



**BRANCH 50
KITCHENER**

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION FRED GIES BRANCH 50

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THE DUGOUT

March April

2024

**LEST WE
FORGET**

REMEMBER!

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

**IT'S WHAT
THEY PAID TO
LET YOU.**



BRANCH 50 EXECUTIVE

HOURS

Monday 12:00 – 8:00 pm
Tuesday 12:00 – 8:00 pm
Wednesday 12:00 – 8:00 pm
Thursday 12:00 – 8:00 pm
Friday 12:00 – 8:00 pm
Saturday 12:00 – 8:00 pm
Sunday Closed

Subject to change

**General Meetings are held
the 4th Sunday of every
month at 2:00 p.m.**

President / Cadet Liason/ Constitution & Laws	Ernie Bremner
1 st Vice President – Security	Michael McKeever
2 nd Vice President – Bar Chair	Jim Fraser
Treasurer	Lee Ewart
Branch Secretary & Dugout	Gail Bourhill
Past President / Leadership	Chris Pickering
Sergeant At Arms	Chris Mayhew
Membership/Ways & Means	Laurie Ryan
Poppy Chair	Lee Ewart
House & Grounds	
Youth Education	Carol Gabriel
Sports	Blaise Boucher
/Seniors Group/ Veterans Services/Entertainment	Rose Costa
Sick & Visiting	Jay Oswald
Bursary / Seniors	Beth Wheatley
Public Relations/Honours & Awards	Cecile Knipfel
Sgt. At Arms	Chris Mayhew



PRESIDENT REPORT & CONSTITUTION & LAWS & CADET LIASON

ERNIE BREMNER

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This will be a very short report on my part. First, I would like to thank Comrade Michael McKeever, 1st Vice President, who stepped up during my absence, as my wife underwent knee replacement surgery and is having another major operation on March 6, 2024. My plan is to return to duty on March 25, 2024. Please support the executive during my absence.

TREASURER/POPPY CHAIR – LEE EWART

POPPY CHAIR

The next Poppy meeting is in April, 2024 at RCL Branch 412 Polish legion at 10:00 a.m.
Total Poppy money received: Cadets \$9,658.10. Counter Top Boxes \$19,020.85 Total \$28,678.95

SECRETARY/DUGOUT REPORT – GAIL BOURHILL

Spring is around the corner. Makes me happy. So far, it's been a great winter. I hope everyone is enjoying the dugout and again, if you have any ideas, any stories, any pictures you want to share in the dugout, please contact me at gailbour@hotmail.com. I welcome any ideas.
Happy Easter everyone. I hope the Easter Bunny is good to you.

MEMBERSHIP/WAYS & MEANS – LAURIE RYAN

MEMBERSHIP

Membership continues to increase. We have signed up 29 new members so far this year and have a total paid membership of 341. This is 85% of last year's total.

WAYS & MEANS

I hope that this issue finds you happy and in good health.

Our Jukebox has finally been repaired. Thanks to John MacDougall and Chris Tardif for their help. Since being repaired the jukebox has generated \$204.00 in revenue.

Shuffleboard has netted \$125.00

Meat Draws are doing well with a YTD profit of \$919.27.

50/50 draws continue to do well with a YTD profit of \$1800.75

A fantastic group of dedicated volunteers continue to work hard to bring you things that you have suggested.

Help is still needed in food preparation and clean-up. Do you have a talent for this? If so, we need you.

Would you like to lead a team, perhaps once a month? Do you have ideas for games that we could play, events we can add or anything else? Are you a good leader? Perhaps you have a special talent that would benefit your Legion and its members. All things cannot be accomplished without Volunteers.

Please contact me if you have any questions or want to join our wonderful volunteer team.



BURSARY & SENIORS – BETH WHEATLEY

SENIORS

I am busy visiting nursing homes. We are going to a care home on March 1st. We will be bringing the seniors muffins and coffee and have a visit with them. One of our members knitted and donated slippers to us. Thank you. We are having a Spring Fling on May 5th at Branch 50 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. We will be having music. Hope to see you there. If anyone would like to talk to me, or just have a coffee please call me 519-616-1945.

SPORTS – BLAISE BOUCHER

SPORTS

Monday and Thursday pool games are doing well. Our monthly pool tournaments are doing great. Monday and Friday darts are also doing well. One team from branch 50 is going to district euchre. We hope they do well. The same team is going to Provincial Cribbage. We wish them well.

