

Branch #123 Waterford 2019-2021

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“They serve till Death! Why not we?”

**News Bulletin and Calendar
October/November 2020**

President's Report

Well, we have finally moved into Stage 3 protocol and opened up inside the legion. All Covid protocols have been put in place to ensure the safety of our members, guests and employees.

Masks are required when moving around in the Branch, but may be removed when seated. There are travel indicators on the floor to follow for routes and social distancing. The bar stewards will collect contact tracing information. Sanitizing stations are available around the Branch.

The branch is available for rental as long as Covid protocol is followed. A maximum of 50 people for hall rental and 100 people for pavilion rental.

We had our first take out Wednesday supper that went well. Thanks to all for the support and the dedicated group of volunteers that made the event possible. There will be a fish and chip night in October on what would have been Pumpkinfest weekend.

We are open to ideas to do something extra for this weekend. All suggestions will be considered.

I am trying to set up Remembrance Day. Covid protocols have to be maintained. This means that we can only have 100 people attend at the Cenotaph with social distancing in effect. The road will be not be closed off, everyone must remain off the streets and on the sidewalks. How we control the number of people is yet to be decided. The Colour party is limited to 6 flag bearers. Again, socially distanced. I am looking to set up a live feed using Facebook for the ceremony and we are looking for help as I am not very tech savvy.

It is important at this time to remember our fallen comrades, this year is an important milestone as it is the 75th anniversary of the end of WWII.

If you have questions on anything Legion related I am available on my phone 519-410-2451.

Everyone stay safe and hope to see you soon at the Branch.

President, Ian Simpson

Sport's Report

Due to the current Health Department restrictions, it is not possible to run any Zone or Provincial sports at this time. When the all clear is sounded, we will inform our membership about the opportunities that have become available. Remember, you don't have to play a sport to be a sport.

There are always cards, darts, horseshoes and pool cues available in the club room if you get the itch. So scratch it!

Sport's Chair, Herb Taylor

Public Relations

Please put all pertinent information regarding an event into the Event Book at bar. If you are in charge of an event, leave a copy of the event sheet in my mail box in the cupboard in the Clubroom. Thank you.

Public Relations Chair, Norma Jean Kennedy

Something is Fishy at the Legion



We hope it will be on
Friday, October 16th.

We will be having a "Take Away"
Fish and Chip Night to help
everyone start to create their
own *new normal*. New ways of
doing business have been
devised and we ask for patience
as we try to bring back one of our
favourite Legion Events.

Single Haddock Dinners \$11 and Doubles \$15.

Phone in orders only from **2:00 PM until 4:30 PM**
Call 519 443 5123 to place your order and you will be
given a number and a time frame in which you can
appear to pay for and pick up you dinners.

Pick-up times will begin at 5:00 PM

Please bring your own bags, non will be available.

Nevada Report

Nevada sales have been on hold since March 16th. Restarting the sale of tickets will require an extension of the current license. The next license, which has been obtained, will also require an extension. Selling from the machine may not be possible, due to handling and required cleaning of the machine. Plans are being devised to do this safely in accordance with regulations. Tickets presently in the machine and opened box have warped due to months of sitting and moisture in the air. They may be suitable for purchase from the bar.

As always, a very special thank-you to all those who make these donations possible. As you can see, our seniors, youth and the Community all benefit from your generosity.

Nevada Chair, Ruth Anne Masecar

Membership

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2021 \$48.50

EARLY BIRD

payment of dues starts September 1st

There are three options for renewal.

1. Pay directly to the Branch
2. Renew online or by phone
3. Annual renewal

Members can now sign up for annual auto renewal via credit card when creating their membership profile online. Your credit card can be billed automatically each November for your Branch membership.

Contact Member Services at
membership@legion.ca
(Toll Free) 1-855-330-3344


Membership Perks: Introducing the Royal Canadian Legion's newest member discount program.

