



THE DUGOUT

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Presidents Report, Dave Davidson

It barely seems two months have passed since the last issue of the DUGOUT.

I have had quite an eventful summer, starting with the Dominion Convention, and from which I have not completely recovered, or perhaps it is because I have been involved in the organizing of the Korea Veterans National Convention which is being held here in Kitchener from the 11 to 14 September 2008. There is a saying many hands make light work, and in the case of the KVA convention there are very few who wish to pitch in and help. This seems to be the trend in most organizations, only a couple or a few do the work while the remainder seem to think their job is to sit back and question every move that has been made.

As usual the summer is the slow period of the year, we have had more than our fair share of rain and although it is good for the grass and flowers it keeps people off the patio.

The antique car show on the 24 August was very successful, Marguerite McNeelands our hard working kitchen coordinator, chief cook etc. tells me the sale of hamburgers alone was humongous, watch out

Harvey's and McDonald's we are after you and our prices are much better. The legion depends on bar sales to survive and I encourage all members to visit the branch. If you don't drink have a soft drink, but come in and support your branch .

It was nice to see Trevor German's brother from Scotland visit with Trevor. Trevor took a few days holidays to show him the high lights of Trevor's adopted country.

The branch purchased a new or should I say newer juke box, and it seems to be doing well. Donations made to the Branch in memory of Ron Cuthbert went towards the purchase and it is almost paid for already. A plaque in memory of Ron will be place on the juke box. Ron was a great supporter of the branch and set an example other could follow.

Yours in Comradeship
David Davidson

PLEASE
remember to put
your gum and
cigarette ends in
the containers
supplied when
your out on the
patio. Recently
we found gum
on the floor and
it's a hard thing
to wash off the
concrete, and
again we found
cigarette ends
lying around the
patio.

Please use the
containers for
disposal, and
please make
your guests
aware of these
requirements.



Treasurer's Report. Jim Fraser

Summer is quickly coming to a close, and we are again looking forward to the many Fall programmes beginning again.

During the summer months, the Holidays seem to peck away at our attendance and we experience a decline in income so we took forward to gaining back any summertime losses.

We have a membership hovering around 700, but we don't seem to see a lot of those faces and it sure would be nice if they were to drop in and say "Hello".

There are a great many activities being conducted in the Branch, such as

- Monday Night Pool, Men's Dart League,
- Tuesday afternoon Shuffleboard,
- Tuesday evening Barbeque,

- Wednesday evening shuffleboard/ cribbage (League play),
- Thursday afternoon Euchre,
- Red Friday "Support our Troops"
 - The weekend Saturday "Meat Draw" plus
- the entertainment that occurs on a regular basis either Saturday or Sunday (sometimes both days).

As you can see, there is a lot to offer our members, but if you are looking for a programme we don't provide, please present your ideas to any of our Executive

so we can research and possibly incorporate your ideas into our activities.

I will conclude this short message by saying "Welcome Back from the Summer Break" and we look forward to seeing each and everyone of you back at Branch 50 this Fall.

The Poppy Campaign, Mike Fenton

Poppy meeting and dinner October 2, 2008 starting at 5p.m. Please sign up at the branch, sheet is on the bulletin board.

Charlie Powell is ready and waiting for you. All routes have been re-done and we have 8 total. Last year went amazingly well and you all pulled together to help. Thank you

This year we have another challenge and that is crossing the financial bridge. We collected more last year than the year before-but I think we can beat last year by at least \$10,000-WOW

We need to look after the routes, we need taggers, counters and all sorts of assistance. The Cadets have

been primed and we should have more out tagging than last year. We need drivers to take them out and pick them up. This was a small problem last year, so please help. A notice of when they are going out and time will be posted.

Also we are going to try something in addition and I think it will work. I need members to address envelopes for a mail out to the corporate and individuals. Trevor German our Web Site Master has done a great job in it's creation and it will go over well. So please remember to sign up on the board, or talk to me

P.S. Our poppy fund is now \$100.00

I need your support, Thank you.

A Word From The First Vice-President, Mike Fenton

As First Vice I have attended three meetings and have had numerous discussions re-Branches health & prosperity. Most of which will come

out at the general meeting in Sept. A strange summer, but lets have an Indian summer so your tomatoes can ripen.

A Word From The Second Vice-President. Gord Ross

Hello comrades,

Hope this finds all in good health, summer has been a bit damp, but I guess we all saved a few dollars not having to water the lawns and gardens.

Our bar sales are down a bit last month, please allow me to blame this on summer months, people at their cottage and trailers. I see the regular crowd in, but it would be nice to see

the not so regular crowd in too.

