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### The Legion Canadian Youth Nationals

The Royal Canadian Legion track & field meet will be designated and sanctioned by Athletics Canada as the National Canadian Youth Track & Field meet for the year 2008. The change in format will allow all eligible athletes to compete in the youth championship portion of this event with the event winners being designated as the Canadian Youth Champion. This change is a step in the process to attain national sponsorship as directed by the 41st Dominion Convention.

Full Story

Monday, October 29, 2007  
Dominion Bulletin Board  
Section: RCL

### KW Record Article



#### WATERLOO REGION

Phyllis Dallier, 85, is trapped in her house, unable to get to her front door because her arthritic knees can't handle five stairs.

Help is coming, thanks to Remembrance Day poppies.

Local war veterans have agreed to install an electric lift in her Kitchener bungalow. The \$3,000 cost will come from poppy sales.

"I always put into poppy funds, but I never realized what they did with the

money," Dallier said. "Now I know, and I certainly appreciate it."

Dallier is the widow of Allen Dallier, who served with the air force in the Second World War. He died in 1987.

She's one of many people who benefit from the annual poppy campaign, which began last Friday and concludes Nov. 11.

Poppies flourished in battlefields of the First World War. They are worn on the left lapel, or near the heart, to honour more than 100,000 soldiers who gave their lives for Canada.

"It shows respect for our fallen veterans, who made the supreme sacrifice," said Korean War veteran Dave Davidson, chair of the Kitchener-Waterloo Poppy Fund.

Poppy funds are spent to support veterans and their families, buy hospital equipment, support cadet groups, and provide student bursaries.

"All of our money goes back into the community," said Billie Martin, chair of the Hespeler poppy fund.

Her father and grandfather both lost limbs in the First World War.

Dallier, who is waiting for surgery to replace her sore knees, relies on her family to bring her food and supplies, while she remains inside.

"I've been out twice since last Christmas, and it's very painful, and so I stay in," she said.

She expects the electric lift will make her life "100 per cent better" by getting her to her front door.

Her family has remodelled her bungalow to make it easier for Dallier to keep living there.

But the cost of the chairlift is out of their reach.

Bill Dallier is delighted that poppy money will help his ailing mother.

"She stuck by my dad all through five years of the war," he said.

"Who else are you going to do it for, if you can't do it for the elderly that served the country?"

Thursday, November 01, 2007  
Jeff Outhit - KW Record Reporter  
Section: Poppy Campaign

## From The President's Desk

We are entering the sixth month of the mandate of the new executive, and it has not always been easy or pleasant during this period. I hope this will be behind us shortly and we can get down to what the Legion is all about. This has been very eloquently built into the opening and closing ceremony of every Legion meeting, and I charge you to pay attention and listen to these ceremonies.

We have had two members of the executive resign for personal reasons. Comrade Jim Meyer has resigned his positions as Public Relations Officer, Editor of the dugout, and Honours and Awards. Comrade Eric Johnson resigned as Poppy Chairman. The executive has accepted these resignations with regret, and thank those members for their contribution in the past.

Replacing Comrade Jim Meyer will be Comrade Gloria McKibbin, who comes to us with twenty years experience in the Public Relations Field, and is also the Track & Field Chairperson. Welcome to this new portfolio Gloria. Gloria gives 100% of herself for the Legion. Our 2nd Vice President, Comrade Michael Fenton has stepped into the Poppy Fund portfolio. He had to fit in quickly as the poppy drive was fast approaching, and he has done this with enthusiasm and drive. Thanks Comrade Mike, you can always be called upon to carry the torch to the finish line.

The Honours and Awards portfolio held by Comrade Jim Meyer has been filled by Comrade Jean Davidson. Jean is a dedicated Legion member and we welcome her to the executive.

I am pleased to have Vivian Peddle back on the executive, this time as Sick & Visiting Chairperson and, by the number of times I see her in the branch dressed in Legion attire, she is fulfilling the requirements of her portfolio very conscientiously. I would be remiss if I didn't mention her husband John who has always been very supportive of her. Thanks Vivian and John.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish each and every comrade and their families, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Have a safe holiday season.