"Memberperks give Legion members access to money saving offers and deals at stores, restaurants and services

"Memberperks is free to all members in good standing

"Members can start saving by registering at legion.ca/memberperks

Membership Chair, Barb Taylor Gagne



Wednesday Dinners are On!
Take some heat off the chef in your household and let them dance like no one's watching. The Legion has you covered.
On the first Wednesday of the month, a delicious 3 course dinner is on offer.
October 7th, Cabbage Rolls
November 4th, Roast Beef

Youth

Branch 123 Waterford will be holding the Annual Poster and Prose contest again this year. Local schools will be contacted with regard to their willingness to participate.

Posters will be collected at the Legion by November 12th. Judging will take place after a specified quarantine period.

Our website will contain links to the official rules and entry forms.

Youth Chair : Peggy Taylor

Corona Virus Humour? Either you laugh or you cry!

John Travolta was suspected of having the Coronavirus. But doctors soon realised that it was only a Saturday Night Fever and he will be Staying Alive.

The server at Tim Horton's wearing a face mask was asked, "Why are you wearing a surgical mask?" She replied, "I'm not, it's a *coughy* filter."

The World Health Organization has announced that dogs cannot contract Covid-19. Dogs previously held in quarantine can now be released.

Now we know, "WHO let the dogs out."

Financial Review

May 31, 2020 - Year End Statement Review by Jamie Gunn
General Operations

"Overall, a good year given the constraints of the pandemic and temporary closure of all activities (21/2 months of the fiscal year). Finished with a small surplus while increasing donations to the community to \$28,500 through Nevada and Catch the Ace activity ...up from \$26,795 last year.

"This is **not** an audit, no financial review committee was active due to Covid19.

Balance Sheet

"Current position (current assets - current liabilities) -down slightly from last year This still leaves the branch in a healthy position.

"Cash and Short Term investments are up slightly."

Revenue

"Revenue impacted by the temporary closure due to the pandemic."

"Important to watch margins on Bar and Food revenues. Gross margin on Bar sales dropped from 54.9% in 2019 to 52.6% in 2020. This equates to a loss in profitability of \$3,700"

Expenses

"Expenses generally were the same or slightly lower due to interruption of business activities."

"Wages down substantially due to closure."

"A rebate of per capita dues from Provincial Command of \$4,444 reduced the Membership per capita tax to \$9, 597 compared to \$14,662 last year.

"Bottom line shows an in year surplus of \$5,241, down from \$8,404lastyear. Very good under the circumstances."

NOTES

"Note 5. Details for Catch the Ace activity... will provide \$13,440 in donations to the community and \$6,300 to the building account.

Nevada Operations

"Gross sales down 37.7% due in part to the closure. Lost revenue is partially offset by catch the ace revenue.

"Net result - almost a break-even (by design)"

Seniors' Christmas Party

We are anticipating another wonderful get-together, with the hope of putting all our Seniors in the spirit for another Christmas. As I say at the party, it is our hope to put some ding-a-ling-a-ling in everyone's fa-la-la-la-la!

Please set aside Sunday, December 6th from 2:00PM-4:00PM. That is when all of the excitement will happen. You will have to call Sharon for reservations at 519-443-7567.

Please invite all other Seniors whom you meet. There's always a few suggestions for happy and healthy living and always lots of fun and laughter.

If you require foot care assistance, please call me at 519-443-7567. Happy Feet are Healthy Feet!!

Seniors Chair, Sharon Anderson



Kid's Christmas Party
Come one, Come all!
Please tell all the kids you see
about the Kids' Christmas Party on
Sunday, December 20th, from
2:00-4:00p.m.
Games! Crafts! Cookie Decorating!
Plus More!
FUN! FUN! FUN!

Events for October

7	5:30 PM	Wednesday Take Out or Eat In Dinner (Cabbage Rolls)
16	5 PM	Fish and Chip Take Out Dinner
22	7 PM	Executive Meeting

Events for November

4	5:30 PM	Wednesday Take Out or Eat In Dinner (Roast Beef)
17		Senior's Foot Care
20	5 PM	Fish and Chip Take Out Dinner
19	7 PM	Exec Meeting