



THE DUGOUT

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2010

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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

ON SALE NOW

Saturday,
October 23,
2010

Wildwood Flow-
ers/ Dinner
Show

Time: 7pm

TICKETS AT THE
BAR

Just \$20.00

PRESIDENTS REPORT: PETER GARDINER

Hello Comrades:

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer as much as I am.

To those who have lost a loved one, we all give you our condolences.

The Branch 50 Legion as a whole is doing very well. Thanks to all the members who volunteer and the members who come in to support our many events. Without them, we would not survive.

Thank you All.

Peter Gardiner—President



REMEMBER !

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

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

REMEMBER YOUR MEMBERSHIP OATH

With this September/October issue of the Dugout, we would like to take this opportunity to remind each and every member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 50, that you took an oath that included the words "To promote the work of the organization, including active participation in Poppy Campaigns. " This year's annual Poppy drive starts on October 29th and runs for two weeks ending on Remembrance Day, November 11th, 2010. Volunteers are needed. Contact Vince McQuabbie—Poppy Chair.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Honours & Awards ceremony will take place on Sunday, September 19th at 4:00 p.m.

**Battle of Britain
September 19
1 p.m.**

**Veterans Week
Veterans
Appreciation Dinner
6 p.m.
September 25/10**

LEGION MEMBER BENEFIT PROGRAMS—JOAN MCKINNON

Being a member in good standing of the Royal Canadian Legion, not only gives you the satisfaction in knowing that you are supporting our veterans and our troupes currently serving and our youth and community, but there are also some additional benefits that come with your membership.

DID YOU KNOW that by being a member of the RCL, you are eligible for a CAA special Member Benefits Package. It can be used when applying for a new CAA membership or to add associate members to your card, upgrade your roadside assistance or enroll in CAA's automatic membership renewal program. Enquire at your nearest CAA location.

Over the next few issues, we will be advising you of some of the other exciting benefits that come to you as a result of the efforts of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Branch 50 Executive-at-large

**Entertainment
- Laurie Tomlinson**

September 12

Pig Roast

& Entertainment

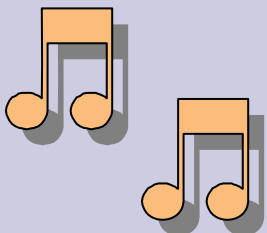
October 10

3 pm.

Andy DeCampos

- Padre (Catholic)
- Padre (Protestant)
- Padre (Protestant)
- Sergeant At Arms
- Membership
- Poppy Campaign Chairman
- Youth Education
- Public Relations
- Track and Field
- T.O.D. / Bursary
- Seniors
- Veteran Services
- Sports
- Entertainment
- Sick and Visiting
- Ways and Means
- House and Building
- Honours and Awards
- Kitchen

- Father Terry McGuire
- Pastor Bill Schafer
- Maj. Dale Pilgram
- Ed Gorniak
- Marguerite McNeelands
- Vince McQuabbie
- Sandy Glover
- Alfred Ash
- Al Horner
- Jean Davidson
- Jean Davidson
- Dave Davidson
- Nick Vinski
- Laurie Tomlinson
- Sandy Glover
- Norma Ash
- Gord Tomlinson
- Joan McKinnon
- Marguerite McNeelands



Summer is over and all the exciting league activities are in full gear. Come out and enjoy your favourite this week.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT—JEAN DAVIDSON

T.O.D. report - The Legion University Seminar is going quite well. It has been well worth taking especially for the new members on the executive. It is important that all members of the executive are familiar with the Dominion and Provincial Command Manuals.

Bar Report - Sales for June were \$24,189.15, Inventory was \$26,287.04. Sales for July were \$28,805.88, Inventory was \$7,183.98..

There is a problem with the coffee machine. We are losing money .

A lot of people seem to think the coffee is free.

PAST PRESIDENT—DAVE DAVIDSON

This has been an extremely hot summer, and the patio has been well used this year, which is evident by the many well tanned members who frequent the Branch and enjoy this part of the facilities.

Fall is approaching quickly. Soon we will be back to our General Meetings on the fourth Sunday of the month.

This is where you find out what is happening in the branch so make plans to attend.

When Peter Gardener moved into the President's chair I accepted as part of my duties the Branch Service Officers portfolio.

Randy Groundwater, Provincial Service Officer from the Windsor Service Office, will be visiting the Branch on the 17th of September at approx. 11:00 am. If you are a veteran or know of any veterans or their dependents that would like to speak to him and have him represent them in applying for Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) pension, please let me know by telephoning me at 519-896-6466, You may also phone the Branch Office and I will put the names of the veterans who would like to see him on the list, on a first come first served basis.

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.



The K-W Poppy Fund has launched their new website a

<http://www.kwpoppyfund.ca> dedicated to publishing background information, reports, events and news concerning the charity.

Visitors to the site can also donate on-line to the charity.