Yours In Comradeship,  
Dave Davidson

Friday, November 02, 2007  
Dave Davidson, President Fred Gies Branch 50  
(On.) RCL  
Section: Executive

## 1st Vice President's Report

I attended a District Convention October 13th & 14th in Goderich, as well as a Zone T.O.D. Training, Organization & Development Seminar in New Hamburg, on October 20th. This was a very educational seminar on all aspects of the Legion. The big issue still seems to be that of declining membership. What can we do to attract the youth?

Friday, November 02, 2007  
Don Walter  
Section: Executive

## 2nd Vice President's Report

Statement about the Bar:  
We have had a great June, July & August in fact, a little higher than last year. We have had two wine and cheese tasting parties and the next one will be the best. At the beer tasting, we had Red Baron beer voted "best local beer", and it is now available at the bar. TRY IT and enjoy!  
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to one and all.

Friday, November 02, 2007  
Michael Fenton  
Section: Executive

## Poppy Chair's Report

Comrades, let me indicate that members are coming out of the woodwork to help the Poppy Drive this year. All runs are covered and in fact are doubled up so that full boxes get back to the branch, and new boxes put out. We will not rest until every avenue or revenue and personal commitment and thought are met. We are in this together for the long haul. TOGETHER WE WILL SUCCEED - WE NEED YOU!!!!

Branch 50 has members covering the Kiosk at Fairview Mall for five days.

Thanks to all the members who are supporting the Poppy Campaign for

our Veterans.

Friday, November 02, 2007  
 Michael Fenton  
 Section: Poppy Campaign

### Sergeant At Arms Report

Hello Comrades, I hope to find everyone in good health. Here we are another calendar year coming to an end. Our Colour Party will be attending a few more events over the next couple of weeks.

November 4th , 2007 Form-up at 10:40 a.m. Church 11 a.m. Church Service at Salvation Army, 75 Tillsley Drive, Kitchener

November 4th, 2007 Elmira Remembrance Day Service Form-up at 2:30 p.m. Branch Service 3 p.m.

November 11th, 2007 Form-up 10:15 a.m. at Kitchener City Hall. March off 10:35 a.m. Kitchener Cenotaph 11 a.m.

I would like to extend a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our members and their families. Until next time.....keep marching!

Friday, November 02, 2007  
 Gord Ross  
 Section: Executive

### Membership Chair Report

Comrades, membership cards for 2008 can be picked up at the bar. The dues are \$45.00. If you are 65 and have been a member of Branch 50 for 15 years, your dues are \$40.00. Membership fees are paid by the branch for World War II and Korean Veterans, in appreciation of their service to our country.

Congratulations to George Waechter, The Early Bird Winner whose name was drawn in September, for a free membership in 2009. The Early Bird Campaign will continue for the month of November. **Be an Early Bird, and you may have a chance to win a free membership for 2008.** Good Luck!

Friday, November 02, 2007  
 Marguerite McNeelands  
 Section: Membership

### Seniors Chair Report

The Seniors Executive for 2007 –

2008 is as follows:

Chairperson	Marj Gardiner
Co-Chairperson	Ginny Polai
Secretary	Linda Moore
Treasurer	Rita Luker
Social Director	Sandy Reinhardt

The Senior's Executive will hold their monthly meetings as follows:  
 Thursday, November 1st, at 10:30 a.m.  
 Thursday, December, 6th, at 10:30 a.m.

Senior's Monthly meetings are as follows:

Sunday, November 4th 2:00 p.m.  
 You will have a chance to "Horse Around" following the meeting.

**Please note the change of date for November, as Remembrance Day falls on a Sunday this year.**

Sunday, December 9th 2:00 p.m.

Our Annual Christmas Dinner will be provided at 4:00 p.m. courtesy of Chef Klaus.

Friday, November 02, 2007  
 Marj Gardiner  
 Section: Seniors

### Treasurer Report

At long last we are able to provide current and up-to-date financial reports, copies of which will be posted on the Branch Bulletin board for your information. We do ask you to leave the copy on the board for the next member to read. As usual, a current copy will be available at the General Meetings to all in attendance.

The actual statements are being prepared monthly by Linda Mitchell, our auditor, and in so doing, our Annual Reports will be almost immediate at year end.