VETERANS SERVICES / SENIORS GROUP / ENTERTAINMENT ROSE COSTA

ENTERTAINMENT

April 6 – **Always on Friday band** 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Fundraiser for the Veterans. \$10.00 at the door. Come on out and enjoy.

PUBLIC RELATIONS / HONOURS & AWARDS– CECILE KNIPFEL

PUBLIC RELATIONS

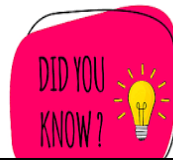
I have been working hard to keep the Facebook Group page updated (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3516942725302313>) and the Legion website “News” tab also updated (<https://www.rclkitchenerbr50.ca/>).

Our Facebook group page is growing weekly. From the beginning (June 12, 2023) we now have 341+ members on our group. I am very happy with this and surprised as well. Thank you for joining us and passing the word around. The more members, the better. We get more members and guests out to more of our events and happenings. This was my goal, and in most cases, it has brought new people out. I have been told by people attending our legion that they did not know of the event until they saw it advertised. Once again, I would like to thank you for all of your input and for attending our legion branch 50, Kitchener.

Honors and Awards

We have a big event coming up to thank our 2023-2024 volunteers on Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., by invite only. We will also have our 20+ years of membership pin presentation at the same event. If you have not gotten the information on this and you are in this group, please contact me at 226-791-7824 or email me at clabelle68@gmail.com. Thank you. I want to make sure we have all the invites out to all those who volunteered.

Again, thank you for your continuous support!



- March, 1964 The peacekeeping operation in Cyprus, from 1964 to today, is one of Canada's longest and best-known overseas military commitments. In total, more than 25,000 Canadian Armed Forces members have served in Cyprus over the decades.
- April 1, 1924 Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) Centennial.
 April 1, 2024 marks 100 years of service for the RCAF as a distinct military element.
- April 9 – 12, 1917 The Battle of Vimy Ridge began on Easter Monday, April 9th, 1917. Regiments from coast to coast saw action together in a distinctly Canadian triumph helping create a new and stronger sense of Canadian identify in our country.

BOTTOMS UP BAND



February 14th
 Happy Valentine's Day



INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS February 25th

*Dawson Mayhew
 Cody Lopo*

*Dawson Mayhew
 with his Dad,
 Chris Mayhew,
 our SGT at Arms*





Canada Quiz for Seniors

1. What is the name of the world famous sweetener made in Canada?
2. The Pitcher plant, found in the marshlands of Canada is carnivorous. True or False?
3. Canada has one landlocked province, can you name it?
4. Canada newest territory is...
5. What is the name of the Canadian National Park which was the first to be accepted as a World Heritage site in 1979?
6. What is the oldest walled city in North America?
7. Canada got its name from the Iroquois word 'Kanata'. What does it mean?
8. Which famous Canadian songwriter sings 'Heart of Gold'?
9. Who discovered Newfoundland hundreds of years before Columbus?
10. Canada has more lakes than the rest of the world combined. True or False?
11. The national animal of Canada is the moose. True or False
12. The east coast of Canada was settled by Vikings around 1,000 A.D. True or False?
13. Canada is the largest country in the world by surface area. True or False?



Answers on page 10



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**



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

Do you have any old yearly service pins? If you do not need them, please return them to the legion. This can save us money. Thank you.



The largest Easter egg in Canada, and until 2008, in the world, is a pysanka, a Ukrainian-style Easter egg sculpture in Vegreville, Alberta, Canada. Created in 1975 to pay homage to the Ukrainian immigrants in that region, it is 31 feet long and weighs 5512 pounds.

- Why did the jelly bean go to school? *Because he really wanted to be a Smartie.*
- 364 days of the year: Do NOT eat anything you find on the ground. Easter: Go and search in the dirt for candy a strange giant bunny left for you, kids!
- 16 billion jelly beans are made exclusively for Easter! That is enough jelly beans to fill a plastic egg the size of a nine-story building! 90 million chocolate bunnies are made for Easter every year. 76% of Americans prefer to bite off the ears first, while 5% eat the feet first, and 4% eat the tail first.



- Easter lilies signify the true meaning of the holiday. ...
- Ham is a staple Easter recipe for a reason. ...
- The Easter Bunny made its way to America in the 18th century.
- Easter's date changes every year. ...
- Milk chocolate prevails on Easter.



April 1st






Join Us



STAY TUNED FOR UPCOMING EVENTS.



