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2011-2012 Executive Officers

President: Hank Schippers

Past President: Wilton Gamble

1st Vice - Jim McCurdy

2nd Vice - Roger Mayhew

3rd Vice - Chris Therkelson

Treasurer - Maureen Marsolais

Secretary - John Mogensen

Sgt. at Arms - Keith Jones

Executive Committee Chairs

Bar Steward - Chris Therkelson

Webmaster & PRO - Marc Bourque

Sports Officer - John Wardlaw

Honours and Awards - Ron Goodwin

Constitution & Laws - Roger Mayhew

Youth and Education - Evelyn Presley

Training & Org - Bob Lacelle

Building Maintenance - John Wardlaw

Officer-at-large - Andy Chaput

Vets & Seniors Services Officer - James Nesrallah

Poppy Committee & Poppy Trust Fund - Robin Chalmers

Membership Officer - Mireille Schippers

Nevada & Lotteries - Courtney Wade

Entertainment & Special Events - Sharyn Dinelle

Executive Meetings are held at the Branch the second Wednesday of the Month.

General Meetings are held at the Branch on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM.

Ladies Auxiliary

President - Marcella Woods

Past President - Diana Ris

1st Vice - Maurine Marsolais

2nd Vice - Veronica Carson

Secretary - Kathy Traill

Treasurer - Margaret Pettipas

Sergeant-at-Arms - Christie Deroche

Membership - Judy Cooper

Executive Committee Members - Patricia Mercier, Anne Dewaal and Georgina Spincer

Catering - Judy Cooper

Sports - Barb Merkley

Ladies Auxiliary meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM at the Legion Hall

HotLine Editor

Ken Beaman

Please help us keep you informed.

If You Move, send or deliver the following notice to the:

Branch Membership Chair, P.O. Box 188, Russell, Ont. K4R1C9

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Name: _____

Old Address _____ New Address _____

City _____ City _____

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Purpose

The purpose of our newsletter is one way to inform the members of activities in our Legion and encourage them to participate. It is hoped that the membership will use this forum to keep acquainted with the goings on and, be able to plan and participate in Legion activities. The other way is via our website. Our Hotline is posted here as well as all other past and upcoming events.

Our website is: "www.Russell-Legion.ca"

This newsletter is **for** the members and should be **by** the members.

Written and signed submissions may be left for us at the bar.

Deadline for the next issue is **Jan 10, 2012**

Bar Manager - Phyllis Barr

Lounge HOURS

Mon - Wed: Noon - 10pm

Thurs: Noon - 11pm



Hall Rentals

For parties, weddings, meetings
Catering services available
Details available by calling
613-445-2967

President's Corner

Hank Schippers

Things have been relatively quiet on the home front since our Neil Diamond tribute.

The Ladies Auxiliary held their annual Xmas Party for the children and/or grandchildren of our members. From all accounts, the children enjoyed the craft table and had a good time overall. Unfortunately, Santa lost his voice while flying from the North Pole and could not call out the children names. Below are a couple of pictures from the event and the members of the L.A. are once again to be commended for a job well done.



On Tuesday, the 13th of December, your Branch presented a cheque for \$500.00 to the Good Neighbour Food Bank in our township.

Comrade & First Vice President, Jim McCurdy and yours truly did the honours in front of our Xmas tree in the lower lounge.



On December 14th, comrade Evelyn Presley and yours truly presented the awards and certificates to the students who had placed in the poetry and poster competitions held recently. A group picture of those students present is shown above.

The winners and runner-ups were as follows:

Primary Colored Poster: 1. Jacob Lamothe 2. Jonathan Hobson 3. Jonathan Patenaude
4. Brooklyn Lapensee.

Junior Black & White Poster: 1. Ryley John Gaw 2. Lia Gosso 3. Caleb Smith

Junior Colored Poster: 1. Jarrett Ladouceur 2. Bryanna Suzan Carbonette 3. Caitlin Ann Gillis

4. Dayna Bekkers

Junior Poem: 1. Emma Patterson 2. Veronica Losier 3. Holland Berkers 4. Peter McCannell

At the same time, the principal of Mother Theresa Catholic school, Mr. David Guertin, was presented with a certificate of appreciation for the support he provides for the poppy campaign as well as the legions' literary and poster competitions.

The year-end is fast approaching and preparations are underway by the Lions for another fantastic and memorable New Years Dinner and Dance Party in the upstairs hall. Tickets are still available at the lower Lounge bar or by contacting any Lion member.

We'll be hosting a "New Years Levee" on New Years' Day starting at 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. where everyone is welcome and has a chance to meet and greet one and all and enjoy some refreshments. We hope to have a number of dignitaries present as well as some of your executive members.

Since this event is our inaugural, we hope to have a good turn out so that we will be encouraged to continue this event in future years.

Until we meet, and on behalf of all your Executive members, I wish each and everyone and your families, a very merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous and Healthy New Year.

