



**BRANCH 50
KITCHENER**

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION FRED GIES BRANCH 50



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THE DUGOUT

September/October 2023

**LEST WE
FORGET
REMEMBER!**

**IT'S NOT
WHAT YOU
PAY TO BE A
MEMBER.**

**IT'S WHAT
THEY PAID TO
LET YOU.**



HOURS

Monday	12:00 – 8:00 pm
Tuesday	12:00 – 8:00 pm
Wednesday	12:00 – 8:00 pm
Thursday	12:00 – 8:00 pm
Friday	12:00 – 8:00 pm
Saturday	12:00 – 8:00 pm
Sunday	Closed

Subject to change

**General Meetings are held
the 4th Sunday of every
month at 2:00 p.m.**

BRANCH 50 EXECUTIVE

President / Cadet Liason/ Constitution & Laws	Ernie Bremner
1 st Vice President – Security	Michael McKeever
2 nd Vice President – Bar Chair	Jim Fraser
Treasurer	
Branch Secretary & Dugout	Gail Bourhill
Past President / Leadership	Chris Pickering
Sergeant At Arms	Vacant
Membership	Laurie Ryan
Poppy Campaign/House & Grounds	Don Gingrich
Youth Education	Carol Gabriel
Sports	Blaise Boucher
Ways & Means/Seniors Group/ Veterans Services/Entertainment	Rose Costa
Sick & Visiting	Jay Oswald
Bursary / Seniors	Carl Buder
Public Relations/Honours & Awards	Cecile Knipfel



PRESIDENT REPORT & CONSTITUTION & LAWS & CADET LIASON ERNIE BREMNER

I would like to welcome you all back from our summer stand down. Hope you had a good summer even though it has been very wet.

We resorted to summer hours and will return to regular hours after Labour Day

Your new executive has been getting used to their new positions and working very hard to bring you new and exciting ideas and events.

We are happy that our new web page is up and running. Make sure you check it out. We thank Eric Bremner for his superb ideas and exceptional programming.

Cecile Knipfel has been posting new events and activities for your information.

I would like to thank ALL the EXECUTIVE for settling into their new positions and bringing new ideas with them.

I attended the Zone Convention in Stratford and passed on all the information to the executive.

The cadets have stood down for the summer. Many of them attended summer camps, learned a lot of new things, and had a blast. We look forward to working with them again starting in September.

Please come to the branch and participate in the various activities.

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT & BAR CHAIR – JIM FRASER

The summer seems to have only started, but obviously looking at the calendar it's almost over. However, during the summer months, we have tried, as an Executive to develop new opportunities for the membership. Our Membership Drive is moving forward and we have a number of new members to be introduced at our next General Meeting. An exciting list of prizes awaits the sponsor of the most new members to Branch 50. The prizes will be awarded at the General Meeting in September.

You may have noticed our Bar is offering a Drink of the Week with a new recipe every Friday.

Members have enjoyed Margaritas, Pina Coladas and Strawberry Daquiris and other cocktails over the summer months and we are considering making the cocktails a regular bar feature.

We have made contact with Waterloo Breweries and they will be providing draft beers on the two taps which have been vacant for some time, and Laker and Landshark beers will be featured.

Our bar staff are anxious to serve you and very willing to try new ideas. If you have suggestions, please advise the staff and/or contact me with your thoughts or ideas toward improving service or drink offerings.

In closing it appears our efforts with the Bar are paying off and we will continue to try and improve our presentation.



SECRETARY/DUGOUT REPORT – GAIL BOURHILL

Summer has gone again. Happy Fall everyone. If you have any ideas on how we can change the Dugout please email me at gailbour@hotmail.com. We publish the Dugout every 2 months. We hope you enjoy it.

VETERANS SERVICES / SENIORS GROUP / WAYS & MEANS ROSE COSTA

WAYS & MEANS

Ways & Means tries to make money for the branch by doing 50/50's, meat spins, bake & craft sales, etc. If there is anyone who can think of anything we can do at our branch, please contact me. We also have our Tuesday dinners, having great meals at 5:30 p.m. followed by Karaoke at 6:00 p.m. Please join us every Tuesday night and have fun.

ENTERTAINMENT

We have bands coming to our legion, so get those dancing shoes on and let's dance the night away.

Saturday, September 7th Diane & The Cavaliers 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 28th Bottoms up Gang 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

(Halloween dress-up)

Cost – Members \$10.00 Non-Members \$15.00

VETERANS SERVICES

Anyone knowing of any veterans or families of veterans who need assistance, please contact our office to talk to a Veterans Services Officer. We will gladly sit down with you and help in any way we can.

