



ST. JAMES LEGION #4 NEWSLETTER



November & December 2015



LEST WE FORGET

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Ladies Auxiliary

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Over 55 Club

Chairman Peter Henry

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Office Administrator	Debi Pointkoski		

Branch Hours Sept 2015 to May 2016 Mon 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tues 9 a.m. to 12 a.m.
 Wed 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Thurs 9 a.m. to 12 a.m. Fri 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. Sat 9 a.m. to 12 a.m.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE July 2015



Dear Comrades and friends of the Legion

This seems like it's a little early, but this is the last bulletin before the events occur so I'll pass on these messages now.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Halloween is almost over (or over, depending on when you read this) and Remembrance Day is coming. Don't forget our service at Bruce Park on the 11th of November. It is always a very moving ceremony and well attended. Parade steps off from Lyle St, which is west of the Assiniboine Hotel on Portage Avenue at 10:45. I hope to see you all there. There will be a reception at the branch after the parade.

October was Nomination Day for our elections to the Executive for 2016. Election for the position of 3rd Vice-President will be held on the 10th of December, with an advance poll on the afternoon of Saturday December 5.

The Poppy Campaign is well under way, but as in past years we still require a lot of help. Check the bulletin board for empty time slots that you can fill. It's only with your help that we can raise the funds needed to support our veterans.

We will once again start off The New Year with a Levee. This is a casual Meet and Greet on New Year's Day where you will be able to come out and meet your fellow members in a casual manner.

All the very best to our shut-in members and a get well quick to those who are ill.

Cde. Ronn Anderson, President



LAST POST

Heaven's gate swung gently open, the Master called softly "Come" and you Dear one took the Master's hand and your work on earth was done. We'll never cease to miss you and shed many silent tears because we cannot share with you our hopes, Our joys, Our fears. But one day in God's garden when the master calls us to come, You'll be at the gates with open arms and say to us "Welcome home".

It is with deep sympathy the Branch records the passing of the following Comrades since our last review. The Officers, Executives and members extend their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.

Cde. Richard Anderson
Ordinary
Unit: RCAF
Deceased 08 Sept 15

Cde. Gisele Coote
Associate
Deceased 17 Sept 15

Cde. Shirley Milne
Voting Affiliate
Deceased 16 Sept 15

Cde. Mike Guyader
Ordinary
Unit: RCMP
Deceased 21 Sept 15

Cde. Jane Rochon
Associate
Deceased 08 Oct 15

Cde. Daniel Hawkins
Ordinary
Unit: CAF
Deceased 19 Oct 15.

*They shall grow not old As we are
left grow old; age shall not weary them, Nor do the years
condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the
morning, We will remember them.
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.*



Newsletter Submission

Please note: all submissions for the Newsletter must be typed or hand printed. Thank you

Cde. Mike Thayer, Publicity

Mobility Aids

The Branch has a limited number of mobility aids such as wheelchairs, and canes that are available on loan to our members. If you are in need of a mobility aid on a temporary basis, stop by the Branch to view the items available and determine if one might meet your short term needs.

SICK VISITING REPORT



November/December 2015

Deer Lodge Centre Chris Aldridge

Doug Brown	Good visit - enjoys the chocolates
Hugh Buskell	Snoozing - left goodie bag.
John Windsor	Good visit- waiting for Jets.
Charles Yule	Good Meeting and discussion.
Maria Sawatsky	Busy with DL staff - left goodie bag.
Peter Sawatsky	Sleeping - left goodie bag.

Golden West Lodge Chris Aldridge

Elliot Armstrong	Out for the afternoon - left goodie bag.
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Oakview Place
Jim Ward

Olive Horton	Enjoys treats and visit.
Wes Wowchuk	Short visit & Chat.
Ed Wall	Sleeping - Left goodie bag.
Marge Hewitt	Sleeping - left goodie bag.

Lion Manor
Al Coote

Winnie Clouston	Not in - left goodie bag.
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Tuxedo Villa
Al Coote

Eva Mackay	Very enjoyable visit.
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This is my report for the Sick and Visiting. Thanks to Chris, Jim and Al for all your support.

Cde. Tom Love, Sick visiting Chair

Deer Lodge Veteran's

Please take note. Any checks or donations made to Deer Lodge Veterans must be made out to the **Veterans Memorial Endowment Fund at Deer Lodge**. This is to ensure the money or donations go directly to the Veterans and no other organizations. Thank you.



Ladies Auxiliary Report



On Wednesday, Sept 6/15 President Corinne Van Meer went to George Waters School and gave them a cheque to help them with their Lunch Program.

The Soup Labels are coming in and we appreciate you support.

