

Branch #123 Waterford

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“We Will Remember Them!”

**News Bulletin and Calendar
November/December 2024**

President's Report

As you all can see the King's picture is finally on the wall, thanks to Gord and Mike.

The branch continues to be busy with rentals and sports starting back up. Club room activity has increased with our regular events now returning.

Some members attended District Convention in Burlington. The convention was well attended and the parade on Saturday was great. No per capita increases were proposed. The President's meeting was good and information was shared between branches.

Pumpkinfest was a great success. It was nice to see the LA and members participate in the parade. Thanks to Scott Puillandre for providing the truck and trailer. The meat draw was a great success. The costume dance was well attended and everyone had a lot of fun. The brunch on Sunday saw over 300 people attend.

Catch the Ace is running but ticket sales are slow at the moment.

President, Ian Simpson

Senior's Report

The annual Fall Seniors' Hoedown was a great hit with our 76 registered Legion and Community Seniors. This number included 14 of our friends from Golden Pond. A presentation by the Alzheimer's Society helped us determine "Normal and Not so Normal Aging." A donation was made to them. Beautiful chrysanthemum plants were donated by Walter's Greenhouses and used as door prizes. Apples for take home treats were donated by Cleaver Orchards. A little bit of learning, some good food and treats, and LOTS of laughter, filled the afternoon.

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

Senior's Chair, Sharon Anderson

Nevada Report

Sales continue to progress slowly. We are averaging about 4 ¼ boxes per month in sales (approx.. 5500 tickets).

Nevada Chair, Ruth Anne Masseur .

General Meeting

The next General Meeting for Br. 123 members will be on Thursday, December 19th at 6:30PM. Please sign in before the meeting.

Come and share in the governance of your Legion.

Sport's Report

Youth darts continues. If you have a child ages 8 to 18 who would like to learn about and play darts, come to the Legion on Sundays at 10:00AM through November on the 3rd, 17th, and 24th.

Corn hole in the pavilion or Front Hall on Thursdays at 7:00PM.

Check Bulletin Board in Club Room Foyer for updates on Zone Sports.

Sport's Chair, Brad Walker

Membership Report

YEARLY DUES are payable by December 31st, 2024

The Early Bird Campaign runs from September. 1st to November 30th.

Members who pay their dues during the Early Bird will be entered in a draw for a free membership for the following year. Two draws will be made at the December General Meeting.

Yearly dues are \$50.00

Membership Chair. Barb Taylor-Gagne



Sunday Brunch

Who's hungry? The answer is everyone.

Brunch will be held on Sunday, November 10th and December 8th at 9:00AM. The usual selection of eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, pancakes and delectable desserts will be front and centre.

Get together a group and enjoy this morning feast.
Don't forget the complimentary coffee and tea.

Poppy Report

The 2024 Poppy campaign started on October 25th and covers three weekends this year!

Volunteers are still needed for tagging at four locations around town. If you are able to help, please see the sign up sheet on the bar.

This year, poppy centres will be for sale on the bar for \$1.00 each. This replaces the black centre of the poppy with a secure pin.

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who help make this campaign a success and helps us to support our veterans.

Poppy Chair, Pat Freeman

Humour

Did you hear about the man who stole an Advent calendar?

He got 25 days.

What do you call a bunch of chess masters bragging about their games in a hotel lobby over the holidays?

Chess nuts boasting in an open foyer.

Branch Events For:

November

3	10:00AM	Youth Darts
5	8:00PM	Catch the Ace
6	5:30PM	Wednesday Night Dinner (Ham)
7	12:00PM	Sit and Fit
7	7:00PM	Corn Hole
8	5:00PM	Fish and Chips
9	4:00PM	Saturday Matinee (Mighty River)
10	9:00PM	Sunday Brunch
11	10:45AM	Remembrance Day at Cenotaph
12	8:00PM	Catch the Ace
14	12:00PM	Sit and Fit
14	7:00PM	Corn Hole
15	7:00PM	Quiz Night
16	5:30PM	Honours and Awards Banquet
19	8:00PM	Catch the Ace
17	10:00AM	Youth Darts
21	12:00PM	Sit and Fit
21	7:00PM	Corn Hole
24	10:00AM	Youth Darts
25	10:00AM	Veteran's Coffee Hour
26	8:00PM	Catch the Ace
28	12:00PM	Sit and Fit
29	5:00PM	Wing Night
29	7:00PM	Karaoke

Finance Report

Bank balances October 23, 2024

	October	September
General Account	\$ 118,928.54	\$ 136,787.32
Nevada Account	\$ 6,335.33	\$ 5,556.33
Building Account	\$ 17,867.57	\$ 17,867.57
Lottery Account	\$ 2,377.62	\$ 36.57
GIC General Surplus	\$ 49,610.52	\$ 49,610.52
GIC Capitol Reserve	\$ 68,447.25	\$ 42,976.28
Combined total	\$ 263,566.63	\$ 252,834.59

Treasurer, Jamie Gunn



Christmas Parties for the Young and Young at Heart

Sunday December 1st is the date for our Seniors to celebrate.