Thursday, September 21st the FIRST SPECIAL SERVE FORCE (also known as the Devil's Brigade) will be coming to our office from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP – LAURIE RYAN

What an exciting time of the year for Membership.

We have the potential of initiating 12 new members to Branch 50. Pictures and names will be posted to our website and Facebook page after the September General Meeting.

Year to date, we have 72 new members = 13 Ordinary, 20 Associate and 39 Affiliate Voting members. This is compared to only 51 for the entire 2022 year.

Total membership to date is 362 = 1 Lifetime Member, 75 Ordinary, 152 Associate and 134 Affiliate Voting Members.

Don't forget to renew your membership for 2024.



HOUSE AND GROUNDS / POPPY CAMPAIGN – DON GINGRICH

HOUSE & GROUNDS

The grass is being cut while I am not able, by an expert landscaper, Cathy Costa. The Seacan will be on order for the shed replacement, as soon as the money is cleared from the GIC's. We may need help transferring things. Volunteers – please contact Rose at 226-988-3323 or the office at 519-745-5101.

POPPY CAMPAIGN

The next meeting will be in early October. A new program will be started this year, The Poppy sticker day will start in October. Details will be discussed at the September Executive and General meetings.

PUBLIC RELATIONS / HONOURS & AWARDS– CECILE KNIPFEL

PUBLIC RELATIONS

I hope you all had a wonderful summer. To bring you up to what I have been doing these last few months.

In the role of the branch's Public Relations Officer, I attended the Kitchener Cherry Festival on July 8, 2023, where we took names of kids for our Christmas in July which was held July 16, 2023. We handed out forms to a few people to become new branch members and chatted with the attendees about our legion happenings.

I have also been in contact with the FSSF (the Devil's Brigade) and they are coming to our legion on September 21, 2023 from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm. This is for an information and demonstration of their organization.

I am happy to say within three months, our Facebook page has grown past the one hundred members mark and is still growing. I would like to thank everyone for joining and keeping up with what is happening here at our RCL Branch 50.

HONOURS & AWARDS

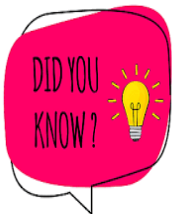
With the help of Gail Bourhill, our secretary, (who is collecting the names of our volunteer's information) I will make sure everyone is recognized. Watch for the announcement of our Volunteer's Luncheon in the coming months.

YOUTH & EDUCATION – CAROL GABRIEL

Hi to all. I hope you are having a great summer. I will be attending a Youth Education Seminar on September 5th, 2023. This seminar will deal with all that concerns Remembrance Day posters and literacy competition contests.



- September 1, 1939** World War 11 began when Adolf Hitler sent the German army into Poland.
- September 10, 1939** Canada declared war on Germany, 7 days after Britain and France. The first Canadian troops left for England in December. Although “obliged to go to war at Britain’s side,” King’s delay of a week was a symbolic gesture of independence.
- September 2, 1945** The formal surrender of the Japanese took place on the battleship USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay, bringing the Second World War to a close. Altogether 1,086,771 Canadians, including 49,252 women, served in the armed forces. Total fatalities were 41,994.



- October 14, 1943** The Canada Medal was approved by King George VI and the Canadian Cabinet. It was the first distinctly Canadian decoration, although it was never awarded.
- October 1, 1944** The 2nd Canadian Division crossed the Antwerp Canal to begin the freeing of the Scheldt estuary and the port of Antwerp.
- October 20, 1944** After a fierce defense by the Germans under Gen Hermann Balck, the allies captured Aachen, the first German city captured by the Allies in World War 11.



For entertainment, food preparation and cleanup for karaoke night, pool tournaments, color party, etc. Please drop us a note in the suggestion box or email gailbour@hotmail.com. Thank you



PLEASE SEND MY DUGOUT VIA E-MAIL

Name: (please print) _____

Membership #: _____

Email address: _____

Royal Canadian Legion
Fred Gies (Branch 50) Ontario

Email: royalcanadianlegion1@bellnet.ca

Online: <http://kitchenerlegionbranch50.ca>

MEMBERS: Are you receiving mail from Branch 50? Has your address or phone number changed recently? Are you credited with your full years of service? Do you know of a member that has passed away?

