

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BR. 148

LEST WE FORGET



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FEBRUARY/ MARCH 2020 BRANCH BULLETIN

Legion Mission Statement:

Our mission is to serve Veterans, including serving Military and RCMP members and their families, to promote Remembrance, and to serve our communities and our country.

MEETINGS:

Branch 148 Executive Meeting	2nd Monday of each Month	7:00 p.m.
Ladies Auxiliary Br 148 Meeting	3rd Tuesday of each month	7:00 p.m.
Branch General Meeting	4th Wednesday of each month	7:00 p.m.

The Branch does not have General Meetings the months of July, August and December.

COMING EVENTS:

DARTS FUN NIGHT

Friday, February 7, 2020 "Battle of the Sexes"

Registration: 6:00-6:45pm Play time: 7:00pm
\$5.00 ENTRY FEE

Come out for a night of fun!

Prize money based on number of players

VALENTINE'S DINNER & DANCE

Friday, February 14, 2020

Social Hour: 5:00 Roast Beef Dinner: 6:00

Dance at 8:00, entertainment by BBC & Co.

Dinner & Dance Tickets: \$15.00/person

Dance Only: \$5.00/person

Doors Open at 8pm for Dance

MIXED DOUBLES DART TOURNAMENT

Sunday, February 23, 2020

Registration: 10:00-10:45am Play Time: 11:00

Registration fee: \$30.00 per team, with portion
donated to Branch Sports

FEBRUARY CHILI COOKOFF

Friday, February 28, 2020, 4:30-7:30

Come and Judge who will win Bragging

Rights for best chili in town!

Meal: \$5.00/person

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Hello Comrades – winter has certainly let us know it is here with all of this snow. I hope everyone is careful when walking or driving. I would like to thank all of our volunteers within the Branch that keep everything running smoothly. It is coming up to that

time of year again when our Nominating Committee will be approaching members to see if they will let their names stand for the Branch Executive. If you are asked to let your name stand for office, please give it serious consideration. You must be a member of the Branch for at least one year, and a member in good standing. New members are always welcome to the Executive. The Branch Election Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2020. Please ensure you have paid your 2020 member dues, in order to let your name stand and to vote in the election.

Greg Walbeck, President

LAST POST: Our Deepest sympathy is expressed to the families of Ordinary Members Lawrence G. Guest, and John Sullivan, Affiliate Members Murray Code and John Godin and Ladies Auxiliary Members Betty Belanger, Betty Eady and June Logan.

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will Remember Them."

If you hear of a member passing away, please contact the office and let the Secretary know. That way we can be sure to include them in the next bulletin.

SICK & VISITING:

Bonnechere Manor - Dan Deslaurier, Julia Fawcett, Liala Gilchrist,
Bruce Pudsey, Mel Scobie, Louise Snow, Elwood Stafford
Mirimichi Lodge - Cecil Code
Groves Park Lodge - Norman Warren
Quail Creek – Ann Hisko, Olga Llewellyn
At home – Winnie Fraser, Bernadette Lacourse

LADIES AUXILIARY: The Ladies Auxiliary have been busy with funeral luncheons. On behalf of the Auxiliary, I would like to pass our condolences to the families of LA members Betty Belanger, Betty Eady and June Logan, on their recent passing. **Rose LaFont, President**

BURSARY: Ontario Command are now accepting Provincial Bursary Applications for this school year – deadline date is March 27th. Bursaries awarded are in the amount of \$750.00 - students must apply for OSAP to be considered for this bursary and currently be enrolled in a post-secondary education program. Applications may be picked up the Legion office.

Ella Box, Bursary Chair

MEMBERSHIP: Membership dues for 2020 must be paid in order to remain a member in good standing Dues are \$47.00 and can be paid in the Office, the Lounge, or at Legion.ca. Please remember that you must be a member in good standing to participate in the upcoming Branch elections. **Robert Marsh, Membership Chair**

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Volunteers with full Legion uniform are always needed to serve in the Colour Party. If you are interested, please leave your name at the office or contact Robert Marsh. Our flag is lowered as a sign of respect when a Branch or Ladies Auxiliary member passes away. If you hear of a member who has passed, please let the office know.

Robert Marsh, Sgt.-at-Arms

POPPY: Greetings Comrades. Hopefully by this summer we will have made accessibility modifications to the main door leading from the parking lot. This will bring these doors up to code and provide easy accessibility for our veterans and their spouses. The total cost which includes

installing a new single front commercial door for property accessibility with someone with special needs, the removal and disposal of the existing two front commercial doors and hardware, plus all taxes, is \$9,711.17. According to the Poppy Manual the total cost can be covered from the Poppy Trust Fund, subject to approval by Provincial Command. Thank you again for your support. **WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.** **Bruce Ferguson, Poppy Chair**

PROPERTY: The building is in good shape. I would like to thank Dave and Mark Guyea for fixing the sinks in the Men's washroom. **Richard Fitzsimmons, Property Co-Chair**

WAYS & MEANS: The Friday meat draws are still doing well. I would like to thank all volunteers who help with the Friday and Saturday afternoon draws.

