



ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION FRED GIES BRANCH 50

THE DUGOUT

May June

2024

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**LEST WE
FORGET**

REMEMBER!

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

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



HOURS

Monday 4:00 pm to closing
Tuesday 4:00 pm to closing
Wednesday 4:00 pm to closing
Thursday 2:00 pm to closing
Friday 1:00 pm to closing
Saturday 12:00 pm to closing
Sunday Closed
Subject to change

BRANCH 50 EXECUTIVE

President / Cadet Liason/ Constitution & Laws	Ernie Bremner
1 st Vice President – Security	Michael McKeever
2 nd Vice President – Bar Chair	
Treasurer	Lee Ewart
Branch Secretary & Dugout	Gail Bourhill
Past President / Leadership	Chris Pickering
Membership	Laurie Ryan
Poppy Chair	Lee Ewart
House & Grounds	
Youth Education	Carol Gabriel
Sports	Blaise Boucher
/Seniors Group/ Veterans Services/Entertainment	Rose Costa
Sick & Visiting	Jay Oswald
Bursary / Seniors	Beth Wheatley

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



PRESIDENT REPORT & CONSTITUTION & LAWS & CADET LIASON ERNIE BREMNER

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As this is my last report as Branch 50 president, I would first like to say a huge thank you to the executive, Michael McKeever, Late Jim Fraser, Chris Pickering, Gail Bourhill, Lee Ewart, Beth Wheatley, Laurie Ryan, Cecile Knipfel, Blaise Boucher, Jay Oswald, Rose Costa, Carol Gabriel and late Carl Buder for their hard work all year. You all did a fantastic job. We did make a difference with many changes to make the branch more stable. I have to give out another huge thank you to the bar staff who kept us happy. I can not say enough about the next group of people, our volunteers, who keep the branch running. This can sometimes be a thankless job. I know that I may have missed someone. Please know that I appreciate all of you.

I wish the new executive all the best in 2024/2025.

Yours in comradeship,
Ernie Bremner

1st VICE-PRESIDENT/SECURITY – MICHAEL MCKEEVER

No Report given

PAST PRESIDENT/LEADERSHIP – CHRIS PICKERING

No Report given

TREASURER/POPPY CHAIR – LEE EWART

TREASURER REPORT

Comrades, the nice weather is upon us, and the Branch continues to get busier, hopefully this will lead to higher sales. The branch needs to continue finding ways to increase our sales, while controlling costs. Hope to see you all out and enjoying some spirits on the patio. Thanks to all our amazing volunteers who keep the club running smooth.

POPPY REPORT

I'm pleased to report we had a very successful Poppy Campaign, thanks to everyone who pitched into help. A special thanks to Carol Gabriel for embracing and organizing the Poppy counting. Great job Carol. Wishing everyone a great summer.

SECRETARY/DUGOUT REPORT – GAIL BOURHILL

Thank you to the executives for making this a great year. A special thank you to all the members, the volunteers and our friends, for making this a great year. I'm a proud member of this legion and serving under Ernie Bremner has been a pleasure. Thank you, Ernie.



YOUTH EDUCATION – CAROL GABRIEL

Hi Comrades. Literacy is all done for another year. We had a moderate turnout with 41 winners in total. We had 2 winners at District and 2 winners at C Zone level. I would love to thank all the students that participated in this year's contest and would love welcoming them back next year. I would like to thank Gail Bourhill for driving me around to get all the supplies. I would also like to thank her for writing all the names on the certificates. I would like to thank all the judges who participated in helping me. Hope you all have a wonderful summer. Thank you.

SPORTS – BLAISE BOUCHER

SPORTS

No Report given

VETERANS SERVICES / SENIORS GROUP / ENTERTAINMENT ROSE COSTA

ENTERTAINMENT

Good day Comrades, and guests who attend Branch 50 Legion. I would like to thank everybody for coming out to our bands. The reason why I do not have bands booked is as of June 1st, the new executives will be taking over. I would just like to thank everybody for coming out and supporting our legion, and the success we've had with our bands. And, a special thank you to all of our volunteers, who help me.