PLEASE CONTACT OUR MEMBERSHIP at latewestryan@gmail.com or 226-972-5123



THE FABULOUS 50's July 22, 2023



The Andy Parker Blues Band August 20, 2023





PHOTO GALLERY

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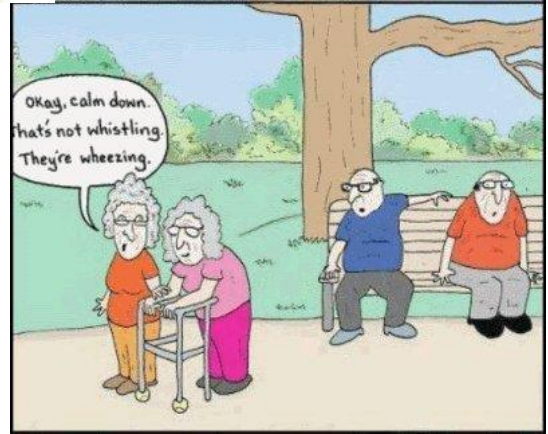


CHRISTMAS IN JULY JULY 16, 2023



MEAT SPIN Wheel Spinner Connie





An out-of-towner drove his car into a ditch in a desolated area. Luckily, a local farmer came to help with his big strong horse named Buddy. He hitched Buddy up to the car and yelled, "Pull, Nellie, pull!" Buddy didn't move. Then the farmer hollered, "Pull, Buster, pull!" Buddy didn't respond.

Once more the farmer commanded, "Pull, Coco, pull!" Nothing. Then the farmer nonchalantly said, "Pull, Buddy, pull!" And the horse easily dragged the car out of the ditch. The motorist was most appreciative and very curious. He asked the farmer why he called his horse by the wrong name three times. The farmer said, "Oh, Buddy is blind and if he thought he was the only one pulling, he wouldn't even try!"





MILITARY SUDUKO

Canadian Military History

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Coverdale	D'Aulnay	Fenian	Fort Beausejour
Kowloon	Loyalist	Metis	Milton Gregg
Mud	NATO	Paardeberg	Pemaquid
Prisoner of War	Taliban	U-boats	Yugoslavia



Join Us



Cribbage



craft &
bake sale





September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
1p Elvis Concert		5:30p Dinner 5:30p Dinner tonight = Fundraiser held by KW Oktoberfest Lions Club. Hamburgers, Sausage, salads & desserts 6p Karaoke	5:30p Cigar Club	2:30p Euchre		12p Cribbage tournament 3p Meat spin
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
CLOSED	5:30p Dinner 6p Karaoke			2:30p Euchre 7p 9 ball pool	7:30 p Women's Darts	3p Meat spin
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
6:30p 8 ball pool	5:30p Dinner 6p Karaoke	7p Rec Pool League	2:30p Euchre	7:30 p Women's Darts	10a 8 ball pool tournament Registration 10:00 a.m. Play at 10:30 a.m. 3p Meat spin	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
6:30p 8 ball pool	5:30p Dinner 6p Karaoke	7p Rec Pool League	2:30p Euchre 7p 9 ball pool 7p The Devil's Brigade (FSSF) Information Session	7p 9 Ball Tournament (changed from Thursday) 7:30 p Women's Darts	3p Meat spin	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
2p General Meeting	6:30p 8 ball pool 6p Karaoke	5:30p Dinner 6p Karaoke	5:30p Cigar Club 7p Rec Pool League	2:30p Euchre 7p 9 ball pool	7:30 p Women's Darts	3p Meat spin



October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 2p Andy Parker Blues Band	2 6:30p 8 ball pool	3 5:30p Dinner 6p Karaoke	4 7p Rec Pool League	5 2:30p Euchre 7p 9 ball pool	6 7:30p Women's Darts	7 12p Cribbage tournament 3p Meat spin 7p Diane & The Cavaliers
8	9 6:30p 8 ball pool	10 5:30p Dinner 6p Karaoke	11 7p Rec Pool League	12 2:30p Euchre 7p 9 ball pool	13 7:30p Women's Darts	14 8p Meat spin
15	16 6:30p 8 ball pool	17 5:30p Dinner 6p Karaoke	18 7p Rec Pool League	19 2:30p Euchre 7p 9 ball pool	20 7:30p Women's Darts	21 10a 8 ball pool tournament Registration 10:00 a.m. Play at 10:30 a.m. 8p Meat spin
22 12p General Meeting 2p General Meeting	23 6:30p 8 ball pool	24 5:30p Dinner 6p Karaoke	25 5:30p Cigar Club 7p Rec Pool League	26 2:30p Euchre 7p 9 ball pool	27 7:30p Women's Darts	28 8p Meat spin 7p Bottoms Up Band
29	30 6:30p 8 ball pool	31 5:30p Dinner 6p Karaoke	1 7p Rec Pool League	2 2:30p Euchre 7p 9 ball pool	3 7:30p Women's Darts	4 12p Cribbage tournament 3p Meat spin
5	6	7	8	9	10 Darts	11 8p Meat spin
		Karaoke		9 ball pool		