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FALL 2006 EDITION

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Welcome to the Fall edition of the “News n Views” Hopefully you enjoy your read....please remember to notify us of any change of address.



President's Report:

I'm looking forward to working with our new Executive, which has both new and experienced comrades. The branch is very well represented by this Executive, who have a lot of new and fresh ideas. The different committees are working very hard to promote the branch and to help raise funds.

Unfortunately, our Finances aren't where they normally would be at this time of year, they are much lower. I believe this is due in part to the good weather we've had all summer and in part to the new law banning smoking from our clubroom. However; I am optimistic things will pick up now the fall is almost upon us.

I would like to take a moment to encourage all comrades to attend the General Meetings which happen the first Thursday of every month at 7:30PM in the upstairs hall (except July and August). It is very important to have a good attendance at these meetings, as they serve as a forum for Members and the Executive. These meetings also help to keep you informed on how your branch is doing. This is your opportunity to voice your opinion and/or suggestions. I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting in October.

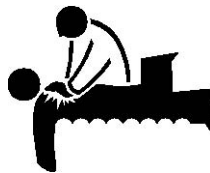
**Yours in comradeship
Les Tyrrell,
President**

ROBERT FROST: A diplomat is a man who always remembers a woman's birthday but never remembers her age.

Dear Comrades:

This will be a brief note regarding the Branch 10 General Meetings: I must admit that I was ashamed that at the September 2006 general meeting only 13 people showed up. If this branch is to run properly and make a profit, if you need things changed then you ALL must make the effort to attend these general meetings. It is only 2 hours per month. The majority of us spent at least that amount of time playing Bingo or doing the meat roll. If we cannot boost attendance at these meetings, then nothing will be accomplished or changed at this branch. I can't believe our members wish that to happen. So I am asking you to please try to put an effort into attending the monthly general meetings.

**Madi Logan,
Public Relations**



Sick Committee

The Sunnybrook Vets were very happy to see the Colour Guard do the Honor Guard on their special Honor Ride Day. We are very sorry to have lost 3 of our members, Al Clarke resident of K. Wing, also Tom Ellis a very good member of Branch 10 and Frank Doucette, all 3 were good members of our branch, they will be sadly missed. The quarantine has now been lifted on 1st. K Wing. That's all for now until the next News & Views.

**Yours in Comradeship,
George McKiel
Claire McKiel**



Entertainment Listing

Fri Oct 6 8 pm - D.J - April Raye
Sat Oct 7 1 pm Bingo 4 pm Meat Roll
Fri Oct 13 6 pm Bingo 8 pm – Live Band – Joe Tucker & Second Wind Band - Come out and Celebrate Oktoberfest with a Touch of the East Coast
Sat Oct 14 4 pm Meat Roll
Fri Oct 20 8 pm D.J – John Sigvaldason
Sat Oct 21 - 1 pm Bingo 4 pm Meat Roll
Fri Oct 27 - 6 pm Bingo 8 pm DJ – Grant Smead

Sat Oct 28 4 pm Meat Roll

8 pm -Halloween Dance – Games & Prizes for best costume

8 pm to 12 am – D.J Grant Smead * Games Host – Jan Smead

For November

Fri Nov 3 8 pm – D.J

Sat Nov 4 1 pm Bingo 4 pm Meat Roll

Fri Nov 10 6 pm – Bingo 7:30 – Meat Roll Entertainment – Bar CD's

Sat Nov 11 Remembrance Day Entertainment

1 – 6 pm DJ Peter Shea (Upstairs)

7 pm – 11 pm – Live Band (Downstairs)

Fri Nov 17 8 pm – Live Singer/Entertainer – David Wildsmith

Sat Nov 18 1 pm Bingo 4 pm Meat Roll

Fri Nov 24 6 pm Bingo 8 pm Live Band – The Elmo Lewis Band

Legion 80th Birthday – Saturday Dec. 9 – 8 pm – 12: a.m. – PAR 3

If anyone would like to receive Entertainment & Toonie Draw updates via Email please email me your email address

agualtieri@alzheimer.ca indicated in the subject line - Branch 10.

