

News & Views

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Royal Canadian Legion Branch 11 East Toronto

President's Message



The time has finally come... After selling Branch 11 for redevelopment back in 2018, we finally need to vacate the premises. Our last day in the building is April 3, 2024. Due to the holidays, the last day we are open to serve is March 30, 2024. We will keep you posted on the building demolition, that said: **our April 3rd, 2024, General meeting will be in the Branch 11 Clubroom at 9 Dawes Road.** As for Saturday March 30, 2024, being the last day that we will be open to our membership and guests... We will celebrate that day with the infamous **Dawes Downs** and Potluck. An event we have not held here for a couple of years. The Potluck sign-up sheet is on the board, the Branch will be open its regular hours. We have an agreement with Branch 22 to be our Host Branch. As of April 1, 2024, (this is not an April fools' joke) I would like to ask that all members and guests go to Branch 22, 1240 Woodbine Avenue. as if you were going to go to Branch 11. From **Branch 22 President Mary Anne Ramirez** "*Branch 22 would like to welcome all the members from Branch 11 as our guests while they are waiting for their new building.*"

To accommodate us, Branch 22 has drastically adjusted their hours of business and will be open daily at 2:00 pm Monday through Saturday and close at 10:00 pm or later depending on the events happening... Tuesday Seniors Euchre/darts will continue weekly starting at 2:15 pm in the clubroom. Our Thursday night darts will continue... when the season starts, and we will be on the top floor... There are 10 boards... So, we could use some more players to fill the room... **Susan Squires** is working with them to co-ordinate Saturday night entertainment and her/our Sunday Fundays...

On the writing of this newsletter, we still have not found that local office we are looking for. If you know of anything 1,000 – 2,000 sq' please let me know.

If you were at the Branch this past weekend (Sunday March 24, 2024) you would have seen the [Ulster Accordion Band](#) hosted a... continued on page 4....

FEBRUARY 2024 – MARCH 2024

“IN MEMORIUM”

AFFILIATE MEMBER

HARPER: Dan

Joined Branch # 11, June 2011

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

Dan Harper: Dan (hot chocolate man) hasn't been able to come into the branch for several years due to a fall he had but he did phone regularly to talk to members at the branch and tried to keep in touch although he was living at his daughter's house in Stouffville. His friendly smile has been missed and unfortunately, we never got to see it again after his move due to his health. He is and will be missed by many daytime members.

Our deepest sympathy to his family

Cathy Cole, Membership

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER and we hope that you will continue to support the Branch that you chose to join: **Rick Riddell**

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ST JOHNS' NORWAY PARADE



The date for the parade is June 9th. 2024. Form up will be at the usual place, the school on Kingston Road near Woodbine, at 1.15pm and march off at 1.45pm to the service that takes place in the cemetery at approx. 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 still be hosting a function after the parade for our usual food and refreshments, at Branch 22 . Come out and enjoy.

Ulster Accordion Band

" The Ulster Band has had a very unique long-term relationship with the Branch, and we expect that relationship to continue during the temporary absence while the new Legion headquarters are under construction. We look forward to celebrating the new premises in style.

"We'el meet again."



Ways & Means



Hey everyone.
SORRY we were unable to have a Sunday Fun Day in March. But with the Branch moving, it was not a suitable time. I need to

thank **Ruby C & Wendy O'Brien/ Brewer** for Saturday night draw prizes.

Also, a lady that gave us wine donation(s) to be used for then as well but wants to remain anonymous. Our last Saturday night entertainment in our Branch 11, was on March 23. It was a sad farewell, but FUN had by all. We are moving, temporarily to 1240 Woodbine Avenue, Branch 22. We ALL need to be reminded, please, Legion members or guests we should Show Respect at all times.

Unfortunately, as we make our move out of Br 11 to our temporary home the following dates April 6 & 13 Saturday night dances are CANCELLED. As I know more, you will know more. As far as the Sunday Fun Day goes, have patience with us as we work through our move.

As always thank you the years of continuing loyalty and support.

Susan Squires

Ways & Means

Sat night entertainment

2nd vice

Sports



Happy Easter!!

District Euchre was at Branch 31, February 11. No one moved on.

District Shuffleboard was at Branch 31, February 18th. It was close but no one moved on.

District Mixed darts was held at Branch 13 February 24. No one moved on.

We had 2 teams playing Provincial Cribbage in Falconbridge on March 2. They didn't move on but came in 5th & 9th. Well, done!

We had 1 team playing Provincial 8 Ball on March 16 at Branch 43 in Oshawa. They did not move on.

Provincial Senior Darts is in Port Stanley April 6th. 2 singles (**Kevin Jess & Edwin Mason**) & 1 doubles (**Edwin Mason & Sandra Durham**) are playing. Good luck.

The sports year is winding down. Zone Horseshoes is May 5th, hosted by us, but played at Branch 614. District Washer Toss is June 16th, at Branch 345 and District Golf is June 23rd with the host yet to be determined. The winter dart leagues, and euchre have all finished their season.

