



# THE DUGOUT

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- **Upcoming Zone Sports**
- **We will remember them**
- **A little bit of humor**

## WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

**Total Canadian casualties to date:  
153**

**(includes one Canadian serving in U.S. Military)**

**Plus One Diplomat, a Journalist and Two Aid Workers.**

## PRESIDENTS REPORT—Peter Gardiner

### Good day fellow Comrades;

Branch 50 is again having its ups downs which is quite common over the years so I have been told by past Presidents.

We will adapt and overcome our problems as we have in the past; with the help of good Comrades who have stepped up to help the Branch they care about and know that it is one of the best in the area.

Remember elections will be here in three months, so start picking your candidates that you want very carefully so we can make this branch the best in Ontario, it could be very easily done, but remember this is a Legion and must abide by Legion Rules at All Times:

Always yours in Comradeship,

Peter Gardiner

President



**LEST WE FORGET**

**REMEMBER !**

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

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

**SPECIAL NOTE  
THE APRIL  
GENERAL  
MEETING WILL  
BE HELD  
ON APRIL 17TH  
DUE TO EASTER  
SUNDAY FALLING  
ON THE 24TH**



**1ST VICE PRESIDENT—Jean Davidson**

The Royal Canadian Legion was formed tin 1925. Our Branch 50 was formed in 1926 to help all veterans and their families. We are entering into our 85<sup>th</sup> year.. It is time to get back to why we are here. January 29<sup>th</sup> was the Youth Public speaking. It was a pleasure to be part of this. The students all did a good job getting up and speaking before all the people there. Great Job students!

The BAR sales for January are \$28, 943.00 for wine, beer & liquor.

Inventory is \$8,681.63..

We have been asked to try a new cider. . It is a tall can and they will supply glasses for it.. It sells for \$4.25. There is also a new premium Rye. Please try these and let us know how you like them.

**SENIORS**

The Seniors next meeting is March 13, 2011. We are having entertainment by “ Randy & Friends”, a ventriloquist/impressionist.. A pot luck supper is to be provided by members whose last names begin A-L.

**Branch 50 Executive at Large**

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Padre (Catholic)          | Father Terry McGuire       |
| Padre (Protestant)        | Pastor Bill Schafer        |
| Padre (Protestant)        | Maj. Dale Pilgram          |
| Sergeant At Arms          | Ed Gorniak                 |
| Membership                | Jean Davidson/Gwenn Kirton |
| Poppy Campaign Chairman   | Vince McQuabbie            |
| Youth Education           | Al Hohner                  |
| Public Relations          | Alfred Ash                 |
| Track and Field           | Al Hohner                  |
| T.O.D. / Bursary          | Jean Davidson              |
| Seniors                   | Jean Davidson              |
| Veteran Services          | Dave Davidson              |
| Sports                    | Don Walter                 |
| Entertainment             | Laurie Tomlinson           |
| Sick and Visiting         | Sarah Jane Dick            |
| Ways and Means            | Norma Ash                  |
| House and Building        | Gord Tomlinson             |
| Honours and Awards/Dugout |                            |
| Kitchen                   | Klaus/Norma and Volunteers |

**UPCOMING  
Special Events  
Melody Train  
March 26,2011  
5:30pm**

**Hamilton Legion  
Joins us for  
Euchre  
Apr 30,2011  
12pm**

**Check the website  
calendar for all up  
coming events**

**General Meetings are the fourth Sunday of each month except July, August and December and begin promptly at 2 p.m. Come out and take an active roll in your branch.**

My term of office as President of Branch 50 was laced with many events which I will try to block out of my memory bank.

When my term as President of the Branch ended I thought that perhaps life would become easier.

How wrong I was.

On my installation as Past President: The Installing Officer called me by name and said , “ I take this opportunity to express the thanks of your comrades for your contribution to the progress of the branch through your leadership during your term as President” He further continued.

“You have accumulated experience which will be invaluable to you successors. I therefore charge you with continuing responsibility toward your Branch and the officers who are now entrusted with its affairs.

One can only advise when those in command will listen. This past two years have been exhausting and stressful ,for a person who is approaching eighty years OLD.

**I ASSUME THAT YOU GET THE PICTURE, THAT I'M NOT A HAPPY CAMPER.**

I will close my report by quoting page 2 of the Rules of Procedure for Legion Meetings.

