



# THE DUGOUT

Mar/Apr 2010

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IN THE  
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Dinner and  
Show

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for the Canadian  
Wounded Warriors  
fund.*

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## 1st Vice-Presidents Report : Jim Meyer

Comrades,

The March/April DUGOUT is always my favourite issue, as it is the first indication that spring is just around the corner.

Spring of course, leads to yard work, which leads to a need for Comradeship and a libation or two. No one should *need* an excuse to come in and visit their Club, but if you do, getting out of yard work is one of my personal favorites.

Our Sports, Entertainment, and Ways & Means people work hard at trying to make sure there is always something for everyone at Fred Gies Branch. Please give them the courtesy of your attendance at events that interest you.

*Turning to Bursaries* – All applications must be filed with Ontario Command by the last Friday in March, and remember Comrade Marguerite needs to verify these apps before they go on.

*From the TOAD pond* – Comrade Brent Jantzi, Zone TOD and Br 50 Member, recently resigned citing personal reasons. We wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

In Comradeship,  
*Jim Meyer*



**REMEMBER !**

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

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

### Veterans Services- Pete Gardiner

Randy Groundwater will visit the Branch on Thursday April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 at 11am.

He is the Service Officer for this area, and anyone wishing to speak to him please add your name to the sign up sheet. If you have any concerns about service pensions etc, please make him aware of your concerns.

### Treasurer's Report, Chris Pickering

General Account – Libro = \$38,138.47

BMO - \$900.00 residual amount to cover any outstanding cheques that may be left.

Have just about now have completely moved over to Libro and that is who we will be dealing with in the future. We will be keeping the Nevada Account at the Bank of Montreal because it should be kept separate from everything else.

Investments – BMO \$279,880.00 before interest

One investment coming due in July of this year of \$70,574. which will be

reinvested.

Libro investment \$81,300.00

Total at the two banks - \$361,180.00

Nevada – no account balance yet. In the changeover of the Office Managers we haven't been able to get an account balance. I will be going down to the bank to see that Darlene has the approval to obtain this information. We have a substantial amount in there right now and we are looking for some charity to contribute to. We have a request from the hospital and the Working Centre downtown. The Executive Committee will be reviewing that and determining how much we would like to deposit.

### Entertainment - Laurie Tomlinson

Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup>,  
2010 3 PM to 7  
PM

### Melody Train

Saturday April  
3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 6 PM

### Kuhner Show- Haiti Benefit.

### Branch 50 Executive-at-large

Padre (Catholic)	Father Terry McGuire
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Sergeant At Arms	Ed Gorniak
Membership	Marguerite McNeelands
Poppy Campaign Chairman	Michael Fenton
Youth Education	Sandy Glover
Public Relations	Alfred Ash
Track and Field	Lucio Cesinaro
T.O.D. / Bursary	Jim Meyer
Seniors	Jean Davidson
Veteran Services	Peter Gardiner
Sports	Nick Vinski
Entertainment	Laurie Tomlinson
Sick and Visiting	Sandy Glover
Ways and Means	Norma Ash
House and Building	Gord Tomlinson
Honours and Awards	Jean Davidson
Kitchen	Marguerite McNeelands

### GET YOUR DUGOUT IN THE MAIL?

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## A Word From The Second Vice-President, Gerry Capling

.My personal welcome to all new members. While the executive is experiencing some growing pains, let that not deter you from enjoying the facilities, whether it be darts, shuffleboard, euchre, solo, cribbage, billiards, golf, etc., or just a friendly libation with new acquaintances.

I thank comrades Carol and Audrey for allowing me to help celebrate the lives of comrades Laurie and Bill. Comrades Jim and Judy, along with many other friends and relatives, made these occasions memorable.

Security: If you still haven't a key to the entrance door, please purchase one at the bar, as the door

must be locked at all times.

Spring is around the corner, and with it a chance to rededicate ourselves to the mission statement of the Royal Canadian Legion.

in comradeship, Gerry Capling, 2nd VP, Fred Gies Br 50, RCL

## A Word From the Past-President, Dave Davidson CD

The winter has been kind, but it hasn't been good to me. I have been sick and have only been out about three or four times since the start of the year. I made it to the January General meeting but not the executive meeting. Since I have been on the executive that is the only meeting I missed except, when I was at the Dominion Convention in 2008. That is the reason why you haven't seen me in the Branch very often this year

There had been some very shocking actions taken place recently. AS a veteran I take these very much to heart. I hope these will be resolved shortly and we can get back to what the Legion is all about.

