



THE DUGOUT

Jan/Feb 2010

Dec 31st, 2009

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Presidents Report : Michael Fenton

Poppy campaign is still growing We just got a cheque from the Salvation Army, and Walmart is still to come from Toronto.

Would like to thank the Cadets, KW Lightning and Joe McDonald & Joe Miller for an intensive effort in tough economic times. Thank you as well to Charlie Powell. I hope we will match last year.

Our Branch is pretty busy with functions and sports and other visiting Branches. 'Tis a fun place to be and any help you can give would not go unnoticed.

Have a pleasant Christmas and New Years.

ROBBIE BURNS SUPPER

Jan 24th, 2010

4 - 8 PM

This will be a tribute to 200 years of Scottish culture

Music, food, Scottish dancers, and of course, HAGGIS!

A limited number of tickets will be on sale soon for \$15 per plate.

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Cadets Christmas party Dec 17th. It was a huge success. Thanks to Randy for donating his time-probably the first time he had 20 singing at the same time.

A special thanks to our Comrade David Christie for our additional storage space and Peter's help in building Gerry's stairway to Heaven to get into the trailer.



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 was here and saw 10 or 12 people. He is thinking of making this Legion a one stop day. We will see him in three month

Please Note that all Veterans will be able to get free bus passes on Grand River Transit.

**Entertainment
- Laurie Tomlinson**

The entertainment booked for January 30/10 is MUSIC TRIVIA with Ross McGuinness 7 PM - 11 PM

The entertainment booked for February 13/10 is GET RHYTHM with Timothy Wilford 7 PM to 11 PM

Treasurer's Report, Chris Pickering

Well Comrades another year is coming to a end, a new executive has taken over and we are all doing our best to keep the branch running efficiently and profitably and I am glad to report we are holding our own

This as a result of a good Sept, Oct and November in which we had excellent bar and food sales and great turnouts for our sports and social events, well done all.

A special thank you to all the volunteers who have so freely given their time and efforts and efforts to help make this branch the outstanding success that it is.

May this coming Christmas season and the New Year be filled with Peace, Harmony, Joy and good comradeship, my best wishes to you all.

Branch 50 Executive-at-large

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| Ways and Means | Norma Ash |
| House and Building | Gord Tomlinson |
| Honours and Awards | Jean Davidson |
| Kitchen | Marguerite McNeelands |

GET YOUR DUGOUT IN THE MAIL?

Please see page 8 for a way to help us reduce mailing costs.

A Word From The First Vice-President, Jim Meyer

Well Comrades,

The busy months of November and December are behind us, and as we start a whole new year, some of us will be making New Year's resolutions. Some will quit smoking, some will eat healthier, *etc.* I know our Branch Treasurer hopes that not too many resolve to quit drinking.

Here's one resolution many of us can keep quite easily – resolve to visit your Branch more often in 2010. Just like the guy says on Channel 17, it is only with the constant support of Members like you that we can carry on into the next decade as a prosperous and worthwhile entity.

The Legion Bursary Deadline is March 26th, and forms are available at the Branch. Basically, children and grandchildren of War Veterans (WWI, WWII, & Korea) are eligible to apply for the \$500 award.

I am looking forward to helping Br 50 win the Zone Euchre on the 16th, as well as being educated at the Provincial TOD seminar on the 23rd.

A Happy and rewarding New Year to all.

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.

A Word From The Second Vice-President, Gerry Capling

I trust everyone had a Merry Christmas, and wishes abound for a Happy New Year.

It's great to have comrade 1st VP back, as it opens my horizons.

The toiletries donated for Parkwood Hospital were well received by them. Many thanks to all who gave. Two WW2 Vets helped me deliver them. [Dorothy Hipkins and Roy Bue].

Ongoing security issues are being attended to.

I urge all comrades to join in the many activities going on, at the branch. Our success is greatly due to having members, such as yourself, coming out and participating.

