

The Long Branch News & Views

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 101

“NEWS FROM THE BUNKER”



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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hello comrades it is the New Year all ready and the holidays are behind us. I hope every one found some time to spend with friends and loved ones and Santa was good to you.

The branch is in good shape going in to the New Year. I would like to thank all the members and guest that attended the New Years Eve dinner dance and the Presidents Day Levy. It is always good to meet members that I don't get to see on a weekly basis.

I would like to wish all members a safe and happy new year.

A.Finlay, President Branch 101.

POPPY REPORT

Comrades, the Poppy season is gone. I would like to thank all the members who helped us collect in excess of 30,000 dollars.

Special thanks to Ruby Walker, Dave Livingstone, and Dino Perusini for their help. To the members who did not think they have to it is hard for me to complain because if the officers and executive members don't know their oath, why not you?

Comrades, there are rules we must obey at Sherway. First, you are not permitted to wander around—you must stay at an area directed by the person in charge. Dino has been setting up and taking down the displays for a number of years. I don't like comments as one person said, "He had been a Legion member for over 30 years." Question sir, how many Legions have you been a member of?

Thank you again,
Al Garnier, Poppy Chairman

TREASURERS REPORT

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Branch members and their families a very Happy Holiday Season. The economics of the Branch seem to be holding stable at this time and I hope they continue well into the New Year.

Hey, why not give an Executive Member a hug or hand shake this Holiday Season. Trust me, we could all use your support. And if you have any questions or comments, please come to an Executive member and vent. Talking ill amongst yourselves does not resolve a situation.

Just a note of hope, during this season and into the New Year, please try to remember the men and women who continue to due their duties over seas so that we can enjoy our Christmas with peace in mind and love in our hearts.

Karen Cooke



Back in the Days...

A recent guestbook entry on our Internet website brought a visitor from far away and long ago, starting with her message:

I would to hear from anyone who knew my Father Thomas Kelly—nick name (T BONE KELLY) He was the bar manager for many years at 101. My father lived at 16 Arcadian Circle from 1960 to 1970 when he and his family left for Scotland. My Father died December 1985. I have some photos of some men in the old legion if you would like to see them email me at linda.kerr243@ntlworld.com. I hope my request is answered



I replied to her message, and received an e-mail with the following photos attached

I would be grateful if you could let me know who these men are for I am only guessing that the man with my Dad at the legion picnic is Jack Hannigan if I am wrong please let me know. I would love to hear from anyone who knew my Dad.

I do hope to hear from you. I have some photos of dad over here if you or anyone would like to see them. Please take care.

Mrs Linda Kelly Kerr, Old Kilpatrick, Scotland



I have a mailing address for those members who would be interested in writing, but do not have a computer, or would be happy to type out any message to her and e-mail it to her with my own computer.



S P O R T S

Winter will soon be upon us, meaning RCL Branch 101 sports leagues are now in full swing. The snooker tables have been recovered and we've replaced 12 of the old dartboards in our branch. I'm hopeful that a few more 50/50 draws will allow us to replace the remaining boards and maybe even allow us the luxury of to have a spare board on hand in case of emergency.

Our snooker team of Rob Arnold, Paul Penney, Rick Emond and Doug Kosowan (replaced by Bobby Earl as he will be away) has advanced to District level. Please join me in wishing them the best of luck as they represent Branch 101 at Coronation Branch 286 on January 16th!

Unfortunately our cribbage teams didn't fare quite as well. After initially qualifying for District, it was discovered that a scoring error was made and they finished a few points shy from advancing as well. Better luck next year!

Next up we have darts. The singles team has been decided and the doubles shoot will take place on Saturday, December 12th. Please sign up if you're interesting in trying out for the team. The zone shoot will be held January 9th at Swansea Branch 46.

Zone Euchre will be held at upstairs at Branch 101 on February 7th, 2010 @ 11:00.

The updated Sports Manual from Ontario Command has been posted on the sports board.

Wishing all comrades a safe and happy holiday season. Please drink responsibly.

Tom Elvins, Sports Officer

V E T E R A N S S E R V I C E S

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Year and are looking forward to an active 2010 at the Branch. A good resolution would be to do something to serve a veteran or their spouse in 2010. **We really need people to deliver baskets to shut-ins.** We will also celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Navy this year.

There are a couple of new developments from Veterans Affairs Canada that we need to be aware of:

1. Benefits are now available to **Allied Services Veterans**.
2. The **Veterans Independence Program** has been expanded based on the following criteria:

This expansion is for low-income or disabled survivors of veterans who served during WW1, WW2 or Korea to receive funding for housekeeping and groundskeeping. Previously, a survivor could only receive these benefits if the veteran was already receiving VIP benefits before dying or going into a long-term care facility. Now these services are available to survivors of veterans who were not receiving VIP benefits. **The main financial condition that must be met is that the survivor must be receiving the Guaranteed Income Supplement under the Old Age Security Act or be approved for the Disability Tax Credit.**

Please call me if you wish more details on these program expansions.

