

# News & Views

August / September 2023



5 new Branch 11 Members from the left: Valerie John, Shaun Hayes, Sheryl Thorne, Tanya Pinagel, Jayden Hosker, flanked by Jeff Paulin, Branch 11 President left back ground and Linda Green Sports / Track and Field Chair person right foreground.

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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 came out and supported our community Canada Day event. This event was partially financially supported by Heritage Canada with great thanks. It was a good time had by all. Thanks to everyone who helped make this event happen. **Hendrik Smit** remains our reigning youth champ for the number of people he has dunked in the dunk tank (including me several times).

Caroline and I will be (for the first time) doing the Phelps New York trip this Civic holiday long weekend. This is their 'Sauerkraut Festival' hosted by our American Legion friends Branch 1346. The magnetic sign on my van will be proudly displayed on our vehicles in the parade. The signs were graciously donated by **Lynn Somerton** and her company **Middleton Group Inc.** We will not be home to host the Civic holiday Event on August 7, 2023. But Sandra Durham, my Special Functions co-chair will be hosting this event along with several volunteers. Please come out and support this event.

On September 12, 2023, at 7:00 pm the **Branch 11 Planning Committee** will be hosting a **planning workshop** looking for your feedback and thoughts on what you would like to see in your 'New Branch'.

You know Summer is coming to a close when it's time for the opening of the Canadian National Exhibition and the **Warrior's Day Parade**. I look forward to seeing you supporting our Veterans by marching alongside them in the Parade or down in the CNE bleachers to cheer them on...

We have many events coming up in the next few months and hope to see you out there. **Senior's games, Meat Spins, , Saturday Night Entertainment, Karaoke, Sunday Funday and the Casino Bus trip.** Hope to see you here. Until then keep well...

*Yours in Comradeship*  
*Jeff Paulin President*



## **JUNE – JULY 2023** **"IN MEMORIUM"** **ORDINARY MEMBER**

**LIBERTY, Alex (Sandy)**

Royal Canadian Engineers Service # B824347  
(Sapper) Joined Branch # 1, Feb 1973 transferred to Branch # 11, 2008.

**LOWEN, Bill**

C N Police Officer, Joined Branch # 11 as a Fraternal in 1972.

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

**Bill:** Our "**Showtime**" will certainly be missed by everyone that ever went with him on trips to Erie Pennsylvania, Utica Michigan, many baseball games, many cruises, overseas trips, etc. when he was doing a lot of travelling with "his people". He was a good friend to many of us and will be dearly missed. He & his wife **Margaret** along with their daughter **Kim** brought in and donated many items for our L/A bazaars, our raffles & bus trips, were proud supporters of Uncle Neil & friends toy drive; they were always there with gifts galore. Our thoughts are with his wife Margaret, also a branch member while she deals with this sudden loss.

**Alex:** As he didn't come into the Branch very often and not in the last couple of years, I don't believe anyone would know him. He leaves a brother **Robert**, also a member of our branch and several other family members.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS** and we hope that you will continue to support the Branch that you chose to join/transfer to.

**Jim Collins, Judy Collins, Shaun Hayes, Jayden Hosker, Valerie John, Eric Kelly, Jerome King, Nicole King, Edwin Mason, Sharon Mercer, Tanya Pinage, Chandra Raja and Sheryl Thorne.**

*Cathy Cole,*  
*Membership Chair*

## **IMPORTANT REMINDER PLEASE READ**

### **EMAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED**

There are a number of members who receive their newsletter by mail, and we have discovered that many come into the Branch and get a copy from the clubroom. 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@rc11.com](mailto:membership@rc11.com): you will then be included in our database and receive your newsletter without us incurring costs of labels/printing/mailing, etc. The copy you will get on your email is in colour and it is very impressive with colour pictures etc.

### **RECYCLING FOR THE BRANCH**

As many members and patrons of the Branch already know, we continue to crush our pop cans and take them to a scrap yard for cash for the Branch and this is very successful. We can send any liquor or wine bottles; tetra packs etc., anything with a deposit purchased at a beer, liquor store or grocery store, back via the Branch beer returns and get the benefit of these deposits. Although very small, from .05 - .20 cents, each time we redeem a deposit, the Branch benefits. Whenever you have any pop cans or items with a deposit on them, please bring them to the Branch, the cans will be crushed, the deposit items returned, and cash gained for the Branch. Any little bit helps the bottom line; instead of throwing these items out, please consider bringing them in so all of us will benefit.