BURSARY & SENIORS – BETH WHEATLEY

SENIORS

The spring fling held May 5, 2024, for seniors, was a great time for everyone. There was wonderful music by Kevlin and Joe Tucker. The dance floor was full. The banquet was great, thanks to Darcy Shaw and a friend from Ottawa. I hope to see you all next year. Thanks to all of the volunteers for making the day a success.



MEMBERSHIP – LAURIE RYAN

MEMBERSHIP

Spring is in the air. New life abounds in the animal and vegetation world.

A fantastic group of dedicated volunteers continue to work hard to bring this our Legion to a place, members want to come.

A huge thank you must go out to Wendy Shaw and her helper Darcy Shaw who managed to perform a miracle in our tiny kitchen. We now have a full 6-foot preparation counter and upper and lower cabinets that gives us so much storage space. Thanks to Lee Raymond for donating the paint.

The Health Inspector was in and gave us a great review with no violations. I am very pleased to announce that we have four members who have completed their Food Safety Certification, and these are posted in our kitchen for review.

We will soon have a new executive who will continue to need a fabulous crew of volunteers. Please let us know what you would like to help with.

Membership continues to increase. We have signed up many new members and our member count is currently 367. This is 92.46% of last years total. Still a little way to go.

Long Service Award Certificates were recently presented to members with 20 or more years of service and attend our Honours and Awards banquet. Those who could not attend received theirs by mail.

I would like to wish you all a very enjoyable and safe summer and hope to see you at Branch 50.

PUBLIC RELATIONS / HONORRS & AWARDS– CECILE KNIPFEL

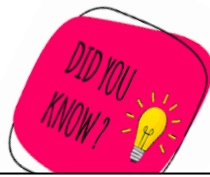
PUBLIC RELATIONS/HONORS & AWARDS

Well, this has been a great year for me as your Public Relations Officer and the Honors ad Awards Officer. Throughout this year I have loved to keep our new Facebook group going with a group membership of over 400, that have joined us from the start date of June 12, 2023. We still grow each week. The website for our Facebook page is

<https://facebook.com/share/FhtLdRFjc8TWSxJ8/?mibextid=A7sQzp>

Our website can be found at <https://rclkitchenerbr50.ca/> It has been an honor to work together to keep this updated with events and happenings. I, as a member of this executive team, have learned a lot about our branch and what we as a team, could make happen, by working together. I would like to thank you all for the help to make this my 1st year, as these 2 executive officers, that I was appointed to and enjoyed. I wish the best for the following team of executives.

**** Remember to be kind to one another, and helpful, where you can. ****



May 4, 1910

Anniversary of the establishment of the Royal Canadian Navy

October 1944 to May 5, 1945

Liberation of the Netherlands

The events of the past have a direct impact on the world we know today. The warm relationship that exists between Canada and the Netherlands can be traced back to difficult days at the end of the 2nd World War when Canada played a key role in liberating the people of the Netherlands.

May 8, 1945

V-E Day

Germany surrendered on May 7, 1945, and the war in Europe ended. The next day, May 8th, is declared V-E (Victory in Europe) Day.

June 6, 1944

80th Anniversary of D-Day

Canadians landed on the beaches of Normandy this date and helped begin the liberation of Western Europe.

Father's Day Word Search



R M T H R S J O L E D O B T W
O E C P M Y U G O J M C N R C
L X S Z E C N X H Q A L K O Q
E R S I M T E E S T F I G P B
M G O I W X R L X Y S F D P V
O S H T F O O A E E V W X U B
D Y G P A R E N T B D K J S V
E H Q T E Y Z B B J R A F K T
L Z B H L N D C P G L A D K D
J W T I A C Y T L O V E T D J
R A M H B A Z L V B I J Z E Y
F A F R H N F A F V O Y I A Q
F I Q Q I H D E F E M U E W L
O D V M R W A I R H D U F A N
N E D F S B M N D F N L F T K

