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COVERALL

THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF
OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
BRANCH 94
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THANKS TO OUR VETERANS STILL STANDING TALL



Front Row Seated: (Left to Right)
Russell Sylvia, George (Buck) Wells, Edward Johnson, Art Rimmer & Joseph Poirier

Standing (Left to Right):
Phil Scott – escort to Elsie Bannister and a member of Pointe St. Charles Branch, Don Murdoch, Don Giroux, Joseph Rodge, Jack Gammon, Norman Cleary, Harry Devey, Justin Kisielieus, Joseph Bockus, Percy Jackson, William St. Germain, Art Holden, Fred Hallett, Edward Newbury, Guy Langlois, James Gingera

Third Row
Harold Turcotte & John Flewelling

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my co-workers on the executive (Cheryl, Shirley, Oriette, Julia, Glenn and recently Amy and Jim, also Bruce who is always there with sound advice). In my opinion you would have to go far to find a better group of people to work with.

Francine Cantwell as service officer, I thank you.

The Ladies aux led by Naomi and all her ladies who do a great job and other members who have done extra duties on behalf of our legion eg; John Geraghty, Jim Small along with Glenn and Bruce who cleaned up and straightened the main entrance.

Rob Forbes for all his work on our computer system, setting it up and making sure it stays working properly.

Also thank you to all the other members who in one way or another have contributed to the well being of our legion, (sorry I cannot remember all the names.)

I would like to thank the Legion members of the coffee club and helpers who started off our 70th anniversary year with a bang (great job)

I hope all members had a great summer (and will return safe and sound lol) and hope we and Branch 94 will have a bright and happy future.

UN MOT DU PRESIDENT

Je voudrais dire a tout(e)s mes co-travailleurs sur l'exécutif (Cheryl, Shirley, Oriette, Julia, Glenn et récemment Ami et Jim, et aussi Bruce qui étais toujours comme guide. Merci. Vous ne peuvent pas trouver une meilleur équipe pour travailler

Francine Cantwell officié de service merci

Les Dame auxiliaire avec leurs chef Niomi qui fait toujours une travailler superbe pour la Legion.

Merci a les membres qui ont fait une petite extra pour la mieux-être pour la Legion (comme, John Geraghty, J Small, Glenn Cantwell et Bruce qui ont travailler fort pour arranger l'entré .

Robert Forbes pour son travaille sur notre ordinateur pour le garder en bon fonction, merci

Aussi merci a tout(e)s les autres membres qui son contribuer par in manier ou l'autre pour aider La bien-être de la legion(malheureusement Je peux pas me souvenir tous les noms

Je veux dire merci aux membres legion avec la club de café pour leurs soirée spéciale pour notre début De notre soixante-dixième anniversaire.

Je souhaite tous les membres une très bonne été, un peu plus sec et une future positif pour 94.

And a word from the President of our L.A.

Since Shirley Miller does such a great job reporting on the activities of the L.A. there is usually little left for me to add. However as both the executives of the branch and the L..A. will expire before the next issue of the Coverall I would like to express our thanks for the cooperation we have received. I would specially like to thank the members of the Ways and Means Committee and those who have assisted them. The teamwork between this group and ours has been tremendous throughout the year. Everything went smoothly in the many functions we worked together. I hope that this spirit of collaboration will continue.

On behalf of the L.A. thanks for your help—Thank You All!

SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE

The second quarter got off to a rousing start as a full house had a lot of fun on hostess Jean Harrison's British Pub Night. As can be seen from the photo spread on pages 4 and 5 Jean kept everyone amused by pulling one surprise after another out of the hat. Uncanny how close to the real thing our Henry VIII was!



The BBQ on April 21 was sold out. All available tickets - 80 in all, were purchased. In the afternoon Lew Brown, Mick O'Grady, Jim Young, Ed. Budreau, Paul Boudreau, Ernie Shoumacker, Rick Hall and Bob Lalonde entertained the group with John Geraghty doing the Engineering. James Bird reported in his Coffee Shop blurb that "it was standing room only and that the Legion had not seen a Sunday afternoon like this for many a year. there was some great talent making some great music because the place was a buzzing. The Chemistry was just right."

April saw the end of the bowling and dart seasons. The bowling league held their year ending party at the Antigua Roma on April 29th with the prize money for the league and play-off champions being awarded along cash awards for individual achievements during the year.

May began with the Friday Night Dart League banquet on the fourth (photo coverage on pages 10 and 11). The month ended with the much anticipated 70th Anniversary festivities. A selection of photos is on pages 12 to 15, but an album containing hundreds of colour photographs of this weekend is available for viewing in our lounge. To accompany the photos we have again stolen some passages (slightly edited) from James Bird's Coffee Shop report which accurately conveys the very special feeling on this weekend. About the only thing we can add is that you will notice a red rose in the hands of the ladies in many of the photos. Upon entering the hall each lady was presented with a red rose and each guest received a key chain LED light commemorating our 70th anniversary.

Also on the 25th the CGG 1979 Centennial Cadet Corps whom we sponsor and play a role in our Remembrance ceremonies held their 34th annual ceremonial parade. Our president Lew Brown and Poppy Trust Fund Chairman Jack Gammon represented the Legion.

June, July and August were fairly quiet months. The L.A. had their Flea market on July 2nd. Unfortunately inclement weather forced the cancellation of the annual golf tournament scheduled for the 7th. Most of the golfers took a rain check and 52 showed up for the supper and received their prizes. There were also 18 others who joined them for the steak dinner.

July 1st, of course was as active as ever with a few new features this year. Photo report of this years activities is on pages 18 to 21

The Ladies Auxiliary travelled to Ste. Anne's Veterans Hospital for their annual veterans picnic. Details are in Shirley Millers L.A. report on page 6 and the picture spread on the following pages.

August also witnessed the annual Mike Reid Tournament. Although the Legion is not directly involved many of our members have assisted over the years and are active supporters of the tournament.