### We are still collecting items for Veterans at Parkwood

Basic toiletries are not provided for our Veterans, and we would like to help them out as much as we can.

There is a box near the main exit at the Branch.

### From the Website Guest Book

11/11/2009 2:00:10 PM -  
Ron Motteram, Calgary, Canada

*As a retired CWO I find this an excellent portrait of Canada's fallen heros. Well done and very much appreciated.*

11/10/2009 11:33:29 AM -  
Sandy LavenderBurnaby, Canada

*Thank you for this beautiful presentation in the memory of these Canadian heros. We will NOT forget.*

## We Will Remember Them

John (Jack) Edwin  
Read  
Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Bob Balahura  
Jan 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Laurie Pollock  
Jan 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Violet Allenson  
Jan 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Ross Dowling  
Feb 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Garry Grant Smiley  
Feb 21st 2010

## Sports, Nick Vinski

Shuffleboard repair will be completed in April due to conflict with league play. The job will take two days.

New dartboards have been purchased and installed. Cost was \$200.00. The old dartboards for sold for \$10.00 each which helped to offset some of the cost.

A big thank you to Kevin Klein for running the 10-Pin Bowling tournament with Hamilton Legion on February 20, 2010. Also thanks to all the members that participated. It was a great success.

Friday afternoon Solo is off to a great start. Anyone wishing to play should contact Joan McKinnon. The Solo starts on Friday at 1:00pm , so please come out and enjoy this

game. You never know you might enjoy your time at Branch #50.

The District Sports Schedule is on the bulletin board. Anyone participating should have a look so that they have the current information.

Upcoming sport events at Branch 50 include Zone 9-Ball on March 13 and District 8-Ball on April 24.

Thursday night 9-ball league is donating all of its Scratch money to the branch. To date \$83.80 has been donated.

Hamilton Branch will be coming back to Branch 50 on March 27<sup>th</sup> for an 8-Ball tournament. Sign up sheets will be up shortly

## Membership & Kitchen Report, Marguerite McNeelands

Our Membership is still increasing, and there are many activities for our Members for their enjoyment at the Branch. Please come out and join the fun and comradeship.

Our dinners are \$6.00 & our lunches for sports events are \$4.00

We continue to make a profit and we are happy to provide food for our Members. We have

dinners Tuesdays & for entertainment events at 5:30 pm .

Thanks to Norma Ash for her great desserts & thanks to our volunteers for their support.

Profit for the month of January is \$850.00

Food for thought, please join us for dinner.

### Youth-Ed, Sandy Glover

...I have received a report from Zone with the names of the winning students for the Poster, Essay, and Poem contests.

Proud to say there are 10 winners from Kitchener, at the Zone Level. The list is posted on the bulletin board.

tin board. These are my reports for Jan. 31/10

.I wish to thank Jack Wyman for all his help, working with me on the sick and visiting, and the youth education programs.

### Seniors, Jean Davidson

Seniors Meeting will be held on Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup>,2010.

So please come out and join in the fun.

### Ways & Means,/ Patio, Norma Ash

#### Ways and Means/ Patio.

#### February 2010 - Norma Ash.

February Meat Draw is as follows

**3 weeks \$322.00, \$166.00, \$371.00  
Total \$859.00**

**4 weeks of 50/50 draws and donations, \$67.00, \$178.00(\$100 donation), \$44.00, \$41.00= \$330.00 Total for both \$1189.00**

#### February 21<sup>st</sup>

There was a fun day held at the branch, we had a few new members show up and all had a good time. The horse racing event raised \$96.00, a big thanks to the volunteers.

#### **Patio**

There should be more news on the patio furniture to report at March General Meeting. (Money collected to date: **\$1462.00**)

Thanks to Donny Walters for his generous donation for the patio furniture.

Update: Troop's morale fund is still holding at **\$70.00 as of Jan 29**

## 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."

### Special note regarding Membership –

Comrades,

We have received many comments and questions regarding our strict enforcement of the “Three visits then join” rule.

This enforcement is in response to a request from Ontario Command. Revenue Canada inspectors have been out in full force recently, checking into non-profit organizations such as Legion Branches.

If we do not remain a basically “Members Only” club, we would be violating our non-profit status, and would need to start paying Corporate Income Tax.

Our Membership dues are just 11 cents a day – certainly a small price to pay to belong to what we firmly believe is the finest Branch in Ontario – Fred Gies Branch (Ont. 50)

Thank You for your understanding.

