

President Report

Comrades as Branch 73 and its members move forward in this year, we'll look to a brighter and more promising future. Your executive has been working overtime to keep up with the constant challenges and demands that are placed upon us not just at branch level, but also zone, district, provincial and dominion levels as well. It takes a toll on everyone and I must commend and thank not just the executive but all those member who supported, volunteered their time, effort and who donated to the branch when asked upon. These members maybe invisible to most members but yes they are there and thank god for their support because the branch requires all the help it can get. So if you are willing to help there are a lot of up and coming events, they are posted at the branch; but I don't know how many times I've been told by members that they' don't know of them. Please take the time to look around; there is always something for someone. In closing I would like to remind everyone that elections are fast approaching and the branch requires all the support it can get. Without your input and support Branch 73 will not exist. United we Stand!

Yours in Comradeship; Bill Davidson; President

1st Vice President Report/Management Report

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Past President

Hello Comrades, I am still down south but I am in contact with our PRO to let you know your branch is holding it's own but we need your support. There are many things happening at the branch, fund raisers, dances, darts, sports, future items which will be very entertaining and our Honors and award dinner. Elections will be soon upon us so if you are considering running for the executive we would love to have your input and service to keep our little branch going. So I will join you all soon as we do our duty as members of the RC Legion to always remember our fallen comrades and to support our branch here at Branch 73.

Yours in Comradeship, Tom Place Past President

Service Office Reports

If anyone knows of a Veteran or spouse of a Veteran who needs assistance please let me know. I am hoping that our President will attend the upcoming meeting in my place. We will see you all soon.

Yours in Comradeship: Tom Place Service Office

Membership

We had a total of 126 Early Birds. The Early Bird Draw was held January 1st at our Levy. The two winners were Pat Shone and Bev Cameron. Congratulations to both! They received their dues payment back.

There are still a lot of unpaid 2013 memberships. Please make an effort to drop into the branch and pay your dues. If you cannot make it in, please mail to:

**Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 73
2 Robinson Avenue
Scarborough, Ontario
M1L 3S7**

Attention: Dianne Davidson, Membership Chairman

We need new members-please recruit your friends, family, and neighbours to join our Branch. Declining membership means that your Branch has less representation at important meetings and conventions.

New Years Eve

We had a very successful New Years Eve Dance, with over 200 guests in attendance, including many of our own Branch 73 Members. Everyone enjoyed the live band, "Flashback" and the Dinner. Thanks to all of the workers. A special thanks to Nelda Tanner and Lorne Chalmers who once again looked after all of the shopping and most of the cooking.

Hall Rentals

Hall rentals have been good throughout the fall and so far this winter but they are starting to slow down. Please consider Branch 73 for your next event and pass the word around.

Yours in Comradeship; Dianne Davidson

Honors and Awards

Our Honors and award dinner and dance will be once again joined with the L.A., of Branch 73 on March 28 2013/ Tickets on sale at the bar Tickets \$12.00 per person

If you wish to nominate anyone for an award please leave your nomination with the bar steward, if you are wishing to received your years in service pins please submit the form at the end of the bulletin or obtain one from the bar steward and leave it at the bar.

Yours in Comradeship; Tom Place Past President

Entertainment Report



Upcoming Events: Valentines Elimination Dance.

Saturday Feb 16, 2012 will be our **Elimination Valentines Dance!** Tickets **\$10.00 per person**; disc jockey at 7pm *light meal* at 11pm doors open at 6pm. **GRAND PRIZE is \$2,500.00** – you do not have to attend to win!! Tickets are at the bar! Good Luck to all of you.

Our **meat Spins** every SATURDAY! Start times are **3pm**; we thank you for your support and to our volunteers who run this every weekend. Thank you!

We will be having a **Retirement Party for Bob Rowley** it will be on **Sunday March 10th**, 1.p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Live Band **Denim and Lace** with a Light Lunch **All are welcome**

Yours in Comradeship; Wanda Campbell Entertainment Chairperson

Ladies Auxiliary Report

Our Bazaar will be May 4 2013 MARK your CALENDARS!!! Donation always appreciated

The L.A. Birthday party is March 2 2013, ticket are going very fast, \$15.00 each and bring a new \$10.00 gift. Dinner and fun for all see Betty Lafrance for tickets.

Yours in Comradeship; Lynn Jewkes L/A President

Track & Field Report

There will be an indoor meet Feb 9th Volunteers are always needed next meet will be June 23 2013 at U of T; I will again need volunteers.

I am still awaiting information to come for from zone for up coming events and packages

Yours in Comradeship; Elliott Davis Track & Field/Ladies Auxiliary Liaison

Sgt-At-Arms Report

Comrades we are sorry to have one of our Colour party members resign he will be very sadly missed but we wish him well. Our Colour guard practices have been suspended for now; I thank all my volunteers for their on going efforts to make us look good.