A BRITISH PUB NIGHT

Queen Roma and her consort Prince Edward, Duke of Edinburgh



And thanks to the hostess what a night it was!!! being guided to their regal table by two of London's finest

After the meal Greg Innes



GRAND ENTRANCE OF QUEEN ROMA AND PRINCE EDWAR



kept things swinging



ARE WE HAVING FUN YET?



And there was a line dance, or two, or three, or four or more



This wasn't a line dance



The non-stop dancer - partner(s) optional



You put your left elbow in!



And then King Henry VIII arrived



The evening's hostess joined the fun from time to time



King Henry VIII and Queen Roma



Drunk and disorderly conduct?



Even the President was incarcerated



THIS ONE LOOKS REAL DANGEROUS

The leader of the rebellion



When Her Royal Highness' subjects rebelled



with his prisoners locked up in the Durham Gaol

Fines collected to bail people out of jail amounted to \$79.25. This was turned over to the Ladies Auxiliary for the Vet's picnic in August.

Jean Harrison and her workers; Naomi Malo, Ann Broden, Shirley Chaif, Shirley Miller, Andrea Main, Monique Lebel, Glenn Cantwell & Robbie Forbes did a great job on Pub night. The food was great and the music was outstanding. As you can see from the pictures everyone there had lots of fun and a great evening was had by all. The "Pub Night Characters"; Queen - Roma Zakaib & Prince Edward – Ted Newbury mingled throughout the crowd along with Henry the VIII – Richard Amos while the "Bobbies" Jack Gammon and Claudette Lapointe made sure that those who needed to be dealt with in a legal sense, were properly escorted, all in good fun, including our branch treasurer Oriette! to our newly constructed jail, built especially for this occasion by Jim Young and John Geraghty. A lot of thought, as well as a great deal of time and effort went into the preparing and planning of this event, including the costumes which were designed by Jean Harrison herself. On behalf of the Ways and Means Committee, and all of the members and guests that enjoyed this event I would like to extend a great big thank you to Jean and all of her team for a wonderful evening of food, fun and entertainment. On a sad note, apparently **THE CROWN JEWELS ARE MISSING – ANYONE THAT MAY HAVE ANY INFORMATION – PLEASE SEE JEAN HARRISON.** As the saying goes – "WELL DONE"

LADIES AUXILIARY



FLEA MARKET – June 2nd

Once again our Flea Market was a success. We would like to thank our “Angels” – those people who just show up and are willing to do whatever we ask them to do. Robert Miller, Glen Bryson, Glenn Cantwell for helping to set up the hall on Saturday, bring all our articles up on Saturday, then on Sunday put everything not sold back downstairs and take all the tables down in the hall. Claudette Lapointe who helped Claudette Besner clean up and price the articles for the L.A. Table Fran Findlay for helping pack up the L.A. table, Joan and Ted Hemming for cooking the breakfast, Claire Roth, Kevin Demick and Robert Miller for helping in the kitchen, Rob Forbes for stepping up at the last minute to be the order taker, Patricia Dupuis for donating two of her paintings for the raffle. To everyone who donated baked goods thank you.

Winners of the Cake Walk were Robert Myles and Fran Findlay. The two cakes were donated by Patricia Anderson and Celina Windsor

Winners of the Raffle were:

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 st Prize | 2 paintings | John Burn |
| 2 nd Prize | Cineplex \$25.00 gift card | Lorna Beckett |
| 3 rd Prize | Basket of Avon Products | Debbie Anderson |

NEW CHAIRS FOR THE DECK

The chairs on the deck were replaced this spring. The L.A. purchased these chairs and are asking everyone’s cooperation to look after them. Please never sit just on the straps – ALWAYS USE A CUSHION. When you are leaving please put the cushions away in the storage box.

BREAST CANCER ACTION MONTREAL

At our General meeting held on June 19th we were very pleased to present Mrs. Andrea Strom Rancourt a representative of Breast Cancer Action Montreal with a \$500.00 cheque This is the money that was raised at our May 1st Bingo.



VETERAN’S PICNIC August 3, 2013

Again this year our day at Ste. Anne’s was a success thanks to the fifteen volunteers. Ann Broden, Lew Brown, Glenn Cantwell, Joyce Caron, Jack Gammon, Ray Langstaff, Claudette Lapointe, Jackie Letourneau, Andra Main, Shirley Miller, Lise Plante, Julia Shapcott, Jim Small, Wilf Turgeon and Naomi Ward boarded the bus at 10:00 a.m. with enough food to feed an army and gift bags for forty veterans. The food had been prepared the day before – thanks to Jean Harrison, Ann Broden and Rose Quinn. The gift bags were full of treats for the veterans including home made cookies that were baked by Shirley Chaif, Loretta Julien and members of the Riverview District Girl Guides who also contributed other gifts – thanks to Andrea Main for filling these bags on Friday.

LADIES AUXILIARY

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Special thanks goes to Nick at Marche Milena on Churchill for selling us the .5 beer at cost.

Syd Davies from our Branch attended the party and is doing well. Don Duncan, Nora and Vincent Lavoie were visited in their rooms and presented with their gifts. Greg Innes provided the entertainment for the day – sing-a-longs and terrific dance music. As you will see from the pictures on the next two pages, our volunteers did a great job getting everyone up on the dance floor. Again, this year we were joined by the Canadian Viet Nam vets who always are a great help. When we arrived back at the Branch around 3:00 p.m. all were tired however everyone commented on how nice it is to see all those smiling faces.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Wednesday, September 4 th | Bingo |
| Wednesday, September 18 th | L.A. General Meeting |
| Wednesday October 16 th | L.A. General Meeting |
| Wednesday November 20 th | L.A. General Meeting (Election Night) |

Now, this is for my dog friends and my friends who need to smile!

An older, tired-looking dog wandered into my yard. I could tell from his collar and well-fed belly that he had a home and was well taken care of. He calmly came over to me, I gave him a few pats on his head; he then followed me into my house, slowly walked down the hall, curled up in the corner and fell asleep.



