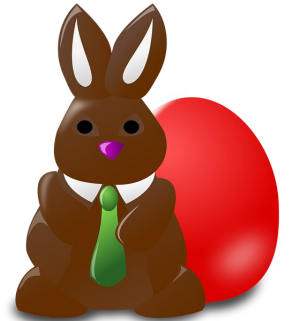


# News & Views

April/May 2023



Happy Easter!



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**Royal Canadian Legion Branch 11 East Toronto**

## President's Message

**Hello Comrades,**

St. Patrick's Day was a good day... The Meat spin, along with the Irish Dancers and then an evening of entertainment... With the help of the **Plummer Donaghy Academy of Irish Dance**, we made the front page of the Beach Metro. The Branch thanked them with a donation.



We have many events coming up in the next few months and I hope to see you out there. Senior's games every other Tuesday, biweekly Friday Night Karaoke, Saturday Meat Spins, Saturday Night Entertainment, Sunday Funday and Casino Bus trip. Friday night blind darts have been a great success... I hope they keep that up...

I am pleased to announce that we have the new AGO gaming license that will allow us to do some 50/50 draws and other low-key games... Details will be announced at the Branch. Stay tuned...

We have our **Branch 11 Elections** coming up... The General meeting April 5, 2023 will be the nominations meeting. The General meeting May 3, 2023, will be the Election meeting... Please come out, get involved and have your say. I hope we can come to the General meeting on June 7, 2023, with the Branch being represented with a full Executive of 13 members and all chairs filled.

On April 12, 2023, will be the **LA Nominations and Election meeting**... The LA is a big supporter of the Branch and we depend on them greatly... I encourage all LA Members to participate in the election process and get involved and have your say...

We have a signed 1-year lease extension with our developer Minto. This agreement will take us through to March 31, 2024... There is a 3 month notice requirement if we are required to be out sooner...

I would like to thank all our **Members, Guests and Staff** that continue to come out and support the Branch with all that they do to keep us going...

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

## **FEBRUARY 2023-MARCH 2023 ORDINARY MEMBER**

**BRAGAN, Tom**

Royal Regiment of Canada. Militia service # B477298  
Joined Branch # 11 1974.

**IRWIN, W. Bill**, Service # 19150543

Joined Branch #11 1997.

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

## **ASSOCIATE MEMBER**

**Lake, Gwen**

Joined Branch #11 as Branch #11h member 1986.

**McVeigh, Phil.**

Joined Branch #73, transferred to Branch #11, 2019.

**O'Neill, Terry**

Joined Branch #11, April 1996

**Tom Bragan**: Tom was one of our longest serving member having joined in 1974 as well as one of our oldest members (91). Tom devoted many years of his life to **HIS** Branch and always took pride in any position he held. Along with his wife Anne who was very active in the L/A, he ran several of our special functions, played lots of darts & pool, was involved in our Over 60 Club when it had over 100 members and earned his Life Membership in 2002 due to his dedication to the branch. Tom hasn't been around much the last few years due to having to care for his wife Anne, but many people know/knew him, respected him and will really miss him. Our thoughts go out to his wife, who no longer knew Tom due to her illness, his 4 sons, Anne's 2 children and all the grandchildren.

**Bill Irwin**: our thoughts are with his wife Pat at this time. Bill was well known to our Thursday night dart players as he played many years with them & Bill & Pat went on almost every Over 60 casino trip.

**Gwen Lake**: Gwen was active as a Ladies Auxiliary member both at the Coleman branch and here at Dawes Road for many years before joining the branch. Gwen always supported her husband **Joe (Crusher)** while he was Branch president, when he ran the Friday night dances and many other functions. There are many

people here who have missed her since she went into her new place and still miss her “comments” about everything. She always spoke her mind regardless of who you were.

Both **Phil & Terry** weren't well known by many; Phil just recently came to our Branch and Terry has been up north for many years.

Our deepest sympathy to all the family members who have recently lost their loved ones.