Which states:

*f. Parliamentary law is common sense used in a gracious manner and the four basic principles are:*

- i. courtesy and justice for all;*
- ii. consider one thing at a time;*
- iii. the minority must be heard: and*
- iv. the majority must prevail*

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## WAYS AND MEANS –NORMA ASH

### THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTS THE FEBRUARY FIGURES

BUILDING FUND \$292.00

APPRECIATION DAYS \$898.00

EQUIPMENT \$183.00

FEBRUARY TOTAL \$1373.00

## ENTERTAINMENT –LAURIE TOMLINSON

March 1st and 8th Recollection Karaoke 7-11 pm

March 15th and 22nd Gemstone Karaoke 7-11pm

Entertainment Melody Train

Sat, Mar 26

5:30pm

The last two weeks have been great, the atmosphere has improved as noticed by many members. Following the general meeting we will have entertainment, and try some new things.

LAURIE

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The best relationship is not the one that brings together perfect people, but when each individual learns to live with the imperfections of others and can admire the other person's good qualities.

Let 's make 2011 the year that harmony and comradeship returns to our Legion.

Be kind, be compassionate and above all be a good Legion Member.

## 2ND VICE PRESIDENT, PRO—Alf Ash

I have been informed by the Legion Magazine that the 65 year awards that were given out last year will be in the Legion Magazine (March-April and May-June) editions.

So please look up the Honors and Awards page in these editions.

We had a very good turn out for the Public Speaking Contest held on Sunday February 20<sup>th</sup> 2011, all the winners' pictures are on the Branch # 50 Website, CTV was also there to tape some of the students speaking.

Alf Ash

## TREASURES REPORT - CHRIS PICKERING

Greetings Comrades, It has been a while since I last wrote in the Dugout, with all the negativity the branch seems to generate amongst the members I do not see the need for me to comment on anything unless it is of a positive nature, that being said I will try to keep this report upbeat.

The financial audit conducted by Comrade Peter Whiteall and his team is complete and he will comment on that at the General Meeting on Sunday 27th February, many thanks to Peter for all the time he and the team have given in bringing this audit to fruition.

As expected our account has been depleted by lawyers bills dealing with NWEPH, hopefully the expense from this action is winding down and we look forward to starting the new financial year by putting all of this behind us and moving on, with a new Executive, new ideas on boosting our income and a new attitude between ourselves, you can't say I am not an optimist.

It has been a hard few months trying to come to terms with having our Accountant quit one month before year end and in trying to adopt our own in house book keeping system meant going back a whole year and starting over and I would be remiss if I did not thank our office manager Darlene for her patience in dealing with this and also helping Peter dig out all the information he needed for his report.

So Comrades I urge you all to take an active part in the running off the Branch, don't settle for the status quo, attend the general meetings and let your voice and vote be heard.

In Comradeship,

Chris Pickering

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## TRACK AND FIELD –AL HOHNER

### TRACK & FIELD:

We have had a fantastic year, with several youth sponsored by Branch #50, receiving several medals and awards and even breaking records at several of the meets.

We congratulate them all and wish them the best in the future.

### YOUTH EDUCATION:

**Poster & Literary Competition:** There were lots of entries, which were judged and went onto zone. There was one junior color poster, which even made it to the Dominion level.

Again.!!! Congratulations to all the students who participated and a big thanks !!!! to all the judges from that day.

### **Public Speaking Competition:**

Held Sunday, February 20th, starting at about 10:00 A.M. and ended a little after 4:00 P.M. with the final awards being presented.

We had a 'full house' of youth and parents. There were 51 speakers from the four levels, grades 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10++ . Grades 4-6 had the largest competition.

Awards were handed out to the first four at each level. The first place only, goes on to zone competition March 5 in Hespeler. Congratulations to all participants.!!!

A lunch was also provided. THANKS TO ALL

I would like to thank Deanna, for all her work in getting this going and working through.

I would like to thank ALL judges, timekeepers, scrutineers and ALL OTHERS who made this the great success it was.!!

I would like to thank Rheta Campbell (Zone Commander - Youth Ed.)for attending.

In the past year, working in the above fields, I have come across a lot of talented youth and wish them all the best in the future.

AL HOHNER

**Chair**

## WATERLOO REGION RECORD

**Keep an eye on The Record's weekly entertainment guide, and the Branch website for schedule updates.**

### **F.Y.I.**

Resolution VSS1 was passed at the 38th Dominion Convention of The Royal Canadian Legion in Halifax in 2000. So as there is no confusion over the definition of a veteran for Legion purposes the text of the Resolution as passed is reproduced here for your information.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the definition of a veteran for the purposes of The Royal Canadian Legion be as follows:

"A veteran is any person who is serving or who has honourably served in the Armed Forces of Canada, the Commonwealth or its wartime allies; or who has served in the Merchant Navy or Ferry Command during wartime."

