

News & Views

June/July 2023



Branch 11 Canada Day Event July 1, 2023
Open to the Community. Come out and have fun!!!

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 11

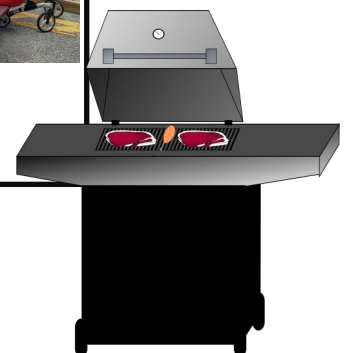
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Royal Canadian Legion Branch 11 East Toronto



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 ran for positions for the Branch 11 Executive (which officially takes over June 1, 2023) and those who came out to exercise their right to participate in the election process.

I do not think anyone is happier to see my first 2-year term that lasted 4 years to finally be over. Though many of the faces on the executive are here for another term. There are a couple of new faces... There are still 2 vacancies on the executive. I will be looking to fill those positions. Not returning, by choice is **June Smith**... June has served on the executive for many years. She has held the position of President, immediate past president, and several other chairs. I hope she continues to lend her leadership with assisting with Legion Week... **June, Thank you for your service.**

June 7, 2023, is the first General Meeting of the new term... Challenge yourself to see how many General Meetings you can attend... Hear firsthand what is happening in your Branch, voice your opinion and concerns make your vote count and then you will be eligible to run in the next election?

Summer is coming, it's time to think about our Patio and upcoming Parades. Looking forward to seeing many of you participating in **the St. John' Norway. Canada Day and Warrior's Day Parades.** And the events at the Branch that follow. Canada Day is one of our biggest events where we open our doors to the community... We are still looking for a couple of volunteers to help.

I know we are all busy... don't forget to take some timeout and enjoy yourselves. Spend some quality time with family and friends at Branch 11.

Yours in Comradeship
Jeff Paulin President

APRIL – MAY 2023

“IN MEMORIUM”

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

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

GROOME Betty

Joined Branch #11, January 1991

MCELWAINE Eileen

Joined Branch #11, September 1995

Betty Groome: Betty was active in the Branch right until her passing. She always actively worked with the L/A at their bazaars in November, manning the White Elephant Table. **Betty** attended many of the functions we had and was extremely proud of her grandson **Cole** who also fell into his Grandmother's footsteps by attending the L/A bazaars, helping when the L/A stuffed Poppy envelopes, he was here thanks to his **Mom Laura and Father Tim.** Betty will be missed by many; we will especially miss her crusty attitude. She leaves her family, **Rick, Laura, Alan, and Tim** who all are members of Branch # 11 and as mentioned her grandson, Cole. R.I.P. no longer in pain.

Eileen McElwaine: Eileen was well known by anyone involved with the Ulster Accordion Band as she and her husband Percy used to play and travel with the band. She seldom came to the branch so few branch members would know her.

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS: we hope you will continue to support the Branch you chose to belong to.

Ruby Courts, Kevin Jess
Cathy Cole
Membership Chair

PARADES



ST JOHNS' NORWAY PARADE:

The parade will be June 4th, 2023. Form up is at the usual place, the school on Kingston Road near Woodbine, at 1.00 pm; 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 Remembrance parade and service. Branch 11 will be open after the parade for our traditional L/A grilled cheese & onion sandwiches and other refreshments. Come out and enjoy this function...

THE EAST YORK COMMUNITY PARADE:

The parade will be on Saturday, July 1st. Form up is at Dieppe Park, south side of Cosburn Ave, close to Donlands Ave, be there no later than 10.00am; parade leaves the park at 10.30 am, east along Cosburn Ave to Stan Wadlow Park. We will probably be marching as one massed Legion unit rather than a number of individual Branches as it looks better to have a massed presence rather than a few marchers at a time. There will be the usual refreshments for marchers, Branch 11 members and guests after the parade in the Shoppers' Drug Mart parking lot; the Branch will also be open after the parade. Everyone is welcome to attend our Community Day with a bouncy castle, face painting, dunk tank, food available & many other activities with Ronnie & The Corvairs entertaining in the Clubroom from 2.00 pm–6.00pm. Come out and enjoy the Branch's hospitality.

WARRIORS' DAY PARADE:

The parade is on **Saturday, August 19th, 2023**. There will be buses again this year to take marchers, band

members and supporters to the Exhibition grounds. As form up is at 10.00 am with march off at 10.30 am, we will be leaving the Branch at 9.00 am sharp to avoid getting into a traffic jam at the C.N.E. We have not received any information yet but last year there were bleachers to watch the parade if you can't participate in it. The participants in the parade are getting fewer and fewer each year and they need as much support as we can give them. As we have not received any information on the activities after the parade, if you want to stay to see anything, you need to keep in mind that the buses leave at certain times to come back to the Branch and if you miss the last bus, you need to take TTC back, we can't/won't wait for you.