**Cathy Cole,**  
**Membership**

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS** and we hope that you will continue to support the Branch that you chose to join/transfer to: **Fitz Barker, Kate DeNottbeck, Elaine Egerton-Jones, Gwen Forbes, Steven Giansante, Roger Roach, Antony Sadowsky, Erika Virtanen-Galt.**

### **2023 BRANCH ELECTIONS**

Please make sure you mark your calendar with the dates for this year's nominations and election meetings;

**Nominations:** Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 8:00pm

**Elections:** Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, **\*7:30pm**

**\*Note earlier start time**

**NOMINATIONS: Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 8.00pm.**

Nominations can be made for the positions of President, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 6 Executive Committee members and the Sergeant-at-Arms. If you want to be on next years' Executive, you must be at the nomination meeting to accept your nomination or give a letter to either the **President or Secretary** stating your intentions.

All Life, Ordinary, Associate and Affiliate Voting members in good standing shall be eligible to be elected to any office providing they have the following requirements:

- (1) to be eligible for election as President, 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, you must have completed one full term on the Executive Committee or served on a

council at a higher level of the Legion and have attended at least 11 General Meetings in the preceding term, taking into consideration the term extension due to covid.

- (2) to be eligible for election to the Branch Executive or as Sergeant-at-Arms, you shall have been a member of the Branch for at least one year immediately prior to the elections and have attended at least 11 General Meetings in the preceding term, taking into consideration the term extension due to covid.

Due to the Branch regulations now in effect, after the elections and before the May Executive Meeting, all chairman will be appointed by the President **BUT** all appointments need to be approved by the Executive Committee members and then by the General Body at the June General Meeting before the appointments are official. **ELECTIONS:** Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7.30pm, **NOTE EARLIER TIME**

To be eligible to vote you will be required to show your 2023 membership card to the Sergeant-at-Arms at the door. **Please make sure you bring your 2023 card with you.** We would like to see a number of the new members to our Branch come out and exercise their right to participate in the election process. All members are urged to attend this important meeting to elect your Executive for the next term which is for two (2) years; you are the people that elect/create the Executive. Many members of the Branch have lots to say in the Clubroom about the abilities of the Executives that get elected but if you don't exercise your right to vote for **YOUR** Executive, it really isn't fair to them to keep getting criticized by you, the non-voters. Please come out and vote.

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### **ST JOHNS' NORWAY PARADE**

The date for the parade is **Sunday June 4, 2023**, Form up would be at the usual place, the school Norway PS on Kingston Road near Woodbine, at 1.00pm and march off at 1.30pm to the service that takes place in the cemetery at 2.00pm. We would like to see as many marchers or spectators as possible out to support this important **Zone D3 Remembrance of D-Day parade**

**and service.** Branch 11 will be open after the parade for our usual food and refreshments. Come out and enjoy.

### Sports



District Senior Darts was held on February 18th, and I'm sorry to say no one moved on.

District Euchre was held at Branch 11 on February 25th and again, I'm sorry to say no one moved on. I want to thank Jeff for arranging the loan of the card tables. I also want to thank **Cindy & Nancy** for the baskets and everyone who donated to them. I want to thank **Fred & Judie Durham** for helping with the ticket sales. Also, thanks to the LA for the food throughout the day. We had total donations of \$1330 for the sports fund!!

District Shuffleboard will be held on April 29th at Branch 31 and we have 5 teams playing.

District Mixed darts will be held on May 13th at Branch 345. We have 4 teams and 3 doubles playing. Zone Washer Toss moved directly to District at Branch 345 on June 17th. We have 3 teams and 5 singles playing.

We had two teams playing Provincial Cribbage at Branch 272 Hespeler on March 4th, but I'm sorry to say neither made it to Dominion.

**Asif Somji & Jeff Wilson** moved on to Provincial 8 Ball at Branch 60 Burlington on March 25th. Unfortunately, they did not advance to Dominion.

You can still sign up for Zone Horseshoes, to be held on Sunday, May 7th at Branch 614, and for District Golf on Saturday, June 24th. Golf Course still to be determined.