Jim Meyer

1st Vice-President

### Sergeant At Arms, Ed Gorniak

March 13, 2010 St Patrick’s Day parade in Cambridge. Form up at 12:30 King & Bishop, parade starts at 1:00 p.m.

Waterloo-Wellington Air Show being hosted again this year on the 19th and 20th of June. Last year we were advised we would be invited.

Memorial Day parade that we have been invited to. VFW has offered to pay for the hotel rooms for the colour party that attends. We would be seeking a bit of money to cover gas costs.

I received a letter and package from United States including a metal and plastic eagle flag topper.

### Sick and Visiting, Sandy Glover

Jack Wyman and I visited Bob Vanstone on Jan. 9th, at Terrace on the Square, in Waterloo. He is doing well and is back to our Legion for functions.

On Jan 18th we visited Jim Stickles in Gr. River Hosp. He is doing well, and is now in Freeport, for further treatment.

We also visited Stanley Clements, who is a Preston Legion member. I was contacted by Ross Gross of the RCR Association, who tried unsuccessfully to get someone from his Legion to come out, and couldn't. Mr Clements was feeling a little neglected by his Branch, and enjoyed the visit by myself and Jack Wyman.

### Patio, Norma Ash

New chairs are planned for the patio for next year as the chairs at present are becoming unreliable for safety reason and they have served their purpose.

The cost is to be determined, I have contacted 3 stores (Canadian Tire, Wal Mart and Supercentre), they will be working with us checking for our Legion for the best price for 40 chairs after the New Year.

Money for the chairs will come from the 50/50 draws and other donations.

## A Special Report about one of our advertisers

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## Special Events, Norma Ash

### Special Event Dinner Show March 20<sup>th</sup> Elvis is in the Building

This will be a benefit show, for this worthwhile event the proceeds from the Entertainers fees has been graciously donated to aid the Canadian Wounded Warriors Fund. Tickets for this dinner show are available at the bar at \$20.00 each. The tickets are going very well, get yours soon, don't be disappointed.

### Special Event April 3rd, Silent Auction and Fund Raiser for Haiti Children

Easter dinner will be served and entertainment will be provided by the Kuhner Show. All money donated from the silent auction will be sent to UNICEF Canada there is also a donation sheet on the bar for anyone who wishes to donated to this worthwhile cause.

The branch has had some generous donations; they can be found on the Legion Web Page

These companies have donated the following items:

Kitchener Rangers- Autographed Jersey

Wal-Mart (Fairview)-Gift Certificate.

Superstore- Gift Certificate.

All Weather Air Systems Inc.- Programmable Thermostat (Install, included)

All Weather Air Systems Inc.- Humidifier (Install, Included)

Hollywood Nails- Gift Certificate.

Glenbriar Home Hardware- Heated Party Platter.

ECIS (Ball& Lange)- Std First Aid & C.P.R.Course(2 Day)



### **DONATIONS WANTED**

**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**

**SOLO ANYONE?**

Friday afternoon  
Solo is off to a  
great start.

Anyone wishing  
more information  
should contact  
Joan McKinnon.

The Solo starts on  
each and every  
Fridays at 1:00pm.

**Public Relations, Alf Ash**

We have had a very busy January and February with the various functions being held at the branch, and at this time I would like to thank the many volunteers for helping out by doing the many things that have to be done, from dish washing, to setting up the tables etc.

We need everyone's help and we appreciate it believe me.

I am going to be looking after the Booking of the Legion Hall, so please contact me at 519-746-6046 or e-mail [scotty506@golden.net](mailto:scotty506@golden.net) for hall rental details, or call the office.

Hall Rental Booking forms will soon be available on the Legion Website?

Please volunteer if you have some time available, we can always use you for some of the many jobs that are required to be handled at the Branch.

A very big thank to Trevor German for looking after our Branch #50 Website ,He always does a fantastic job in keeping it current, also the Troops in Afghanistan site.

Also a big thank you to Jim Meyer and Trevor German for getting this edition of The Dugout to the printer, it takes a lot of time and effort to do these jobs and I appreciate everyone's help.