The Auxiliary is having a Pre-Christmas Luncheon on Sunday November 22/15 from 12:30 to 2:30 PM. Tickets are \$ 7.00. Mark your calendars so you don't forget. Come out and have a lovely lunch. Marjorie Martin has tickets, 204-888-7874.

Jean McIntosh a new Member, had a fall at home, wish her the best.

Lila Yelland has recently celebrated a Birthday, she is now 65 years, we wish her a good year and our best wishes.

The Auxiliary made a Bursary Presentation to Vanessa McKay at St James Collegiate. Phyllis Psooy and Mary Goss did the presentation.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

June Clarke, Publicity Ladies Auxiliary

Daily Draw Winners

Daily Draw Winners for September/October are: A.J. Matthews, A. Coote,
and A. King.



Advertising



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Marriage Commissioner

Our Office Administrator, Debi Pointkoski, is also a Certified Marriage Commissioner. Please contact Debi if you want more information regarding this service.

SPORTS REPORT

Fall is definitely here and our branch sports activities have started for the fall and winter.

Cribbage



The cribbage league started in September so come out and join us for an afternoon of friendly cards & socializing. Registration starts at 11:30 am. Cards at 12:30.

We play every second Saturday. We hope to see you there.

Contact Gert 837 1955 or Bea 888 4661 if you have any questions.

Curling



The curling started October 18th this year. A detailed list of the teams and their standings will be in the next bulletin.



Darts

The Wednesday Night Dart league started in September and a detailed listing of the teams and standings will be in the next bulletin. If you are interested in playing in this fun league and require more information please leave a message at the branch.

The Provincial Command Darts Registration will be posted Tuesday, October 27, 2015. The deadline for Registration will be NOVEMBER 18, 2015. Should Branch playoffs be required they will be played on November 21, 2015 with registration at 9:00 a.m. and play to commence immediately after.



International Veterans Billiard League

The 2015-16 season has started in the early Fall. Watch the bulletin boards for the standings.



Senior Snooker League

The Senior Snooker league has started again in for the winter season.

A nominal fee will be charged to cover expenses and the Wind up Banquet to be held in April 2016

You must be a member of the branch to be eligible to play.

Thanks to all for your help and co-operation in making this year a success.

Upcoming *Events*

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The Mary Oliver Memorial Dart Tournament was held on September 26, 2015 and over \$1500 was raised for Cancer Care in Manitoba. A big thank you to the Branch and its members for their generosity.

Yours Fraternaly

Cde. Maryanne McGibney, Sports Chairperson



Entertainment

Band Schedule, Bands for November/December

November

6 & 7 Dynamics

9 & 10 Vintage Groove

16 & 17 Celebration

27 & 28 Sky Drive

December

4 & 5 Marvels

11 & 12 Dynamics

18 & 19 Vintage Groove

31 Dynamics

Cde. Maryanne McGibney, Entertainment Chair



Special Events



I would like to thank all the people who donated baking for the bake table for June-Sept. Thank you to Gisele Coote, Judy Appelt, Donna Love, MaryAnne McGibney, Cathie Marzoff, Cathy Searle, Brenda Nichols, Kay McKinnon, Marion Thayer, Ron Filbey, and Lorna Main. If I left anyone out please let me know. Our Veteran's Luncheon was a success. Everyone enjoyed themselves. Thank you to Kendall for a great lunch. Also thank you to Eric Murphy and Jan Miller for the singsong. Our guests always enjoy it. Thank you to Al Coote for lining up the buses and to Mike Thayer for inviting our military to serve our veterans. A big thank you to our servers- AVR Janet Dea, Cpl. Rhea Kirkup, Cpl. Marielle Houle, WO Shelley Crosby, Sgt. Marc Paradis, Sgt. Kayla Parker, Civ. Michael Stokes, Sgt. Michael Borkofsky.



Congratulations to our winners of the Chili Cook Off.

1st. Place- Cathie Marzoff

2nd. Place- Doug Penner

3rd. Place- George Morhun

I would like to thank everyone who donated prizes to the silent auction and everyone who make it a big success. Also thank you to all our cooks. They did an amazing job. We raised \$1060.00 to give to the burn fund. They were very happy with us.



November 11th, Remembrance Day

The bus will be leaving the branch at approximately 10:00 am to go to Lyle Street.

Form Up at Lyle Street- 10:30 am.

March off- 10:40 am.

Ceremony at Bruce Park.

We will then march back to the Branch where we will lay our poppies at the cenotaph and then have entertainment and chili inside.

Everyone please come out as this is a very special ceremony.