## KITCHEN REPORT –NORMA ASH

**DROP IN FOR  
FUN & GAMES AT  
THE BRANCH**

KITCHEN Report from FEB 13

PURCHASES \$1519.85

SALES TO DATE: \$847.00

Tuesday Karaoke Entertainment cost \$325.00

Please note: The Cupboard was bare, there has been a number of meat items purchased for future upcoming events, hence the large price in purchases.

The Legion also needed to purchase a couple of kitchen equipment items.

**DINNER AND  
KARAOKE EVERY  
TUESDAY NIGHT**

On a happier note spring is just around the corner and our volunteers will be starting the Tuesday BBQ at the beginning of April, weather permitting.

Thanks to the Volunteers: Gwenn, Margie, Jean, Raymonde, Linda, Barbara Lynn, Rose, Klaus, Barb, Jerry.

**8 BALL POOL  
LEAGUE ON  
MONDAY NIGHTS**

These Members stepped up to the plate to help with the Legion food events for the following.

**SENIOR DARTS  
TUESDAY  
AFTERNOONS**

Bar Sandwiches.

Public Speaking.

Tuesday Dinners.

**SHUFFLEBOARD  
TUESDAY  
AFTERNOONS**

Trinity Village.

Police Dinner.

General Meeting.

**EUCHRE THURSDAY  
AFTERNOONS**

This is my February report.

**SOLO FRIDAY  
AFTERNOONS**

Norma Ash.

**LADIES DARTS  
FRIDAY EVENINGS**

**CRIBBAGE TOUR-  
NAMENTS FIRST  
SATURDAY OF  
EACH MONTH**

**Did you know that Branch 50 is a private club and as such, the outer doors are to be closed at all times. As a member you can purchase a key from the bar staff and therefore enjoy the convenience of entering the building without buzzing to get in. The gate off the patio is also to remain bolted at all times unless it is needed for special deliveries. The patio is governed by our liquor license and is to be entered only through the door inside the legion.**

## SPORTS—DON WALTER

**Congratulations to Dennis McArdle, Steve Bradley, Joe and Nick Vinski as they are advancing to District 8 Ball Pool. To be held in Dundalk on May 14<sup>th</sup> 2011.**


Also Congratulations to Larry Lieska, Chris Lesperance, Tim Davidson and Charlie Neumann as they are advancing to District Shuffleboard in Elora on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Congratulations to our Men's Regular 5 pin bowling team who placed second and will now advance to Provincial finals in April.

Good Luck Guys!

### Up Coming Events.

- Crib Tournament- March 5<sup>th</sup> 2011
- Social Darts- March 19<sup>th</sup> 2011
- Crib Tournament- April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011
- Euchre- Hamilton- April 30<sup>th</sup> 2011



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**Please continue** Contributing items for the Veterans at Parkwood Veterans Hospital.

They can use tooth paste, denture cleaning products, shaving cream, razors, etc.

This event is done every year, so please be generous and make the Veterans Happy this year.

There are approx 230 Veterans in this Hospital.

At this time we have 18 lady Veterans at

Parkwood.

We have a collection box set up inside the Legion

**Alf Ash**



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## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

### LEADERSHIP

**A competent leader can get efficient service from poor troops, while on the contrary an incapable leader can demoralize the best of troops.**

## FROM THE EDITOR –ALF ASH

I received this request from a teacher at a Kitchener High School, please let me know if you can help her to find these Veterans.

Good morning. My name is Lauraleen Reoch and I am a teacher at Huron Heights Secondary School in Kitchener. I am interested in having a WWII veteran speak with a class relative to his/her experiences during this historical event. Dates that I am looking at are Monday, April 11; Wednesday, April 13; Tuesday, April 19 and Thursday, April 21. Are there any members who had served during the Cold War? If so, I am interested in having an individual who served during this period speak (dates that I'm looking at for this include Wednesday, May 25; Friday, May 27; Tuesday, May 31; Thursday, June 2). Please advise at your earliest convenience at lauraleen\_reoch@wrdsb.on.ca Thank you for your assistance.

Special Thanks go out to Trevor German for all the work he does on the Legion Website ([www.rclbr50.ca](http://www.rclbr50.ca))

He does a lot of work behind the scenes that many members do not know about, like posting the General Meeting Minutes and the Executive Meeting minutes, and keeping the Afghanistan Soldiers information up to date, believe me that is a major task. I receive mail from some Legions when this information is outdated, because they rely on this information to keep their site up to date. Thanks and I hope he continues working on our Branch # 50 Legion Site.

