

ST. JAMES LEGION #4 NEWSLETTER



January & February 2016



LEST WE FORGET

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3rd Vice President Chris Lundgren Children's Programs

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Executives Appointments

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Sports Randy Morningstar Website George Morrison, Chris Aldridge

Chase the Ace

Ken Morley

Ladies Auxiliary Over 55 Club

Jane Deller

President Corinne Van Meer Chairman Peter Henry

Office Staff (888-2860)

Scholarships

Secretary Treasurer Leif Johnson Bar Manager Roxanne Mills

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 JAN 2016

I hope that everyone had a very nice Christmas and an enjoyable and safe New Year's Celebration. I wish everyone the very best for 2016.

Congratulations to our re-elected 1st Vice-president Comrade Al Coote and 3rd Vice-president Comrade Chris Lundgren as well as our newly elected and re-elected two year members of the executive, Comrades Randy Morningstar, Ken Morley, Dusty Miller, and Maryanne McGibney

I also want to offer congratulations to the newly elected executives of the Ladies Auxiliary and Over 55 Club and I wish you both a most successful year.

On January the 4th the branch will commence our next round of Chase The Ace. Without these fundraisers (Chase the Ace; Texas Hold-em; 50/50; Meat Draws; Basket Draws; etc.) conducted by our volunteers, we as a branch would be in dire straits. Membership fees and Bar profits do not fully cover the operating expenses of the branch facilities. Your support of these fundraisers as a volunteer and/or a purchaser of the draw tickets is vital to the future of branch No. 4. It is quite possible that without that support, the operating expenses would over-whelm the income and make it difficult to continue operations in the same manner.

Winter seems to have found us so everyone enjoy what's left of the winter and don't forget to participate in all the events being held in your branch. Seniors' snooker, darters, cards and English Billiards are well under way and seem to be having a great time. All of the other winter sports are also well under way including the branch play-downs leading to Provincial and National Championships.

The very best wishes to all of our shut-in friends and a quick and complete recovery to all of our ill members.

Remember participate in your branch activities and help make your branch a successful enterprise.

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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. Kenneth Langridge Ordinary Unit: Army Deceased 11 Nov 15 **Cde. David Hodgson** Associate Deceased 05 Nov 15 **Cde. Wayne Hodgins** Associate Deceased 17 Dec 15

They sshall 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.





POPPY CAMPAIGN 2015 REPORT

Another very successful Poppy Campaign has come and gone. A big thank you to all of you volunteers. You are the reason the 2015 campaign was so successful. To all those members of the branch and others who went the extra distance and worked steady to insure the campaign was a total success, THANK YOU. The total raised for 2015 is in excess of \$48,000. (Subject to change upward)

"If I have missed naming any volunteer or misspelled your name you have my sincere apology and please notify me so that I can correct my error."

Tag Day Coordinators Business Delivery and Pick-up

Airport Jim Ward Al Coote

Superstore Muriel Barton Muriel and Bruce Barton

Safeway Muriel Barton Phil Gelinas RRC Coreen Van Meer Bernie Roy

Wal-Mart Kay McKinnon Mike Hickey and Chris Aldridge

Taggers at Safeway and Superstore

Charles and Judy Appelt Lorna and Don Main Blake and Leslie Appelt

Tom and Donna Love Russ Lanoway Betty Zarney
Maryanne McGibney Ken Arsenault Art King
Earl Smith Denis Dyck Liz Halladay
Sarah McPherson Debbie MacDonald Jack Bridge
Mary Sheard Judy Wren Bert Jolly

Ken Morley

Taggers at Airport

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Jim Simm	Terry James	Joyce Coles	Dave Karpenic
Kathy Sproule	Wayne Neumann	Sara MacPherson	Don Cozine
Rosemarie Cozine	Mike Thayer	Liz Halladay	Chris Lundgren
Don Main	Bev Barker	Bob Sesson	Peter Henry
Ruth Henry	George Evans	Doug Thomas	Ron Lett
George Dobson	Ivan Poitras	June Poitras	Dusty Miller
Roland Fisette	Phyllis Psooy	Walter Psooy	Garry Pruden
Chris Aldridge	Ken Carlson	Don Neumann	Nancy Neumann
Betty Zarney	Joyce Warrener	Jessie Fraser	Wayne Wizbicki
Susan Wizbicki	Georgina Dibley	Corinne Van Meer	Burt Quinlan
Brian Leitch	Joyce Ward	Jim Ward	Gord Fardoe
Christine Brown			

Taggers at Red River College

Corrine Van Meer Phyllis Psooy Barbara Criggie

Taggers at Wal-Mart

Kay McKinnon Derry McKinnon

Thanks to the cadets of 2701 PPCLI RCACC and 220 Air Cadet Squadron RCACS for their assistance at the Airport, Canadian Tire and at Safeway.