Safely Home™

Do you know someone with Alzheimer Disease? You may want to take advantage of the Safely Home™ - Alzheimer Wandering Registry Program. The Alzheimer Disease program is designed to help find a person with Alzheimer Disease who is lost and assist in a safe return home. The program is available nationwide.

Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) cover the one-time registration fee of \$35 for any veteran currently receiving benefits from VAC. For further information please call your local Alzheimer chapter or the Alzheimer Society of Canada at 416 488-8772 (outside Toronto 1-800-616-8816)



Youth Education

Our Youth Education Chair is well on her way already! Linda Reckenberg has put together an information package for all schools in our area. Included in the packages are the rules for the Poster, Poetry & Essay contests sponsored by the Legions. Also information the Public Speaking Contest was included. Linda attended a Youth Education Workshop on Saturday September 9th to share and gain ideas with other Youth Education coordinators.

We had three students from St Anselm's Separate School that were chosen winners in Branch 10 Junior Division:

1 Colour Poster: Conor Nartin Ryan

1 Essay: Catalina Hayden-Anderson

1 Poem: Jacqueline McPhedran

These three also won 1st place at the Zone level. They each won 2nd place at District. This is our best showing in a long time!

These young people will be receiving their recognition and prize money at the Public Speaking contest on April 2nd at Branch 345. Thank you to Linda Reckenberg for her enthusiasm and hard work.

Yours in Comradeship

Kay Hill, Youth Education Co-Chair



Membership Report

2007 Membership Cards are now available. As I am sure you are aware there were any problems last year with the computers in Ottawa. When you receive your new membership card please make sure that all the information is correct, especially your years of service.

Command has once again raised the per capita tax for the membership dues. Unfortunately we need to increase the dues to keep up with their rates. Per Capita Tax is now \$28.97, plus \$1.00 to District .50 to Zone. We have approximately 70 veterans over 80 who do not pay dues to the Branch (this is a Branch 10 arrangement) plus the over 70's who \$35.00. As you can see that leaves nothing for the Branch.

The dues for 2007 will be:

Regular Membership – (ordinary, Associate, Affiliate voting & non-voting) \$43.00

Vets over 70 (with 5 years service at Branch 10) - \$38.00

Vets over 80 (with 5 years service at Branch 10) - n/c

If any of the veterans over 80 are able and wish to make a donation towards their membership it would be very much appreciated.

At the September General Meeting we swore in 3 new members Marie Chambers – Associate Member, Charles Reed – Ordinary Member and Kelly Reed – Ordinary Member.

Please make these new (and all new members) welcome and show them our Branch 10 friendliness and hospitality.

Yours in comradeship,

Kay Hill Membership Chair

Your New Executive Committee:

Jerry Demone, Joe Downs, Kay Hill, Jean Nixon, Harvey Korn, Linda Reckenberg

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Colour Guard Report

The Colour Guard carried on their usual busy schedule during the summer including

- **Battle of the Atlantic Service**
- **St. John's Norway Parade & Service**
- **Canada Day Parade & Celebrations**
- **Honour Guard for Sunnybrook Veterans' Wish Fund, Motorcycle**
- **Honour Guard at the United Nations Day activities on August 9th**
- **Warrior's Day Parade**
- **Battle of Britain Service**

We will continue to be very busy this fall with the following

- **Branch 10 Memorial Service – Sunday November 5th**
- **Remembrance Day Parade & Service – Saturday November 11th**
- **Louis Riel Memorial at Queen's Park - November 16th**
- **Annual Dance held jointly with the Scarborough Red Hackle Pipes & Drums - November 18th**

**Our Season will wind up with our Christmas Dinner early in December
Yours in comradeship**

Ross Hill

330 Squadron Air Cadets

Summer Training this year was a huge success. We had many cadets go to trenton and some had the chance to go out of the province.

