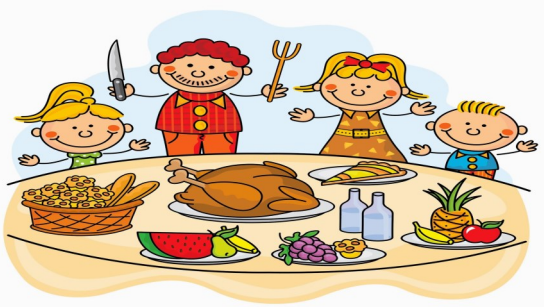


# News & Views

## October/November 2023

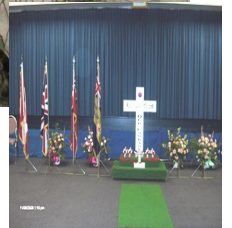


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HAPPY  
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A few of the Presenters and Volunteers for Legion Week 2023



Lest we Forget

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**Royal Canadian Legion Branch 11 East Toronto**

### President's Message



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 Civic holiday and Labour Day events. The Warrior's Day Parade is always well supported by members of our Branch and the Ulster Accordion Band.

**Caroline and I** went on the Phelps New York trip this past Civic holiday long weekend, the first time for us.

**John Dufort, Cathy Cole and Susan Squires** also represented Branch 11. This is their famous 'Sauerkraut Festival' and we were hosted by our American Legion friends at Branch 1346. We won't talk about the recommended hotel accommodation, but for the rest of the events, the Royal Canadian Legion Members were treated very well and respected. We were very honoured to march in their parade. This small-town parade was unbelievable, putting many of our parades to shame. We also attended their Sauerkraut Festival and have brought back sauerkraut to be served at our October 9, 2023, Branch 11 Octoberfest event. We are carrying on a long-time tradition.

On September 12, 2023, the **Branch 11 Planning Committee** hosted a meeting. I am not sure how to take the poor turnout of this planning Committee meeting of only 26 members in attendance.... Either members were disinterested in the future of our Branch, too busy to attend or they feel their interests were in good hands with the Planning Committee... I hope the latter comment is correct... The 26 members in attendance was appreciated and we had a meaningful and productive conversation. The Planning Committee Executive has a meeting scheduled with Minto. They have provided us with 58 pages of building plans. Though these are not the city approved plans they and other topics will be discussed. I will share the results of that meeting at the next General meeting on Wednesday October 4, 2023, at 8:00 pm.

We have many events coming up in the next few months, **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*

### AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2023

#### "IN MEMORIUM"

#### ASSOCIATE MEMBER

**O'CONNELL** Sheila

Joined Branch # 1 1997, transferred to Branch # 11 2002

#### AFFILIATE MEMBER

**AUTON,** Sheila

Joined Branch # 11 2006

**O'CONNELL, Sheila:** Sheila hasn't been into the branch for a number of years due to several health issues, but she will be remembered by a number of the dart players who played with her and her husband **Fergie**.

**AUTON Sheila:** again, this Sheila hasn't been into the branch for a number of years due to several health issues, but she will be remembered by a number of the dart players who played with her and her husband Lyle. **Sheila and Lyle** made many trips to the Branch in their van depositing numerous bags of pop cans, beer cans & all types of liquor containers with deposits on them. Sheila was well known in her neighbourhood as the person to give your can/bottle/containers to so that she and Lyle could raise money for their branch. They helped our General funds and Poppy funds with these recycled items and also went out and got items to donate to our various fund raisers.

**R.I.P. Sheilas,** you will both be missed.

Our deepest sympathy to their families and many Legion friends.