2010 Campaign begins October 29th, 2010.

We Will Remember Them

**Audrey Bernice
(Akers) Coffin**
Passed away
On July 27/10

**Jack
McNaughton**
Passed away
August 11/10

YOU SHOULD KNOW

Please visit our website www.rclbr50.ca to read the article regarding veterans ombudsman Pat Stogran and what he has to say about how our veterans are being affected by the New Veterans Charter.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT, PRO—ALF ASH

I would like to make mention of the people who Volunteer (Unpaid) for the various functions that are held at Branch #50, your continued dedication is appreciated by all, and hope you continue your support in the future.

The hall rentals are going well, with some rentals to non-members going well, remember that these people pay extra rental for your hall, so please treat these people with proper Legion manners and respect them at all their events.

We are trying to keep the Legion Website up to date with the latest news about topics that all the members may be interested in, and I would like to thank Trevor German for his help in doing this.

The Calendar is also very important to keep up to date, remember that the calendar drives this site, and keeps it up to date with what's happening at Branch #50. So please stay tuned for the latest events.

POP CANS/TABS/ZEHRS TAPES

We are still collecting pop cans (Aluminum) for recycling. Please bring them in to Branch #50. Please also remove the tabs from these cans and donate them to Wheelchair collection at the bar.

Zehr's Tapes are still being collected they go towards The Children's Xmas Party, so please save them and drop them into the Zehr's Box, or hand them into the Legion Office.

We have received a total redemption value of \$572.81 (Received a total of 7 cheques) so far.

POPPY CAMPAIGN

STARTS IN OCTOBER
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AS
DRIVERS/RUNNERS
COUNTERS/TAGGERS
SIGN UP AT THE BRANCH

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FALL 2010 MEMBERSHIP—MARGUERITE MCNEELANDS

Your 2011 Membership Card is available at the Bar for \$45.00. If you are 65 years of age, and a member of Branch 50 for 15 years, you membership dues are \$40.00. Membership fees are paid for World War 11 and Korean Veterans if they have been a member of the Branch before the year 2007 in appreciation of their service to our Country. Purchase your card during the months of September, October & November, you will be an "EARLY BIRD" and have a chance of winning a free membership for 2012.

As a member you are expected to purchase you Membership Card no later then December 31st, 2010. Your co-operation would be appreciated and this is a good support for your Branch.

As Membership Chairman for the past three years, Branch 50 has received the Membership Appreciation Awards for achieving over 100% total membership. A special thank you to our members. "YOU MAKE US PROUD!!"

WAYS & MEANS—NORMA ASH

Legion Building Fund for the month of July = Total \$487.51

August totals to date (15th). Total = \$421.00.

Thanks to our members and volunteers who continued to support the Legion and the various venues with their presence during the summer months.

The following equipment boxes were emptied by Darleen and Ways and Means chair on July 15.

Pool Tables =	\$13.00
Shuffle boards =	\$41.00
Juke Box =	\$52.00
Total.	\$106.00

Another \$200.00 was raised thru the car show and has been sent to the Troop Moral Fund. This brings the total sent to \$500.00 from Branch 50.

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."

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

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

Where have all the Children gone? Or are their parents/ grandparents a bit negligent or forgetful?

**DINNER AND
KARAOKE EVERY
TUESDAY NIGHT**

I know that no one wants to even think of snow and cold weather that comes with Christmas, but Santa can't prepare the gifts for the Annual Branch 50 Children's Christmas party if he doesn't know who is coming.

**8 BALL POOL
LEAGUE ON
MONDAY NIGHTS**

I guess it is a bit of a surprise to some that the sign up list has been on the bar since June, as there sure are a lot of children's names missing and the signup cannot be extended past September 30th.

**SENIOR DARTS
TUESDAY
AFTERNOONS**

The party will be held on Saturday, December 11th, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (that's 1100 to 1500 hours for you Military types), and we sure hope none of the children will be missed.

**SHUFFLEBOARD
TUESDAY
AFTERNOONS**

Remember the party is for children and grandchildren up to and including age 12 of Branch 50 Members. Children are to be accompanied (don't sneak out to Christmas shop) and "Yes" bar services are in effect.

**EUCHRE THURSDAY
AFTERNOONS**

Get in and get the children signed up—\$10.00 per child to a family maximum of \$30.00....

Ho Ho Ho—see you there.

**SOLO FRIDAY
AFTERNOONS**

Jim & Carol Fraser

Louie & Dianna Kuntz

**HORSE COLLAR
FRIDAY EVENINGS**

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

Thursday Afternoon Euchre— CHANGES

Please note that effective September 2nd, the start time for the weekly Euchre card game will be 1:00 p.m. instead of 1:30 p.m. Cost will be \$2.00.

Please come out and have some fun.

