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Winter 2006

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Comrades at this time as I write this report, we are back into winter; hopefully spring is around the corner.

A lot of things are going on at the branch. As you read our bulletin maybe you will see something of interest. We look forward to **YOU** coming out to support **YOUR** Legion.

I hope everyone remembers there is an election each year. Nominations will be held in April and Elections to take place in May.

Attendance at meetings has been down lately, especially the Executive Meetings. If you are considering running for office or are appointed to the Executive you are expected to attend the meetings. It is a requirement under the By-Laws. It is very sad that we had to cancel the January General meeting because we didn't have a quorum.

Read on to get an idea of what we are doing at your branch.

Yours in comradeship
Ted Scott

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Most of the membership has paid their 2006 dues of \$35.00. There are still a few of you that have not!

For those of you that have not paid yet I am still taking dues.

Dominion Command considers you to no longer be a member in good standing if they have not received your dues by January 26th and you will not receive your Legion Magazine.

Please mail or drop in and pay your dues so we can get things back on track and you will start getting your bulletins and magazine regularly.

There is one more thing. If you have moved please let me know so that I can get your address change to Dominion Command and your mail not be interrupted. I spend a great deal of my time tracking down addresses of those who move and don't notify me.

Yours in comradeship
Pat Sivyer

POPPY

Our Poppy Campaign has once again been most successful, thanks to the generosity and co-operation of the citizens of Beachville, Sweaburg, Foldens and surrounding areas.

Our thanks to all the schools, stores and business people who allowed us to place poppy boxes on their premises. Also thanks to our Veterans, Sea Cadets and members who canvassed the streets of Sweaburg, Beachville and Foldens.

A total of \$7,219.29 was collected and will be held in trust. The funds will be used to assist Veterans and their dependants. We are also considering a donation to the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corp (RCSCC Woodstock) who helped us canvass for last November's Poppy Campaign. We have traditionally donated to the Bursary Fund of the Ontario Command Royal Canadian Legion and Ladies Auxiliary Charitable Foundation.

Yours in comradeship
Betty Scott



**The Royal
Canadian
Legion**

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Every Year is



Year of the Veteran

COMING EVENTS

MARCH

- 7th **General Meeting** 8:00 PM
- 18th **St Patrick's Pub Night**
- 26th **Brunch** - 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- 26th **Horseshoe Tournament**
1:00 PM

APRIL

- 1st **Oxford County Doubles Darts**
- 8th **Veterans Afternoon**
In the planning stages. Please call
to
confirm. Rides will be provided for
those who need them.
- 4th **General Meeting** 8:00 PM
- 19th **Salad Euchre**
Call Branch for Details
- 23rd **Brunch** 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Horseshoe Tournament 1:00 PM

MAY

- 2nd **General Meeting**
Elections
 - 13th **Mid Life Crisis Dart Tournament**
 - 23rd **Executive Meeting** 7:00 PM
*Current & Newly Elected Executive
To Attend*
 - 28th **Brunch** - 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- Last one till September**

JUNE

- 3rd **Bill Schurink Memorial
Horseshoe Tournament**
Tentative – Call to Confirm
- 4th **Annual Church Parade**
Time to be confirmed
- 6th **General Meeting** 8:00 PM
Elections
- 11th **Zone B-2 Annual Family Picnic**
*Everyone Welcome Kids to Seniors
Games for Kids - Bring Lawn Chairs*

Friday Supper

Supper is served at about 6:00 PM
every Friday

Fish and Chips

The Second of Friday each month

Pat's Cabbage Rolls

The Fifth Friday if there is one.

**NOTE: It will be held March 24 instead
of March 31 because the District "B"
Convention is that weekend.**

Chef's Choice

On the remaining Fridays

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PUB NIGHT



March 18

Come on out and bring your friends.

FROM THE BAR

Things are running smoothly at the bar. Unfortunately, we have lost one of our Bartenders. We have hired a new one. Her name is Becky. Please come down welcome her.

Bar Chairperson
Alvina Fordham



2005-2006 EXECUTIVE

PRESIDENT	Ted Scot
PAST PRESIDENT	Ernie Pellow
1st VICE-PRESIDENT	Al Williams
2nd VICE-PRESIDENT	Marg Pellow
SECRETARY	Darlene Graham
TREASURER	Darlene Julian
SGT-AT-ARMS	Betty Scott
SERVICE OFFICER	Bob Sivyer
VETERANS SERVICES/SENIORS	Bob Sivyer
MEMBERSHIP	Pat Sivyer
CANTEEN	Alvina Fordham
NEVADA	Jackie Burwell
WAYS AND MEANS	Darlene Graham Jackie Burwell
PUBLIC RELATIONS	Dee Pellow
POPPY	Betty Scott
HONOURS & AWARDS	Dorothy Brogan
SPORTS	Ken Pellow
BUILDING	Bruce Julian
KITCHEN	Barb O'Connor
CHAPLAIN	Rev. Kent Garrett
SICK & VISITING	Elisabeth Wicks

BUILDING REPORT

As many may have noticed, we have replaced the tables in the auditorium with new 6-foot plastic tables. They are much lighter and hopefully more durable.