Yours in Comradeship; Ray Morin Sgt-At-Arms

Youth Education

We received a total of 108 entries in the annual Remembrance Contest. These came from 6 of the schools in our area. The contest is divided into 3 sections, Posters, Poems, and Essays. A student can have an entry in each category if they wish. The contest is also divided into Primary, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior groups. After all entries are received, a panel of our members judges them. Many thanks to this year's judges: Al Stuckless, Esther Kenny, Sylvia Butt, Mike Bloomer, and Melia Bloomer

First place finishers in all categories are sent to Zone where they will compete with entries from all of the other branches in our Zone. We have not been advised yet if we have any winners at Zone Level. Winners at Zone Level can progress to District, Provincial, and Dominion Levels.

Yours in Comradeship Dianne Davidson

Seniors Club Report

Hello Comrades our seniors club which meets every Tuesday at 1pm to 4:30pm. You must be 55 years young or older to join our club. We have our bingo so come celebrate being a senior at branch 73!

Yours in Comradeship Jim Lalonde
Email at Seniorhome@chestervillage.com

Poppy Report

The Poppy campaign 2013 is only 9 months away!! Don't forget to keep your calendars open for this year's campaign. We did well last year but we can always improve.

If you are interested in volunteering for any aspect of the Campaign, please contact myself or the Branch thanking you in advance....

Yours in Comradeship: Nelda Tanner; Poppy Chairperson



Sports Report

We have one team going to District 5 Pin Bowling on Saturday February 2nd, and one team going to District Euchre in March.

We hosted a Youth Dart Tournament on Saturday January 16th and will be hosting the Tyke Division Tournament on Sunday February 17th. We are also sending one team, two doubles, and four singles, to the Legion Youth Dart Competition on February 16th.

Good luck to all of our competitors!

See branch back bulletin board for more upcoming sports events

Yours in Comradeship: Robert Levy; Sport Chairmen

Sick and Visitation

John Norris is improving everyday thank you to all who help in his fundraiser held at the branch it was a wonderful night and the band was great. Special thank you to Kelly who was the host of the evening we also have three of our members who are convalescing after surgery:

Peggy Rooney at Providence Centre
Lynn Jewkes, at St. John's Norway
George McKeag, at home.

We wish all of them a speedy recovery.

PRO Report

Well another calendar year has begun the branch is busy as always with things to do and item that need fixing. I would like to say thank you to our President who does a lot of the repairs himself to keep our cost down. The pot lights in the upstairs hall are a wonderful addition. Thank you Bill. Myself I have been very busy with my full time job and church the Christmas Carol Play I was in this past November but I still got out to Poppy. Now I will be in an Easter cantata which is just around the corner and that means our Honors and awards dinner. I have been asked again to take the photos. I donated a very nice picture of the executive and past presidents last year as well as a disk of the pictures taken of you comrades receiving your awards. I believe the disk is with Tom Place or Bill Davidson. Lynn Jewkes also took the disk and re printed her LA ladies pictures.

This bulletin is always a **challenge** to get put together, printed and out in time to get all the information out to you all comrades. I do my best and hope it is

PRO Continued

Appreciated. A few comments have made their way back to me and some are positive and most are negative. I take them in and try to improve on the needs of you, but I human and ask for your forgiveness if I have offended or reported anything incorrectly. If anyone of you are wishing to run for the new term of the executive please make the effort to come to the elections in April this is a very important night for us all. The branch counts on volunteers to make everything run and continue to move forward.

Many hands make light of the work, but as it stands now we do not have many hands we have had a few members of the executive resign for various reasons and I would like to wish them WELL and THANK THEM for all the hard work done in their positions here at Branch 73. You will be very sadly missed.

You see comrades it is a very hard fact that if you do nothing; nothing gets done and pretty soon there is NOTHING left to do as the branch will no longer be

I have been donating the printing of this bulletin for the past years that I have been doing your bulletins which include the paper and printing. It is a small thing but a large thing too. I do not have too; but it's my way of giving to our branch to keep costs to a minimum so if you can pick up or have an email address I would love to send this to you or leave your copy at the branch for pick up.

I wish you all a very safe and happy 2013 and look forward to seeing you all down at the different events happening down at YOUR branch.

We are only as strong as our member support. So help me to always say

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM!!

If you would like your bulletin email send me your email to Linda_morin13@hotmail.com that's Linda underscore morin13 at hotmail dot com your emails will only be used for the Bulletin and if you would like to pick up the bulletin send me a note and I will put you on the pick up list.

There is a metal box on the bar for you to pick up the bulletin. Check it out there could be more news for you!

Also the Legion STORE catalogue is at the bar; if you wish to purchase give to Bar Steward your money and order and it will be placed by Lynn Jewkes

Yours in Comradeship; Linda Morin PRO Officer

YEARS OF SERVICE LAPEL PINS - Please Print

NAME _____ PHONE NO. () _____

STREET _____ APT. _____

CITY _____ POSTAL CODE _____

Legion Classification: Life _____ Ordinary _____ Associate _____
(Please check one)

Years of Membership shown on you card _____

Year you joined #73 _____ If you transferred from another Branch, state name of
previous Branch _____

Year you joined previous Branch _____

Year of Service applying for (Please circle one)

5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 50 55 60 years

Signed _____

Will attend _____ Dinner tickets needed _____

Will not be able to attend dinner _____

Please send to Honours and Awards Night
Royal Canadian Legion #73
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Scarborough, Ontario
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