The banquet for Monday Ladies darts will be Saturday, April 15th in the Club Room. Dinner at 5:30pm

The banquet for Thursday night darts will be Saturday, April 22nd on the main floor. Dinner at 7:30pm

The meeting for summer darts will be Thursday, May 4th at 7:30pm. We will start playing Thursday, May 11th at 7:30pm.

Have a Happy Easter.

**Linda Green**  
*Sports chair*

### Ways & Means



Spring is in the air. I don't know about you but I'm ready for warmer weather.

Keep in mind every Saturday at 3:00 PM,

**MEAT SPIN** come out, spin the wheel for your chance to win.

Soon it will be patio weather, let's take advantage of that. Moving forward to the Saturday evening entertainment and dance 7:30 to 11:30. A different entertainer each weekend so come out and help fill up the dance floor and enjoy your stay. Our Sunday Fun Day for April 30 is with **Malcolm Edwards** first time entertaining us at Branch 11. Watch the clubroom posters going up or Legion website for info re: these events.

May 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fun Day we will be entertained by **David Wildsmith**, 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm with music 2:00 to 6:00 pm Meal served 4:00 pm.

I need to thank my volunteers as a volunteer is the foundation of any organization. Thank you to the following: **Mary M** for helping serve the meals. **Pat C** helping sell 50/50 tickets. **Helen Pearce** for placing ads in newspaper. **Ruby Coates** for donating items that I can put into making up baskets.

I can't forget our president, Jeff Paulin for printing my posters and meal tickets for every event.

**Fitz** for driving me to the Legion to drop off all goodies needed to be there. If I forgot someone it was never intentional.

I am seeing our newspaper ads are working.

Thank you to other members from other branches for your support.

**NO COVER CHARGE ALL WELCOMED**

Remember while at Branch 11, let's **RESPECT** everyone.

There is nothing worse than people who only see things from their own point of view and refuse to try to understand from someone else's perspective.

**CHEERS**

**Susan Squires**

*Ways & Means Chair*



### PRO

#### **Apr. 16<sup>th</sup>, 106<sup>th</sup> Battle of Vimy Ridge Memorial** – at 10:55 a.m.

Cenotaph, Old City Hall, Toronto –

Vimy Committee on behalf of the Consul General of France of Toronto “We hope Canadian Citizens and Veterans will join us in commemorating the sacrifice of all soldiers, as well as our ongoing struggle for Peace, now more than ever”.

**Apr. 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday Funday** – Information will be in two Beach Metro April issues as well Posters in Clubroom, Facebook and Branch Web Site – any questions please check with Susan Squires.

**May 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday Funday** - Information will be in two Beach Metro May issues as well Posters in Clubroom, Facebook and Branch Web Site – any questions please check with Susan Squires.

By the way check out the front page of the March 21 issue of the Beach Metro – several Br. 11 members enjoying St. Patrick’s Day celebrations!

Any pictures you wish me to submit to the Legion Magazine must be provided in JPEG format with a detailed description of the Event – my email: [helends4pearce@bell.net](mailto:helends4pearce@bell.net).

**Helen D. Pearce, PRO**

### Honours & Awards



The Honours and Awards luncheon will be held on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 **Bar 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**

### Leadership & Development

Do you have a topic or speaker that is interesting to you? Is there something that you would like to see happen at your branch? We are open to suggestions! With the nice weather we could even have something happen on the patio. I can be reached by leaving a written note at the bar with your interests.

**June M Smith**

**Leadership & Development Chair**

### Legion Week

Since we will still be in our building next September, we will be looking for lots of volunteers to help with our displays etc. and being there in person to monitor and help with the school children that hopefully Helen Pearce will be able to bring in through the teachers.

**June. M. Smith Chair**

### Youth/Education



**Literary/Poster Contest** – Received the results from Ontario Command Judging. We have one Senior Winner, **Jessica A.** from Notre Dame whose Poem placed 1<sup>st</sup> and thus moved onto the National level, and one Primary Winner, **Angelina P.** from Crescent Town School whose Colour Poster placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. As of the writing of this report, I have not received any word from National as to whether or not Jessica’s Poem placed at National. In the 2021/22 contest, Jessica was a winner at 3 levels and so far in the 2022/23 contest is a winner at 4 levels – just keeping my fingers crossed for the 5<sup>th</sup> level!!