It will be a day of music, fun, games and festive food in the Front Hall.

Book early by calling Sharon at 519 443 7567



Sunday, December 15th is set aside for our Kid's Christmas Party. There will be games, crafts, cookie decorating and more. Call Sharon to reserve a spot for a youngster.

December

3	8:00PM	Catch the Ace
4	5:30PM	Wednesday Night Dinner (Roast Chicken)
5	12:00PM	Sit and Fit
5	7:00PM	Corn Hole
8	9:00PM	Sunday Brunch
10	8:00PM	Catch the Ace
12	12:00PM	Sit and Fit
12	7:00PM	Corn Hole
13	5:00PM	Fish and Chips
14	4:00PM	Saturday Matinee (Eric Brousseau & Co)
17	8:00PM	Catch the Ace
19	12:00PM	Sit and Fit
19	6:30PM	General Meeting
20	7:00PM	Quiz Night
24	8:00PM	Catch the Ace?
25	Legion Closed	
27	5:00PM	Wing Night/Karaoke
30	10:00AM	Veteran's Coffee Hour
31	7:00PM	New Year's Eve Dance

House Chair Major Repairs

- 1) Garland stove in kitchen was repaired by moving the thermostat.
- 2) Have engaged Chad Sandison to upgrade outside parking lot lights.
- 3) Still working on obtaining the rubber ramp for the club room exit
- 4) Picture of King Charles has been mounted.
- 5) Grease trap cleaned out Tuesday Oct 22 – Walker Environmental
- 6) Glass washer at bar has a small leak. To be done.
- 7) Replaced plastic wall folder holder in kitchen
- 8) Have started prepping large island counter for removal and re-gluing.
- 9) Still pursuing info on pricing for a complete teardown and rebuild bar cooler doors from FOX refrigeration. Will convene another meeting of committee to discuss options and next steps.

House Chair, Mike Jarvis

Overview of Dominion Command Conference Aug 24-29/24

There were 850 attendees on the floor. The strategic plan voted on at the 2018 Convention focused on:

- 1) Expand membership to 300K
- 2) Improve communication and public awareness
- 3) Foster a welcoming culture across the Legion
- 4) Increase recognition and value
- 5) Modernize infrastructure
- 6) Improve governance and performance measurement

60% of Legion members are over age 65: 2/3 are male and while the remaining 1/3 are female, this ratio is beginning to change.

Branch Support Programs

- 1) Integra – food, office supplies, equipment, maintenance, etc with over 300 vendors for food options
- 2) MailChimp bulk email platform – 15% non profit discount on all Mail Chimp fees
- 3) Maneris Payment Processing – preferred rates for credit and debit card payment processing
- 4) Intuit Quick books – 30% lifetime discount

The National Legion Foundation: The Digital poppy launch is Oct. 2024. Cynthia Ngerachu will be the Director of the Foundation

The focus of the Foundation is:

- 1) Veterans Health and Wellness
- 2) Scholarships and Bursaries
- 3) National Youth Remembrance Contests
- 4) Pilgrimages of Remembrance

Submitted by Barb & Bruce Brown

Dominion Convention Report

The new President is Berkley Lawrence and the 1st Vice is John Mahon from Alberta. I am happy to say that two of our Vice Presidents are from Ontario.

Membership has gradually increased since Covid and they expect a total of 300,000 by 2026.

Our per capita dues are increasing by \$1.25 as of January 1st, 2025. Approximately \$101,000 was collected from the floor for R.C.E.L.

Submitted by Ruth Anne Massecar

Honours and Awards (Pick up at Banquet or the Bar)

	Ordinary	Associate	Affiliate
10yr		Major, Bonnie McSherry, Anne Moke, Nancy Parks, Leslie	Doull, Lorraine Kirk, Bonnie Mels, Julie Norman, Michael Tibbet, Russ
15yr		Hart, Amy Holden, Brian Jarvis, Mike Turner, Garry	McLaren, Phil Mels, Sandra
20yr		Angus, Cornelia Eldridge, Katie Innes, Marie Toms, Carol	
25yr	Vidler, Lee	Angus, Ron Kenny, Beverley McKeen, Dianne Sonnenberg, Barb	Hagan, Shawn Moore, William Townsend, Darin
30yr		Hrvoyevich, Paul Kocznr Jr., Richard Ramsey, Dan Weaver, Frank	
35yr	Torraville, Harry	Babineau, Evelyn Freeman, Patricia Witham, Garry Witham, Rachelle	Sonnenberg, Arnold
40yr	Barnett, Gord M.	Biederman, K. E. Bishop, Michael McCulligh, T. Scott	
45yr		Hewitt, R. E. Kean, Nigel	
50yr	Postill, Herb	Beaul, Ken C. Lunn, Terry F. Pfau, Annette Thompson, J. Peter	
55yr	Hall, Douglas		
25yr	Life Time	Anderson, Sharon	