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**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS** and we hope that you will continue to support the Branch that you chose to join/transfer to: **Tara Bertram, Gail Fera, Michael MacGillivray, Jim Medeiros, Sherry**

**Maidment, Codey Mercer-Elbers, Lisa Panzika,  
Jeffrey Saunders, Lucas Verbeke,**

### **THANK YOU: THANK YOU AGAIN**

Thanks to the people who have donated stamps to the Branch over the last year. I have received strips of 10, sometimes several at a time; each stamp costs 92 cents + HST, cost of 1.04 cents, this is a wonderful savings for the Branch as we do mail a lot of items out, letters, newsletters, cards, invitations etc., too many things to list. All I can say is THANK YOU, THANK YOU to the people who have donated, you know who you are, and I know this is your way of helping us out by contributing anonymously.

*Cathy Cole, Membership*

### **REMEMBRANCE PARADE & SERVICE**

Our parade and service are on **Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. Form up at Shoppers' World at 1.00pm; march off at 1.30pm with a service at the Branch at 2.00pm. We go to the Clubroom after the service for our **Ladies Auxiliary** special "roast beef on a bun" and of course, refreshments. Please come out to the parade/service either as a marcher or spectator. With the early serving of food, we are able to accommodate even the members who like to get home "before dark". Come out and enjoy our great service with the usual SURPRISE by the **Ulster Accordion Band**, sometimes we laugh, sometimes we cry, but we always enjoy whatever they present us with and of course the food by our **Ladies Auxiliary**. It is a great day for everyone.

**REMEMBRANCE DAY, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**. After the November 11<sup>th</sup> parade in East York, we will be providing food for everyone at our **OWN Branch**. For several years this has proved to be successful and we are going to do the same again this year: we are going to have hot food after the parade, stews, chili and buns (hopefully it won't be cold and we won't need warming up/thawing out) but as weather for the East York November 11<sup>th</sup> parade is never guaranteed

to be warm, we can only wish/hope that it will be. Come back to the Branch after the parade, enjoy our food, the comradeship of our fellow Legionnaires and many friends and celebrate our freedom due to the sacrifice of so many. This is a regular working day, but the Branch will be open early as we want everyone to share their day of **Remembrance here at Branch 11**.

*Cathy Cole  
Secretary*

### **MEMBERSHIP STICKERS FOR 2024**

The 2024 sticker for your Legion card is already in the Branch: there are 3 ways to pay your \$ 50.00 dues for the year 2024:

- 1) Mail a cheque to the Branch and your sticker will be mailed to you; possibly send us a stamped self-addressed return envelope.
- 2) The Branch is open Monday – Saturday from 1.00pm until 10.00pm and there is a steward in the clubroom bar who will take your money and give you a receipt. You need to have them put a note on the receipt, so we know if your sticker is to be mailed or left at the bar for pick up.
- 3) Again this year we are set up for **e-transfer**: send your \$ 50.00 to: [membership@rcl11.com](mailto:membership@rcl11.com)

Don't forget if you pay your dues before November 30<sup>th</sup>, your name will be put into the draw for an Early Bird prize; 4 draws for payment of your 2025 dues. The draw takes place at the General Meeting on Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, good luck to all Early Bird members. See the attached reminder.

*Cathy Cole  
Membership*



A Casino bus trip is scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup>. Contact **Jean Whynot** for tickets.



### Turkey Roll



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

We will be doing **turkeys & hams** for the September 30th meat spin.

Thanks

**Fred Green**

**Meat Spin Chair**

### Youth Education



Let me start with special shout outs to the two Second Teachers who responded to my invitation to visit Legion Week and were able to bring out 58 students – Thank you **Davica Ramdas and Yun Cheng!** They have been booking visits for several years now and yes, they saved the day/week! And what a special experience for those students. While I don't normally book such a large group at a time – thank heavens I did! For some mysterious reason I did not hear one word from the others who have always supported Legion Week booking visits for their students. I was told by the presenters that this large group of mainly 10-year-olds were really interested and totally engaged in each part of the presentations – kudos to the two teachers again.