New Year's Eve Dance

Tickets- \$55.00 for Non-Members

\$45.00 for Members

\$10.00 for Dance only

Cocktails- 5:30 pm

Dinner- 6:30 pm

Dance- 8:30 pm

Band Dynamics

Tickets will go on Sale November 12th. Please purchase your tickets from Roxanne Mills at the bar only from 9:00am- 2:00 pm. Also she will be selling November 28th, Saturday from 2:00pm- 4:00pm.



Levee Day

January 1st. Come on down and enjoy Ronn Anderson's famous moose milk. It is awesome.

As this is the last bulletin until January I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

I would like to also thank all the volunteers who have helped me all year for the special events. Without your help and dedication I would not have been able to make them a success. Also thank you to all the staff for doing a great job for these events. Thank you to Debi for all your help and also a big thank you to Roxanne for always being there for me. Thank you to all the members who always came out and supported these events.

Cde. Betty Zarney, Special Events Chair



Please check the posters up in the Branch for Breakfast with Santa coming up on December 6/15 from 10 AM to 1 PM

Cde. Chris Lundgren, Children's Committee Chair

Canadian Tire Money

As all members know by now, our Club sponsors the PPCLI Cadets. There is a small box located by the phone down stairs near the Canteen. If you have any spare CDN Tire Money, it would be greatly appreciated if you could drop it in the box. Once filled we will deliver it to the PPCLI Cadets.

Over 55+ Club



Your Membership will now be paid to Ev Hunter, her phone number is 204-888-4588. I do think she is a card player, there should be no problem there.

A Card was sent to Wilma Marshon on the death of her Husband. George Evans was also sent a Get Well Card

Have been advised that Shirley Milne has passed away.

The Over 55+ will be having a Christmas Supper on Thursday December 3/15 at 4 PM. It will be a Turkey Supper, cost will be \$13.00. We will have our meeting and supper following. Mark your calendars and you will get a phone call.

Our Corn Roast was a success, the food was very good and we did well. Thanks for your support.

We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

June Clarke, Publicity Over 55

PPCLI Cadets



The training year 2015-16 is in full progress. New cadets are being enrolled into the program. Senior cadets have been assigned increased responsibilities consistent with the training they received during the summer camp period.

Other cadets have reached the maximum allowable age and have continued their development by attending post-secondary educational training.

The corps is still actively recruited new cadets. They meet every Tuesday evening beginning at 1830 at Romeo Dailleire School which is located at 81 Quail Ridge Road. If you know of anyone who might be interested in the challenges of cadets, please refer them to 2701 PPCLI Cadets.

Summer Training

Summer training is that time of year when cadets have an opportunity to participate in special training. Some have an opportunity to training abroad and train with cadets from other countries.

One cadet, Cadet MWO Nathalie Castagner, was selected for training in the United Kingdom.

The following is a synopsis of her summer experience.

- Pre-course in Connaught (meet the other 19 Canadian team members on the exchange)
- Training course in Crowborough (first week in England) an introduction to the British cadet system
- Cadet Leadership Course in Frimley Park (testing our new knowledge learned from the first week in England, fine tuning weapon skills acquired, and being put into leadership positions)
- Adventure training (Basic rock climbing course)
- Cultural week – touring cities and visiting historical sites
- Return to Canada for de-kit and graduation parade

My experience and thoughts throughout the exchange:

- A life changing experience. I loved experiencing every aspect of a new culture including everything from the busy cities to the country side.
- Working as a team of Canadians in a different country taught me a lot about being a good member of a team and even more about how to lead one effectively.
- The most interesting part was learning how different the British cadet system is compared to the Canadian one.
- The Cadet Leadership Course during the second week in England was the most difficult week of cadets I've ever been through and arguably the most rewarding.
- I loved working with the British cadets and officers! They were all supportive and had a great sense of humour
- The best part of the exchange was making friendships that I hope will last the rest of my life
- Wonderful opportunities presented to the Canadians on the exchange such as: new training style, gain new field skills, consolidate weapon knowledge, learn about English

history, see some beautiful countryside views, learn great leadership skills that you can bring back to your own home corps

- I highly recommend every Canadian cadet to strive to apply for this opportunity because you will not regret it.

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Scholarships

Several prestigious scholarships are available to cadets. Cadet MWO Nathalie Castagner was the proud winner of two of them.

The first was the Lieutenant Laurence Gillmor Sherman Award, which is a \$1,000.00 scholarship that is presented by the Hubbell Awards. Nathalie was presented with her scholarship in a special ceremony held in the rotunda of the Manitoba Legislative Building.



She was also a winner of 2015 Manitoba Support Our Troops Scholarship that is awarded by the Province of Manitoba. The value of that scholarship was also \$1,000.00.

Nathalie is currently enrolled in the University of Manitoba and plans to study dentistry.

Cde. Ivan Poitras, Sponsors Representative.