Frank Reilly

N E W S L E T T E R

Comrades,

The deadline for the next newsletter (April to June edition) is March 1st. Any member is welcome to submit items of interest.

Newsletters will no longer be mailed out except to those who live a long distance away or are shut-ins. Copies are available at the bar, so please come out, get your latest copy, and meet your comrades. The newsletter is also available on our website site at www.legion101.com

Mike Holliday—commthor@gmail.com

ANNIE'S CORNER

Hello Comrades,

We have been very fortunate this year. We have had generous donations from our members this spring, and the wolves were kept at bay. The Banquet Hall has been very busy and we are currently in the black, for the first time in many years. The letter of intent with Terrasan Development has been signed and they have given us a nice cheque, which was certainly helpful.

I'm sure you are looking forward, as I am, to a new building without leaks and drafty corners. I am personally looking forward to heat in the office. Hopefully the wheels will start turning soon and permits will be obtained and construction will be on the horizon.

In case you haven't been in to the Branch lately, we have two new flat screen TV's.

The monies were raised by Gloria Brown (at no cost to the club) and we are all very grateful to her. Thanks Gloria.

A computer has been donated to the Branch and I hope to set it up in the Dart Room. I hope that those of you without computers at home will come out and take advantage of it.

I appreciate the support and friendship you have all shown me and my staff this past year and I look forward to serving you again in 2010.

Peace and Goodwill to you all.

S G T - A T - A R M S

I want to wish Agnes, Danny, John, Mike, Susan a Merry Christmas and a healthy, prosperous New Year. I look forward to working with you in 2010, as you are still the colour guard for all Legion functions occurring inside the branch.

Take care comrades.

Bill Breaker, Sgt. At Arms

C O N S T I T U T I O N A N D L A W S

We have still not received any report from Provincial Command regarding the new Command Branch regulations. Therefore we can not make any changes to our Branch house rules and are still governed by our old branch by-laws. When we receive the new regulations, I will persue them and then, in conjunction with your executive committee come up with any changes we have to make to the house rules. So please bear with us.

Dave Livingstone

H O N O U R S A N D A W A R D S

Another year is coming to a close. There were several 60 year bars presented—Don Cameron, Ralph Preece & Martin MacAndie. Andy Armour received his 65 year bar. Just to mention a few. Howard Wykes was surprised with a certificate of Merit. Annie Elliot received a Certificate of Appreciation. Congratulations to all who received awards.

A happy and healthy New Year to all.

Yours in Comradeship, Jeanne Levenick

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a Facebook page?
(www.facebook.com)**

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by searching for "Canadian
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Subject to Change

January 2010

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch served every Friday 12:30-1:30PM • Dancing in the lounge every Friday at 8:00PM • Seniors every Wednesday at Noon • Bingo every other Sunday at 3PM • Euchre Mondays 7PM • Cribbage Tuesdays 7PM • Membership appreciation night—January 30 at 8PM 						1 Presidents Levee 1PM \$5.00 charge for non-Branch 101 members	2 Meat Spin 2PM
	3 Bingo 3PM	4 Euchre 7PM	5 Crib 7PM	6 Seniors 12 Noon Snooker 7PM Fun Poker 8PM	7 Executive Meeting 7PM	8 Lunch served 12:30-1:30PM Dancing in the lounge to Bill Van Huuse 8PM	9
	10	11 Euchre 7PM	12 Crib 7PM Ladies Auxiliary 7PM	13 Seniors 12 Noon Snooker 7PM Fun Poker 8PM	14 General Meeting 8PM	15 Lunch served 12:30-1:30PM Dancing in the lounge to John Crosbie 8PM	16
	17 Bingo 3PM	18 Euchre 7PM	19 Crib 7PM	20 Seniors 12 Noon Snooker 7PM Fun Poker 8PM	21	22 Lunch served 12:30-1:30PM Dancing in the lounge to Neil 8PM	23
	24	25 Euchre 7PM	26 Crib 7PM	27 Seniors 12 Noon Snooker 7PM Fun Poker 8PM	28	29 Lunch served 12:30-1:30PM Dancing in the lounge to Bogdan 8PM	30 Membership Appreciation 8PM with Neil
	31 Bingo 3PM						

SENIORS

Meets every Wednesday at 1PM

If you would like to have an afternoon of Bingo or Euchre, please feel free to join us in the Red Caboose room. Membership costs \$10.00 for the year but we suggest you try it out first, for 3 weeks at \$3.00 each week, entrance fee.

You may want to arrive about 12:30PM as lunch can be purchased at the bar at a cost of \$1.00 for soup and/or \$2.50 for a sandwich.