Another Special Thank You goes out to Darlene Davidson for all the work she puts into The Dugout every 2 months, she gets the final draft ready for the printer, then sends the finished product out to the Veterans by mail and gets enough copies printed for the other members to read. This is in addition to being the Office Administrator looking after all the Branch Member Needs and requests.

Thanks to both of you for a job well done, and we the members appreciate it.

## PLEASE SEND MY DUGOUT VIA E-MAIL



Name: (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Membership # : \_\_\_\_\_

Please E-Mail to \_\_\_\_\_

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# BRANCH 50 LEGION EVENTS IN MARCH 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Mar 1	Mar 2	Mar 3	Mar 4	Mar 5
		1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	7pm - Cribbage League 7:15pm - K-W Shuffleboard League	1pm - Euchre 7pm - 9 Ball Pool	1pm - Solo 8pm - Ladies Darts	12pm - Mixed Cribbage
Mar 6	Mar 7	Mar 8	Mar 9	Mar 10	Mar 11	Mar 12
	6:30pm - Mixed Social Pool	1pm - Shuffleboard 1pm - Seniors Darts 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke		1pm - Euchre 7pm - 9 Ball Pool	1pm - Solo 8pm - Ladies Darts	10am - Executive Meeting
Mar 13	Mar 14	Mar 15	Mar 16	Mar 17	Mar 18	Mar 19
2pm - Seniors Meeting	6:30pm - Mixed Social Pool 8pm - K-W Darts	1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	7:15pm - K-W Shuffleboard League	1pm - Euchre 7pm - 9 Ball Pool	1pm - Solo 8pm - Ladies Darts	11am - Social Darts
Mar 20	Mar 21	Mar 22	Mar 23	Mar 24	Mar 25	Mar 26
	6:30pm - Mixed Social Pool	1pm - Shuffleboard 1pm - Seniors Darts 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	7:15pm - K-W Shuffleboard League	1pm - Euchre 7pm - 9 Ball Pool	1pm - Solo 8pm - Ladies Darts	5:30pm - Entertainment- Melody Train
Mar 27	Mar 28	Mar 29	Mar 30	Mar 31		
2pm - General Meeting	6:30pm - Mixed Social Pool 8pm - K-W Darts	1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke		1pm - Euchre 6:30pm - Police Dinner 7pm - 9 Ball Pool		



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## BRANCH 50 LEGION EVENTS IN APRIL 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>Apr 1</b>	<b>Apr 2</b>
					1pm - Solo 8pm - Ladies Darts	12pm - Mixed Cribbage
<b>Apr 3</b>	<b>Apr 4</b>	<b>Apr 5</b>	<b>Apr 6</b>	<b>Apr 7</b>	<b>Apr 8</b>	<b>Apr 9</b>
	6:30pm - Mixed Social Pool	1pm - Shuffleboard 1pm - Seniors Darts 5:30pm Dinner & Karaoke		1pm - Euchre 7pm - 9 Ball Pool	1pm - Solo 8pm - Ladies Darts	6pm - K-W Cribbage Dinner
<b>Apr 10</b>	<b>Apr 11</b>	<b>Apr 12</b>	<b>Apr 13</b>	<b>Apr 14</b>	<b>Apr 15</b>	<b>Apr 16</b>
2pm - Seniors Meeting	6:30pm - Mixed Social Pool	1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke		1pm - Euchre 7pm - 9 Ball Pool	1pm - Solo 8pm - Ladies Darts	10am - Executive Meeting 8pm - Party-Open(Hinschberger)
<b>Apr 17</b>	<b>Apr 18</b>	<b>Apr 19</b>	<b>Apr 20</b>	<b>Apr 21</b>	<b>Apr 22</b>	<b>Apr 23</b>
2pm - General Meeting	6:30pm - Mixed Social Pool	1pm - Shuffleboard 1pm - Seniors Darts 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke		1pm - Euchre 7pm - 9 Ball Pool	- Hours 1 to 7pm	
<b>Apr 24</b>	<b>Apr 25</b>	<b>Apr 26</b>	<b>Apr 27</b>	<b>Apr 28</b>	<b>Apr 29</b>	<b>Apr 30</b>
	- Hours 1 to 7pm	1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke		1pm - Euchre 6:30pm - Police Dinner 7pm - 9 Ball Pool	1pm - Solo 8pm - Ladies Darts	12pm - Hamilton 8pm - Party-Open(Chris)