As many are aware, our investment portfolio has grown considerably since receiving a wonderful bequest from the Estate of Jack Koehler, a Past President and great friend of Branch 50. The monies have been invested at the Bank of Montreal our Branch banking establishment, and over a 5 year period at compounded interest. The rates are the best we could get.

Comrades Don Madill and Peter Whitehall have been asked and agreed, to join my Finance Committee to provide insight and advice to our

Board on investments and spending. I look forward to working with Peter and Don.

The Branch is very strong financially, and in order to remain so, we must continue to grow. This year members voted to pay the memberships of all member veterans (World War I, II and Korea), we are very delighted to do this for our veteran comrades, but we should try to replace the numbers in order to bring our collected dues up to what it was a year ago. If every member would try to bring in a new member in the next 6 months, we would never look back.

Bring a neighbour or friend to one of our many events and let them see what they are missing. Or better yet, get a group together and come on out and have a good time.

Friday, November 02, 2007  
 Jim Fraser  
 Section: Finance

### Entertainment Chair Report

Upcoming Scheduled Entertainment for Branch 50

Sunday, November 11, 2007 From 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.: Howie Johannes  
 Sunday, November 18, 2007 From 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.: Bill Dickinson  
 Sunday, December 16, 2007 From 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Coulson's

New Year's Party - Monday, December 31, 2007 Music by Dianne and the Cavaliers From 8:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Spareribs and the trimmings will be provided by Chef Klaus

**Tickets will be only \$20 – On Sale November 30th to members first**

Great Prizes to be Won!!  
 20" Television, DVD Player, CD Player, Centre In The Square Tickets

Friday, November 02, 2007  
 Vince McQuabbie  
 Section: Entertainment

### Sports Chair Report

We had a very successful Baseball Challenge game against Branch 163 from Hamilton, on Saturday, September 8th. Thanks to all who participated, especially the cheerleaders! We will be meeting Branch 163 for a Ten Pin Bowling

challenge on Saturday, November 24th, Dickson Lanes, Water Street, Cambridge (Galt), at 10:00 a.m. Cost is \$10.00 which includes your shoe rental. Following the match, we will gather at Branch 50 for Grocery Day and hopefully, Branch 163 won't need a second bus to take home all their groceries this time!

Of the crib teams who represented Branch 50 at the Zone Tournament in Stratford on October 21st, one team will be advancing to the next level to be held in Port Elgin. Congratulations go out to Herb Hanna, Bob Robins, Peter Gardiner and Bill Higgins.

On Tuesday, December 11th, CIR will be sponsoring the Annual Hilda Dietrich Memorial Shuffleboard Tournament, at 1 p.m. Thank you to Comrade Michael Fenton for his generous support of this event.

The Monday night pool league is thriving this year and the players are anxious for another tournament. Pool tournaments including the Ladies Re-Match between Branch #126 Preston, will be starting in January, 2008.

The K-W Shuffleboard League, which includes four teams from Fred Gies Branch, has started the 2007/8 season. All scores and standings are available at <http://kwslsite.spaces.live.com/>

Friday, November 02, 2007  
Jerry Prince  
Section: Sports

## Public Relations Officer Report

Remembrance Day, Sunday, November 11th, will see Branch 50 at capacity as we join together in comradeship, to pay tribute to all Canadians who fought for our freedom and show support for our troops of today. This Remembrance Day – Please wear a Poppy and if you see a veteran, say Thank You, and offer him/her a seat.

Thank you to all the members who have volunteered to assist with our November 11th activities with donations of stew, rum or their time to man the stew pots.

If you have children or grandchildren who are interested in Track & Field, please tell them about the Royal

Canadian Legion Track & Field program. The youth of today are our future.

The new web-site will be up and running in a few weeks. Please check the branch bulletin board for all the details when you visit.

Volunteers are welcome to assist with stuffing envelopes for mailing out the Dugout. If you can spare an hour each month, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. You can sign your name on the list posted or send an email to [rclbr50.dugout@yahoo.com](mailto:rclbr50.dugout@yahoo.com).

A box has been placed in front of the Branch sign to receive small gift items for veterans at Parkwood Hospital in London. A delegation of members from Branches 50 & 532 will be going to Parkwood Hospital on Sunday, November 25th, in the morning, to present the gift boxes to the veterans.

Friday, November 02, 2007  
Gloria McKibbin  
Section: Executive