An extra Thank you to all those who did more than one shift.

Cde. Ronn Anderson, Poppy Chair

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



January/February 2016

Deer Lodge Centre Chris Aldridge

Doug Brown Good Visit, left goodie bag. Hugh Buskell Sleeping, left goodie bag.

Charles Yule Good visit in main street cafeteria, excited to be going to legion for lunch soon.

Maria Sawatsky Great visit in 6th floor lunchroom.

Peter Sawatsky Sleeping, left goodie bag.

Golden West Lodge Chris Aldridge

Elliot Armstrong Good visit as usual, talking BNN stuff.

Oakview Place Jim Ward

Olive Horton Short visit, likes her treats. Wes Wowchuk Sleeping, left goodie bag.

Ed Wall Good visit and talk.

Marge Hewitt Short visit and chat.

Yvette McGibney Nice visit and talk.

Lion Manor Al Coote

Winnie Clouston Had a nice visit.

Tuxedo Villa Al Coote

Eva Mackay Very enjoyable visit

This is my report for the Sick and Visiting. I know by the time you receive this newsletter Christmas and New Year's will be over but I hope you all have a good year in 2016. Thanks to all the committee members.

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

We extend our sympathy to Debi Pointkoski on the death of her mother, Doreen Roth. Marion Schroeder had a bad fall and was in the hospital. Marie Goss was also in the hospital. Jane Deller has been in the Hospital, is home now and on the mend.

We had our Luncheon on the 22nd of November. The day started out a little windy, calmed down by Noon. Not a bad turn out and of course everyone spent money. A big thanks to the Cadets for their help. Thanks to the ladies in in the kitchen, Cammie, Kay, Lorna and Carol. Once again the food was great. Also a thank you to everyone that did baking, the table was full and we sold it all. There were a lot of very nice prizes for the draw and the following is a list of winners.

Grocery Hampers 1. Jane Deller 2. Fanny Ong 3. Orma Agar

Special Table Bear - Pat Fowler, Silverware - Kay Brown, Scarf - Anna Duffy, Afghan - Olga MacDame, Picture – Anna Duffy.

Money Tree Colleen Boyce

Silent Auction

1. 50 Piece Set – Sandy Duffy

2. 18 Piece Rubbermaid Set – Jackie Blonski

3. Misc. Kitchen Items – Anna Duffy

4. Storage Kit & Placemats – Ed Neault

5. Slow Cooker – Briana Lowry

6. Tea Set – Anna Duffy

7. Jewelry Box & Necklace – Linda Morley

8. Wall Lantern & Wrapping Paper – Anna Duffy

9. Bird Feeder – Ann Viehweg

10. Holiday Plate & Wrapping Paper & Debi Pointkoski

11. Stainless Cheese Set & Wrapping Paper – Linda Morley

12. Hello Kitty & Children's Activity Set – Debbie Clark

13. Clock & Candle – Joan Faraci

14. Candies & Wrapping Paper – Carol Tasse

15. Angle & Wrapping Paper – Corinne Van Meer

16. Perfume & Bath Set – Anna Duffy

17. French Fridge Holder & Butter Bell – Anna Duffy

18. Watch & Angel Pin – Betty Zarney

19. Chip & Dip Holder – Tailg Leknes

20. Poker Set – Barb Criggie

Door Prize 1. Pat Fowler 2. Josie Dowhan

At our Meeting in November, we had our Nominations and then our Election. The following will be in Office.

 $President - Corinne \ Van \ Meer, \ \ 1^{st} \ Vice \ Phyllis \ Psooy, \ \ 2^{nd} \ Vice - Open$

Treasurer – Barbara Criggie, Catering – Amelia Huminsky Deer Lodge – Marjorie Martin Joint Hospital – June Clark, Publicity – June Clark, Social – Doreen Luhtala Refreshments – Open, Ways & Means – Barbara Criggie, Sgt At Arms – Lila Yelland Sewing & Crafts – Annette Sul

Val Hogan just had a Birthday, Kay McKinnon and Kay Brown had a Birthdays, wish you a good New Year.

Amelia is a new member, sold tickets at the door for our Luncheon and has taken on the job of Catering. Nice to have you with us.

Dec 6/15, spoke to Phyllis Psooy, her husband Walter has a bad fall and is in the hospital. We wish him all the best.

Phyllis has done some visiting, the following is her report

Elsie Shields – Very cheerful and loved her gift

Marie Cairns – Happy to see her and went to the elevator with her wheel chair when she left

Anna Kuma – Smile on her face and was happy to see Phyllis

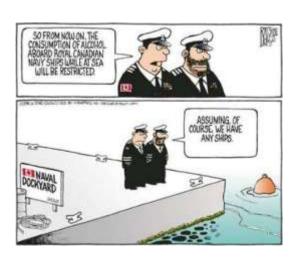
Eva McKay – Didn't see her, but a gift was left for her

Hope everyone had a nice Holiday and wish everyone a good New Year. Those of you that have been ill, hope your health improves.