**June** thank you for recognizing all the volunteers who stepped up to help us, all of them are really very, very special – but I must truly give a special shout out to **Anne Davis** for all her support and help for me for 10 years. **Anne** gave her all – plus volunteering at Second School for at least 10 years and filling in for me on November 11<sup>th</sup> at George Webster when I was committed to another school at the same time. She has now moved to Ajax and is already contributing to

Legion Br. 322 and volunteering at a school near her – Ajax's gain is our/my loss.

I would welcome any volunteers for the **Legion's Youth Ed Literary/Poster and Public Speaking Programs** in any way you feel comfortable in doing so. Please contact me at 416-690-6388 or email: [helends4pearce@bell.net](mailto:helends4pearce@bell.net).

**Helen D. Pearce**

**Youth Ed Chair**

### Poppy



Hello Everyone

It is that time of year again. The Poppy campaign is just around the corner. This year the poppy campaign starts on Friday October 27<sup>th</sup> and goes to November 11<sup>th</sup>.

I will be looking for several volunteers this year to assist. The most productive way any member can help is by getting out there in the public and being present with a Tag box.

FYI: Taggers receive more donations in a short period of time over any counter boxes that are left out for the entire Campaign. Just to give you an idea; the best Counter boxes tend to yield around \$200.00 during the whole campaign, the average person out with a tagging box is around \$400.00 in an approximate 4-hour period. That is a HUGE difference in donations. I feel the public are more comfortable with giving a donation, especially a larger donation to a legion representative with a tag box. So please look at the Tagging board that will be set up in the clubroom by the Dartboards. Look at the time slots and locations and feel free to sign up for a slot of your choice. Even if you can only do a half hour it's better than leaving a location empty of a smiling tagger. If you wish to have someone with you ask a fellow member to team up with you.

Four years ago, we received in donations around \$60,000.00. Let's see if we can reach and preferably exceed that 60K mark.

We will be having Cadets this Year to help tag but let's not rely on them to do all the tagging. Many of the funds that the cadets get in donations we return in kind to support the cadet Corps.

I will have a signup sheet in the clubroom on the bar and the Tagging board set up around the first weekend of October, so you will have lots of time to contemplate and check your availability on what location and time you can help tag.

Let us have a Great Poppy Campaign so we can help our Veterans, family, and dependents thereof.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at: firstvice@rc111.com

***Yours in Comradeship***

***Mike Turner (Ret'd)***

***Poppy Chair***

### Sports



Fall is upon us and that means Zone sports! All the sign-up sheets are posted in the clubroom. 8 Ball and Snooker have moved directly to District. I will post the dates for those two events as soon as I get them. We had 2 teams and 1 single playing in Provincial Horseshoes August 12th, hosted by Branch 100 Brighton. I'm sorry to say they didn't win.

Provincial Golf was September 9th, hosted by Branch 201 Windsor. We had 4 regular teams and 1 senior team playing. They didn't win, but I believe they all had a good time.

Monday night Men's & Ladies darts has started. Monday night Euchre has started as well. All three are looking for anyone who would like to play.

***Linda Green***

***Sports chair***

### Ways and Means



Happy Fall, it has arrived. By the time this letter goes to print Sunday funday Sept 24th will be over I'm sure you all enjoyed.

Our upcoming Sunday Funday is on Oct 29<sup>th</sup>. The Branch opens 1 to 7pm . Music from 2 to 6 PM by **SOUL MATES**.

A meal is served at 4 pm. This is their 2nd time appearing by request. Please feel free to dress up for HALLOWEEN. The WITCHES can park their brooms in a corner LOL.

Nov 26th is the next Sunday Funday - same times as above. With entertainment by **D.J. DAVID RUSSELL**.

A meal is served at 4pm.

There will be NO SUN FUNDAY IN DECEMBER

Due to many other events. **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA, PRESIDENTS LEVEE, and NEW YEARS EVE .**

Saturday night dances continue each Saturday 7.30 PM to 11.30 pm with new entertainment each Saturday. Come out meet new friends. Dance your night away.