March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:30 p.m. Women's darts	2 12:00 p.m. Crib tournament 4:00 Meat spin 50/50
3	4 6:30 p.m. 8 ball pool 7:30 p.m. Mixed darts	5 1-4 p.m. Shuffleboard 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Karaoke	6 7:00 p.m. Shuffleboard league 7:30 p.m. KW Rec league	7 1:00 p.m. Euchre 7:00 p.m. 9 Ball	8 7:30 p.m. Women's darts	9 4:00 Meat spin 50/50
10	11 6:30 p.m. 8 ball pool 7:30 p.m. Mixed darts	12 1-4 p.m. Shuffleboard 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Karaoke	13 7:00 p.m. Shuffleboard league 7:30 p.m. KW Rec league	14 1:00 p.m. Euchre 7:00 p.m. 9 Ball	15 7:30 p.m. Women's darts	16 10:00 a.m. 8 ball pool 4:00 p.m. Meat spin 50/50
17 St. Patricks Day party 2:00-8:00 pm	18 6:30 p.m. 8 ball pool 7:30 p.m. Mixed darts	19 <i>1ST Day of Spring</i> 1-4 p.m. Shuffleboard 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Karaoke	20 7:00 Shuffleboard league 7:30 p.m. KW Rec league	21 1:00 p.m. Euchre 7:00 p.m. 9 Ball	22 7:30 p.m. Women's darts	23 1:00 – 4:00 Craft Sale 4:00 p.m. Meat Spin 50/50
24 General Meeting 2:00 p.m.	25 6:30 p.m. 8 ball pool 7:30 p.m. Mixed darts	26 1-4 p.m. Shuffleboard 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Karaoke	27 7:30 p.m. KW Rec league	28 1:00 p.m. Euchre 7:00 p.m. 9 Ball	29 GOOD FRIDAY	30 12:30 p.m. Prog.Euchre tournament 4:00 p.m. Meat Spin 50/50
31 Easter Sunday						



April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>May not be open</p>	<p>1 EASTER MONDAY APRIL FOOLS DAY 6:30 p.m. 8 ball pool 7:30 p.m. Mixed darts</p>	<p>2 1-4 p.m. Shuffleboard 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Karaoke</p>	<p>3 7:30 p.m. KW Rec league</p>	<p>4 1:00 p.m. Euchre 7:00 p.m. 9 Ball</p>	<p>5 7:30 p.m. Women's darts</p>	<p>6 12:00 p.m. Crib tournament 4:00 Meat spin 50/50 7:00 Always on Friday band</p>
	<p>7</p>	<p>8 6:30 p.m. 8 ball pool 7:30 p.m. Mixed darts</p>	<p>9 1-4 p.m. Shuffleboard 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Karaoke</p>	<p>10 7:30 p.m. KW Rec league</p>	<p>11 1:00 p.m. Euchre 7:00 p.m. 9 Ball</p>	<p>12 7:30 p.m. Women's darts</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>15 6:30 p.m. 8 ball pool 7:30 p.m. Mixed darts</p>	<p>16 1-4 p.m. Shuffleboard 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Karaoke</p>	<p>17 7:30 p.m. KW Rec league</p>	<p>18 1:00 p.m. Euchre 7:00 p.m. 9 Ball</p>	<p>19 7:30 p.m. Women's darts</p>	<p>20 10:00 a.m. 8 ball pool 4:00 Meat spin 50/50</p>
<p>21 Honors & Awards 1:00 p.m.</p>	<p>22 6:30 p.m. 8 ball pool 7:30 p.m. Mixed darts</p>	<p>23 1-4 p.m. Shuffleboard 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Karaoke</p>	<p>24 7:30 p.m. KW Rec league</p>	<p>25 1:00 p.m. Euchre 7:00 p.m. 9 Ball</p>	<p>26 7:30 p.m. Women's darts</p>	<p>27 12:30 p.m. Progressive Euchre 4:00 Meat spin 50/50</p>
<p>28 General Meeting 2:00 p.m.</p>	<p>29 6:30 p.m. 8 ball pool 7:30 p.m. Mixed darts</p>	<p>30 1-4 p.m. Shuffleboard 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Karaoke</p>				

QUIZ ANSWERS

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| 1. Maple Syrup | 9. The Vikings |
| 2. True | 10. True |
| 3. Saskatchewan | 11. False - beaver |
| 4. Nunavit | 12. True |
| 5. The Nahanni National Park | |
| 6. Quebec City | 13. False. 2 nd largest |
| 7. Village | |
| 8. Neil Young | |