



BRANCH 50
KITCHENER

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION FRED GIES BRANCH 50



THE DUGOUT

July/August 2023

PRESIDENT REPORT & CONSTITUTION & LAWS –

CADET LIASON - ERNIE BREMNER

Dear Comrades;

Happy Summer and welcome to a successful 2023/2024 at Branch 50.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your support during the election as your President.

The mission of the Royal Canadian Legion is to service veterans, which includes serving military and RCMP members and their families, to promote remembrance and to serve our communities and our country.

Branch 50 is committed to this statement. Having said this, your Executive and Executive Committee have met and put together a “Living” plan for 2023/2024.

“Living” means that this plan is meant to be flexible and able to change through the democratic outline by the Royal Canadian Legion and our Membership’s directions.

The direction we have chosen is to move forward in a positive and progressive manner. To accomplish this your Executive is submitting the following to you for your perusal, consideration and your support.

Communication: We are committed to ensuring that our membership is kept informed on all issues concerning our Branch through both internal and external written and electronic communication. By doing this we hope to alleviate any concerns which would interfere with the positive direction we are creating at Branch 50.

Administrative and Operational System: We will be reviewing all systems within the Branch. This is being done to ensure that we are being as efficient as possible using the best business practices.

Memberships Participation: As you are aware we have a number of Executive Committees within our Branch, IE Ways and Means, House, Membership ETC. Some of these are a “committee of one”-if any of our members have an interest in our Committee functions, we are very much encouraging your participation (many hands make light work) so jump on board. If you have ideas or suggestions on how to improve our operation, please forward them on in writing or by email so they can be considered as another positive way for us to move forward.

The Executive acknowledges that to fulfill our mission and move forward in a positive and progressive manner it will require not only the dedication of the those elected members, but also the support of all Branch 50 members.

We welcome you to join us in helping make this a successful year.

LEST WE
FORGET

REMEMBER!

IT'S NOT
WHAT YOU
PAY TO BE A
MEMBER.

IT'S WHAT
THEY PAID TO
LET YOU.



2nd VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT & BAR CHAIR – JIM FRASER

This is my first report to the members of Fred Gies, Br. 50 RCL and it is my pleasure to provide it. As Bar Chair we are moving forward to introduce some changes to the Bar service to create an atmosphere that is welcoming to our current and (hopefully) new members.

Instead of just providing the usual beer and shot items we are seeking to enlarge our selection of beverages to include a new brand of Sparkling Ciders along with the current Cider brand.

Very shortly we hope to introduce the "Drink Of the Week"; offering an easily mixed drink such as Margueritas, Martini's, etc. - tequila and vodka mixes that might appeal more to our ladies. Watch for the notice at the Bar for the commencement of this "Special." You may be asked at the Bar to suggest your favourite cocktail, please offer assistance by revealing your boozy secret.

We are also investigating special nights such as a "Happy Hour," and a "Members or Veterans Night." More to come on this.

We are conducting a "Boost the Membership" Contest. A notice will be posted describing a prize each week for the months of July and August. The member introducing the most new members will win ALL eight prizes accumulated during the summer.

I will sign off for now with a request you please let me or the Bar Staff know of any ideas we might use or develop to build this Branch to where it was a number of years ago.

TREASURER – KIRBY O'LINK

I'm honoured to have been elected treasurer of Branch 50 legion and I thank you for your support and confidence in me.

I look forward to the challenge and the exciting things we have planned for our branch in the near future. An addition with a new Kitchen is on the horizon.

I am encouraging all wanting to be part of this exciting project to volunteer, get involved, be proud of what we are about to accomplish.

He who aims at nothing, surely hits it. Let us aim high!

SECRETARY REPORT – GAIL BOURHILL

I am the Secretary of the branch as well as the DUGOUT editor. I welcome any ideas you would like to see in a future dugout. All suggestions are welcome. Please email me at gailbour@hotmail.com or call me at 226-748-4553.

VETERANS SERVICES / SENIORS GROUP / WAYS & MEANS

ROSE COSTA

Ways & Means. My position is to make money for our legion by doing the Meat Spins every Saturday where we sell 50/50 tickets. The draw is taken place at 4:00 p.m. We are looking at starting up Euchre in July in the evenings. On August 26th we are having a bazaar/bake sale. The cost to rent a table is \$35.00 and with hydro, \$40.00. Please contact me at 226-988-3323 to reserve a table. Tuesday nights we have a great dinner at 5:30 and the cost is \$13.00. Take outs are \$8.00. Karaoke starts at 6:00 with Carl Buder. It is always a success. We sell 50/50 tickets at each function. Tickets are 9 for \$5.00. Come out and join us and have some great fun and meet great people.

Entertainment. Watch the dugout for upcoming events. We have great bands coming with awesome music. We try to have a band once a month. The cost at the door is \$7.00 for members and \$12.00 for non-members. Gail is doing our dugout and is doing a fabulous job showing pictures as much as she can, to show how much fun we have at Branch 50.



SPORTS REPORT – BLAISE BOUCHER

I am the Sports Chair. Nothing to report right now. I will have more information in the next Dugout.

HOUSE AND GROUNDS / POPPY CAMPAIGN – DON GINGRICH

As Poppy Chair I have an enormous task ahead. 1st. The route sheets need to be redone, which I have help with. Next, I have to reorganize the counting crew, since last years' was a disaster. I will need a new crew to help. {Please volunteer if you are good with numbers!} Also, I need drivers who can read a list of addresses and follow my directions on how to do them. Please sign up when I put up the DRIVERS LIST ON SEPT.!