An hour later, he went to the door, and I let him out..

The next day he was back, greeted me in my yard, walked inside and resumed his spot in the hall and again slept for about an hour. This continued off and on for several weeks.

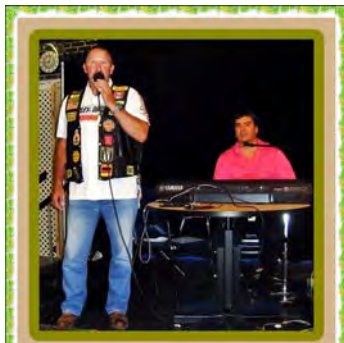
Curious I pinned a note to his collar: 'I would like to find out who the owner of this wonderful sweet dog is and ask if you are aware that almost every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap.'

The next day he arrived for his nap, with a different note pinned to his collar: 'He lives in a home with 6 children, 2 under the age of 3 He's trying to catch up on his sleep. Can I come with him tomorrow?'

Annual party for Ste. Anne's veterans



Andrea shaking it up



One of the Viet Nam vets who does great Elvis songs – sings every year



Group picture of Viet Nam vets



One of the veterans – Albert Leblanc singing for us – he sang an Irish song in both English and French – never saw that before



Ste. Anne's 2013





Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion.

No one is in charge of your happiness but you

Dart Banquet

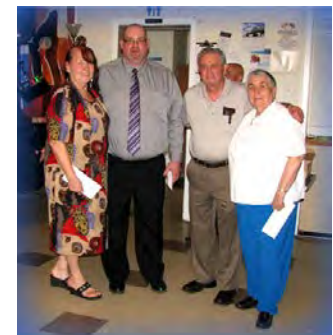
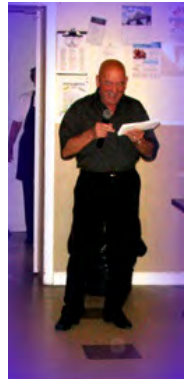


It's never too late to have a happy childhood. But the second one is up to you and no one else.

After an excellent meal enjoyed by all, the L.A. members responsible for its preparation and service were called upon to come forward and accept the thanks of the members of the dart league and their guests.

THANK YOU LADIES—ANOTHER JOB WELL DONE !!

Then it was time for the teams to accept their prizes.



Celebrating 70 Years A Weekend to Remember



It started on Friday morning when over the noise of multiple conversations between members of the Coffee Club gang they could detect the hustle and bustle downstairs as the ladies Aux. and those they call their angels were setting up tables. They covered them with linen table cloths and laid out all the cutlery, plates and glassware needed for a formal dinner to toast our veterans and seventy years of community service.

Later in the day Johanne and Bob Trudeau along with Linda Ross and I served as the designated drivers for the evening. At 4:45PM Linda and I picked up Harry Devey and his date and drove them to the Legion. Well the hall was tastefully decorated and each table had a gift bag for each person. With music as background there was a buzz of people getting caught up with comrades who they hadn't seen for many a year.



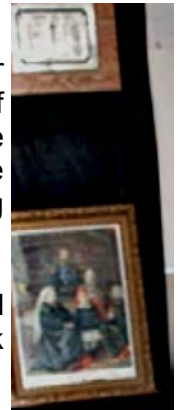
The meal was 5***** as was the service provided by waitresses and waiters seemingly blessed with never ending smiles, They just could not do enough for you.

We were served some delicious canapés followed by a shrimp cocktail. Each table had a bottle of red Wine and a bottle of white. For the main course there was a breast of chicken cooked to perfection with julienned vegetables al dente and two boiled potatoes.



For dessert Beverly Golding had made a most beautifully decorated Almond cake which caused the sounds of UMMMM THIS IS SO GOOD

On the front wall was a picture of Queen Victoria and her Family and then the original Plaque from the Cenotaph with the names of Veterans killed in the First World War and part of the Second World War. At the top was a picture of the Queen. Once the Servers had finished filling the wine glasses with Champagne we stood and raised our glass to the Queen and to our Vets who paid the ultimate price and then sang a stirring rendition of Oh Canada.



Well now once everyone was well fed and the speeches and presentations were out of the way the Lights were dimmed and the Lady (Maddy) doing the Music took control of the crowd and had everyone up dancing or singing away to her Musical Playlist.

I can tell you that if the DJ had not stopped there was definitely a hard core group who would have been Dancing until dawn.

But alas all good things must come to an end and Linda Ross and myself took charge of our passengers and they were brought to their door Happy, Safe and Sound.

I would like to thank the 70th Anniversary Committee of Don Ridewood - Andrea Main - Fred Goodall - John Geraghty - and Albert Coccia and to Linda Ross and Bob and Johanne Trudeau.





Mireille Carrière,
Councillor for
Greenfield Park

Mme Ménard,
député de Laporte

Mick O'Grady
President
Borough of Greenfield Park

Sadia Groggué,
Federal M.P. for
Saint Lambert

Roger Soucy
District Commander R.C.L.

Magelisa Shelton
-Vice President
Québec Command R.C.L.

Jacques Roy-
Commander/commandant
Greenfield Park Cadets

Our veterans, their escorts and special invitees

Following the meal there were a number of speeches and presentations. All of the speakers cited the role our veterans had played in preserving democracy and in building our community. But it was perhaps the words of Borough President Mick O'Grady which best summed up how Parkers feel about their veterans.

He mentioned that the 70th anniversary of The Greenfield Park Legion was "an opportunity to remember and to appreciate the great sacrifices of our veterans and their fallen comrades. The sacrifices made by the men and women of our Branch laid the foundation for the guiding spirit of our community."

He reminded us that Greenfield Park sent more volunteers per capita to both world wars than any other community in Canada; that this fact alone was a great source of pride and proved to be the foundation of "the spirit of selfless volunteerism and the sense of duty that defines the community of Greenfield Park." To our veterans he said "Your sacrifices and honor planted the seeds for a great community. So much of what is great about Greenfield Park can be traced back to you and your comrades in battle. There are no words that could ever adequately express the pride and gratitude of our council and our citizens for your example."

