

President Report

Comrades; as this term comes to a close, I'd like to thank all of the members who volunteered their time and efforts. All the people who donated when asked the ladies auxiliary for their hard work throughout the year; and of course the executive of your branch who did an outstanding job. All of you deserve a pat on the back, your devotion; dedication and hard work have made what I believe the best branch in the district. As for the new in coming officers; with the help of our passed officers, I firmly believe that the branch will continue to strive forward to meet any challenge that presents its self. We serve to help our veterans, the community but also our members as well. Comrades please keep in mind that your executive are volunteers and as such deserve a little consideration from time to time. Most are new to their positions and it takes a while to get a handle on things. In closing I'd like to wish everyone a SAFE and happy summer and please don't be a stranger, DROP by the branch.

Yours in Comradeship; Bill Davidson; President

1st Vice President Report/Management Report

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Past President

Hello Comrades, I am very pleased to see so many of our members willing to help out around the branch. Elections are done and we have some new faces that will be in the meetings thank you too all who stood for an office, we are a little branch with the big heart. I look forward to another year as your past president.

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.

Yours in Comradeship:

Membership

I am in the process of taking over the Membership files and noticing that there are still many members who have not yet paid their dues for 2013.

If your 2013 dues are not paid, please do so at your earliest convenience-the 2014 cards will be in before you know it. The number of paid-up members that we have determines our voting strength at District Meetings and Conventions, where Legion Policy and Procedures are set. The more votes we have, the more influence we have.

We have heard it said that some members have stopped paying their dues because we allow non-members in the Clubroom, so why should they bother to pay? We allow non-members in the Clubroom because, like it or not, every Royal Canadian Legion Branch has to operate as a viable business in order to fulfill their mandate of serving our Veterans and our Communities and we need all of the income we can get! We also hope that these non-members will see that Branch 73 is a great place to be and join our Branch.

A member has the right to participate in the Sports Program, to vote and run for office, and to have a say in the way their Branch is run.

Please encourage your family members and friends to join our Branch and also please encourage any former Members to rejoin. They do not have to be sworn in again, they just need to pay their dues.

Yours in comradeship,
Esther Kenny
Membership Chairman.
Please mail to:

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

Attention: Membership Chairman

Honors and Awards

We had a good turn out for the 2013 Honors and Awards will post more information for our 2014 Honors and Awards dinner as time get closer to the Date of event. If you are entitled to a service pin leave your name and number of Years of service at the Bar and I will pick them up.

Yours in Comradeship; Tom Place Past President

Entertainment Report

We have several things planned for the upcoming summer months and we hope to see you all at the Branch. Family and Friends are welcome. Children are welcome as well.

Canada Day, Monday July 1st 2013. Starting Time 1.00 p.m.

There will be a licensed outdoor patio, a barbecue, and live entertainment by the multi-talented Bill Dunn. There will be games and free hot dogs and juice for the kids.

Civic Holiday, Monday August 5th, 2013. Starting Time 1.00 p.m.

Licensed outdoor Patio & Barbecue-All are welcome. Entertainment to be announced in the near future.

Labour Day, Monday September 2nd, 2013. Starting time 1.00 p.m.

Licensed outdoor Patio and Barbecue. All are welcome. Entertainment to be announced in the near future.

We are hoping to hold raffles at some of our events and any prize you are able to donate would be gratefully appreciated; please contact me in this regard.

There will be other events planned for the fall. If you have any suggestions for a special function, please contact me through the Branch. I am looking forward to working with all of our Members.

Yours in comradeship,
Al Stuckless; Entertainment Chairman

Track & Field Report

Volunteer are needed to help out for the upcoming track and field at the York University Track & Field Complex which will be held Sunday June 23 2013. If anyone is interested please contact me at the branch. I will have a sign up sheet posted at the branch on the back bulletin board downstairs.

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

Ladies Auxiliary Report

Hello Comrades:

The ladies auxiliary bazaar was a great success again this year Thanks to the hard work and support of our members. The Bazaar is the main area for us to raise the funds to help us meet our obligations.

We have only a few members and the numbers are getting less as of the writing we have lost 2 members Comrade Peggy Rooney (life member and 40 years L.A. member) and Comrade Cathy Gray (29 year L.A. Member) Our heartfelt sympathy to both families.

On a personal Note: I would like to thank everyone for the get well wishes cards etc I received since being unwell at this time I would also like to wish the new officers and executive a Happy and Prosperous term. I miss all of you and hope to be back soon.

Yours in Comradeship; Lynn Jewkes L/A President

Sgt-At-Arms Report

Comrades I am still looking for Colour party flag bearers, I will post a sign up sheet at the branch in the back room or you can leave word at the bar if you are interested and will be under consideration.