**Cathy Cole,**  
**Secretary**

### **LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

**Ina Graftlong Gage Home** is looking for volunteers to help entertain, work with many of their residents either as a one-on-one, in crafts or just by visiting and talking with them. If you are looking for something to do to fill in some of your spare time, please contact **Domenico Caggianiello** at 416-422-4890 ext. 332.

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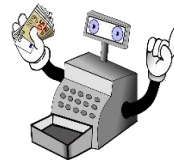
## **Legion Week**

Once more we are getting ready for opening of **Legion week** and looking for volunteers. Parade is not confirmed yet for Sep 17 but lots of notice will be given to you. Again, this year it will only be during the day and **Helen** is working with the schools and teachers. We will be setting up on Sept 16 at 10 am and need stuffers for burlap bags and also need newspapers that day. Legion Week is Sep 17 to Sept 22. Take down will be on Sat 23. **Volunteers** are what make this happen. Please leave your name on list that will be posted at the Branch on bulletin board. Daytime only.

Thank for your efforts!

**June M Smith**  
**Legion Week Chair.**

## **Ways & Means**



Hi. Hope you are all enjoying the summer.

Once again, repeating myself No **SUNDAY FUNDAY IN AUG.** Start date will be **Sunday Sept 24th** with **Yvonne Chapman** 2 to 6:00 pm. Branch opens 1 to 7:00pm. Dinner served 4pm @ \$15 per person, you do not need to have a meal ticket to attend. The menu is:

Homemade Chili, Cornmeal Bread, Garden Salad & dressing, and Dessert

Ticket sales cut off Friday Sept 22. Call Susan 647 657 8817 or the Branch @ 416 699 1353 to purchase tickets or to reserve tickets **only** 60 tickets available.

Remember our **PATIO** is **OPEN** for your convenience. Saturday night dancing 7:30 to 11:30 each Saturday a different entertainer. **NO COVER CHARGE, ALL WELCOMED.**

Once again may I remind you **NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINKS** if it continues you will be asked to leave. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter. Thanks to all for your continuing support to **BRANCH 11**. Looking forward to seeing you all.

**Susan Squires**  
**Ways & Means Chair**



### Sports



We have 2 teams, (**Ken Buchanan/Roger Roach, Lynn Somerton/Travis Durham**) and 1 single (**Travis Durham**) playing in **Provincial Horseshoes** August 12th, hosted by Branch 100 Brighton. Good luck everyone!

**Provincial Golf** is September 9th, hosted by Branch 201 Windsor. We have 4 regular teams (**Mike Turner/Sandra Durham, Fred Green/Bob Beaudoin, Shaun Hayes/Wendy Glenn, Travis Durham/Lynn Somerton**) and 1 senior team (**Doug Riddell/Kevin Jess**) playing. Again, good luck everyone!

The Branch is open from 1pm-7pm for the **Civic Holiday**. Weather permitting, there will be a **horseshoe tournament**. The sign-up sheet is up in the clubroom. Come out and enjoy yourselves!

The **Summer darts** banquet will be August 12th at 5:30pm, dinner at 6:00pm, in the clubroom.

The meeting for **Winter Darts** will be held on Thursday, September 7th at 7:30pm. Play begins the following Thursday at 7:30pm.

The meeting for **Men's Darts** will be Monday, September 11th at 8:00pm. Play begins the following Monday at 8:00pm.

The meeting for **Ladies Darts** will be Monday, September 18th at 7:30pm. Play begins the following Monday at 7:30pm.

The sign-up sheets are up for all the dart leagues.

**Linda Green**  
*Sports chair*

### Youth Education

Thanks to the following volunteers, Branch 11's Students Awards/Reception on June 18<sup>th</sup> was a success: **Zone D3 Commander, Craig Oliver, YE Co-Chair Anne Davis, Gord Pearce, Fred and Linda Green, Cindy Bryne, Joanne Barden, Gwen Forbes, Debbie Strictland, Wendy Wood, Gail Burrow, Gisele Pelletier, 3 non-Legion Members,**