Mick then went on to say that "The sacrifices made by our service men and women as part of the Canadian Armed Forces during the 1st and 2nd World Wars, the Korean War, by our peacekeepers and by our soldiers serving in armed conflicts of the present day represent the most selfless endeavor that one could ever contemplate, putting one's very existence at risk for the benefit of his countrymen and women, for the principles upon which our society is founded.

As we move further into the future, away from those of days of past wars and as we are sheltered by the distance of current armed conflicts, it is easy to forget and to take for granted the cost of defending liberty, the right to free speech and our very way of life.

This sacrifice of you who served is what brings us together here today in this room. It is important for us to honor you because you are deserving of our respect and gratitude but also because we must never forget to be grateful for the opportunities made possible by your sacrifices. We do this by living well and being helpful and generous towards members of our families, our neighbors and our community.

So I wish to thank you, our vets for creating this wonderful Legion not only because it helps us to remember the sacrifices you made, not just so we can organize activities around important events such as Remembrance Day and Canada Day, but most importantly for the Legacy you created, a Legion which does things every day and every week to serve our community."

And the party was GREAT



**THE ORGANIZERS
WHAT A FANTASTIC JOB
THANKS GUYS!**



Time heals almost everything. Give time

Oh and by the way this was just Day One. On Day 2 Saturday night it was an Old Fashion Sock Hop Rock 'n Roll party. Partiers streamed in filling the Legion to the brim. The Music was reverberating, coloured Strobe Lights lit the hall and computer generated writing flashed on the back wall.

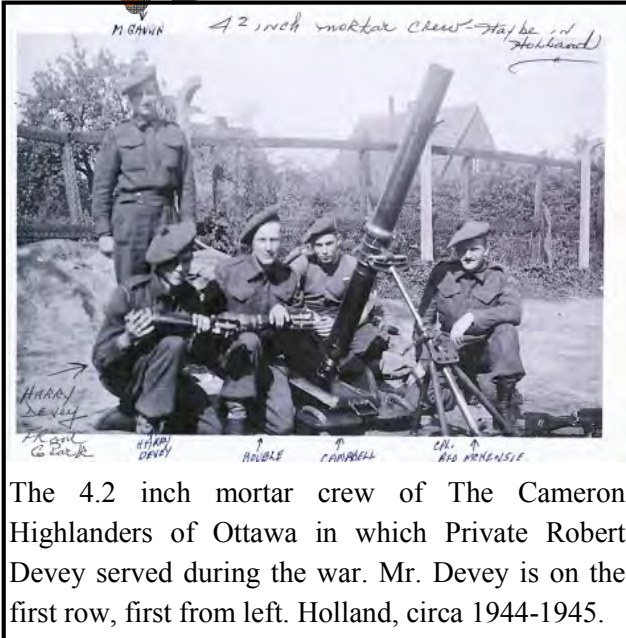
Even though it wasn't warm out side we didn't need the furnace on because with all that body heat what more do you want me to say the house was a Rockin.

One thing I have learned when it comes to food Parkers they can chow down with the best of them and this I know because at midnight a great Buffet was brought in from Scotty's. Well it didn't take long for the buffet to dwindle down to nothing and yes the Chicken Wings were hot and spicy.

So finally around one Linda and I got to be designated drivers once more and drove Dons wife home while he stayed behind to clean up.



GETTING TO KNOW OUR VETERANS



The 4.2 inch mortar crew of The Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa in which Private Robert Devey served during the war. Mr. Devey is on the first row, first from left. Holland, circa 1944-1945.



Harry Devey



(Can. Army Photo)
 REPATRIATED ON MAURETANIA: Prior to boarding their special train for Montreal when the 35,000-ton troopship docked at Halifax are the following Montrealers: Front row, left to right: Pte. J. E. Stewart, Pte. J. F. Kendall, Cpl. J. J. Henry, Pte. G. H. McNeill; Back row: Pte. A. J. Seal, Sgt. J. A. Russell, Pte. K. C. MacLeod, Pte. L. F. Deryan, Pte. R. H. Devey, Pte. S. D. Small and Pte. C. H. Dehamel.

Men of The Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa repatriated to Canada aboard HMS Mauretania on December 16th, 1945. Among them, Private Robert Devey pictured on the second row, third from right.

[Canadian Volunteer Service Medal](#)

[War Medal \(1939-45\)](#)

[1939-45 Star](#)

[European](#)

[Army](#)

[Defence Medal](#)



Dog tags issued to Private Robert Devey in 1943.



Story Synopsis

Mr. Robert Devey served with the mortar crew The Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa and fought with the battalion during the Northwest Europe Campaign of 1944-1945.

With The Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa in Europe

We came back for a good rest at Ghent [Belgium] and then we were only there I think a couple of days and then we head for Germany. And we ended up outside of Nijmegen [Holland] where we stayed for; well we stayed there until the February thing [February 1945, the beginning of the Rhineland Campaign]. But we moved all around there, but we stayed there til, when we - I think it was the start of February when we started to push to Germany.

We got in these Buffaloes [the Landing Vehicle Tracked, an amphibious warfare vehicle]. Like I was with the Camerons [The Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa] with our port, with the mortar; I was 4.2 Mortar man [the M2 4.2 inch Mortar]. And we had these T-16 Carriers [a variant of the Universal Carrier, a light armoured tracked vehicle]. And so when we went on the push we had to go on these water Buffaloes because all the ground was flooded. So we're sailing out and in between the houses and, you know, for the first day. And that was in February, well exact date; I think it was the beginning of February. I'd say—I was only a little Private, I did what the hell I was told and that's it.

We were called the Infantry Support. Well we went right through. And then I was with the first gang of Canadians when we crossed the Rhine. Yeah well they told us we were going with the 51st Highland Brigade [Division], because we had a good rest at Cleves [in Northern Germany]. After we went through up to the Rhine River we had a good rest at Cleves.

