



ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION FRED GIES BRANCH 50

THE DUGOUT

May, June, July 2022



PRESIDENT REPORT – PAM BARRAGER

Hey Comrades. Well, I guess 2022 is testing us again. Just like 2020 and 2021 did. We at our branch were getting almost back to normal when along came a new variant. Our sales were up and our comrade's and patrons were once again happy to be back in to enjoy our numerous activities. Now all we need is to wait for spring to enjoy our patio and fresh air. Hopefully with no new variants to spoil it. Lol. On a sad note, we have lost quite a few over the last little while. Both Comrade's and Veteran's. May you Rest in Peace.

I would like to pass on how sorry we are for the loss of the Hepworth legion. That was so sad. Hopefully they can rebuild.

Well, I hope that everyone stays safe and healthy and has a prosperous year with many more to come. Ty.

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**PAST PRESIDENT REPORT – CHRIS PICKERING****2ND VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT – CHRIS PICKERING**

Welcome back Comrades,

This Covid has sucked the life out of our natural beings, the right to congregate and socialize, which we as humans need to thrive and survive.

As the military teaches us, we must improvise and adapt and over the past 2 years we have certainly done that.

The branch is now fully open, the bar well stocked and it's time to come back in, meet old friends and enjoy a bevy.

Sports are up and running and all social programs are back to normal, whatever that is!! Since opening in mid February our bar sales have steadily increased and so has our profitability, so thank you Comrades for supporting your branch.

After far too long our new website is now back in a much-expanded format so please check it out and stay in touch with branch news and activities. Any ideas as to how we can add to or improve the site please let the office know and we will take it into consideration.

Elections are coming up and as they said in the movie, we are looking for a few good comrades to sit on the executive, give it a try, what have you got to lose, only your health and sanity Lol.

TREASURER REPORT – PETER WHITEHALL

It has been more than two years since our last dugout so I will give you an update of what has been happening financially over that time period. We first started closing the branch due to covid 19 in March of 2020 and were closed for the rest of fiscal 2020 ending May 31st. Branch 50 showed a loss of approximately \$18.5K for that year. For the next fiscal year ending May 31st. 2021 we were again closed much of the time and when we were opened, much of the time we were opened at 1/2 capacity or only outside. The branch applied for and was given federal and provincial government covid 19 business grants and even though we were closed most of the year. we showed an excess of revenue over expenses of more than \$45K due to these grants. We are now opening on a full-time basis and are presently operating in the slightly in the black for the first 10 months of fiscal 2022. Most of our activities such as cards, pool, shuffleboard, and darts as well as karaoke have been restarted and are continuing to get busier as time goes on. Thanks to all the members and guests who have started to come back into the branch and for those who have not yet made it back, we invite you to come in and see old friends and have a good time, and bring your friends.

**SECRETARY REPORT – RAYMONDE HACHEY**

It's nice to see people come into the branch that we haven't seen in 2 ½ years. Now that we don't have to wear masks, that feels good too.

If you want to join or come on the executive, please do so. We need help.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – PAM BARRAGER

It is still taking Command a long time to process and return new cards. They wait until they have a large amount to print and then process. This is not fair to the members

As for our membership it is doing well but due to Covid-19 it could be better. I am glad that people are taking advantage of paying online. The only thing they have to remember is to print off the receipt to show when they come in to get their sticker. When opening and closing so much due to Covid-19 I find that people get deterred and some just do not bother to come back.

Some are finding it hard to navigate buying back years and buying more years. I find that i have to call membership and get it fixed as the person did not want to pay forward but buy back. Again, more information on the website to help those that might not be computer savvy.

For a site that was to make things a lot easier I find that there is more paperwork on us than there was before. LOL.

Anyway, that is all have for now. I hope everyone stays safe and healthy.

HOUSE AND BUILDING – DON GINGRICH

Snow plowing is done for the season. The contract is to be reviewed before next fall. Please offer comments or suggestions for next winter!

Ongoing repairs for yearly inspection are almost finished. Several issues over winter have been completed, including roof drain repair, due to a freezing drain outside. HVAC on the roof was repaired last fall, with regular maintenance by Triple 8, who do an excellent job.

Needed this year - Drain inspection so we don't have another floor fiasco like we had a few years ago.
- Possible broken tiles under front of the building.



WAYS & MEANS – DON GINGRICH

Saturday meat spins are doing well with the help of Mitch and Fetima doing a great job. Thanks to Ron as well for providing a bit of entertainment for those who enjoy music. Corey gets items donated for raffles and they are often available with tickets at the bar. Any suggestions for summer activities, like fish fry & BBQ's are welcome with volunteers, as well.

SPORTS REPORT – DON GINGRICH

Our Monday and Thursday pool events are ongoing and are successful each week with great participation. As well, our monthly 8-ball tournament is going well with 15 to 30 players each month. Pool tables are open 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. daily for those who wish to play. Shuffleboard as well is available daily, even though there are no league participation at this time. Afternoon cards are also available to those who play as part of our community service aspect. We have 3 teams going to Hanover for District playoffs for Legion Sports even though there were no runoffs in Zone last Fall due to COVID. Results to follow.

POPPY REPORT – DON GINGRICH

Meeting at 412 Polish Legion April 4th at 1:30 p.m. Various reports were presented and approved. As well, we had nominations for the next term of K-W Poppy Fund Executives. Elections for these positions will be held at the next meeting on May 2, 2022 at Branch 530, at 1:30 p.m. A cheque for our cadets, 1596, for their contribution to our Poppy campaign every year, with thanks, will be presented at our next General Meeting.

