

Branch #123 Waterford 2015-2017

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“They serve till Death! Why not we?”

**News Bulletin and Calender
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President's Report

By the time that this Bulletin is published, the Easter Bunny will have come and gone. Spring is officially here and there appears to be an added spring in peoples' steps (At least most people). With that being said, I again thank all members of the Executive, who stepped forward and helped the Branch run smoothly during my absence from active duty.

Here at the Branch, we are preparing for a busy few months ahead with the many events that we are hosting and/or running. Volunteers will be in great demand . Please remember that we, as a Legion, cannot function without you, the volunteers. You are the backbone of our great Organization .

As most of you may know by now, the Executive and General Membership have decided to (at least temporarily) stop meat draws and/or Raffles. This was not an easy decision to make. After many discussions with Norfolk County, it was decided that the amount of work involved in applying for, reporting on and the resulting revenue that would be accrued, it wasn't worth it. For example, if we were to make a profit of \$200 from a meat draw, only \$20 could be deposited in our maintenance fund. These funds could then be used to pay bills such as phone, utilities, insurance, and so on. This could be done at our own discretion. Then \$50 could go into our Building Fund (from which we would require prior approval to use). The rest of the profit would have to be donated out. It is hoped that sometime in the future ,we might hold the odd Raffle for the comradery and extra revenue for the bar.

In closing , I have a reminder for everyone (re: qualification to hold an elected position). When our Branch regulations are approved , our next election will be held on April 27th, 2017 in conjunction with the General Meeting. Item 404.(2) , states that, " a voting member to be eligible for election to Office, must have attended a minimum of fifty percent of the General Meetings during the twelve months prior to the date of the Election Meeting". Hopefully this might spur some of our interested candidates to start attending General Meetings. It is your Legion. Yours in comradeship,
President, Ruth Anne Masseur

Poppy Report

Ontario Command has approved donations from Poppy Tr. Fund. Donation cheques will be presented at the April General Meeting

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Norma Jean Kennedy,
Poppy Chair

Nevada Report

Nevada sales continue to progress well. The current license, which began on January 26th. is approximately ¾ completed. The disbursements for this license are listed in the February 26th General Meeting. minutes. They are available in the binder behind the Bar.

I continue to be in constant communication with Norfolk County re: reports , applications and the obtaining of prior approval, before we can use any amounts of money from our Building Fund. Quotes have to be sent into the licensing authority and Command, before work is completed . A decision will be made based upon the need and the extent to which the Community uses the Building. Sometimes these requirements are very frustrating, especially when the job is an emergency and there is not time to obtain a quote. We will persevere!!

Nevada Chair, Ruth Anne Masseur

We are on the Web!

Check out the Branch #123 web site at www.waterfordlegion.ca for all of the latest pictures, events, news and more!

**If you are a Fish
be Afraid, very Afraid!
If you are a Fish Lover...
Be Happy, very Happy!**



The Legion is having a **Fish Fry!**
Saturday, June 4th, @ 5:30 PM in the Pavilion.
Great food and entertainment by

District Public Speaking

Come to the Legion on Saturday,
April 9th to hear the finals of
District B Public Speaking.
These youngsters represent the
best of the best!
Speeches begin at 10 AM and
run to about 3 PM.



Youth Education

Our annual public speaking contest took place on Sunday February 21st. First Place winners are prepared to attend Simcoe Legion on April 2nd to represent our Legion at Zone.
On April 9th, our Legion will be hosting the District B Public Speaking Contest. Refer to ad.
Our Contest would not be as successful as it is without the wonderful teamwork from our Branch Comrades. At this point I would like to thank Sharon Anderson, Linda and Henry Zalefski, Kathy Hird, Bill Arthur and Ginette Atkinson.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Taylor
Youth Education Officer

TERRY ANDERSON MEMORIAL GOLF



Saturday, May 28th
Springview Farm Golf Course
\$55.00-Green Fees and
Steak Dinner
Register at the Bar
Carts-\$27.00 (prepaid at Legion)
Steak Dinner Only/No Golf
\$15.00
Cut Off Date-Monday, May 23rd

Membership

Did you know, The Royal Canadian Legion has established links with several national companies. Each company offers a special benefit that is not normally available to the general public. To see how you can benefit from savings, check out the Members Section at www.legion.ca.