The Air Cades are currently looking for individuals who would be interested in belonging to the Branch Sponsorship Committee. If you are interested please contact Captian Michael Stacey, CO 330 Squadron, stacey_michael@hotmail.com



Warrant Officer Jake Demone receives Medal Of Excellence from Pres. Les Tyrrell

RALPH WALDO EMERSON (PROBABLY ERRONEOUSLY)

Whatever you do, you need courage. Whatever course you decide upon, there is always someone to tell you that you are wrong. There are always difficulties arising that tempt you to believe your critics are right. To map out a course of action and follow it to an end requires some of the same courage that a soldier needs. Peace has its victories, but it takes brave men and women to win them.



Ladies Auxiliary

Since the last time we spoke, we have been extremely busy. We have been working hard this summer with an unusual amount of weddings and parties. We have installed new blinds in the main auditorium. We are always looking for members.....applications are at the bar.

October 13 after Bingo the LA will be serving Sausage and Cabbage Cost \$5.00

November 10 after Bingo and the Meat Roll the LA will be serving a dinner. Cost \$5.00

The LA is asking you to answer a small questionnaire listed below. Please give your responses to either an LA member or to one of the bar stewards. Thank you.

- 1. Would you be interested in the LA serving a High Tea on a Sunday afternoon? If so, how much money do you think we should charge per person?**
- 2. What events would the membership be interested in attending re the LA.**
- 3. What would you like to see change in the Ladies Auxiliary.**

**Yours in comradeship,
Elsie Davie, President**

I have only one superstition. I touch all the bases when I hit a home run. **Babe Ruth *US baseball player (1895 - 1948)***



As I have just become your Sports Officer this report will be short. As of July 2006 there has been no sports activities.

Darts

September 2006-April 2007

Everyone is Welcome. You do not have to be a member of the Branch to sign up. We play in the Club Room on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm. Teams play 5 games of 501 every Tuesday (must double out but not in).

Cost: \$3.00 per week – (whether you are present or not)

Not available every Tuesday? SPARE dart players are always needed, costs \$2.00 per night.

Starting Date Is: Tuesday, September 5, 2006.

Contact: Steve Peck (416) 429-7846 or Sheila Clarke (416) 422-2925.

Shuffleboard Will commence on October 14, 2006 at 3:00 pm. Please see Don West or Shelagh McCarthy for information on joining this great league. Cost \$30.00. Open to all Legion members.

Snooker

Snooker will begin on October 11, cost is \$30.00. Sign up sheet in the Snooker Room or contact Sue Trinier for further details.

2 for 1 sale



Members who are playing Shuffleboard and Snooker pay for one league only.

POPPY CAMPAIGN REPORT

The last two years, from the Poppy Campaign, Branch was able to contribute over \$20,000 each year to the well being of our Veterans. This year, the Branch would like to contribute even more. Therefore, I am asking for volunteers to canvas for the upcoming campaign, which starts Friday, October 27th to Saturday, November 11th, 2006.

Drivers will be required to transport volunteers as well as the Cadets. The Cadets will be out on Saturday November 4th and Sunday November 5th to their various locations. If you can assist in driving please leave your name and phone number at the bar.

For those living out of town, an envelope is enclosed if you wish to make a donation.

The Air Cadet Squadron #330 is very active during our Poppy Campaign. Last year, approximately 50 Cadets canvassed on behalf of the Branch and raised over \$10,000.00. A donation has been sent to the Squadron.

The Executive of the Branch wants to extend a heartfelt thank you to the volunteers and the Members of the Air Cadets as well as those who contributed o the 2006 Poppy Campaign.

WE WILL REMEMER THEM – LEST WE FORGET

**Yours in comradeship,
Fabian Whorms, Poppy Chair**





Last Post

**J. Elliot Sr., T. Ellis, B. Fry, J. Young
We will Remember Them**

About the Royal Canadian Legion Branches support other community based organizations financially, using funds raised through clubhouse operations, bingos, raffles and break-open tickets. Each year, hundreds of thousands of dollars are donated by branches in Ontario to other community and service organizations. As well as financial support, in many communities, the Legion Hall is the main meeting place and venue for other community based organizations.