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From the Website Guest Book

11/11/2009 PM - Gordon Plunkett, Portage la Prairie, Canada

I wish to convey my gratitude to all those who have fought and are still fighting in the Canadian Armed Forces in order to protect Canada and democracy. For those who have lost their lives, been injured or suffer from other disabilities, they will never be forgotten and will be honoured with the respect of the Canadian people.



Cheque Presentation from Trinity Village

Presentation from Trinity Village (Debbie Buhrow) to the K-W Poppy Fund.

The cheque was received by Branch 50 President Michael Fenton.

Also included in this picture are Comrades Marguerite McNeeands, Norma Ash, and Alf Ash.

We would like to thank the people at Trinity Village for supporting the Poppy Fund, and to Debbie and the other Executive members for their support.

Alf Ash

Sports, Nick Vinski

Congratulations to Mike Atkinson, Brian Whalen, Kevin Joseph, Mitch Pape, Dave Phipps and Captain Kevin Klein for winning the Zone 5-Pin Bowling tournament. They have advanced to the District competition which will be held at Waterloo Bowling Lanes on February 15, 2010 at 12:30. Cost to the branch will be \$150.00. We wish them success.

District Cribbage tournament is coming up on January 9, 2010. Branch 50 will be represented by two teams. They are Peter Gardener, Bob Robbins, Herb Hanna, Jim McKinnon and Ken Lapsley, Art Bieman, Al Hohner and Dan Larocque. It will be held at Branch 412-Kitchener Polish.

I have received a quote from Jameisons to repair the shuffleboards for the price of \$350-\$400. This will be discussed with the Executive committee as to how we proceed.

Branch 50 will be hosting members from the Hamilton Legion for a Euchre Tournament on Saturday, January 16, 2010. Sign up sheet is currently on the Bulletin board. Entry fee is \$20.00/team. All money will be used for prizes. Thanks to Jim Fraser for accepting to run this tournament. Hamilton is bring twenty teams and hopefully we can also get 20 teams.

Starting on Thursday, January 7, 2010 we will start playing 9-Ball on Thursday nights at 6:30p.m. This is to help prepare for the upcoming Zone tournament in February, which will be hosted by Branch 50. Format is yet to be determined. This will depend on the number of players. Cost will be \$2.00/player

Membership, Marguerite McNeelands

I will report on Nov and Dec kitchen sales at our Jan Executive meeting

15 new members being sworn in January 2010.

Congratulations to our Early Bird Winners for their free membership for 2011—

Chris Tardiff's name was drawn in September, Marguerite McNeelands's name was drawn for October Aileen Leddy's name was drawn for November.

Merry Christmas to all and the Best in the New Year!

Legion Mission Statement

OUR MISSION IS
TO SERVE VETERANS
AND THEIR DEPENDANTS,
PROMOTE REMEMBRANCE
AND ACT IN THE
SERVICE OF CANADA
AND ITS COMMUNITIES

Sick & Visiting, Sandy Glover

To the many members that I have visited, hope you are all getting better

and I wish you all the best in the New Year.

Seniors, Jean Davidson

The Seniors had a very enjoyable Christmas Party . There were a lot of baskets to be won.

We realized over \$400.00. Thanks to all who donated items and bought tickets. We are able to give \$400.00 to Anselma House. We had a lovely Christmas Dinner prepared by Marguerite McNeelands

and Norma Ash. Thanks a lot ladies.

Our next meeting is January 10th, 2010, We will have the Horse Races and supper will be supplied.

Ways & Means, Norma Ash

Ways & Means/ Special Events

November

Meat Draw.

Final figures for the month is as follows Profit =\$898.40

50/50 Final figures for the month is as follows= \$389.00

Note: A new propane tank and gas fill was required for the patio which cost \$40.00. Money was taken out of the 50/50 draw to cover this expense.

The profit and grand total for November for both draws = \$1287.40

Thanks to you.

December.

Meat Draw.