**Public Speaking** – Branch 11 PS contest on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> had 24 students competing – only 2 of whom were from 2 of our schools. As we were the only branch running a PS contest I sent 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> winners from all categories/divisions on to Zone D3 Level on Mar. 5<sup>th</sup>. At both events we also had 6 Teachers out to support

their students – sadly none from our 2 schools. From that we sent 4 first place winners onto District D level and on March 26<sup>th</sup> the results for our 4 are: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Primary (Gr. 1-3) moves on to compete at Area in Hanover, On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Senior (Gr. 10-12), and two 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the Junior (Gr. 4-6), Intermediate (Gr. 7-9). The three other 1<sup>st</sup> Place winners going to Area are from Zone D5. Congratulations to all 11 competing students.

**FEB. 18 & 19 THANK YOU TO:** Steve Ostigy, Mike Turner, William Scott (Student), Anne Davis, Ben Graydon (Student), Cindy Bryne, Barbara Bannon, Debbie Strickland, Wendy Wood, Michele Harrison, Liz Luciani, Nancy McKnight, Joanne Barden, Bob Murphy, Anne Balaban, Gord Pearce.  
**MAR. 4 & 5 THANK YOU TO:** Joanne Barden, Cindy Bryne, Anne Davis, Steve & Chris Ostigy, Mike Turner, Gord Pearce, Barbara Bannon, Fred Green, Roberto Vieira (Cadet), Rehana Ali, Kathy McKenzie, Sharon McKenzie, Heidi Turik, Anne Balaban, Bob Murphy, Craig Oliver, Liz Luciani, Michele Harrison, and Nancy McKnight. We also had Branch 75 Youth Ed Chair and Co-Chair, **Tom and Heather Baker** join us.

Yes, I know I have mentioned some Volunteers twice but as you will see they gave up their personal time, some of whom are not Legion Members, on several days to support me and the Legion's Youth Ed Event. So yes, all of them deserve to be recognized and a very special thank you from me!

**Helen D. Pearce**  
*Youth Ed Chair*

#### Over 60 Club



Our Euchre and Darts are still having fun every other Tues afternoon at 1:30 pm. Always open for new people to come and join in our games. Jean had another successful bus trip to Fallsview Casino Niagara Falls and will be turning in the profit we made at the General

Meeting. Thanks to all that help especially **Jack Riddell and Nancy McKnight**. Note our next bus trip will be on May 9th so see **Jean** and reserve your seat. The basket draw for St. Patrick day will also be turned in at our general meeting. Thanks to all that participated.

**June M Smith**  
*Chair*

#### Ladies Auxiliary



Here we are again, another 2 months have passed. There hasn't been a whole lot happening in the past couple of months.

Sincere condolences to the Lake family on the passing of **Gwen Lake**. Gwen was a 59-year member of the Ladies Auxiliary and held many offices during her time here. She also used to bring in the fresh baked bread to the LA Bazaar and donate many prizes. She had slowed down in the past few years but came out when someone brought her. She will be missed by many, especially myself as she was a good friend and the last of the "originals" for history in our LA. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

On a brighter note, **Anne Breen** has finished all her treatments and is doing well with a nice new head of hair. Helen Small is having more good days than bad. Coming up we have Easter and May Long Weekend. We have 1 team moving on to Provincial Cribbage on June 3rd in Welland. Congratulations to **Cindy LeRoy, Eunice Francis, Debbie Strickland, and Anne Breen**. Good Luck ladies!

**Our April meeting is on the 12th at 7:30. It is our elections**, so we need people to come out and vote for who you want on the Head Table and Executive.

Our May meeting is on the 10th at 7:30.

I am hoping to have our Honours and Awards Luncheon in June, I will let you know what the date will be.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter

Yours in comradeship

**Nancy McKnight**  
*LA President*

# April 2023

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