As co-chair of Sports I will help Blaise as best as possible.

Since I am also House & Grounds I will do my best to keep things working. Please come to me for anything needed by word, or put a note in the suggestion box by the pool tables.

YOUTH & EDUCATION – CAROL GABRIEL

I am responsible for Youth Education and would like to welcome all the new executives and our President.. I will sit with some of the executives and will let you know what Youth Education is all about. I will ask some of you to sit with me after our next Executive meeting.

PUBLIC RELATIONS / HONOURS & AWARDS– CECILE KNIPFEL

I am honored to be a part of the executive of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 50. I have been appointed as our "Public Relations Officer" and also as our "Honour and Rewards Officer".

As the Public Relations Officer, I am promoting and advertising our branch. I have made a Facebook group called "Royal Canadian Legion Branch 50 Kitchener – Belmont", where I have been making "Event" pages to make the public aware of what is happening here at Branch 50. I pledge to do my best to promote events, and the happenings that the executives are planning for the upcoming year.

As the Honour and Rewards Officer, I will be present for any of the events to recognize and present, as the appointed officer or our branch. I will make sure that all that are to be included, are invited and presented with the honor or rewards they are to receive.

In conclusion, I would like to wish you all a safe summer, and please look out for our summer events here at the RCL Branch 50.

MEMBERSHIP – LAURIE RYAN

I am Chair of Membership. I am responsible to ensure that all applications for membership and transfer are processed. Service is recognized. Membership recruitment is achieved and member files are up to date and secured.

SICK & VISITING – JAY OSWALD

I am looking after Sick & Visiting this term. If you know of anyone who is in the hospital or is ill, and would like a visit, please contact me at 519-571-7337

BURSARY / SENIORS – CARL BUDER

I will be looking after the Seniors. I have not met with them yet, but plan to do so in the near future.



BRANCH 50 EXECUTIVE

President / Cadet Liason/
Constitution & Laws

Ernie Bremner

1st Vice President – Security

Michael McKeever

2nd Vice President – Bar Chair
Treasurer

Jim Fraser

Kirby O'Link

Branch Secretary & Dugout

Gail Bourhill

Past President / Leadership

Chris Pickering

Sergeant At Arms

Vacant

Membership

Laurie Ryan

Poppy Campaign/House & Grounds

Don Gingrich

Youth Education

Carol Gabriel

Sports

Blaise Boucher

Ways & Means/Seniors Group/

Veterans Services/Entertainment

Rose Costa

Sick & Visiting

Jay Oswald

Bursary / Honours & Awards

Carl Buder

Public Relations/Honours & Awards

Cecile Knipfel

July 1st, Dominion Day is a day to commemorate the Confederation of Canada, July 1967. Twenty-one-gun salutes are fired at noon, Jul 1, at Canadian Forces saluting stations at St. John's, Charlottetown, Halifax, Fredericton, Quebec City, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Edmonton, Vancouver, and Victoria.

August 19th. Dieppe Day. The Royal Regiment of Canada observes and remembers its part in the Dieppe Raid, August 19, 1942.

NOTICE OF ITINERARY VISIT – AUGUST 24, 2023

A Veterans Service Officer from London will be at Branch 50 from 10:00 a.m. on. The topics they will discuss are:

- Applications for Disability Benefits, Benevolent Funds, War Veterans Allowance, Rehabilitation and Vocational Assistance.
- Referalls for Entitled Veterans to Treatments, etc.
- Information and Assistance for Widows.

If you need assistance in any of the above please contact the Branch at 519-745-5101 to set up an appointment.



For entertainment, food preparation and cleanup for karaoke night, pool tournaments, color party, etc. Please drop us a note in the suggestion box or email gailbour@hotmail.com. Thank you



PLEASE SEND MY DUGOUT VIA E-MAIL

Name: (please print) _____

Membership #: _____

Email address: _____

Royal Canadian Legion
Fred Gies (Branch 50) Ontario

Email: royalcanadianlegion1@bellnet.ca

Online: <http://kitchenerlegionbranch50.ca>

MEMBERS: Are you receiving mail from Branch 50? Has your address or phone number changed recently? Are you credited with your full years of service? Do you know of a member that has passed away?

PLEASE CONTACT OUR MEMBERSHIP at latewestryan@gmail.com or

226-972-5123



Carl Buder presented Fred Beecroft
His wine glass for his generosity to our
legion



Band June 17th





Irene Runstedler 100th Birthday May 29, 2023



IRENE RUNSTEDLER *100TH BIRTHDAY* MAY 29 2023

New Legion members initiated June, 2023



Back row left to right

**Laurie Ryan, Otto Volpe, Gerald Newmaster, Joseph Gorgerat,
Estelle Bosse, Ernie Bremner**

Front row left to right

Sue Vigh, Cathy Costa, Dorothy MacDonald, Nikki Iden

Carl's Tribute June 12th





July 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
CLOSED	2:00 pm to closing	2:00 pm to closing	2:00 pm to closing	2:00 pm to closing	2:00 pm to 8:00 pm	11:00 am to closing
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2 12:00 – 4:00 Celebration of Life	3 6:30 pm 8 ball pool ALL WELCOME	4 5:30 pm Dinner 6:00 pm Karaoke	5 7:00 pm KW Rec. pool league	6 2:30 pm Euchre 7:00 pm 9 ball pool. 7:00 pm Euchre ALL WELCOME	7	8 12:00 pm Crib Tournament ALL WELCOME 3:00 Meat Spin
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