Parade dates are Warriors Day in August; Pine Hills in Sept 2013 then Remembrance Day at the Scarborough Civic Centre in November.

Have a very safe and happy summer. I will have more information on upcoming parades posted in the branch.

Warriors' Day, Saturday August 17th, 2013.

It will be business as usual this Warriors' Day, despite the fact that we no longer have Scarborough Pipes and Drums with us.

We will still have a bus, we will still have a buffet and entertainment back at the Branch, and we will still have a licensed patio.

The bus is free to Veterans and Marchers, all others MUST pay \$5.00... As the date grows nearer, you will see a sign-up sheet in the Branch. HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER.

Yours in Comradeship; Ray Morin Sgt-At-Arms

Youth Education

The Youth Education program will be starting up in August - at that time we will receive the package of information on the Remembrance Contest that has to be copied, assembled, and delivered to all of the schools in our Poppy area- Elementary, Secondary, Catholic, and Private- a total of 38 schools. In November, the students' entries are received and sorted for judging. We presently have no Youth Education Chairman-this is a rewarding position that involves about 5 months of active involvement-please contact our President Bill Davidson if you are interested in taking on this chairmanship.

Yours in comradeship, Dianne Davidson
Youth Education Chairman (for term ending 5-31-2013)

Seniors Club Report

Hello Comrades our seniors club which meets every Wednesday at 1:30pm 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: allabouttheend@gmail.com

Poppy Report

The Poppy campaign 2013 is less then 5 months away!! Poppy campaign always starts the last Friday of October. We will be looking for volunteers. More information to follow in next bulletin. Have a very safe Summer and we will see you all in October. So keep your calendars open for this year's campaign. We did well last year but we can always improve.



Yours in Comradeship: Nelda Tanner; Poppy Chairperson

Sports Report

Hello Comrades:

On May 11 2013 Sr. Bowles charged into Cambridge, Ontario and after many ups and downs placed 4th. As well done job by our crew of Judy Begley; Tim O'Hara' Ron Jeanes; Ray Simmons; Dan Thomas and Lorne Chalmers Excellent coaching was provided by Nelda Tanner. Thanks to all who supported our fundraisers. See you in Smith Falls in 2014

Yours in Comradeship: SR. Bowlers; Sport Chairmen
Sick and Visitation

A note on our Comrade George Fick he is doing better but still in hospital.

Please mark your calendars for a memorial service at Branch 73 for Peggy Rooney Sunday July 7th at 2pm

If you know of any of our members who are not well, please let the branch know through our bar stewards. A visit and or a card will be sent.

PRO Report

Well Comrades it's the end of one more term, and the beginning of a new one, yes I am still going to be the PRO I was not going to run as I had thought about taking a year off and allowing someone else to be PRO I am very busy with my job, church and life but I do LOVE the Legion and all the good it does so here I am. I truly think our little branch is a wonderful place to meet, have fun, do some volunteering; do service to others and most of all just to belong to a wonderful bunch of comrades as you all are. Many of you are getting older and it's hard to come down, we miss you all; please know that we truly do think about all of you.

We have had some new members join and I would like to say a very warm WELCOME; hope you feel the same way about our little branch. Our website has had some pictures from 2012 Honors and awards and other events posted to it, as well as upcoming events so if you cannot get into the branch take a look at the website address is on the very first page of the bulletin on the cover sheet. I am hoping to get some of our 2013 pictures loaded so everyone can see what a great night we had at the Honors and Awards dinner. Congratulation to all who received awards. Once again this year I missed the L.A. bazaar due to time conflicts but I understand it was a wonderful day. There is always next year I need to mark it in early to my calendar as it fills up pretty fast as do most of our life's with kids obligations and of course LIFE. I do love getting to a meat spin when I can but it's a challenge with Saturday being the only day I have to get my LIFE stuff done. So don't forget come down to the branch and see what's coming up. We have Canada Day, Warriors Day: Civic holiday and Labour Day I know Esther will be planning many exciting things for us to enjoy. Come down and enjoy the air conditioning its cool at the branch!!

Hall RENTALS are available if you need to book for that birthday party, shower bridal or baby, or perhaps you need the hall for a girls night out or guys and girls afternoon, night a whatever party. We have upstairs or downstairs than can be booked for your needs.

PRO continued

I am also going to take over the position of secretary for our branch I just hope I can do a good job. I will need help comrades as I am very bad with names, faces I remember but your name well they say the mind is the first to go..I think the mind, the body and gravity are against me...

Comrades do take care, have a WONDERFUL SUMMER a very SAFE one!
Come down when you can during the July and August.

NOTE: remember we do not have a general meeting in July or August so we will see you all back on September 23 the fourth Monday of the month not the LAST it's the 4th Monday ...

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