Looking forward to Summer darts? The meeting will be held on Thursday May 2nd at Branch 22 on the 3rd floor. If you haven't already signed up, please let me know before that date. You can email me at sports@rcl11.com.

Thanks to all and hope to see you soon at Branch 22, our temporary home.

Linda Green

Sports Chair

Over 60 Club



Wonderful news!! Over 60 Club has a new temporary location with very special thanks to our Host Branch 22 in allowing our Club the use of their Clubroom every 2nd Tuesday afternoon. The next date for our Euchre players and our casual Dart players is Tuesday, April 2nd – Please note start time is 2:15 p.m. in Branch 22 Clubroom, address 1240 Woodbine Avenue. New Euchre and Dart players are welcome. Please contact me at 416-690-1016.

Jean Whynot

Over 60 Club Treasurer

When a door closes another always open, so we say goodbye to our old building at 9 Dawes Rd and pack up our memories to take with us to our new building and hope it gets built while we sit back and wait. So much has happened since we went into this building from Coleman Ave and so many members and friends have passed on but have left their mark. I am pleased to say that I am proud to have served as President and the 2nd woman to do so. There are 5 past and one current President moving on so memories are so important, and friendships will continue. As printed from our over 60 club we are still doing cards and Jean is still our treasurer and myself as chair and Jack as 1st vice chair. But it will be held at Br 22 in the Clubroom as we continue on with our Euchre. As this is the last newsletter printed from our establishment, Doug and I say, "see you at Branch 22". Our Legion week memorabilia are safely packed with thanks to Mike and his daughter and will be stored until needed. Special thanks and kudos to Jean and Jack for all their help running over 60 and especially the bus trips to Niagara Falls for our gambling pleasure. Money raised is always a pleasure to turn in for our branch. Stay safe and think how nice our new building will be.

*June M Smith
Legion Week Chair,
Over 60 Chair*

Building

I want to thank everyone who helped me with packing and moving. It was very much appreciated.

Look forward to seeing everyone at our temporary home at Branch 22.

Happy Easter to all!!

*Fred Green
Building & Meat Spin Chair*



PRO



Feb. 18 – Branch 11 Public Speaking – Thank you **Fred** for your pictures. Hope to have at least one in this Newsletter.

Mar. 10 – Zone D3 Public Speaking, please note that as Branch 11 was the only Branch in Zone D3 to run Public Speaking all 1st, 2nd & 3rd Students competed at Zone D3 level – Thank you **Fred Green, and Beach Metro, Alan Stapleton** for taking pictures.

Mar 20 - As a result, **Beach Metro, Alan** is putting together a special history of East Toronto Branch 11 – thank you to Past Presidents, **Joe Calderone, Bob Murphy, Gord Pearce, June Smith, as well as Doug Smith as past Manager for their input, plus Jeff Paulin** our present President contributed to the present and the future of our Branch.

Mar. 24 – **Ed Kenny and the Ulster Band** put together a wonderful farewell presentation – what a great turn out!

Suggestion – wondering if members would consider jotting down some special memories, and pictures they have of whatever events they were involved in at Branch 11 over the years, so they could be compiled into a Memorial Book.

*Helen D. Pearce
PRO Chair*

Youth Education



Branch 11 was the only branch in Zone D3 running the Public Speaking Contest at Branch Level, accordingly. So we started with Branch Level on February 18th with 37 students signed in. It was an extremely long day with some unfortunate scenes involving not the students but the adult parents! Zone D3 Contest on March 10 went smoothly with 11 students competing meaning a smaller group of

dedicated and respectful Adult Parents! District D Contest March 24 at Branch 643 – Gord and I were timekeepers we left right after the last speaker to join everyone at the **Ulster Band's** special festivities at Br. 11. At the present time do not know how our 4 competitors did at that level and/or if any are going on to Area.

THANK YOU to all the volunteers at both Branch & Zone Public Speaking Contests some of whom helped at both – **Cindy Bryne, Cadet Siobhan & Supervisor Suzanne Lefort (Air Squadron 313), Steve Ostiguy, Joe Calderone, Gord Pearce, Michele Harrison, Anne Davis (Br 322), Mo Carles-Fadno, Barbara Bannon, Gail Burrow, Debbie Strickland, Cadet Iris Park, Cpt. Linda Jung (Air Squadron 818), Cathy Geary (Br. 344) , Liz Luciani (Br 22), Mayona Farrell (Br 22), Gwen Forbes, Jeff Saunders, Tom Baker (Br 75), Nancy McKnight, Fred Green, Mike Turner (Deputy Zone D3 Commander), Wendy Wood, Craig Oliver (Zone D3 Commander), Farhana & Rehani Ali, Catherine Davis, Franka & Chloe Hines (George & Helen Small's Grandchildren), Linda Green.** I am truly blessed with all the volunteers who have jumped in to help me over the years – thank you one and all.

Helen D. Pearce Youth Ed Chair



Feb 18 Group Picture with the students at the end of the contest.