We are also in the process of replacing the auditorium chairs; we have 75 new stacking chairs, with another 50 on the way.

It is my pleasure to announce that Ron Martin has joined the "Building Committee"; Ron is an accomplished carpenter and general handyman with the desire to serve his branch. I expected big things from Ron.

I also urge anyone with similar interests to step forward, many hands do make light work and no offers would be refused.

If any member does have ideas how we might improve the overall appearance and/or condition of our Branch, Please share them with me, a building committee member or a member of the executive.

In closing we now have a new bell system for the elevator and it is working very well so if you need to use the elevator please ring and someone will bring the elevator up for you, so you can come and enjoy some comradeship at the branch.

Bruce Julian
Building Chairman

SERGAENT AT ARMS

Comrades, we need members for our Colour Party. Please come out and join us.

There are about a dozen parades a year so it will not take up too much of your time. Please consider becoming a member of the Colour Party.

If you have a blazer hanging up in your closet that has shrunk over the years please bring it down to the branch and see if another comrade may fit into it.

Yours in Comradeship
Betty Scott

THURSDAY NIGHT EUCHRE

We are getting fewer players out this year. We are averaging 11-12 tables. The Branch provided the lunch for our Christmas party, and everyone was quite happy with the selection offered.

Betty & Ellen are again running the Euchre, with Richard selling the tickets for the meat draws. They are proving to be, once again, very popular. Everyone is once again helping with



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the setting up & taking down of the tables & chairs, and putting the clubroom back in order, after each evening of play. This help is greatly appreciated.

If you are free on a Thursday evening, come on out and join us. The Legion bartenders & members are very welcoming & we aim for a fun evening.

P.S. A little household hint from Comrade Ron Funnell—"When it says not to use liquid dishwashing soap in your dishwasher, the manufacturers are serious. Even a small squirt causes havoc in your kitchen."

Yours in comradeship
Ellen Funnell & Betty Scott

SICK AND VISITING

Dear Comrades

Happy 2006. Boy where has the time gone? It's certainly fly's by doesn't it?

I visited Parkwood Hospital in January with some Woodstock Branch 55 members. It was a rewarding experience talking with the veterans; they were so pleased to see us. Perhaps some of our members would like to do the same.

I also visited the sick and delivered plants and fruit baskets to the hospital and their homes. They were pleased to see me and appreciated the visits very much.

I also visit many widows and Veterans in their homes and have tea and a nice chat with them on a regular bases. Please let us know if you or anyone you know is ill or having surgery call the Branch at 423-6363. I will then call you and set up a time when I can come visit with you.

Yours in Comradeship
Elisabeth Wicks

SPORTS

Thursday Night Horseshoes will be starting up again when weather permits. We are hoping for early April.

Ken Pellow
Sports Officer

**** ATTENTION VETERANS ****

SERVICE OFFICER

Benefits from Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC)

There are many Veterans who are members of the Branch that I have had little or no contact with over the last few years. I hope that changes!

You may not think that you are in need of any assistance but you should also think that you may leave behind a wife or husband who's income will be drastically reduced if you were to die first. You have made great sacrifices on behalf of your government, the people of Canada and the Peace of the world.

Most of you were exposed to loud noises during your service, which could have resulted in hearing loss. It could have been explosions, guns, loud engine noises, it really doesn't matter. Something as little as that could qualify you for benefits such as the Veterans Independence Program. If you are having problems maintaining your home, problems like shoveling snow, cutting your lawn or keeping your house clean you would get financial help to have these things done for you. These benefits carry on for your spouse. They also carry on if you should decide to give up your home and enter a retirement home.

Legion Service is not just for Legion members. You may have friends who are Veterans who



do need help and are not Legion members. We provide help to all Veterans. Have them give me a call.

Your personal information will be held in the strictest confidence unless you tell me otherwise. The best thing you can do is tell your Comrades. They may need help too.

Year of the Veteran

You will note in the top right corner of each page of this bulletin that we highly respect you. 2005 was declared year of the Veteran by the Government of Canada. We, at Beachville Branch 495, "Declare that every year is Year of the Veteran."

Veterans Afternoon

You may have noticed in the Coming Events Section that we will be holding a Veterans Afternoon. This is a chance to come and visit with other Veterans, enjoy some lunch and have a bit of fun. Those who attended last time have asked that we hold them regularly. Bring you spouse, bring your family! This is your afternoon. We will open at 1:00 PM and you are welcome to stay as long as you want. Lunch will be provided late afternoon.

Canadian Forces Veterans and Still Serving Members

The Government of Canada has passed a new Veterans Charter that may apply to you. It comes into effect April 1, 2006. Give me a call and I will refer you to the right people.

Bob Sivyer
Branch Service Officer (485)-5050