If you get the opportunity to meet a VETERAN thank him or her for their services.

Music soothes the soul. Come listen any Saturday night. ALL WELCOME, NO COVER CHARGE .

***Susan Squires***

***Ways and Means Chair***

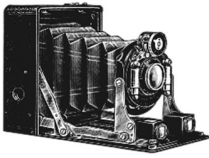
### WALK A THON

On Sept 16th Saturday our **WALK A THON WAS SUCCESSFUL - A BIG THANK YOU** to all the walkers, all the people who donated and thanks to those who donated the water, pop, and fresh fruit for the walkers. Once again, I thank you all for supporting BRANCH 11 throughout the year

***Susan Squires***

***Walkathon Chair***

## PRO



**Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>** – Legion Week Opening: **Battle of Britain Parade/Ceremony/Reception** – thank you to our photographers, **Caroline Paulin**, and **Fred Green** – please see **June Smith's** report for complete details. And again, thank you **Fred Green** for attending throughout the week to take pictures and help wherever needed.

**Beach Metro** – Thank you for donating an Ad for our Legion Week.

**Oct 29<sup>th</sup> & Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>** - Sunday Fundays – please see **Susan Squires'** report for details.

**Helen D. Pearce**  
**PRO**

## 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 or leave a note behind the bar.

**Fred Green**  
**Building Chair**

## Honours & Awards



The day for our Honours & Awards day is October 15<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 am on the main floor, luncheon is at 12:00 noon

and presentations at approx. 1:00 pm and the floor will stay open until 3:00 pm. By invitation only.

**John Dufort**  
**Honours & Awards Chair**

## Ladies Auxiliary



Summer is officially over, and fall has arrived. That means our sports will be starting up. Due to the small number of teams, we will go directly to District. We have LA Euchre on October 21st at Branch 22, Single and Double Darts on November 18th at Branch 258, LA Crib on March 9th at Branch 11 and Team Darts on April 6th at Branch 266/66. All events are 8:30 registration, 9 am start. The sheets are up on the LA Bulletin Board in the Clubroom.

Our October meeting will be on the 11th and November on the 8th at 7:30.

We are hoping to be able to get together on October 22nd to get the poppies and stickers stuffed and packed to be delivered to the schools on October 30th. Check the chalk board in the clubroom for times, etc.

We will be having our Bazaar on Saturday, November 18th from 9 to 1. We will need volunteers, so if you are available, please come and help. I will get the tickets ready shortly.

The membership cards are ready, our dues are \$20.00, if over 70 it is \$15.00. Remember your dues need to be paid by December 31st for the Early Bird in order to play sports.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to **Anne Breen** and her family as Anne is not doing well. **Helen Small** was in St. Mike's, she has been in for about 5 weeks now, they can't seem to get her blood pressure under control. She is home now.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you and your families.

Yours in Comradeship

**Nancy McKnight**  
**L.A. President**



### Legion Week

Once more a tired but satisfied crew of volunteers have closed Legion Week. We didn't have the usual number of students expected but are grateful to the teachers and children that did come. A very large thank you to **Ken Erwin** for his talented artwork which we had enlarged and put on our stands at the corner of Danforth & Dawes, as a result we had 17 walk-in people who enjoyed our displays. Thanks to **Nancy McKnight** and L/A for the opening day luncheon and to **Kelly Jackson, Gerry Morgan, Brad Bradford Jeff Paulin**, and dignitaries for attending and Speaking at our opening. **The Ulster Accordion Band under the direction of Ed Kenny** are always a delight to add to our enjoyment. The display from the **Vintage Hamilton Signals** is wonderful to look at and listen to and view in WW 1 uniforms. Another addition was a member of the Canadian A/F Airshow Team, the Snowbirds, **Terry Spence** with his visual screen presentation. To our speakers and veterans who addressed the students that were interesting and the Volunteers that showed up day after day, we could not do this without you. **Debbie, Cindy, Gail, Vi, Joanne, Anne, Gwen, Brian Cotter, Craig Kingsley, Ken Lloyd, Kirk Campbell, Dave Hayward, Rick Little, Doug Smith, Mike Turner, Joe White, and Ken Buchanan**. Last but not least Helen Pearce with her correspondence and working with the teachers and there everyday with me and the other volunteers. Thanks also to our **Cadets** with their endless strength and help in setting up and closing down. We think they are wonderful. **Fred Green** for helping with uniforms display racks. Hopefully I did not exclude anyone but if so, it was definitely not intentional.