**Fitsum, Barbara Bannon, and Mary Davis. Sandra Durham** provided a wonderful congratulations cake, **LA President, Nancy McKnight** donated additional energy bars and apple sauce for the students. We had a teacher from **Notre Dame** and one from **George Webster** attend to show support for the students. As well a Beach Metro Reporter/Photography attended and submitted a photo and article in the June 27<sup>th</sup> issue with **Gord and Craig** presenting Provincial Awards to Sr. Student, **Jessica Athanasyar** 1<sup>st</sup> Place for her poem and Primary Student, Angelina Pramanik 2<sup>nd</sup> Place for her Colour Poster. I would be remiss not to mention that: **Fred** also took numerous pictures for me that day which I am in the process of distributing; **Gord & Craig** for presenting the awards; **Linda** for manning the Bar and keeping everyone from getting thirsty with whatever liquid refreshment was their fancy; **Anne** with the above named ladies who decorated, prepped and set out the food in a beautiful display; to all of the volunteers who cleaned up at the conclusion – great team work **THANK YOU SO MUCH!**

Due to changes made in the Literary/Poster and Public Speaking Contests from “*higher up*”, an important information meeting/workshop has been scheduled by our **District YE Chair, Michael Choma** together with his **Vice-Chair, Leslie Seaton-Walker** taking place at Branch 345, Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 4 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please let me know so I can provide the number of attendees coming from Zone D3.

Finally, I am once again looking for donations, either monetary or items to go into the goody bags for the students visiting during Legion Week, as well as items for the larger gift bags we give to the students competing in the Public Speaking Contest.

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

### Over 60 Club

**August 29<sup>th</sup>** – Bus trip to Fallsview Casino Niagara Falls – contact **Jean Whynot** for tickets. 416 690-1016. Monday Euchre starts Sept 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30.

### Constitution & Laws

We are in the process of updating both our **Branch Clubhouse Rules** and our **Branch Regulations**. Both of these items were last updated in 2014. At the September General Meeting, I will be presenting two different Notices of Motion. The first one is to update our Branch Clubhouse Rules, and the second will be to update our Branch Regulations. No action will be taken at the September General meeting. The vote to approve these two separate items will take place at the October General Meeting. There will be copies of both Branch Regulations and the Branch Clubhouse Rules made available at the September General Meeting to enable you to look them over before they are voted on at the October General Meeting. I want to thank my committee at this time for all the work that was put into both of these two items. **Mike Turner, Cathy Cole, Linda Green, James LeRoy, Joe Calderone and Jeff Paulin** our President who was able to attend all of our meetings.

**Bob Murphy**

**Constitution & Laws Chair**

### PRO



**Beach Metro:** a) **June 27<sup>th</sup>** - Contains Picture/Article with **Gord Pearce and Craig Oliver** presenting Prov. Awards to two students; b) **July 18<sup>th</sup>** – Ad for our Civic **Holiday Event on Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>** as well as setting out a more detailed Notice in the Community Calendar section – meal tickets sold at the Bar or Contact **Sandra Durham** 647-409-4219 - cut off date for tickets August 4<sup>th</sup> – do not need a meal ticket to attend come out and enjoy the day!

**Legion Week** – September 17<sup>th</sup> to September 22<sup>nd</sup> – volunteers needed – see sign up sheet on the Black Board or contact **June Smith** or **Helen Pearce**.

**Sunday Funday** – starting up again September 24<sup>th</sup> – see Susan Squire's report for details.

**Saturday Night Entertainment** – check out Susan Squire's report and also Branch Web Site re: Poster with entertainers.

**Clothing Drive** – looking for gently used clothing – infants, children, teenagers, men, women – in fact toiletry items would also be helpful. Drop off in Club Room for **Cindy Bryne, Helen Pearce or Vi Kenny**.

**Helen D. Pearce**

**PRO Chair**

### Honours & Awards



**Reminder – H&A luncheon** will be on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. **Please** – if you have nominations for those that you believe should be recognized

**now** is the time to let the Committee know. Leave a written memo with the nominee and the reasons why in an envelope in the Clubroom with the **Bar Steward, Cathy Cole, Jeff Paulin or myself** for the Committee to consider.

Thank you,

**John N. Dufort**

**Honours & Awards Chair**

### Building



I've been keeping the grounds looking good and doing repairs inside the Legion. Let me know if you notice anything that needs to be done, leave a note behind the bar.

Thanks to **Dave Ferron** for supplying the chicken wire to fix the fence and **Chris Scott** for helping me put it up.

**Meat Spins** are every Saturday at 3:00pm. We are always looking for volunteers and there is a sign-up sheet you can check for dates.