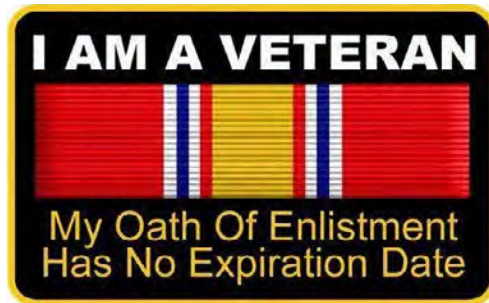
And then we went out from there across to Emmerich. Then we crossed the Rhine in these Buffaloes too. And these Buffaloes are, you know it's the carrier right—you know it drove the carrier in there. And we're sitting up on top like a bunch of ducks on there, you know. Now then we landed across the river and we were okay.

The end of the war

I think it was May the 5th, we were told then no firing until you're told. And we were up in Germany then, Aachen. We were told then... and then the war ended of the 8th I think it was [8 May 1945]. But were told there hold back and, you know. And I had lots of prisoners around. We're all happy it was all over and that they had the bit there you know, whether we wanted to go to the Pacific or not [to volunteer for the Pacific front where the was still going on until August 1945]



THANK YOU HARRY FOR YOUR SERVICE TO YOUR COUNTRY, YOUR COMMUNITY AND THE LEGION . WE ARE PROUD TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH YOU!

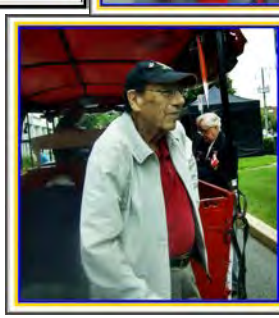


When we watch our children at play
When we safely walk our streets
And when we vote for our politician of choice
Let us remember that a price was paid
For this freedom and security we enjoy
So while the opportunity is here, let us take a moment
to thank a vet and shake his hand .

WITH THE OVER ABUNDANCE OF RAIN WHICH FLOODED ALBERTA IN JULY A NEW SPECIES APPEARED IN THE PROVINCE!!!



July 1st





THE CADET CORP WE SPONSOR SHOW THEIR



Life is too short to waste time hating anyone. Change the way you think.



ON AND ABOUT THE GROUNDS

OUR ENTRANCE REDONE JUST IN TIME



RELAXING AFTER THE PARADE

AND GETTING READY FOR THE BBQ





UPSTAIRS, DOWNSTAIRS AND OUT ON THE DECK TOO



IMPROVISING TO STAY DRY AND WATCH THE FIRE WORKS



Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

By Cde. Shirley Miller

We now have 465 paid members.

In an effort to increase membership Dominion Command is having a One - by - One Campaign. Every existing member of the Legion is being encouraged to sign up one new member during the campaign period of May 1st to November 15th. Tally sheets have been provided to each branch to record new member registrations. A new member can either be someone new to the Legion or a reinstating member. All current members are eligible for the prize draws being offered as incentives. As a grand prize for all members participating in the One-By-One campaign they are giving away a fabulous balcony cabin for two people on the 2nd Annual Commonwealth Veterans Caribbean Cruise. The cruise sails from January 30th to February 10th 2014. They will be randomly drawing for other great prizes throughout the campaign including Legion products and gift certificates from leading Canadian retailers. Tally sheets are sent in at the end of each month. So far, Branch 94 has had two prize winners, Cdes. Naomi Malo and Jessie Armstrong.

If you have moved be sure to let us know of any changes of address, phone numbers, e-mail addresses. If any of you would like to be included on our Branch e-mail list please send me an e-mail shirleymiller@videotron.ca. The more people we have on this list the fewer people the telephone committee have to get in touch with.

Since our last issue the following members have initiated/reinstated:

Cdes. Gerry Archambault, Frank Barfoot, Jean Paul Bell, Daniel Brossard, Mark Cleary, Shirley Sakaitis, Deborah Sheppard, Beverley Teague Schofield, Barbara Smiley, and Mary Travers WELCOME ABOARD.



Mary Travers



Robert Karsch



Robert Turbyne



Beverley Teague-Schofield



Shirley Sakaitis



Gerry Archambeault and Frank Barfoot



Mark Cleary

Welcome aboard all!

2014 MEMBERSHIP CARDS WILL BE AVAILABLE STARTING SEPTEMBER 1ST

Dues have not changed - \$35.00 for Veterans and \$45.00 for everyone else.
 The per capita tax rate for 2014 is \$34.81 which is allocated by Dominion Command as follows:
 \$14.20 Provincial Command
 \$10.65 Dominion Command
 \$ 9.96 Legion Magazine (\$9.49 + GST)

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EARLY BIRD CONTEST

Generally we seem to have a problem getting all our memberships renewed quickly. Renewals are time consuming especially when it becomes necessary to repeatedly remind members. We really do not want our comrades to miss out on the Legion Magazine or lose other benefits of membership. For the first time last year we had an "Early Bird" contest and it worked quite well. We were awarded a Bronze Membership Achievement Award from Dominion Command. As a result of last year's success we will do the same again this year. Three members who renew before November 30th will have their names drawn on December 1st and win one of three \$35.00 prizes. All members renewing before November 30th will have their names entered. This time let's aim for a Silver or Gold Achievement Award.

DATES TO REMEMBER

| | |
|---------------------------|--|
| November 30 th | Early Bird ends |
| January 1 st | Date by which dues should be paid |
| January 31 st | End of Grace Period |
| February 1 st | Entry to Branch denied and all membership privileged lost. |

PAYING YOUR MEMBERSHIP

If you come to the Branch to pay your dues and there is no one there from the Membership Committee, you may leave your cheque with a bartender. Your new membership card will then be left behind the bar for you to pick up. Please make your cheques payable to RCL Branch 94. If you are paying by post-dated cheque please include a note to that effect. **PLEASE REMEMBER THE BARTENDERS CANNOT ACCEPT CASH - CHEQUES ONLY.**

Should you have any questions regarding membership please contact any member of the executive or one of the members of the Membership Committee.