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## ≤ BRANCH 50 LEGION EVENTS IN MARCH 2010 ≥

SUNDAY	MONDAY Mar 1	TUESDAY Mar 2	WEDNESDAY Mar 3	THURSDAY Mar 4	FRIDAY Mar 5	SATURDAY Mar 6
	6:30pm - Mixed Social Pool 8pm - K-W Intercity Darts.	1pm - Senior Darts 1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - Dinner-Karaoke	7pm - K-W Crib League 7:15pm - K-W Shuffleboard	1:30pm - Euchre 6:30pm - 9 Ball Pool	1pm - Friday Afternoon Solo 8pm - LadiesDarts	12pm - Cribbage Tournament 4pm - Grocery Day
Mar 7	Mar 8	Mar 9	Mar 10	Mar 11	Mar 12	Mar 13
3pm - 7pm - Melody Train	6:30pm - Mixed Social Pool 8pm - K-W Intercity Darts	1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - Dinner-Karaoke	7:15pm - K-W League Shuffleboard	1:30pm - Euchre 6:30pm - 9 Ball Pool	1pm - Friday Afternoon Solo 8pm - LadiesDarts	10am - Zone -9 Ball Pool 4pm - Grocery Day
Mar 14	Mar 15	Mar 16	Mar 17	Mar 18	Mar 19	Mar 20
2pm - Seniors Meeting 5pm - Party-Open	6:30pm - Mixed Social Pool 8pm - K-W Intercity Darts	1pm - Senior Darts 1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - Dinner-Karaoke	7:15pm - K-W League Shuffleboard	1:30pm - Euchre 6:30pm - 9 Ball Pool	1pm - Friday Afternoon Solo 8pm - LadiesDarts	4pm - Grocery Day 7pm - ELVIS is in The Building/ Dinner Show
Mar 21	Mar 22	Mar 23	Mar 24	Mar 25	Mar 26	Mar 27
3pm - 7pm - Fun Sunday.	6:30pm - Mixed Social Pool	1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - Dinner-Karaoke	7:15pm - K-W League Shuffleboard	1:30pm - Euchre 6:30pm - Police Dinner 6:30pm - 9 Ball	1pm - Friday Afternoon Solo 8pm - LadiesDarts	10am - Pool- Hamilton 4pm - Grocery Day
Mar 28	Mar 29	Mar 30	Mar 31			
2pm - General Meeting	6:30pm - Mixed Social Pool	1pm - Senior Darts 1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - Dinner-Karaoke	7:15pm - K-W League Shuffleboard			



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## ≤ BRANCH 50 LEGION EVENTS IN APRIL 2010 ≥

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Apr 1	Apr 2	Apr 3
				11am - Service Officer 1:30pm - Euchre 6:30pm - 9 Ball	- Branch Hours 1pm to 7pm 1pm - Solo	12pm - Cribbage Tournament 4pm - Grocery Day 6pm - Kuhner Show-Haiti Benefit
Apr 4	Apr 5	Apr 6	Apr 7	Apr 8	Apr 9	Apr 10
- Branch Closed for Easter.	6:30pm - Mixed Social Pool	1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - Dinner - Karaoke	7:15pm - K-W League Shuffleboard	1:30pm - Euchre 6:30pm - 9 Ball	1pm - Solo 8pm - LadiesDarts	10:30am - Social Pool Tournament 4pm - Grocery Day
Apr 11	Apr 12	Apr 13	Apr 14	Apr 15	Apr 16	Apr 17
2pm - Seniors Meeting	6:30pm - Mixed Social Pool	1pm - Senior Darts 1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - Dinner - Karaoke	7:15pm - K-W League Shuffleboard	1:30pm - Euchre 6:30pm - 9 Ball	1pm - Solo 8pm - LadiesDarts	11am - Euchre-Hamilton 4pm - Grocery Day 7pm - Party-Open
Apr 18	Apr 19	Apr 20	Apr 21	Apr 22	Apr 23	Apr 24
2pm - Cadets Day Benefit	6:30pm - Mixed Social Pool	1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - Dinner - Karaoke	7:15pm - K-W League Shuffleboard	1:30pm - Euchre 6:30pm - 9 Ball	1pm - Solo 8pm - LadiesDarts	10am - Pool District 8-Ball 4pm - Grocery Day 7pm - Party-Open
Apr 25	Apr 26	Apr 27	Apr 28	Apr 29	Apr 30	
2pm - General Meeting	6:30pm - Mixed Social Pool	1pm - Senior Darts 1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - Dinner - Karaoke	7:15pm - K-W League Shuffleboard	1:30pm - Euchre 6:30pm - Police Dinner 6:30pm - 9 Ball	1pm - Solo 8pm - LadiesDarts	

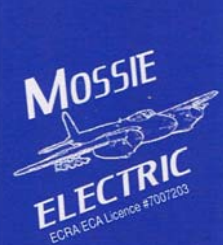


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