I'm typing this right after the cruise night we had at the branch, along with the car club red line rebels.

It was our first time and i believe everything went really well.

A big thank you goes out to all the people leading up to the day, and those who helped out the day of the cruise night, thank you.

Car Show a Great Success

The car show raised over \$600 for the Afghan Veterans Fund thanks to everyone who took part in this 50/50 draw.

The following are names of the winners at this event.

Ladies Choice- Rick Ertel # 34 1970 Chevelle, Best Paint- Carl Doerner #28 1966 Nova, Legion Pick- Gary Hertsberger#9 1940 Ford Pickup, Club Choice- Grant Barkkay #38 1937 Ford Pickup, Hotwheels Winner - NASH

Silent Auction;

Drill - T Knoll \$70, Crystal-Larry Westfall \$70, Tims- Donna Landry \$45

We would like to thank 'Red Line Rebels Car Club' for putting on this event, and we hope that they will continue to put on another event for next year. Also a big thanks to Gord / Peter / Mark, and to the many Volunteers that helped make this event happen.

Honours and Awards, Jean Davidson

Everything is proceeding in preparation for the honours & awards ceremony on September 18th ,2008 at 7:00pm. The invitations will go out at the end of august.

If you don't receive one and think you should be getting a service pin, please let office (Debbie) know.



The Proceeds of the Poppy Drive assist everyone in the community.

The Poppy House has a sock of walkers, canes, crutches, wheel chairs etc.

For more information Call the Branch Office at 519-745-5101



Honours and Awards

**SPECIAL
EVENT
NEEDS
VOLUNTEERS**

PRO, Alf Ash

We Will Remember Them

Cyril Tait 18th August
 Ron Cuthbert 14th July
 Jim Chamberline 8th July
 Griffin 'Bill' Johnson 4th July

SPECIAL EVENT
 Sunday Sept 7th 2008,
 New Hamburg - Support our
 troops banner raising

From 3pm to 5pm.
 At the Wilmot Rec-centre.
 Please plan to attend.

From the Office, Debbie Springall

Thanks to all who have filed their expense reports in an efficient manner, it is appreciated.

Just a reminder if any changes are needed to the branch event postings, please have them done through the office.

**2009 Cards Now
Available.**

Membership, Marguerite McNeelands

The membership cards are all signed, and will be available at the bar starting Thursday August 14th 2008.

\$45.00 for members. If a member has been a member at branch # 50 for 15 years, and is 65 years of age the dues are \$40.00.

Free membership will be paid for WW1 & WW2 & Korean vets,

If you they have been a member before February, 2007.

We still have a few members to initiate.

"\$1,249 profit"

Kitchen News, Marguerite McNeelands

During Money spent on food from June 17th to August 5th 2008 was \$740.00. This also covered the purchase of meat for other functions for August and September.

Money brought in from sales of food was \$1,989.00.

Profit was a total \$1,249.00.

Seniors, Jean Davidson

The seniors next meeting is September 14/08 at 2:00pm. There will be a guest speaker and supper will be in the form of a BBQ. If anyone wishes to bring a salad or dessert, it will be ap-

preciated.

The seniors voted to increase their fees to \$ 2. Per meeting starting in September. Anyone 55 and over is invited to attend.

Ways & Means, Louis Kuntz

Donations	\$525.00 (Ron Cuthbert)
Pop cans	\$53.32
BBQ 50/50	\$87.50
Penny jar	\$10.00
Zehrs tapes	\$354.57
Meat draws	\$926.00
Shuffleboard	\$128.50
Jukebox	\$80.00
Pool table	\$80.00
Totals	\$2,244.89



Sports, Raymonde Hachey

The Senior darts starts Sept 9th 2008 at 1pm

Ladies darts teams start Sept 19th 2008. At 8pm.

Ladies darts starts Sept 5th 2008 at 8pm (fun night)



Track & Field

Sick & Visiting, Norma Ash

I am very glad to report that there was only 2 people that had day surgery, they are both well.

Henry Mackenzie ww11 veteran has left Freeport hospital and is now a resident of a retirement home.

Entertainment, Norma Ash

I am busy getting into this new position, and checking out different ideas.

I thank Mike Fenton for his hard work on booking the entertainment for some of the upcoming dances.

I am looking at getting some new groups to entertain us in the new year hopefully our members/ friends will enjoy their time at the legion during

the fall and the long winter months.

There are theme nights planned for the remainder of this year with new venues starting in October for a Thursday fun day with food provided, check the table tops for info on upcoming events or the webpage.