There has been no info sent yet regarding an address to get tickets. Although the Veteran who did the tickets passed away, his family is continuing his tradition of handling the ticket requests. As soon as this info is available, it will be posted in the Branch Clubroom and sent to everyone on our email list.

As the supply of tickets at the Branch will probably be limited again, if you require more than 4 tickets, PLEASE WRITE FOR YOUR OWN: we have to limit the number of tickets we give to each member and sometimes they don't get enough/any tickets. The Warriors' Day committee is stressing that you should write for your own as they will **NOT** be giving Branches large quantity of tickets, we have to write for a supply, and they limit us.

Newly Elected Executive for June 2023 – May 2025

President	Jeff Paulin
Immediate Past President	John Dufort
1 st Vice President	Mike Turner
2 nd Vice President	Susan Squires
Secretary	Cathy Cole
Treasurer	Gord Pearce
Executives	Fred Green, Linda Green, Jim LeRoy, Helen Pearce.

THURSDAY NIGHT TOONIE DRAW

MEMBERS ONLY: We have started our toonie draw again. Come in between Friday from 1.00 pm until Thursday at 7.30pm, sign in, give your toonie to the steward, and see if your name gets drawn for some of the pot at 8.30 pm Thursday.

Ways & Means

On April 30, Sunday Funday, I need to thank the following for making it successful. **George S** volunteer bar steward, Pat C selling 50/50 tickets, Mary M & **Ruby C** helping serve the meal, Maria D donating \$50 towards the dessert & **Orlando** as he donated \$65.00 towards the meat. Thank you all very much. I appreciate all you do.



By the time this newsletter reaches you our May 28th Sunday Funday will have come and gone. Next Sun Funday is June 25th. Entertainment: **Bernie from HOGTOWN COUNTRY BAND**. No Sunday Funday in July & August but another crew has a great line up for July 1st & August 7th. Call the Branch for all the info. Keep in mind our PATIO is there for you now that the nice weather is here.

Every Sat our MEAT SPIN 3:00 pm. Followed by dancing the night away 7.30 pm to 11.30 pm a different entertainer each weekend.

NO COVER CHARGE ALL WELCOME!

I want to thank you all for your continuing support. Enjoy your upcoming summer. Anyone spring cleaning and comes across new items of no use to you remember you could donate them I will incorporate them into a gift basket for draws. If you get the opportunity to meet a VETERAN have a chat with him or her and thank them for their services.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

Susan Squires

Ways & Means Chair

Youth Education



To finish off the 2022/23 season for both the Remembrance Lit/Poster and Public Speaking Contests, have booked the Club Room, Sunday, June 18th for the Awards Presentation and Reception. Besides the 20 students who competed at Branch 11 level re: Lit/Poster I have the 4 Branch 11 students who competed at District D level of the Public Speaking also attending. As the District D Certificates and awards were not available at the time of the District D competition, I have arranged to have them presented on June 18th. I am grateful to those Legion volunteers who have agreed to help me out that day; Once the June 18th presentation is over it will be back to the “drawing board” to start all over again in preparation for Legion Week and the Youth Ed Competitions throughout the summer.

Helen D. Pearce

Youth Ed Chair

Over 60 Club



Every second Tuesday, starting June 13th & 27th, July 11th & 25th at 1:30 pm in the Clubroom.

Also, a bus trip to Niagara Falls on Monday, July 10th. Call me to purchase a ticket. 416 690-1016

Jean Whynot



A Happy Birthday to **Dan Harper** for reaching 90 years of a good age in the coming month of September. Happy Birthday Dan!

Sports



Summer is here!!

The horseshoe pit at the branch has been cleaned up. It was enjoyed by many on Victoria Day! Anyone wanting to play can ask for the shoes behind the bar.

District Shuffleboard was held on April 29th at Branch 31 and I'm sorry to say no one moved on.

District Mixed darts was held on May 13th at Branch 345. We have 1 team (**Sandra Durham, Antonio Covato, Lynn Somerton & Travis Durham**) and 1 double (**Sandra & Antonio**) moving on to Provincials on June 3rd in Grand Bend. Good Luck!!!

District Horseshoes is June 10th at Branch 614. We have 2 teams plus 2 singles playing.

District Washer Toss is at Branch 345 on June 17th. We have 3 teams and 6 singles playing.

District Golf is June 24th at Woodington Lake Golf Course in Tottenham.