Father
Love
Celebrate
Role Model

Hero
Gifts
Wise
Support

Family
Parent
Daddy
June



1. What country has the highest life expectancy? **Hong Kong**
2. Where would you be if you were standing on the Spanish Steps? **Rome**
3. What is the most common surname in the United States? **Smith**
4. What disease commonly spread on pirate ships? **Scurvy**
5. Who was the Ancient Greek God of the Sun? **Apollo**
6. What was the name of the crime boss who was head of the feared Chicago Outfit? **Al Capone**
7. What year was the United Nations established? **1945**
8. How many minutes are in a full week? **10,080**
9. What car manufacturer had the highest revenue in 2020? **Volkswagen**
10. What company was originally called "Cadabra"? **Amazon**
11. How many faces does a Dodecahedron have? **12**



QUIZ
ANSWERS
QUESTIONS

Answers on page 12



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**



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

Do you have any old yearly service pins? If you do not need them, please return them to the legion. This can save us money. Thank you.

We didn't realize
we were making
memories, we just
knew we were
having fun

**Always on Friday Band
April 6, 2024**



ANNUAL SPRING COMMUNITY - MAY 5, 2024



HONORS & AWARDS APRIL 21, 2024



Join Us



craft & bake sale



STAY TUNED FOR UPCOMING EVENTS.



May 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 7:30 p.m. Women's darts	4 12:00 p.m. Crib tournament 4:00 Meat spin 50/50
5	6 6:30 p.m. 8 ball pool	7 6:00 p.m. Karaoke	8	9 2:00 p.m. Euchre 2:00 p.m. Shuffleboard 7:00 p.m. 9 Ball	10 7:30 p.m. Women's darts	11 4:00 Meat spin 50/50
12 <i>Happy Mother's Day</i>	13 6:30 p.m. 8 ball pool	14 6:00 p.m. Karaoke	15 7:30 p.m. KW Rec league	16 2:00 p.m. Euchre 2:00 p.m. Shuffleboard 2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9 Ball	17 7:30 p.m. Women's darts	18 10:00 a.m. 8 ball pool 4:00 p.m. Meat spin 50/50
19	20 6:30 p.m. 8 ball pool	21 6:00 p.m. Karaoke	22 7:30 p.m. KW Rec league	23 2:00 p.m. Euchre 2:00 p.m. Shuffleboard 7:00 p.m. 9 Ball	24 7:30 p.m. Women's darts	25 12:30 p.m. Progressive Euchre 4:00 p.m. Meat Spin 50/50
26 General Meeting 2:00 p.m.	27 6:30 p.m. 8 ball pool	28 6:00 p.m. Karaoke	29 5:30 p.m. Cigar Club	30 2:00 p.m. Euchre 2:00 Shuffleboard 7:00 p.m. 9 Ball	31 6:30 p.m. Women's darts (BANQUET)	



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16 <i>Happy Father's Day</i>	17 6:30 p.m. 8 ball pool	18 6:00 p.m. Karaoke	19 7:30 p.m. 8 ball	20 2:00 p.m. Euchre 2:00 p.m. Shuffleboard 7:00 p.m. 9 Ball	21	22 9:00 to 2:00 GARAGE SALE 4:00 p.m. Meat Spin 50/50
23 General Meeting 2:00 p.m.	24 6:30 p.m. 8 ball pool <i>ST. JEAN BAPTISTE DAY</i>	25 6:00 p.m. Karaoke	26 5:30 p.m. Cigar Club 8 ball	27 2:00 p.m. Euchre 2:00 p.m. Shuffleboard 7:00 p.m. 9 Ball	29	30 12:30 p.m. Progressive Euchre Meat Spin 50/50



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| 1. Hong Kong | 7. 1945 |
| 2. Rome | 8. 10,080 |
| 3. Smith | 9. Volkswagen |
| 4. Scurvy | 10. Amazon |
| 5. Apollo | 11. 12 |
| 6. Al Capone | |