That's all for now, lets have fun.

**Theme Nights
Included In
Fall
Entertainment
Schedule**

The Sergeant At Arms Needs You, Ed Gorniak

Upcoming Parades and Dress Events:

- Sept TBD **Battle Of Britain Parade**
(All colour Party that wishes to attend)
- Sept 13 **Tri-Branch Warriors Day Parade**
(All colour Party that wishes to attend)
- Sept 14 **Korean Veterans Association, Veterans Green**
(All colour Party that wishes to attend)
- Sep 18, 7:00 pm **Honours And Awards Ceremony, Branch 50**
- Nov 11 **Remembrance Day—90 YEARS**



***The Colour Party is ALWAYS looking for members to join their ranks.**

KW Legions Win Colour Party Trophy

Members of Waterloo Brach 530 joined ranks with members from Kitchener Branch 50 yesterday to take part in the Colour Party competition at the Cambridge Highland games.

We are proud to announce that the party, led by Branch 50's Sergeant at Arms, Ed Gorniak, were presented with first place for their efforts.

This event is a milestone for the colour party who have been practicing extensively at both Branches on Thursday evenings under the very capable instruction of Ed Gorniak.

Well done comrades.



KW Men's Cribbage league, Jim Fraser

The K.W. Men's Cribbage League will commence Wednesday, September 3rd, 2008 with the Memorial Cup being played at Branch 50 at 7.00PM.

Branch 50 sponsors 4 Cribbage Teams and the Captains are always looking for players, either on a regular basis or as spares.

If you are interested in playing, please contact either Peter Gardiner,

Herb Hannah, Steve Gumming or Jim Fraser.

We know you will enjoy the League which travels between the K.W. Naval Veterans, Army, Navy Air Force, and the Waterloo. Polish, Kitchener and Preston Legions each Wednesday until spring.

Come out and enjoy the fellowship and challenge.

Jim Fraser, League President



Cheque Presentation



A cheque for \$9,900 was presented recently by The Royal Canadian Legion, Ontario Command at Branch #50 (Fred Gies) Kitchener, to Grand River Hospital.

Present for this presentation were Dave Davidson President Branch # 50 (Fred Gies) Kitchener, Mark Wal-mack Grand River Hospital, and Peter Gates Zone Commander C2.

John Renwick Memorial Golf Tournament

The annual John Renwick Golf Tournament was held on Saturday 23rd of August and a good time was had by all in the sun.

Congratulation to the winners Peter Whitehall and Dennis McArdle.



Children's Christmas Party Deadline

If you have not already registered your little darlings for the Christmas party the deadline is September.

NOTE THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO ADDITIONS TO THE LIST AFTER THE SIGN-UP DATE.

All children up to and including the age of 12 (infants too) are eligible.

The cost is the same as last year - \$5.00 per child to a maximum of \$15.00 (if you have 4 or more children to register, the price is \$15.00).

Don't let your little one's be disappointed.



CHARITY DRIVE

Branch 50 will be conducting a Charity Drive on Saturday, October 4th, 2008 for St. Vincent De Paul.

A truck will be parked at the rear of the Branch between 11:00AM and 2:00PM for you to place used clothing or household goods. Canned food and dry goods are also welcome.

Let us show our Community how generous we can be...

WATERLOO REGION RECORD

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

Editors Note, Alf Ash

We have a few things lined up for the following months, and i hope that the members will like it and will participate in these events.

We have darts evening and afternoon, we have shuffleboard, pool, and euchre.

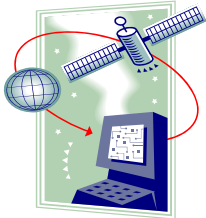
For those members who just want to sit and enjoy themselves we have good music coming your way, remember we now have a juke box for you to play.

So please invite your friends out for some fun at your branch.

We also have some VHS videos/ books available, these can be borrowed and should be returned when your finished.

We would also like to start a DVD library, if you have any DVD's please consider donating them to branch # 50, so we can allow other members to borrow them.

Is sad to say at this time of year but we may end up with some snow one day, we can cuddle up and enjoy these VHS and DVD movies in the winter months.



Don't Forget To Visit Us On-Line, Trevor German

Remember, Brach 50 has its own website at <http://www.rclbr50.ca>

The daily news section and the cor-

responding printed WEBNEWS were on hiatus for a few weeks during the summer due to the web staff (me) being on vacation

OOPS

Due to a typographical error in the last edition of the Dugout our illustrious 2nd Vice President was accidentally elevated to the rank of Deity.