June Clarke, Publicity Ladies Auxiliary

Daily Draw Winners

Daily Draw Winners for. Nov & Dec: K. Wowchuk, M. Robinson, A. Durand, G. Lalvalee, R. Filbey and R. Anderson.





Advertising

Just started a Business or need a little boost in you sales or services to get things going? Then why not advertise in the Legion Newsletter an inexpensive way to advertise your product. The Newsletter is read by 1500 plus members and their families that may need your services or product you're offering. Call the Branch Office at 888-2860.

Full page \$136.00 Half Page \$68.00 Quarter Page \$36.00

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

The holidays are upon us and many of the activities have taken a break until the New Year.



Cribbage

The cribbage league started September 2015

Come out and join us for an afternoon of friendly cards & socializing. Registration starts at 11:30 am. Cards at 12:30. We will have one doubles team and 2 singles teams representing the branch at the next level of the 2016 Provincial Command Cribbage Championships.

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

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

We will have one doubles team and 2 singles teams representing the branch at the next level of the 2016 Provincial Command Cribbage Championships. The District playoffs will be held on January 31, 2016 at West Kildonan Branch #30.



Curling

Play started in October and the competition is hot and heavy. The Teams have taken a break until after Christmas. Go out on Sunday and watch them play at noon at the Deer Lodge Curling Club. They are looking for spares to help out.



The Wednesday Night Dart league has started for the season and a notice has been posted with information on the league.

If you are interested in playing in this fun league and require more information please leave a message at the branch.

The branch playoffs for the 2016 Provincial command Dart championships were held in November and the following teams will be going to the next level.

We have 1 Four Man Team, 3 doubles teams, and 3 singles teams. The district playoffs will be held on February 13th, 2016 at West Kildonan Branch #30 with registration at 9:30 a.m.



International Veterans Billiard League

The 2014 - 15 season has started. Watch the bulletin boards for further information. Come out and watch the high caliber of play on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. We have 2 teams that play in this league so please come out and support them.



Senior Snooker League

The Senior Snooker league has commenced for the coming season. You can see them play 2 mornings a week from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Thanks to Jim Ward and Bernie Roy for all their help in running this league. The boys have taken a break for Christmas and will be back playing in the New Year.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and to thank those of have helped organize and run our branch sports activities so smoothly



Upcoming Events

Please watch the bulletin boards for upcoming sporting events to take place at our branch.

Yours Fraternally

Cde. Maryanne McGibney, Sports Chairperson



Entertainment

FEB 26 & 27

Band Schedule, Bands for January, February, March

JAN 2	DYNAMICS
JAN 8 & 9	RICKI REDBONE
JAN 15 & 16	VINTAGE GROOVE
JAN 22 & 23	CELEBRATION
JAN 29 & 30	MARVELS

FEB 5& 6	ROCKETS
FEB 12 & 13	DYNAMICS
FEB 19 & 20	WHISKEY BENT

MAR 4 &5	DYNAMICS
MAR 11 & 12	RICKY REDBONE
MAR 18 & 19	CELEBRATION
MAR 24 & 26	TBA

MARVELS

I wish everyone a very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who thank all of those who came out to support these bands and their feedback.

Cde. Maryanne McGibney, Entertainment Chair





Special Events

I hope everyone had a very good Christmas and New Year's. Another year over and now a new one begins. If anyone has any ideas of something new for a special event please leave me a message at the bar or come and let me know. I would like some new ideas to try out.

Upcoming Events



Robbie Burns

January 25th, Monday Haggis to be served at 5:30 pm Entertainment; 6:30 pm

Watch for posters for further information.



Valentine's Day Dance February 13th, Saturday

Watch for the poster for more information.

Cde. Betty Zarney, Special Events Chair

Children's Events



Children's Halloween Party

Our Children's Halloween Party was held on Sunday, October 25th in our clubroom. We had a great turnout and a large number of witches, princess', ninjas, pirates, ghosts and an oversized polar bear. With the excellent weather Doc and Mike were able to outdo their last year's culinary skills by using the outside barbeque. The dogs, drinks & chips were served up by Betty and "save me the broken ones" Al.

Mr. & Mrs. Potato head (Brenda & Joel) did a wonderful job with the games, gifts, and entertainment for all of our little guests. Nathan & Shaun assisted the children in the Pumpkin

carving and later 48 scary and carefully carved Jack O Lanterns went out the door. We were fortunate to have the Great White Bear present to scare away that Red Faced Devil that usually haunts this annual event.

I would like to thank all of the above mentioned for helping to make this party a success and look forward to doing it again next Halloween.