TRACK AND FIELD – DON GINGRICH

Cancelled for 2023. News to follow from Command.



YOUTH EDUCATION REPORT – CAROL GABRIEL

Hello Comrades. I would like to welcome everyone back and I hope you are all coming out and supporting our Legion.

Many changes have happened during our Covid lockdown but the Poster & Literary contest has flourished during this time. We have enjoyed having the students continued support during these difficult times. We had a very successful contest this year with 28 entries going to the district level and a few of them went on to the Provincial level. Thank you to all of the students and teachers for supporting this great program.

Due to circumstances this year, we will not be hosting a Public Speaking contest and hope to do this again next year. We are hoping that other Legions will help by hosting this event.

Yours in Comradeship



Our new website is up and running. Please visit:

<https://kitchenerlegionbranch50.ca/>



BRANCH 50 EXECUTIVE

President	Pam Barrager
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Youth Education	Carol Gabriel
Track & Field	Don Gingrich
Sports	Don Gingrich
Ways & Means	Don Gingrich
Sick & Visiting	Vacant
Honors & Awards	Pam Barrager
Entertainment	Don Larocque
Veterans Services	JP Arnold
Seniors	Vacant

Branch 50 VOLUNTEERS

Chaplain	Canon Pratt	Kitchen	
Dugout	Gail Bourhill	Peter Whitehall	Rose Costa
House & Building	Don Gingrich	Don Gingrich	Gail Bourhill
		Irene Blanchard	



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Reminder Recycle Information – YOU CAN HELP

We collect Pop cans, pop tabs, eye glasses, Canadian Tire money and toiletries for veterans at Sunnyside Nursing Home and Parkwood Hospital.

Please remove the tabs from the pop cans before depositing them in the recycle bin and bring in the tabs in a separate container. The pop cans will be donated to the Waterloo Shriners Aluminum Can Recycling Program and the tabs will be sent to the Elora Legion for their Wheelchair Program. 2,900 wheelchairs have been purchased through this program so far.



BRANCH 50 LEGION EVENTS IN MAY, 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	1pm Bid Euchre 6:30pm 8-Ball Pool	1pm "Fun" Darts 1pm Shuffleboard 6:30pm Karaoke	1pm Bid Euchre	1pm Euchre 7pm 9-Ball Pool	1pm Solo 7:30pm Ladies Darts	12pm Cribbage Tournament 4pm Meat Spin 7pm Live Band: Dianne & T
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Mother's Day	1pm Bid Euchre 6:30pm 8-Ball Pool	1pm "Fun" Darts 1pm Shuffleboard 6:30pm Karaoke	1pm Bid Euchre	1pm Euchre 7pm 9-Ball Pool	Provincial Convention in North Bay	9:30am Executive Meeting 4pm Meat Spin 7pm Euchre Club 8pm Hall rental "Denise"
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
2pm General Meeting with E	Victoria Day 1pm Bid Euchre 6:30pm 8-Ball Pool	1pm "Fun" Darts 1pm Shuffleboard 6:30pm Karaoke	1pm Bid Euchre 6pm Cigar Club (Hosted by	1pm Euchre 7pm 9-Ball Pool	1pm Solo 7:30pm Ladies Darts	4pm Meat Spin 7pm Euchre Club
29	30	31	Jun 1	2	3	4
	1pm Bid Euchre 6:30pm 8-Ball Pool	1pm "Fun" Darts 1pm Shuffleboard 6:30pm Karaoke	1pm Bid Euchre	1pm Euchre 7pm 9-Ball Pool	1pm Solo 7:30pm Ladies Darts	4pm Meat Spin



BRANCH 50 LEGION EVENTS IN JUNE, 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 1pm Bid Euchre 6:30pm 8-Ball Pool	30 1pm "Fun" Darts 1pm Shuffleboard 6:30pm Karaoke	31 1pm Bid Euchre	Jun 1 1pm Euchre 7pm 9-Ball Pool	2 1pm Solo 7:30pm Ladies Darts	3 4pm Meat Spin	4
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19 Father's Day 1pm Bid Euchre 6:30pm 8-Ball Pool	20 1pm "Fun" Darts 1pm Shuffleboard 6:30pm Karaoke	21 1pm Bid Euchre	22 1pm Euchre 7pm 9-Ball Pool	23 1pm Solo 7:30pm Ladies Darts	24 4pm Meat Spin 7pm Euchre Club	25
26 2pm General Meeting in go	27 1pm Bid Euchre 6:30pm 8-Ball Pool	28 1pm "Fun" Darts 1pm Shuffleboard 6:30pm Karaoke	29 1pm Bid Euchre	30 1pm Euchre 7pm 9-Ball Pool	Jul 1 Canada Day 1pm Solo 7:30pm Ladies Darts	2



BRANCH 50 LEGION EVENTS IN JULY, 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 2pm General Meeting in go	27 1pm Bid Euchre 6:30pm 8-Ball Pool	28 1pm "Fun" Darts 1pm Shuffleboard 6:30pm Karaoke	29 1pm Bid Euchre	30 1pm Euchre 7pm 9-Ball Pool	Jul 1 Canada Day 1pm Solo 7:30pm Ladies Darts	2 4pm Meat Spin
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31 Civic Holiday	Aug 1 1pm Bid Euchre 6:30pm 8-Ball Pool	2 1pm "Fun" Darts 1pm Shuffleboard 6:30pm Karaoke	3 1pm Bid Euchre	4 1pm Euchre 7pm 9-Ball Pool	5 1pm Solo 7:30pm Ladies Darts	6 4pm Meat Spin 7pm Euchre Club