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| Monique Lebel | 450-466-1336 |
| Bruce Robertson | 450-671-1108 |
| Julia Shapcott | 450-466-9361 |

Our thanks to the following for their help and donations

Time Out

Cde. King and Cde. Bechard for donating the tarp and helping put it up
the Senior Lunch Program
The Legion Bowling League
Doreen & Ray Langstaff for replacing flag pouches used for Legion services



Gilles Labrie, CD
Courtier immobilier
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JOUR DU SOUVENIR SOUPER

Date: samedi le 9 novembre 2013

Heure: 18h—Souper à 19h

Prix: 15,00 \$

LES BILLETS SERONT EN VENTE POUR LES VÉTÉRANS SEULEMENT:

du mercredi 2 octobre jusqu'à samedi 12 octobre 2013.

Les places sont par réservations seulement. Veuillez s'il vous plaît placer la partie autocollante de votre billet sur le tableau situé dans l'entrée, afin de vous assurer de la réservation de votre place à la table pour la soirée.

S'il vous plaît indiquer vos numéros de table et de siège sur votre billet.

Contact: Camarade Cheryl Moores au 514-820-0917

PARADE DU SOUVENIR



DATE: LE 10 NOVEMBRE 2013

JOUR : DIMANCHE

HEURE : 14 H 00



REMEMBRANCE DAY SUPPER

Date: Saturday, November 9th, 2013

Time: 18:00 — Supper at 19:00

Price: \$15.00

TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE FOR VETERANS ONLY FROM:

Wednesday, October 2nd to Saturday, October 12th, 2013

Seats by reservation only. Please put the sticker from your ticket on the board located in the entrance hall to ensure your proper seat for the evening.

Please indicate your table & seat number on your ticket.

Contact: Comrade Cheryl Moores at 514-820-0917



REMEMBRANCE PARADE



DATE: NOVEMBER 10th, 2013

DAY : SUNDAY

TIME: 14:00



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM



**MACOLM (MAC) MORRISON
PATRICK WELDON O'BRADY
RON TOMBS**



Although Patrick O'Brady was not a regular at the branch he did for many years sell poppies. He lived in St-Hubert right near Home Depot and sold poppies there. He loved it and would have worked every night had we allowed it. His son and daughter in law and his older grandkids would all take turns sitting with him. The Girl Guides used to love going with him as they found him very interesting. Each night he went out his son would drive him back to the Legion with the poppies and money. He would pull right up to the door, run in with the money and Dad would always be sitting in the front seat waving like mad. .



HONOURS & AWARDS DISTINCTIONS HONORIFIQUES

DATE: AUGUST 2013 – AOÛT 2013

WANTED: NAMES OF MEMBERS WHO YOU FEEL DESERVE RECOGNITION FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND WORK DURING THE YEAR 2013

RECHERCHÉ: NOMS DE MEMBRES LESQUELS VOUS PENSEZ DEVRAIENT ÊTRE RECONNUS POUR LEUR IMPLICATION ET TRAVAIL AU COURS DE L'ANNÉE 2013

**SUCCESS: WE RELY ON SUBMISSIONS FROM ALL MEMBERS
SUCCÈS : NOUS COMPTONS SUR LA COLLABORATION DE TOUS LES MEMBRES**

AWARDS INFO: CONTACT ANDREA AT 450 672-3767 or snowwhite@sympatico.ca

RENSEIGNEMENTS: VEUILLEZ CONTACTER ANDREA AU 450 672-3767 ou snowwhite@sympatico.ca

**FINAL DECISIONS: QUEBEC & DOMINION COMMANDS.
DÉCISIONS FINALES: DIRECTION DU QUÉBEC ET LA DIRECTION NATIONALE**



**DEADLINE: NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 18, 2013
DATE BUTOIR: AU PLUS TARD LE 18 OCTOBRE 2013**

Make peace with your past so it won't screw up your present.

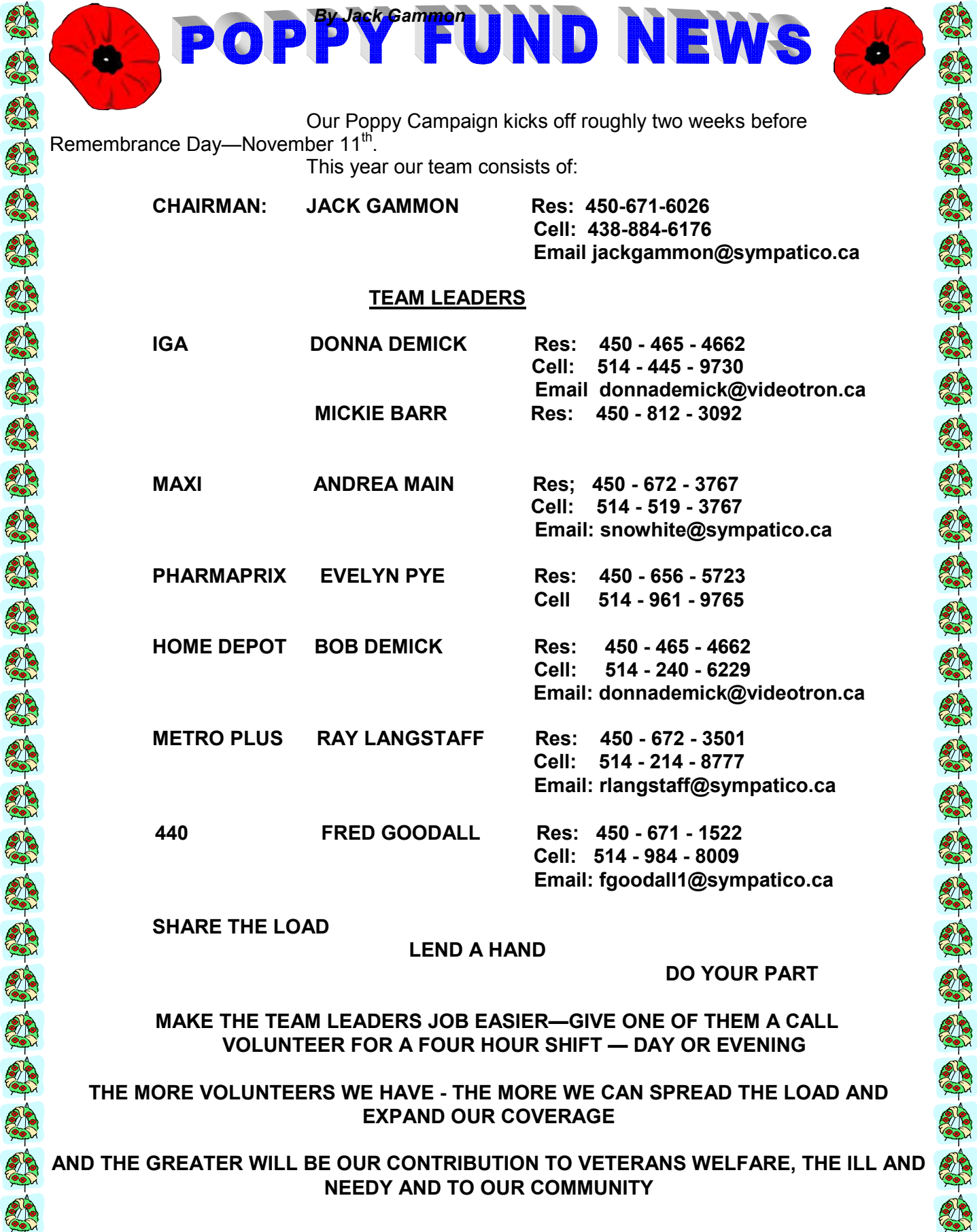
Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger

Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.



POPPY FUND NEWS

By Jack Gammon



Our Poppy Campaign kicks off roughly two weeks before Remembrance Day—November 11th.

This year our team consists of:

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 Email jackgammon@sympatico.ca

TEAM LEADERS

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MICKIE BARR Res: 450 - 812 - 3092

MAXI ANDREA MAIN Res; 450 - 672 - 3767
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HOME DEPOT BOB DEMICK Res: 450 - 465 - 4662
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SHARE THE LOAD

LEND A HAND

DO YOUR PART

**MAKE THE TEAM LEADERS JOB EASIER—GIVE ONE OF THEM A CALL
VOLUNTEER FOR A FOUR HOUR SHIFT — DAY OR EVENING**

**THE MORE VOLUNTEERS WE HAVE - THE MORE WE CAN SPREAD THE LOAD AND
EXPAND OUR COVERAGE**

**AND THE GREATER WILL BE OUR CONTRIBUTION TO VETERANS WELFARE, THE ILL AND
NEEDY AND TO OUR COMMUNITY**



Last year the funds raised by members and friends of Branch 94 were used to support the following worthy causes.

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| Charles Lemoyne Hospital..... | \$6,000.00 |
| (Special equipment for the Oncology Dept) | |
| Branch 94 volunteer drivers. (To help defray the cost of gas)..... | \$ 500.00 |
| H.O.P.E (Local community food cupboard)..... | \$1,000.00 |
| Bursaries for Greenfield Park graduating H.S. Students..... | \$2,000.00 |
| Greenfield Park Christmas Baskets..... | \$1,000.00 |
| Meals on Wheels | \$1,000.00 |
| Donation to the Greenfield Park Cadet Corps 1979..... | \$ 500.00 |
| (For their support during the Poppy Campaign) | |
| Ste Anne’s Veterans Hospital Special equipment..... | \$6,000.00 |
| R.C.E.L. Fund which helps our Veterans in the Caribbean..... | \$ 500.00 |
| Ogilvy’s Christmas Tree Fund, gifts for Ste. Anne’s Hospital patients | \$ 500.00 |
| Music Trust Fund, provides entertainment for the patients at Ste Anne’s Hospital | \$ 500.00 |
| Quebec Command Service Bureau..... | \$ 500.00 |
| (Last 4 Items are a yearly request from Provincial Command) | |
| Total | \$20,000.00 |

COMING UP

SEPTEMBER 1ST—LABOUR DAY BBQ—\$5.00

SEPTEMBER 4TH, OCTOBER 2ND, NOVEMBER 6TH, DECEMBER 4TH—MONTHLY BINGOS

SEPTEMBER 7TH, OCTOBER 5TH, NOVEMBER 2ND, DECEMBER 7TH—MONTHLY CRIB TOURNAMENTS

SEPTEMBER 15TH—TERRY FOX RUN

SEPTEMBER 28TH—VETERANS REUNION

OCTOBER 26TH DART TOURNAMENT.

NOVEMBER 9TH REMEMBRANCE DINNER DANCE

NOVEMBER 10TH REMEMBRANCE CEREMONIES - MARCH TO CENOTAPH FROM LEGION AT 2:00 PM

NOVEMBER 27TH *ELECTION* OF BRANCH OFFICERS FOR 2013/2014

DECEMBER 14TH CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Introducing *Robertson's* **Random Ramblings**

Some years ago a series of episodes occurred in the branch, which over time caused a chain of actions extending well beyond our walls.

The reason I mention this in introducing what may become an occasional feature is that at the time each issue of the COVERALL included in a page titled "Editor's Notes". In it I summarized events and expressed my views. One such column, was radically altered without my knowledge. Half the page was deleted, reprinted and reinserted with the bottom half of the page left blank. Half a blank page was bad enough but what I found even more vexing is that I had been working on a follow-up, which obviously became pointless when ninety percent or more of readers never saw the original column.

My reaction was to inform the executive that they better find someone else to do the COVERALL. Eventually I was persuaded to carry on, but being stubborn and pig-headed removed my name from the cover as editor and wrote no further editorials - I told them I would simply assemble whatever I was given and arrange to get it published.