Richard Fitzsimmons, Ways & Means Chair

RENFREW SILVER SENIORS: Seniors, I know as we look out of our windows and see the amount of snow we have been having, I know it is hard to get motivated, and thinking how long it will take us to clean off our walkways and our driveways. But, as we think about things we would like to do, we press on and get over those winter blues. We have been having our usual Thursday lunches and it is great to see so many coming and enjoying the lunch along with having an afternoon of friendship and catching up on the various activities we have scheduled. Please listen to Valley Heritage Radio 98.7 for our various announcements. Our February and March schedule is as follows:

Sunday February 2 – cards; Saturday February 8 – Valentine Dinner & Dance – \$15.00 to be purchased by February 3 – time from 6pm to 10pm, music by Nelson Towns – call Judy at 613-432-5200; Monday February 10 – meeting; Thursday, February 13 – luncheon & bingo; Thursday February 27 – luncheon; Sunday, March 1 – cards; Monday March 9 – meeting; Thursday, March 12 – St. Patrick's entertainment with Kyle Felhaver Band from 1-4pm, followed by Irish Stew Dinner, price \$10.00.; Thursday, March 26 – luncheon.

We want to express our condolences to the families that have lost loved ones. If you hear of any of our members that are hospitalized, sick or have lost a loved one, please let Joan Miller, our Sick and Shut-in Convenor, know.

We welcome new members – our membership is \$5.00, and it is time to renew for another year, if you have not yet done so.

I would like to express my thanks to the Executive for all they do for the Club.

All seniors are welcome to our events – if you have any ideas for other activities, please let us know.

Irene Rosebrugh, President, Renfrew Silver Seniors

1ST RENFREW SCOUTS: Beavers are doing an Area camp February 1st and 2nd in Arnprior. Kids are looking forward to swimming and sliding all in the same day. They will be working on the Beaver cars soon: this is always exciting. The Scouts are planning hikes and different outdoors activities. They will be working on Scout trucks. It is always interesting to see the different creativity they have. We are planning to have our Baden Banquet in February this year with a skate night more info to follow. The camp is closed for the winter because of accessibility. Have safe and fun adventures for the winter. **Yours in Scouting, Susan Fleming**
(613-433-9516)

ENTERTAINMENT: Please see the attached calendars for all event postings. The Legion Lounge Facebook page ("The RCL 148 Legion Lounge") and the Legion website are also a good place to find out what is happening at our branch. **Fran Godin, Entertainment Chair**

YOUTH EDUCATION: The Youth Public Speaking Contest will be held on Sunday February 9th beginning at 1:00pm in the Legion Hall. The contest is open to students from grade 1-12 and the public is welcome to attend.

Results from the Zone and District Remembrance Contest have not yet been received. As information becomes available it will be posted on our website.

Jo-anne Caldwell, Youth Education Chair

SPORTS: February 23 Open Mixed Doubles Darts at Renfrew Legion, Branch fundraiser
March 14 Joanne Ciphery Memorial Dart Tournament at Renfrew Legion
March 28 Ladies' Darts at Renfrew Legion
March 29 Open Mixed Doubles at Renfrew Legion, Branch fundraiser
April 11 Daryl Lecuyer Open Dart Tournament, Renfrew
April 18 Zone Mixed Darts, Eganville

Greg Walbeck, Chair

PUBLIC RELATIONS: At our January General Meeting, we were pleased to present a monetary donation of \$200 to the Renfrew Girl Guides, from our Nevada Account.



Nevada Chair Comrade Sheila Riopelle and President Greg Walbeck were pleased to present the cheque to Guide Evelyn Leclerc and her mother, Guide Leader Tania Leclerc.



The Branch was surprised – to say the least! – when Comrade Tena Miller presented President Greg Walbeck with a cheque from the Ladies' Auxiliary, in the amount of \$5,000.00. We are very fortunate to have such an active and dedicated Ladies Auxiliary within our Branch. Thank you very much to our Ladies Auxiliary!

The Royal Canadian Legion has recently taken “unprecedented steps” towards individuals that are wearing medals and decorations to which they are not entitled – which has coined the term “Stolen Valour”. The wearing of uniforms and official orders, decorations and medals by those not entitled to do so is actually an offence, under Section 419 of the Criminal Code of Canada. Correspondence from Dominion Command has been posted on the bulletin board.

We are also pleased to report that our website has been updated to an easy-to-read format and will be updated on a regular basis. Please keep reviewing the website and Facebook pages, as they are a good source of information. Zone G7 has also created a Facebook page, which enables Branches within our Zone to promote all coming events. Please keep the attached calendars available to see all coming events and activities at the Branch at a glance.

Debbie McDermid, PRO

CONSTITUTION & LAWS & RESOLUTIONS: The General By-Laws amended to November 2019 are now on line, the booklet in the office is now outdated so you should refer to the online version for up to date information. Ontario Command may print copies for us to purchase. The annual Provincial Executive Council meeting was on November 15th, resolutions

were reviewed, so we soon hear of an amended Provincial By-Law booklet.