Figures to date (3 weeks only) meat profit = \$723.09

Figures to date for 50/50 (3 weeks only) = \$146.00

Profit for both to date = \$869.09

Final figures for December will be presented at the next General Meeting scheduled for January, 31,2010.

NOTE: NEW DATE FOR GENERAL MEETING (date changed because of BURNS SUPPER EVENT on JANUARY, 24 , 2010

January, 24th 2010 A Burns Supper is planned for this date Sunday 4 to 8

Come and enjoy the music, pipes, dancers and of course THE HAGGIS

Tickets are now on sale behind the bar at \$15 ea.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Comrades and friends of Branch 50 the very best for this festive season and I look forward to serving you as a member of the Executive committee for the coming year.

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

Colour party in attendance at a funeral. Also attended the New Hamburg Santa Claus parade and received a ribbon for our efforts.

The Silver Cross mother has sent a letter thanking us for Remembrance Day and a donation of \$100.00.

Cadets had a wonderful Christmas dinner, the best one ever. The food

was awesome, karaoke. The kids had a great time.

Belva and I have been invited to march in a Memorial Day parade in Long Island New York.

Seeking permission to carry the Canadian flag, the Union Jack and the Branch flag.

Kids' Christmas Party, Jim Fraser

Members paying for their children - \$310.00

Member donations - \$1185.00

Pennies collected - \$112.25

Pop cans - \$61.58

Zehrs Tapes - \$409.00

Total - \$2,189.32

Costs – toys \$1,524.22

Purchased Santa Suit - \$228.00

Makeup/face painting - \$68.65

Buns - \$22.00

Bowls - \$11.30

Weiners - \$25.00

Hamburgers - \$35.98

Condiments - \$18.15

Total - \$1934.58

We have a surplus of \$254.74 which will be carried forward to next year's Christmas party.

We Will Remember Them

23 Dec 2009 - *Bill Weido Passed away on December 22nd, 2009*

22 Dec 2009 - *Cameron, Lorne Courtney Passed away December 20th, 2009*

7 Dec 2009 - *FARROW, Douglas Roy "Doug" Passed away peacefully*

5 Dec 2009 - *COX, Alexander Age 89, of Hanover, passed away*

21 Nov 2009 - *JUDD, Elden, C./ 1921-2009.*

10 Nov 2009 - *Comrade Archie Luker*

A Special Report about one of our advertisers

I hope to include this report in each issue about one of the companies who advertise in The Dugout, remember that this helps to pay the costs for the printing and postal costs that we incur for each issue of this publication, So please support all of these companies.

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Past President's Report, David Davidson

What a wonderful fall we had, and then winter attached with full force.

I would also point out an observation that I have made during my life, weather forecasts and people are much the same, some are gentle, and others are not so gentle and can be at times vicious.

I recently received a Newsletter and the following was part of the contents.

I thought it was well worth while repeating, so I will now relate the story to the members for their consideration.

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about the battle that goes on inside people. He said "My son the battle is between two wolves inside all of us."

"One is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies and false pride."

"The other is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather: "Which Wolf Wins?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."

The author is unknown, but it is certainly food for thought in the complexities of everyday life. Which type of Wolf are YOU?

A better year for all, is in my prayers.



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

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 that has been collected to-date. (\$607.00)

Public Relations, Alf Ash

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.

I would like to welcome two new advertisers to The Dugout, they are Robert Ruggle Funeral Home Ltd (519-888-7700), and

Molly Maid(519-578-4700)

I would like to thank everyone who helped me over the past year, and wish every member all the best in 2010.

And a special thank you to Jim Meyer for all his help.

Remember to Support our Troops in Afghanistan.