Yours in comradeship,

**June M Smith**

**Legion Week chair**

Legion Members lining up to start the big parade from the parking lot to the front doors of the Branch. >>>>>



Doug Smith, Victoria Armstrong & Legion Week Chair June Smith at the opening of Legion Week.



Branch 11 President, Jeff Paulin, City Councilor Brad Bradford & District Padre Kelly Jackson at the opening



# October 2023

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1	2 Euchre 7:00 pm Ladies Darts 7:30 Men's Darts 8:00	3 Over 60 Club 1:30	4 General Meeting 8:00	5 Mixed darts 7:30	6 Karaoke 7:30 Blind draw darts Reg 7:30 Play 8:00	7 Meat spin 3:00 Clubroom entertainment 7:30 <b>Joe Tucker</b>
8	9 <b>Octoberfest</b> Branch open 1 pm— 7 pm <b>DJ David</b>	10 Drop-in Euchre 1:30 	11 LA General Meeting 7:30	12 Mixed darts 7:30	13	14 Meat spin 3:00 Clubroom entertainment 7:30 <b>David Russell</b>
15 <b>Honours &amp; Awards</b> 11:30—3:00 Main floor By invitation only	16 Euchre 7:00 pm Ladies Darts 7:30 Men's Darts 8:00	17 Over 60 Club 1:30	18	19 Mixed darts 7:30	20 Karaoke 7:30 Blind draw darts Reg 7:30 Play 8:00	21 Meat spin 3:00 Clubroom entertainment 7:30 <b>K &amp; D Melodies</b>
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29 <b>Sunday Funday</b> Branch open 1pm-7pm <b>Soul Mates</b>	30 Euchre 7:00 pm Ladies Darts 7:30 Men's Darts 8:00	31 Over 60 Club 1:30				



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## "EARLY BIRD DRAW"

For many years, we have had a draw for those who pay their next year's membership dues before November 30<sup>th</sup>, of the current year. The draw is usually held at the December General Meeting where we draw four (4) names and these winners have their dues for the next calendar year paid for them by the Branch.

We attempt each year to get a renewal percentage of better than 60% and were very successful last year as many of you sent your dues in early, were part of the "Early Bird" campaign and our Branch received an acknowledgement that we attained a renewal between 60 – 70 %.

In order for us to attain this level again this year, we need YOUR help. We need you to pay your dues before November 30<sup>th</sup> so that we can send payment for your card to Ottawa to be recognized as an Early Bird. Please send or bring your dues of \$ 50.00 to the Branch: if mailing, your cheque must be received before November 30<sup>th</sup>; do not mail on the 30<sup>th</sup> and expect to be included in the draw.

As the cards are already in the Branch, if you pay your dues to a steward, your card will be behind the bar for pick up within the week. If mailing your cheque, you should receive your card within two (2) weeks. If possible when you mail your cheque, in order to save the Branch a few costs, please send a pre-addressed/ postage paid envelope for the return of your card. We would appreciate these small savings as each one helps our bottom line/general funds. Again this year we also have e-transfer ability to [membership@rcl11.com](mailto:membership@rcl11.com)

*Cathy Cole*

Cathy Cole  
Membership Chair



**MEMBERSHIP**  
*RENEW TODAY!*