Thanks

**Fred Green**

**Building & Meat Spin Chair**

### Ladies Auxiliary



Summer is half over and September is coming fast. I hope the first half of the summer was good and that the last half will be just as good.

September means it is time to pay our dues for 2024. The membership cards are ready and again our dues are \$20.00 for members under 70 years of age and \$15.00 for over 70 and a minimum 2 years with our Ladies Auxiliary. You can send or leave your money behind the bar or see myself and I will get your card to you.

We have not been too busy this summer which is kind of nice for a change. The Branch is having a steak dinner on the Civic long weekend (August 7th) and a burger to anyone who goes down for the Warrior's Day parade by bus (if we have the buses). I'm sure they will be having a dinner on Labour Day weekend (September 4th) also.


Our sincere condolences go out to the family of Gracie Campbell who passed away in July. Gracie was a 47-year member of the Ladies Auxiliary; Jeff and I had the pleasure of attending her 100th birthday 2 years ago. At the going down of the sun and in the morn, we will remember them.

Our next meeting will be September 13th at 7:30 pm. We will be having a Bazaar this year, it will be Saturday, November 18th from 9 to 1 pm, so put this date in your calendars as we can use all the volunteers we can get. Tickets will go on sale late September early October. Breakfast with Santa will be on December 3rd, so we will be looking for elves to help.

Don't forget if you like to play Euchre, Monday Night Euchre will start up after the Labour Day weekend, all are welcome.

I hope everyone enjoys the rest of the summer and see you back again in September.

Yours in comradeship,  
**Nancy McKnight**  
**L.A. President**




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Monday August 7, 2023

*Civic Holiday*

Clubroom doors open 1:00–7:00 p.m.




DJ - Lester

2:00–6:30 p.m.

Menu: Steak, Baked Potato, Salad, Corn  
on the Cob & Dessert. **\$25.00 p/p**

A meal ticket is not required to come out and enjoy the day.  
Meal Served at approx. 4:00 p.m.

Limited Tickets (cutoff date Friday August 4)  
Tickets Sold at the Bar or See Sandra Durham




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September 24, 2023

*Sunday FunDay*

Clubroom doors open 1:00–7:00 p.m.



Yvonne Chapman

**\$ 15.00 p/p**

Meal Served at 4:00 p.m.

Menu — Homemade Chili, Cornmeal Bread, Garden  
Salad & dressing & Dessert

Limited Tickets (cutoff date September 22)  
Tickets Sold at the Bar or See Susan Squires

You do not need to purchase a meal ticket to attend, but if you do, half your ticket goes towards a door prize.

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# August 2023

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		1	2	3 Mixed Darts Playoffs 7:30	4	5 Meat Spin 3:00 Clubroom Enter- tainment 7:30 <b>John Mills</b>
6	7 <b>Civic Holiday Branch Open 1pm – 7pm Steak Dinner DJ Lester 2pm—6:30pm Horseshoe Tournament</b>	8 Over 60 Club 1:30	9	10	11 Karaoke 7:30  Blind draw darts Reg 7:30 Play 8:00	12 Meat Spin 3:00 Clubroom Enter- tainment 7:30 <b>Al Jordan</b>  Mixed darts banquet 5:30 Clubroom
13	14	15	16 Executive meet- ing 7:30	17	18	19 Meat Spin 3:00 Clubroom Enter- tainment 7:30 <b>Yvonne Chapman</b>
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27	28	29 Casino Bus Trip 	30	31		

# September 2023

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					1 Karaoke 7:30  Blind draw darts Reg 7:30 Play 8:00	2 Meat Spin 3:00 Clubroom Entertainment 7:30 <b>Linda &amp; Dennis</b>
3	4 <b>Labour Day</b> Branch Open 1pm—7pm TBA	5 Over 60 Club 1:30	6 General Meeting 8:00	7 Mixed darts meeting 7:30	8	9 Meat Spin 3:00  Clubroom Entertainment 7:30 <b>Bill Black</b>
10	11 Monday Night Euchre 7:30 pm  Men's Darts meeting 8:00 pm	12 <b>Branch 11 Planning Committee</b> is hosting a planning workshop. 7:00 pm Please join us	13 LA General Meeting 7:30	14 Mixed darts 7:30	15 Karaoke 7:30  Blind draw darts Reg 7:30 Play 8:00	16 Meat Spin 3:00  Clubroom Entertainment 7:30 <b>Al Jordan</b>
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