Comrade Jean Thurman, Chairman

ENTERTAINMENT

Hard to believe isn't it, that this is the beginning of the Winter Season? To date we have had great weather. With that fact in mind, why not come out to join us on Friday nights with our DJ's to spend a pleasant night of dancing, meeting new friends, renewing old acquaintances, and or perhaps enjoying a quiet drink with a few friends. Our Branch, 101 would like to see in the New Year more of our members coming out. Why not make that extra effort to join us in the Red Caboose room every Friday night. I would like to thank each and everyone who supported our dances over the year, and wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas in 2009, and a Very Happy, Healthy, and prosperous New Year in 2010.

A special thanks to those who helped me with the 50/50 draw on Friday nights.

Danny DiGiovine

Subject to Change

February 2010

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch served every Friday 12:30-1:30PM • Dancing in the lounge every Friday at 8:00PM • Seniors every Wednesday at Noon • Bingo every second Sunday 3PM • Euchre Mondays 7PM • Crib Tuesdays 7PM • CROB February 2 at 7PM 		1 Euchre 7PM	2 Crob 7PM	3 Seniors 12 Noon Snooker 7PM Fun Poker 8PM	4 Executive Meeting 7PM	5 Lunch served 12:30-1:30PM Dancing in the lounge to Bill Van Huysse 8PM	6 Meat Spin 2PM
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	14 Bingo 3PM Valentines Day	15 Euchre 7PM	16 Crib 7PM	17 Seniors 12 Noon Snooker 7PM Fun Poker 8PM	18	19 Lunch served 12:30-1:30PM Dancing in the lounge to John Crosbie 8PM	20
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	28 Bingo 3PM						

MEMBERSHIP

Comrades:
Your membership figures for the period ending November 30, 2009 are as follows:

Life	10
Ordinary	172
Associate.....	322
Affiliate Voting	204
Affiliate non-voting	2
For a Total of.....	710

The early bird campaign was a great success, with your co-operation we reported approximately 61.6%

renewals. Your name has been put in a special drum for early bird draws to be held at the membership appreciation night to be held on the last Saturday in January. I would like to extend my thanks to the branch staff for all their hard work in taking dues and answering any problems that arose from membership. Also a big thanks to Jeanne Levenick and Pat Frizzell for all their continued help.. They will be sadly missed.

Dave Livingstone,
Chairman



Subject to Change

March 2010

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch served every Friday 12:30-1:30PM • Dancing in the Lounge every Friday at 8:00PM • Seniors every Wednesday at Noon • Euchre Mondays 7PM • Cribbage Tuesdays 7PM 		1 Euchre 7PM	2 Crib 7PM	3 Seniors 12 Noon Snooker 7PM Fun Poker 8PM	4 Executive Meeting 7PM	5 Lunch served 12:30-1:30PM Dancing in the lounge to Neil 8PM	6 Meat Spin 2PM
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	28 Palm Sunday Bingo 3PM	29 Euchre 7PM	30 Crib 7PM	31 Seniors 12 Noon Snooker 7PM Fun Poker 8PM			

LADIES AUXILIARY EVENTS

Tues. Dec. 9/09—General Meeting @ 7PM

Tues. Jan. 12/10—General Meeting @ 7PM

Tues. Feb. 9/10—General Meeting @ 7PM

Tues. Mar. 9/10—General Meeting @ 7PM

Tues. Apr. 13/10—General Meeting @ 7PM

Tues. May 11/10—General Meeting & Elections @ 7PM



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Tuesday..... 12PM-11PM
Wednesday..... 12PM-11PM
Thursday..... 12PM-11PM
Friday..... 12PM-12PM
Saturday..... 12PM-7PM
Sunday..... 1PM-7PM

PRESIDENT:.....ANDY FINLAY
PAST PRESIDENT:..... DAVE LIVINGSTONE
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CO-CHAIR POSITIONS

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SICK:SUE MC ISAAC
BINGO, CANADA DAY ANNA WOUTHUIS

LADIES AUXILIARY EXECUTIVE

PRESIDENT:..... RENE ROBINSON
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2ND VICE PRESIDENT &
SICK CONVEYOR:..... LINDA WAY
SECRETARY/TREASURER
MEMBERSHIP & SPORTS:.....ALEDA MUIR
OFFICERS:.....ROXANNE VALIN

LEST WE FORGET



October 20, 2009.....Mike Kajowski.....Ordinary
Polish Free Forces WWII
October 25, 2009.....James Grant.....Ordinary
Royal Army Service Corps
October 31, 2009.....Frank Heighway.....Ordinary
Canadian Army WWII
November 18, 2009.....Kenneth Parker.....Affiliate Voting
December 3, 2009.....Lucille Blaikie.....Affiliate Voting

**They shall not grow 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 re-
member them.
Lest we forget.**