Ella Box, By-Laws

MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOK: We are looking for more submissions; I have two to bring to the Zone meeting on Feb. 2nd. Ron Goebel, the Provincial Chairman requested we continue to promote this program within our Branch, in order for us to recognize Veterans within the Community through submissions for publication in this book of Remembrance. Reminder all submissions must come to the Branch to be checked for correctness.

Ella Box, Coordinator

FROM THE OFFICE: As part of our Mission Statement to give back to the community, the Branch accepts bookings for fundraisers. If you are planning a fundraiser and would like to book the Hall, please contact the Branch office at 613-432-6450 for available dates. **Please note that fundraisers are to be approved by the Executive.** Once approved, the Branch waives the rental fee, however, we do request a \$75 fee for the cost of security, if a bar is requested. We would be pleased to assist you with your fundraiser. Our hall is licensed for 250 people, which includes our bar and/or kitchen staff (if a bar or catering is requested) and will hold 200 people comfortably. Members may rent the Hall at a discounted rate for themselves, their parents, siblings and children. For pricing, please contact the office. Hall rentals include the use of the Hall, Wi-Fi access, the coffee and tea urns, fridge and counter space in the kitchen. There will be a charge of \$25 if you wish to use the stove. The Ladies' Auxiliary must be contacted concerning any additional kitchen enquiries and the Branch Secretary notified to prevent any confusion or disputes.

As directed by the Executive, the use of Cannabis and vaping (e-cigarettes) are not permitted on Legion Property, and signs have been posted.

If you wish to receive your Bulletin by email, please contact the office to be added to the list. If you have recently moved, please notify the office so that your information can be updated.

February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Hall: Celebration of Life for Murray Code Lounge: Heartbreakers
2 Lounge: Superbowl Party and Skat tournament – doors open at 1pm Hall: Seniors' Cards, 1pm	3 Hall: Silver Seniors Darts Hall: Club 51 LA Darts	4 Hall: Ontrac Job Fair Foot Clinic Hall: Pipe Band	5	6 Hall: Dart League	7 Hall: "Battle of the Sexes" Fun Darts Night	8 Hall: Silver Seniors' Valentine's Dance Lounge: Bustin' Loose
9 Hall: Branch Public Speaking Contest, 1-5pm	10 Hall: Silver Seniors Darts Hall: Club 51 LA Darts <i>Executive Meeting, 7pm</i>	11 Hall: Pipe Band	12	13 Hall: Seniors Luncheon Hall: Dart League	14 VALENTINE'S DAY Hall: Valentine's Dinner and Dance BBC & Co. Lounge: NO BAND	15 NATIONAL FLAG OF CANADA DAY Hall: Celebration of Life for John Godin Lounge: Treblemakers
16 Hall: LA Cards, 1pm	17 FAMILY DAY-OFFICE & LOUNGE CLOSED Hall: Silver Seniors Darts Hall: Club 51 LA Darts	18 Hall: Foot Clinic <i>LA General Meeting, 7pm</i>	19 Boardroom: Reserved	20 Hall: Ontrac Safe Food Handling Course Hall: Dart League	21	22 Lounge: Last Call
23 Hall: Dart Tournament for Legion Sports	24 Hall: Silver Seniors Darts Hall: Club 51 LA Darts	25 SHROVE TUESDAY Hall: Pipe Band	26 ASH WEDNESDAY <i>General Meeting, 7pm</i>	27 Hall: Seniors' Luncheon Hall: Dart League	28 GULF WAR ENDS (1991) Hall: Chili Cookoff, 4:30-7:30 Lounge: Rick Rogers	29 Hall: Birthday Party Lounge: AshDads

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Hall: Seniors' Cards, 1pm	2 Hall: Silver Seniors Darts Hall: Club 51 LA Darts	3 WORLD HEARING DAY Hall: Foot Clinic Pipe Band	4	5 Hall: Dart League	6 Hall: Reserved	7 Hall: Stag & Doe Lounge: Heartbreakers
8 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY Hall: Ladies' Auxiliary Cribbage, 1pm	9 COMMONWEALTH DAY (RCEL SUPPORT) Hall: Silver Seniors Darts Hall: Club 51 LA Darts <i>Executive Meeting, 7pm</i>	10 Hall: Pipe Band	11	12 Hall: Silver Seniors' St. Patrick's Luncheon Hall: Dart League	13 Lounge: Rewind	14 Hall: Joanne Ciphery Memorial Dart Tournament Lounge: Country Reflections
15 LAST CDN. SOLDIERS RETURN FROM AFGHANISTAN (2014) Hall: Skat Tournament, 1pm	16 Hall: Silver Seniors Darts Hall: Club 51 LA Darts	17 Hall: Foot Clinic <i>LA General Meeting, 7pm</i>	18	19 Hall: Dart League	20	21 Hall: Blood Donor Clinic, 9-5 Lounge: Lonesome Dreamers
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29 Hall: Dart Tournament for Legion Sports	30 Hall: Silver Seniors Darts Hall: Club 51 LA Darts	31 Hall: Foot Clinic Pipe Band				