In House Draws, Meat Draw



There will be turkey & hams for meat draws on December 5th, 12th, & 19th. Come & participate and win some nice prizes. Also I am making up the sheets for the 2016 Friday & Saturday meat draws. We are always looking for volunteers so if you can help us with the draws please leave your name at the bar or see Al Coote. Thanks for your continued support for our draws, it is an important part of our fundraising events at the branch.

Look forward to seeing you in the Branch. Have a great Christmas and All the Best in 2016

Cde. Al Coote, In House Draws Chair

Ways and Means Chase the Ace



It is very nice to be back home, and also to be back at the Branch. On October 10, 2015 we had our Thanksgiving Basket Draw. The winner was C. Hepner who was in attendance. She was extremely happy that her name was drawn. I would like to Thank Al Coote and Betty Zarney who helped get the basket ready while I was away. Also I would like to thank everyone who donated to the basket, and also to all those that entered the draw. The Branch made a profit of \$200.00.

We are currently selling Grey Cup tickets. The sales are moving along. I still have \$5.00 tickets if anyone is interested in selling some for the branch. The date for the game is November 29, 2015.

Finally, we will be have a Christmas Basket Draw on December 19, 2015. If anyone is interested in donating to the basket or knows of a business that is interested, either let me know or leave a message at the bar for me.

Chase the Ace is every Monday. The pot is now almost \$5,000 Ticket \$5.00 for a strip of 5. We also have a 50/50, \$1.00 for a strip of 5. Tickets go on sale at 6 PM, 50/50 Draw 8 PM, Chase the Ace at 8:15 PM.

**Yours in Comradeship,
Cde. Ken Morley, Ways & Means Chairman**

BRANCH #4 LEGION WEBSITE

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New Members for the General Meeting As of October 15, 2015

Ordinary New

Paddy Douglass

Associate New

Darlene Whitfield

Affiliate New

Roger Fehr

Reinstated

Irene Gugins

George Davis

David Leronowich

James Fraser

Transferred

Marc Paradise

Beverly Ptosnick

Fred Tully

James Stevenson

Stan Chartrand

Dennis Hendrickson

Number of Dues paid for 2016

226

New Members

13

Cde. Gordie Laing, Membership Chair

Membership Renewal

To renew your 2015 membership the dues are \$46.00. To become a member of the St. James Legion for the year 2015, the dues are \$41.00. To renew your Membership for 2016 the dues are \$45.00 until Jan 31st 2016; Feb 1st the dues are \$50.00. Cannot make it down to the Legion? Mail in your dues with a self-addressed stamped envelope, and we will be pleased to mail your Membership card to you.

Keep up with the happenings at our Legion. If you want the bulletin mailed to you, the cost is \$10.00 per year and you will be one of the first to receive the bulletin delivered right to your mailbox six times a year.

Ballroom Dancing



Free Ballroom Dancing Lessons Thursday Night

With Eric

Beginners 6:45 to 7:45

Advance 8:00 to 9:00

For info please call 339 – 8890



LEARN TO LINE DANCE

Monday, 1:30-3:00, Line Dancing, Beginner, Sheryl Fowler, Oct thru May

Monday, 6:30-7:00, Line Dancing, High Intermediate, Kathy Arnold, All Year

Monday, 7:00-9:00, Line Dancing, Intermediate, Kathy Arnold, All Year

Tuesday, 7:00-9:00, Line Dancing, High Beginner, Kathy Arnold, All Year

Wednesday, 7:00-7:30, Line Dancing, Intermediate, Karen Hodgins, Sept thru June

Wednesday, 7:30-9:00, Line Dancing, Low Intermediate, Karen Hodgins, All Year

Thursday, 10:00-11:00, Zumba Gold, Beginner, Karen Hodgins, Sept thru June

Friday, 10:00- Noon, Line Dancing, All Levels Review, Kathy Arnold, Sept thru June

Please note that all Kathy`s classes are now suspended due to health issues. Also, my line dance classes are now \$4 per class, Zumba is \$5.



SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

On your way downstairs to the main lounge, there is a wooden box marked “St James Legion Supports the Troop’s Family” if you have any spare change please throw it in to support our Troop’s family.

Also have a look at the wall behind the bar; we are selling items for the MFRC (Military Family Resource Centre” to help the Troops and their families.

Support your troops on Friday by wearing RED.



Volunteers Needed

I would like to thank all the Members that have come out time & time again as Honourary Pallbearers honouring our Veterans that have passed on. I know it's a thankless job, but it is a real necessity. If any Member with a Legion Uniform would like to join this Elite Group, please advise me. My home phone is 204-889-8225. We are definitely in need of some more Pallbearers who are available in the AM and or PM.

Cde. Eric Murphy, Services & Pensions



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