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< BRANCH 50 LEGION EVENTS IN JANUARY 2010 >

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------------------------|---|--|--|---|-------------------|--|
| | | | | | Jan 1 | Jan 2 |
| | | | | | 8pm - LadiesDarts | 12pm - Cribbage Tournament 4pm - Grocery Day |
| Jan 3 | Jan 4 | Jan 5 | Jan 6 | Jan 7 | Jan 8 | Jan 9 |
| | 8pm - Dart League | 1pm - Seniors Darts 1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - Dinner-Karaoke | 7pm - K-W Crib League 7:15pm - K-W Shuffleboard | 1:30pm - Euchre 6pm - 9 Ball Pool | 8pm - LadiesDarts | 1pm - Bill Weido 4pm - Grocery Day |
| Jan 10 | Jan 11 | Jan 12 | Jan 13 | Jan 14 | Jan 15 | Jan 16 |
| 2pm - Seniors Meeting | 6:30pm - Mixed Social Pool 8pm - Dart League | 1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - Dinner-Karaoke | 7:15pm - K-W Shuffleboard | 1:30pm - Euchre 6pm - 9 Ball Pool | 8pm - LadiesDarts | 12:30pm - Euchre-Hamilton. 4pm - Grocery Day |
| Jan 17 | Jan 18 | Jan 19 | Jan 20 | Jan 21 | Jan 22 | Jan 23 |
| | 6:30pm - Mixed Social Pool 8pm - Dart League | 1pm - Seniors Darts 5:30pm - Dinner-Karaoke | 7pm - K-W Crib League 7:15pm - K-W Shuffleboard | 1:30pm - Euchre 6pm - 9 Ball Pool | 8pm - LadiesDarts | 1pm - Social Darts League 4pm - Grocery Day 7pm - Party-Open |
| Jan 24 | Jan 25 | Jan 26 | Jan 27 | Jan 28 | Jan 29 | Jan 30 |
| 4pm - 8pm - Burns Supper | 6:30pm - Mixed Social Pool 8pm - Dart League | 1pm - Shuffleboard 7pm - Dinner-Karaoke | 7:15pm - K-W Shuffleboard | 1:30pm - Euchre 6pm - 9 Ball Pool 6:30pm - Dinner | 8pm - LadiesDarts | 4pm - Grocery Day 7pm - Music Trivia |
| Jan 31 | | | | | | |
| 2pm - General Meeting | | | | | | |



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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| | Feb 1 6:30pm - Mixed Social Pool | Feb 2 1pm - Seniors Darts 1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - Dinner-Karaoke | Feb 3 7:15pm - K-W League Shuffleboard | Feb 4 1:30pm - Euchre 6:30pm - 9 Ball Pool | Feb 5 8pm - LadiesDarts | Feb 6 12pm - Cribbage Tournament 4pm - Grocery Day 7pm - Party-Open |
| Feb 7 | Feb 8 6:30pm - Mixed Social Pool 8pm - K-W Intercity Dart League | Feb 9 1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - Dinner-Karaoke | Feb 10 7:15pm - K-W League Shuffleboard | Feb 11 1:30pm - Euchre 6:30pm - 9 Ball Pool | Feb 12 7pm - Party-Open 8pm - LadiesDarts | Feb 13 4pm - Grocery Day 7pm - 11pm - Get Rhythm |
| Feb 14 2pm - Seniors Meeting | Feb 15 6:30pm - Mixed Social Pool 8pm - K-W Intercity Dart League | Feb 16 1pm - Seniors Darts 1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - Dinner-Karaoke | Feb 17 7:15pm - K-W League Shuffleboard | Feb 18 1:30pm - Euchre 6:30pm - 9 Ball Pool | Feb 19 8pm - LadiesDarts | Feb 20 4pm - Grocery Day |
| Feb 21 | Feb 22 6:30pm - Mixed Social Pool 8pm - K-W Intercity Dart League | Feb 23 1pm - Shuffleboard 5:30pm - Dinner-Karaoke | Feb 24 7:15pm - K-W League Shuffleboard | Feb 25 1:30pm - Euchre 6:30pm - Police Dinner 6:30pm - 9 Ball Pool | Feb 26 8pm - LadiesDarts | Feb 27 1pm - Social Darts League 4pm - Grocery Day 7pm - Wedding Reception- Open |
| Feb 28 2pm - General Meeting | | | | | | |

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