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drop-in or all past and present band members, majorettes and all Legion members and friends at Branch 11. What a great day it was. They were re-living and celebrating the good times of the past 7 decades in the building before its scheduled demolition to make way for the new Branch 11. As you will see, our calendar is very sparse of events... If you are not a Branch 11 Facebook member please sign up and you will be kept up to date.

As always, thanks to 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... See you all at Branch 22. Have a safe and Happy Easter from Caroline and I...

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



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Ladies Auxiliary



I hope everyone has a nice Easter. The weather is supposed to be getting warmer, but it hasn't been the greatest. Warm one day and cold the next.

As of April 3rd, we are officially out of our building at 9 Dawes Road. Branch 22 has graciously agreed to let us come to their branch. There are a lot of details to finalize but I am sure we can come to some kind of arrangement,

We don't have much coming up, Sunday, April 14th is our LA Convention (meeting). It is being held at Br 258 starting at 10:00am and the LA Convention is being held in Newmarket the 26th of May. St. John's Norway parade will be Sunday, June 9th.

With the short notice of our move, the LA meeting will be held on Wednesday April 10th at 7:30 pm at the Tim Horton's on Danforth at Birchmount. At this time, I should be able to let you know where we will be able to hold our May meeting.

The District Cribbage was held on March 9th, we had two teams. The team of **Nancy McKnight, Jean Whynot, Karen Boudreault, and Debbie Kirkland** placed 3rd, but only 2 teams go on to Provincial. The team of **Cindy LeRoy, Eunice Francis, Debbie Strickland, and Shirley Buchanan** went to Provincial Euchre on March 23rd in Callendar, ON. They didn't win but fun was had by all. Congratulations on making it that far. Our sports are finished for this year as we don't have any Ladies going to District Darts.

These are sad times to be saying goodbye to the old building at 9 Dawes Road, there were many good times had and also some sad ones. Lots of history in the building and *"if the walls could talk"*. As we say goodbye to the last 43 years, we look forward in anticipation to 4 years down the road when we move into a brand-new building and start a new era. In the meantime, we will behave and support our hosts at Branch 22. I personally go way back with Branch 22. I started out folding napkins in the kitchen when I was 5 and grew up at the branch. Even before I joined the LA I helped out in their kitchen, serving meals and doing dishes. As Marianne said, *"I am coming home"*. I hope the rest of you can make Branch 22 home for the next 4 years.

Yours in Comradeship

Nancy McKnight
L.A. President.



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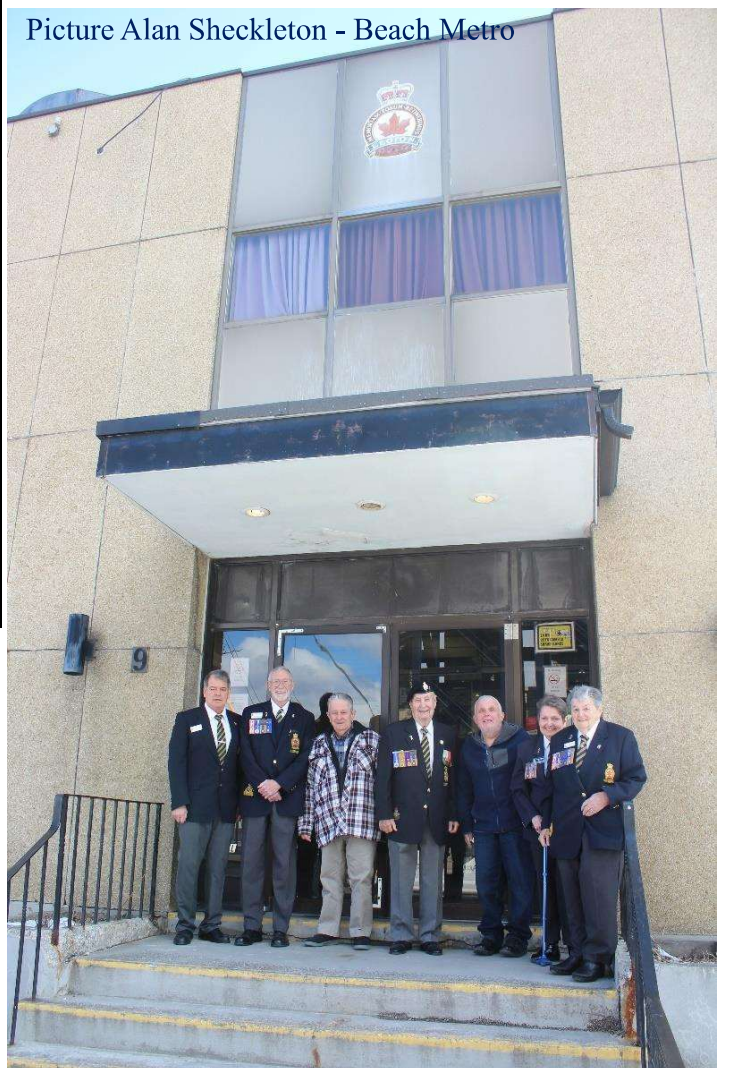
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Picture Alan Sheckleton - Beach Metro



April 2024

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May 2024

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