If you have paid your 2016 dues, your membership has been processed and it is available in the clubroom. Please ask the Bar Steward for your card.

Barb Taylor Gagné

Membership Chair
Barb Taylor Gagné

Legion Brunch!

Delicious omelettes, pancakes,
fresh homemade goodies!
Next brunch is on Sunday, April 10th



Public Relations

Please continue to put events in event book with any pertinent information.

Public Relations Officer,
Norma Jean Kennedy

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Let's toss some shoes!
Our Legion will be hosting the Zone tournament and it is literally in your backyard.
Sign up in the foyer and come out on Saturday, May 14th at 11 AM
All are welcome! Ladies and Gents, rookies or pros!

Zone B1 Sports

Two exciting new events will be coming to the Waterford Legion. The first is on Saturday, May 14th from 11 AM to about 4 PM. It is the B1 Horseshoe Tournament. The tournament is co-ed and for all ages of members. There will be Mens and Ladies Teams and singles. No experience required and we supply the shoes. Find a partner and be ready for some fun. Equipment is available to play at any time you wish.

The second event is on Saturday, June 11th from 11 AM to about 4 PM. This time it will be a B1 Washer Toss tournament. Once again it is mens and ladies teams. All you need is a partner to Toss Washers with. Should be fun. Sign ups for both events will be in the foyer of the club room soon. Equipment to practice and play are available at any time.

Sports Chair, Herb Taylor
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Bar Report

A new Bar Staff Member has been hired. We welcome Wendy to our team. Please treat Wendy with the same respect and consideration as is shown to the other Bar Staff as she learns and experiences the many situations and details related to the bar.

As was mentioned in the last bulletin, bar prices have not been reviewed for four years and as with nearly every other commodity, there have been increases in both alcohol and canteen item costs. The recommendation brought to the February General Meeting regarding a slight increase, was approved and will hopefully result in some increased revenue.

The new draft beer appears to have been well received and flowing nicely.

Always remember to bring your bar concerns to me personally and I will address them. Thank you for respecting this policy..

Bar Chair,
Sharon Anderson

Nevada Donations

The current licence began on January 26th and it is approximately one-third completed. The Committee recommended the following donations: -

- \$50 South Coast Special Needs
- \$50 Waterford Minor Hockey
- \$50 Fresh Air Fund (C.A.S.)
- \$50 Waterford & District Comm. Fdn.
- \$154 Shut-In Veterans &/or Seniors
- \$192 Foot Clinic
- \$500 Seniors Spring Fashion Show
- \$375 Simcoe & District Youth Soccer
- \$250 Crimestoppers
- \$1000 NGH Nursing Home
- \$250 Crohn's and Colitis Foundation
- \$500 Stedman's Hospice
- \$250 Lung Association
- \$500 Juravinski

Nevada Chair, Ruth Anne Masecar

Senior's Report

The annual **Seniors' Spring Fling** is just around the corner. It will be on **Thursday, April 28th**, from 2:00-4:00p.m. Plans are in place for fun, food, information, and enjoyment. The annual Fashion Show will provide lots of spring ideas.

It's Thursday, April 28th. Did I already tell you that? Yes, I did. LOL! Come learn about your memory and the aging process. Please mark the date on your social calendar and bring a friend or two. They'll be sure to enjoy themselves.

Senior's Chair, Sharon Anderson

Br. 123 Annual General Meeting

Come at 7:30 PM for the Annual General Meeting to see how the last year has unfolded have a peak into our immediate future.

Thursday, April 28th, 2016