Breakfast with Santa Santa

The Branch's Breakfast with Santa was held on Sunday, December the 6th. The event was well attended with 56 Children and 72 Adults filling up our clubroom. All were well fed a breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, and sausages all perfectly prepared by Doc, Mike & Dusty, served up by Al, Betty, Marianne and Liz.

Brenda and Joel again provided entrainment with and craft room set up for the children to make cards and other Christmas Crafts, as well as recruiting a singer /musician to lead the children in Christmas songs and carols.

Santa arrived just in the "Nick" of time and distributed gifts to the children after being assured of a past year's good behaviour from each of them.

Everyone had a great time and I would like to thank the above named members who contributed in making the party another success.

I would also like to wish everyone a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS & HEALTH AND HAPPINESS IN THE NEW YEAR

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.



Joyce Coles recently had a Birthday, have a good year Joyce.

Recently saw Maryanne McGibney, all the best to you and a speedy recovery.

Just a note, please pay your membership dues as soon as possible. If it goes into February, you will be paying \$7.00. Ev Hunter will call you.

Our group just had Nominations and Elections and the following are on the Executive.

Chair – Peter Henry Treasurer – Jim Simms Secretary – Ruth Henry Bake Table – Maria Sear Food – Joyce Coles Publicity – June Clark Phoning – Open Membership – Ev Hunter Cards – Georgina Dibley

Thursday Dec 3/15we had we had a Turkey Dinner. It was very nice and we had about 34 people out. We also had a 50/50 Draw and everyone had a nice time. Thank you to Joyce for arranging this for us.

We hope everyone had a nice Holiday and we hope to see you at our next meeting, Thursday January 7/16. Executive meeting will be January 5/16 at 1.30 PM.

June Clarke, Publicity Over 55



In House Draws, Meat Draw

Hi Comrades well another Year has passed. I would like to thank all the volunteers for their good work over the year. The first draw of the New Year is on Jan 2. So bring your friends and come and enjoy the meat draw. Remember we always need help for these draws so if you can help on Friday or Saturday please see me at the Branch or leave your name at the bar and I will be in touch.

All the Best In 2016

Cde. Al Coote, In House Draws Chair



Ways and Means Chase the Ace

The Grey Cup is now over and I am pleased to say we made a profit on our ticket sales. I would like to thank the following people who helped sell tickets. They are: Maryanne McGibney, Roland Fisette, Betty Zarney, Judy Appelt, Kathy Sproule, Bev Ptosnick, Daurelle Wowchuk, Albert Bollenbach, Jim Simm, Debi Pointkoski, Darlene Whitfield, Cec Simard, Brenda Romas, Barb Criggie, Corrine Van Meer, Joel Nichols, Sharon Roy, Ron Filbey, Bev Barker, Daisy Dales, and the bar staff.

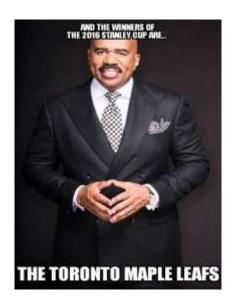
We had our Christmas Basket Draw on December 19 and the winner was Michelle Short. I would like to thank the following who donated: St. James Ladies Auxiliary, Food Fare Grocery Store, Tom & Donna Love, Bea Reynolds, Betty Zarney, Marge Martin, Jim Ward, Al Coote, Michelle Tourand, Maria Sheard, Ken & Daurelle Wowchuk, Kay McKinnon, Murdoch Jardine, and Linda Morley.

On November 30 our Chase The Ace jackpot was won. We will be starting a new game on January 4, 2016.

This year has been a good year and I would like to thank those who helped make my job a little easier. They are: Ronn Anderson, Mike Thayer, Betty Zarney, Jim Simm, Jim Ward, Debi Pointkoski, Brenda Nichols, Roxanne Mills, all the Bar Staff, and a special thanks to Al Coote.

Cde. Ken Morley, Ways & Means Chairman

BRANCH #4 LEGION WEBSITE http://www.rclstjames04.mb.ca/





New Members for the General Meeting As of December 10, 2015

Ordinary NewDarlene Searcy

James Dudgeon

Associate New

Robert Jesson Brenda Poapst Joanne Mulvena Cliff Murphy

Affiliate New

Dan Mulvena John Mansfield Kelvin Baksh Jaime Datuin Teresa Datuin Gabriele Fazekas Barb Bartkiewicz Shirley Melanson

Reinstated

Robert Chapman M. Horbow Darlene Pich Sara Jane MacPherson

Transferred

Bill Granger Gregory Coyston Alan Whitson Denise Foster

Number of Dues paid for 2016 648 New Members 22

Cde. Gordie Laing, Membership Chair

Membership Renewal LEGION

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.



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.



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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