SPORTS—NICK VINSKI

There are several Zone sports events scheduled for the last quarter of 2010 and into the first half of 2011. Sign up sheets will be available well in advance of the scheduled dates. Coming up in the next few months are:

DARTS DOUBLES	SEPTEMBER 25
MIXED DARTS DOUBLES	OCTOBER 2
CRIBBAGE	OCTOBER 16
DARTS TEAM	OCTOBER 23
DARTS SINGLES	NOVEMBER 20
SHUFFLEBOARD	NOVEMBER 27
5-PIN BOWLING	DECEMBER 11

More events will be posted in the next issue of the Dugout.



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

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**HAMILTON
CHALLENGES
BRANCH 50**

September 11

12:00

**Baseball
challenge**

St Agatha

October 16

12:30 pm.

**10 pin Bowl-
ing challenge**

TRACK AND FIELD—AL HORNER

On June 19, there were 8 youth registered & sponsored by Branch # 50 for the District Track & Field meet in Guelph.

Out of this meet, 7 youth qualified to go on to the Provincial Track & Field meet in Timmins on July 16-18.

Now, 9 youth out of a team of a 40 youth team from Zone C-2 have qualified to go on to the National Track & Field meet in Ottawa.. (Unknown date). Four of these youth are registered & sponsored by Branch # 50. Ben Flanagan, Devon Rittinger, Calvin Arsenault, & Nienkel Paljola.

Congratulations and best wishes to all these youth - possibly future Olympians.

PLEASE SEND MY DUGOUT VIA E-MAIL



Name: (Please Print) _____ **Membership # :** _____

Please E-Mail to _____

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BRANCH 50 LEGION EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Sep 1	Sep 2	Sep 3	Sep 4
			7:15pm - K-W League Shuffleboard	1pm - Euchre	1pm - Solo	7pm - Party-Open (Raymond)
			Sep 8	Sep 9	Sep 10	Sep 11
			7:15pm - K-W League Shuffleboard	1pm - Euchre	1pm - Solo 8pm - Ladies Darts	10am - Executive Meeting 12pm - Baseball - St. Agatha 8pm - Party-Open (Stephanie)
			Sep 7	Sep 14	Sep 17	Sep 18
			1pm - Shuffleboard 1pm - Seniors Darts 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	11am - Service Officer 1pm - Solo 8pm Ladies Darts	8pm - Party-Open (Carlos)
			Sep 6	Sep 13	Sep 20	Sep 25
			- Holiday Hours - 1 to 7pm	6:30pm - Mixed Social Pool 7:30pm - K-W Darts	6:30pm - Mixed Social Pool 7:30pm - K-W Darts	6pm - Veterans Dinner - Legion Week
			Sep 5	Sep 12	Sep 19	Sep 26
			11am - Legion Seminar	1pm - Shuffleboard 1pm - Seniors Darts 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	1pm - Shuffleboard 1pm - Seniors Darts 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	2pm - General Meeting
			11am - Legion Seminar	1pm - Shuffleboard 1pm - Seniors Darts 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	1pm - Euchre 6:30pm - Police Dinner	



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BRANCH 50 LEGION EVENTS IN OCTOBER 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Oct 1	Oct 2
					1pm - Solo 8pm - Ladies Darts	12pm - Mixed Cribbage 7pm Party(Dennis)
Oct 3	Oct 4	Oct 5	Oct 6	Oct 7	Oct 8	Oct 9
	6:30pm - Mixed Social Pool 7:30pm - K-W Darts	1pm - Shuffleboard 1pm - Seniors Darts 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	7:15pm - K-W League Shuffleboard	1pm - Euchre	1pm - Solo 8pm - Ladies Darts	10am - Executive Meeting 12pm - Firefighter's Parade
Oct 10	Oct 11	Oct 12	Oct 13	Oct 14	Oct 15	Oct 16
2pm - Seniors Meeting 3pm - Andy De Campos	8am - Octoberfest Parade 6:30pm - Mixed Social Pool 7:30pm KWDarts	1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	7:15pm - K-W League Shuffleboard	1pm - Euchre	1pm - Solo 8pm - Ladies Darts	12:30pm - Bowling - Hamilton
Oct 17	Oct 18	Oct 19	Oct 20	Oct 21	Oct 22	Oct 23
	6:30pm - Mixed Social Pool 7:30pm - K-W Darts	1pm - Shuffleboard 1pm - Seniors Darts 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	7:15pm - Shuffleboard	1pm - Euchre	1pm - Solo 8pm - Ladies Darts	7pm - Wildwood Flowers/ Dinner Show
Oct 24	Oct 25	Oct 26	Oct 27	Oct 28	Oct 29	Oct 30
2pm - General Meeting	6:30pm - Mixed Social Pool 7:30pm KWDarts	1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - Dinner and Karaoke	7:15pm - Shuffleboard	1pm - Euchre 6:30pm - Police Dinner	1pm - Solo 8pm - Ladies Darts	
Oct 31						



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