Sports

Three teams from our Branch went to the Zone Cribbage Tournament. From what we

hear, our members had a good time and were oh so close to advancing to the District level.

Our Branch sent one team of four to the District 8 Ball Tournament in Cobden. Again, our reps had a good time but could not muster the wins necessary to advance to the Provincials.

I guess that one can't win if he/she doesn't register and we must try and get better at whatever we play if we intend to win.

It's good to see participation by our members.

SPORTS OFFICER

John Wardlaw

See entry under "Sports" in the President's Corner column

ENTERTAINMENT

Sharyn Dinelle

Chair, Entertainment
& Special Events

Nothing submitted in time for publication

LADIES AUXILIARY COLUMN

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From the Editor

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year!

The Lions, in partnership with the Legion Branch, has a New Years Eve Party planned with a meal, band, snacks and party noisemakers. As of this publication, tickets are still available at the excellent price of \$45.00 per person! They are selling quickly so get one soon! Since there is a limit to the number of people the upstairs lounge will hold, tickets may run out before you know it!!

Once again I'm inviting anyone who wishes to take over publication of the HotLine to step forward and apply for the job! This invitation will be here for each issue! Incidentally if I don't receive input to the HotLine each month (on time) it is entirely possible that an issue will not be produced! I will give whoever volunteers all the help I can to help you along!!

It is really **YOUR** publication; perhaps someone else may be more successful than I in getting outside article contributions!

Contributions to the HotLine are welcome and, in fact, encouraged and can be submitted by hard copy (no bigger than a full page of 8.5 x 11 for economic reasons) by giving it to the bartender, to be placed in the Folder that is normally kept behind the bar or in the office; e-mail at ken_beaman@yahoo.com preferably in MS Word format or alternatively in Rich Text Format; by phone at 613-445-3397 or mail at my home Address. The material can be an article, picture (with an appropriate caption or description) or WEB reference for those members with Internet Access. For those of you who have Internet access, the HotLine is now available on the Legion website and you can download and print your own copy if you wish!

Humour is still the best medicine.

There was this little guy sitting in a bar, drinking his beer, minding his own business when all of a sudden this great big dude comes in and -- WHACK!! -- knocks him off the bar stool and onto the floor. The big dude says, "That was a karate chop from Korea." The little guy thinks "GEEZ," but he gets back up on the stool and starts drinking again when all of a sudden -- WHACK!! -- the big dude knocks him down AGAIN and says, "That was a judo chop from Japan." So the

little guy has had enough of this... He gets up, brushes himself off and quietly leaves. The little guy is gone for an hour or so when he returned. Without saying a word, he walks up behind the big dude and -- WHAM!!!!" -- knocks the big dude off his stool, knocking him out cold!!! The little guy looks at the bartender and says, "When he gets up, tell him that's a crowbar from Sears.

I received the following from a friend of mine by e-mail. I thought it appropriate enough to include it in this month's HotLine! I hope you enjoy it!!

Old Soldiers

He was getting old and paunchy
And his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion,
Telling stories of the past.
Of a war that he once fought in
And the deeds that he had done,
In his exploits with his buddies;
They were heroes, every one.
And 'tho sometimes to his neighbors
His tales became a joke,
All his buddies listened quietly
For they knew whereof he spoke.
But we'll hear his tales no longer,
For old Bob has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer
For a Soldier died today.
He won't be mourned by many,
Just his children and his wife.
For he lived an ordinary,
Very quiet sort of life.

He held a job and raised a family,
Going quietly on his way;
And the world won't note his passing,
'Tho a Soldier died today.
When politicians leave this earth,
Their bodies lie in state,
While thousands note their passing,
And proclaim that they were great.
Papers tell of their life stories
From the time that they were young
But the passing of a Soldier
Goes unnoticed, and unsung.
Is the greatest contribution
To the welfare of our land,

Someone who breaks his promise
And cons his fellow man?
Or the ordinary fellow
Who in times of war and strife,
Goes off to serve his country
And offers up his life?
The politician's stipend
And the style in which he lives,
Are often disproportionate,
To the service that he gives.
While the ordinary Soldier,
Who offered up his all,
Is paid off with a medal
And perhaps a pension, small.
It is not the politicians
With their compromise and ploys,
Who won for us the freedom
That our country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger,
With your enemies at hand,
Would you really want some cop-out,
With his ever waffling stand?
Or would you want a Soldier--
His home, his country, his kin,
Just a common Soldier,
Who would fight until the end?
He was just a common Soldier,
And his ranks are growing thin,
But his presence should remind us
We may need his like again.
For when countries are in conflict,
We find the Soldier's part

Is to clean up all the troubles
That the politicians start.
If we cannot do him honor
While he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage
At the ending of his days.
Perhaps just a simple headline
In the paper that might say:
**"OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING,
A SOLDIER DIED TODAY."**