We apologize for this error. Since Gord is one heck of a guy, we are confident that any blessings received from him are probably still good.



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










































Branch 50 Executive

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
























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BRANCH 50 LEGION EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Sep 1	Sep 2	Sep 3	Sep 4	Sep 5	Sep 6
		 1pm - Shuffleboard  5:30pm - BBQ  7pm - Karaoke	 7pm - Memorial Cup Cribbage League.	 1:30pm - Euchre	 7pm - Horse Collar  8pm - Ladies Darts Fun Night	 4pm - Grocery Day  8pm - Private Party/ Closed to Members
Sep 7	Sep 8	Sep 9	Sep 10	Sep 11	Sep 12	Sep 13
 3pm - 5pm - New Hamburg Support Our Troops Banner Raising	 6:30pm - Monday Night Pool Begins	 1pm - Shuffleboard  1pm - Senior Darts Starts  5:30pm - BBQ  7pm - Karaoke	 7pm - Fun Shuffleboard Ends - Hilda Dietrich Memorial	 1:30pm - Euchre  8pm - Private Party- Cris T- Closed to Members.	 6pm - Horse Collar- Final Party Night  8pm - Ladies Darts - Sign-Up	 10am - Baseball Tournament  4pm - Grocery Day  4pm - 8pm - Hawai'i theme night
Sep 14	Sep 15	Sep 16	Sep 17	Sep 18	Sep 19	Sep 20
 2pm - Seniors Meeting.	 6:30pm - Monday Night Pool	 1pm - Shuffleboard  5:30pm - BBQ.  7pm - Karaoke		 1:30pm - Euchre  7pm - Legion Awards Ceremony	 8pm - Ladies Darts Starts	 4pm - Grocery Day.  5pm - Pig Roast - Chef Klaus
Sep 21	Sep 22	Sep 23	Sep 24	Sep 25	Sep 26	Sep 27
 3pm - 7pm - Music with Kent Tocher-(Spaghetti Dinner.)	 6:30pm - Monday Night Pool	 1pm - Shuffleboard  5:30pm - BBQ  7pm - Karaoke		 1:30pm - Euchre	 8pm - Ladies Darts-Friday Night	 4pm - Grocery Day  7pm - Private Party- Bonnie- Closed to members
Sep 28	Sep 29	Sep 30				
 2pm - General meeting	 6:30pm - Monday Night Pool  6:30pm - Retired Waterloo Regional Police Dinner	 1pm - Shuffleboard  5:30pm - BBQ  7pm - Karaoke				

BRANCH 50 LEGION EVENTS IN OCTOBER 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Oct 1	Oct 2	Oct 3	Oct 4
				 1:30pm - Euchre  5pm - Poppy Find - Dinner Meeting	 8pm - Friday Night Ladies Darts	 11am - 2pm - Charity Drive-Pick-up  12pm - Crib  4pm - Gocery Day
Oct 5	Oct 6	Oct 7	Oct 8	Oct 9	Oct 10	Oct 11
	 6:30pm - Pool Night-Monday Night	 1pm - Shuffleboard  5:30pm - BBQ  7pm - Karaoke	 3pm - 8pm - Birthday Party.	 1:30pm - Euchre	 8pm - Friday Night Ladies Darts	 4pm - Grocey Day  4pm - 9pm - Octoberfest Theme Night- Saturday Night
Oct 12	Oct 13	Oct 14	Oct 15	Oct 16	Oct 17	Oct 18
	 11am - Parade Day-Thanksgiving Day .  6:30pm - Monday Night Pool	 1pm - Shuffleboard  5:30pm - BBQ  7pm - Karaoke		 1:30pm - Euchre  5pm - 8pm - Pub Night-(Wings, Finger Foods) Music By Melody Train	 8pm - Frday Night Ladies Darts	 4pm - Grocery Day 8pm - Booked for Glen- Open to members
Oct 19	Oct 20	Oct 21	Oct 22	Oct 23	Oct 24	Oct 25
	 6:30pm - Monday Night Pool	 1pm - Shuffleboard  5:30pm - BBQ  7pm - Karaoke		 1:30pm - Euchre	 8pm - Friday Night Ladies Darts	 4pm - Grocery Day  4pm - 8pm - Halloween Party- Sandy McDonald & Friend
Oct 26	Oct 27	Oct 28	Oct 29	Oct 30	Oct 31	
	 6:30pm - Monday Night Pool  7pm - Retired Regional Police Dinner.	 1pm - Shuffleboard  5:30pm - BBQ  7pm - Karaoke		 1:30pm - Euchre	 8pm - Friday Night Ladies Darts	