Congratulations to all the winners from the Ladies, Mens & Winter dart leagues!!

Enjoy Canada Day!!

Linda Green

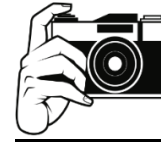
Sports chair

Sick

Shirley Buchanan gives her own report: So here it is Day 8 at MGH. I'm really no further ahead than when I was admitted last Sunday. I took a fall at home and literally scalped my forehead. I have 22 staples and 3 stitches in place. They may be taken out this afternoon. I'm feeling fine but they are not releasing me until they find out what is causing all the falls. I thank everyone for their concern and best wishes and look forward to seeing you all again in the near future.



PRO



Legion Magazine May/June issue – Check out Snapshots page 71 top lefthand corner – President, **Jeff Paulin**, presenting a cheque for \$4,000.00 to **Toni-Ann Campbell** and the **CO, Capt. Anthony Lam** of the 337 Queen's York Rangers Cadets; **Beach Metro:** a) **June 4th** D-Day Parade St. Johns Norway information Ad will be in the May 30th Community Calendar – with a Reporter/Photographer attending the parade; and b) **June 25th Sunday Funday** Ad will be in both the May 30th and June 13th issues.

NOTE: Need the July 1st and Aug. 7th events/posters information ASAP please. Beach Metro will be closed July 1st to July 10th.

Helen D. Pearce

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Legion Week

If you are browsing through old paperwork or artifacts and don't know what would be of interest to our Legion Week Collection, please contact either myself, **Mike Turner**, or **Helen Pearce** by leaving a note at the Clubroom Bar or by phone.

Legion week is the third week of September always and we are looking for **volunteers and donations** for the school children gift bags. Pencils, erasers, note pads or sharpeners etc. Helen has made this a tradition and the students look forward to their goodie bags.

I believe that we are the only Branch that goes full out and reach so many people.

More to follow next newsletter but I can be reached anytime.

We are open to suggestions.

June M Smith

Legion Week Chair

Ladies Auxiliary



We are now officially in summer mode with warm weather and school soon to be out. Our last General Meeting will be Wednesday, June 14th at 7:30. The next meeting after that will be Wednesday, September 13th at 7:30.

For the month of June, we have:
June 4th - St John's Norway parade. Form up at Norway PS at 1 pm, march off at 1:30 and the service in the cemetery is 2pm.

June 10th - Sunnybrook Spring visit. We are hoping the weather cooperates and the Ulster Accordion Band will play in the garden and the residents can be present. We are still not able to have food, but we are working with the branch for a small handout to each resident. The music is set to begin at 2pm so we should arrive at Sunnybrook for 1:30. If you wish to attend, please contact myself to arrange for a ride.

June 24th - we will have our **Ladies Honours and Awards luncheon.** Doors to open at 11:00 am and lunch at 11:30 following with our presentations.

July 1st - Canada Day and I presume there will be the **East York parade**, but to date I have heard nothing on the form up etc. There are a lot of things happening that day here at the branch. Come out and enjoy the day.

Our deepest condolences go out to the **Groome family, Rick, Laura, and Alan** on the loss of **Betty**. **Betty Groome** was a 15-year member of the LA. She would sort, display, and run the white elephant table at our Bazaar, she would always be ready to stuff the envelopes for the schools at poppy time, especially the stickers. She would escort students from Secord School to the branch during Legion Week. **Betty** also did the cloakroom with Ann Stiff and then on her own and with **Joanne**. She will be missed. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them. I wish everyone a great first half of the summer, stay safe.

Yours in comradeship

Nancy McKnight

LA President



League Champions Winter Mixed darts.
Harold Buchanan, Cindy LeRoy, Chris Ostiguy.



Playoff Champs Winter Mixed Dart League: **Wendy Wood, Glen Millar, Gord Pearce Pauline Beaudion**



President
Jeff Paulin
accepts a
donation from
Sam Smit from
the Winter Mixed
dart League.

June 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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4 ST John's Parade Form up 1:00 March off 1:30		6	7 General Meeting 8:00	8 Mixed darts 7:30	9	10 Meat spin 3:00 Clubroom enter- tainment 7:30 Bill Dickenson
11	12	13 Over 60 Club 1:30	14 LA General meeting 7:30	15 Mixed darts 7:30	16 Karaoke 7:30 Blind draw darts Reg 7:30 Play 8:00	17 Meat spin 3:00 Clubroom enter- tainment 7:30 Ronnie Russell
18	19	20	21 Executive meeting 7:30	22 Mixed darts 7:30	23	24 Meat spin 3:00 Clubroom enter- tainment 7:30 John Mills
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July 2023

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30	31			August 3rd. Mixed darts playoffs.		