But over the years I mellowed and found ways to inject my views into the pages of the COVERALL.

Having noticed in recent weeks that things seem to have returned to a state which existed prior to any of the events alluded to above occurring I have concluded that perhaps I too should turn back the clock, particularly as I wanted to record my impression of the marvellous job done by the 70th anniversary Committee and the huge success of the weekend they planned. On leaving the Saturday Dinner for the Vets I kept hearing words like awesome, amazing, marvellous, stupendous, and wonderful.

As it turned out James Bird beat me to the punch. I couldn't do better than his Facebook report on May 26th. So with a few minor changes and corrections - after all, that's what an editor does - his report starts on page 12

But I would like to congratulate the five members who conceived the idea, spent weeks developing it, solicited contributions and organized everything down to the most minute detail.

Andrea Main, John Geraghty, Fred Goodall, Albert Coccia and Donnie Ridewood - to look around the hall and see the happy expressions etched on peoples faces, particularly those of the veterans being honoured must have been tremendously gratifying and probably in itself constituted thanks enough. Nevertheless we your comrades feel a sense of pride that some among could conceive and carry out such an endeavour. THANK YOU, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!

This edition is the largest ever put together. The reason is that it was originally scheduled to come out on July 1st. There were a number of delays for various reasons and time kept sliding by. Also since little was happening during July and August it was decided to wait until September when everything springs back to life. The card leagues—"500", Bridge and Crib and the Friday morning coffee gang all kept operating through the dog days of summer but with the arrival of September the bowling and dart leagues, line dancing, trivia, Friday night music, Wednesday 's senior lunches and a variety of special events all start up again. Branch 94 becomes even livelier. Whatever your interest come join the fun.

And don't forget that the November general meeting is election night. We really can do with some new blood and some new ideas. Give some thought to how you can help out, preferably by standing for election but if you don't feel ready for this volunteer to serve on a committee. The more members get involved the better our branch will become.

Not all events are finalized as we go to print and because we have an active core group "spur of the moment" events frequently pop up. Fortunately in addition to our bulletin boards there is an on-line calendar on our website and an active telephone/e-mail committee to inform members of newly planned events.

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The quotes appearing at the bottom of some pages in this issue are only a few of the lessons that life taught 90 year old Regina Britt. To celebrate growing older she wrote a column citing 45 lessons that life had taught her. It turned out to be the most requested column she had ever written.

Following the tragic events in Lac-Megantic our president Lew Brown telephoned the President of the Legion branch there to see if there was anything we could do to help. He was advised that at that point nothing was needed and was thanked for our concern. We have now received word from Provincial Command that this is not quite the case. In part their message reads, "Fortunately, the local Legion branch has not been destroyed, but it has suffered significant damage to its building, and, with the closing of a part of the city, was unable to open for quite some time."

They called upon individual branches to hold events to help the Lac-Megantic branch get back on its feet. A number of ideas have been proposed but at this point nothing has been decided. Please watch the bulletin boards and lend your support to this and other important events coming up





Senior Lunches are returning

STARTING WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH

11:45

Soup, sandwich, dessert and tea or coffee

\$5.00

Come join the gang




We all Need a Tree!

I hired a plumber to help me restore an old farmhouse, and after he had just finished a rough first day on the job: a flat tire made him lose an hour of work, his electric drill quit and his ancient one ton truck refused to start.

While I drove him home, he sat in stony silence. On arriving, he invited me in to meet his family.

As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands.

When opening the door, he underwent an amazing transformation. His face was wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss.

Afterward he walked me to the car. We passed the tree and my curiosity got the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier.

Oh, that's my trouble tree,' he replied 'I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing's for sure, those troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and the children.

So I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home, and ask God to take care of them. Then in the morning I pick them up again.

' Funny thing is,' he smiled,' when I come out in the morning to pick 'em up, there aren't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before.'

Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here we might as well dance.

We all Need a Tree!

Bits and Pieces from Here and There



A Sunday afternoon jam session. This one was on April 21st before the steak dinner. There were three such Sunday afternoons prior to the summer break and all proved to be very popular. Hopefully they will become a regular monthly feature once things get rolling in September. Regularly check the bulletin boards and the on site calendar to make sure you don't miss any.

Cde. Rodger presented a cheque in the amount of \$3,542.62 on behalf of the Senior Lunch Program.

Thanks to John Geraghty's talents with hammer and saw, other tools and a bunch of willing helpers our treasurer Oriette has now become a regular at the Friday morning coffee sessions.

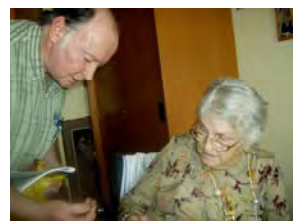


Kudos to Glenn Cantwell, Jim Small and Pat Whyte for the great job they have been doing through the summer keeping our grounds in such great shape. Also to whoever added the animals to the flower beds! Nothing like a few skunks at our door to entice people to enter. Certainly shows we have a sense of humour and good times beckon inside.



Major Andre Berdais presenting "Soldiering for Canada" before General Meeting of May 22nd

Three members of the 70th Anniversary committee went to visit Gwen Cantwell at the residence where she is living to present her with a gift bag and other mementoes received by those who attended the anniversary supper.



After being diagnosed with bone cancer, Terry Fox decided to run across Canada in 1980 to raise funds for cancer research. This year, Greenfield Park will host its annual Terry Fox Run! On Sunday September 15th, come join us at the Greenfield Park Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 94 (205 Rue Empire) to help outrun cancer!

The run will begin at 10:15 AM . You can participate in many ways: you can run, walk, bike, roller blade, or use a wheel chair.

On the day of the Run, registration will begin at 9:30 AM.

Again this year it would be nice to see members of Branch 94 come out and do the walk. We walk the 1 km which is three times around the football field. Normally we sponsor ourselves although you are welcome to get sponsors – no amount is too small. If you cannot do the walk perhaps you could come and cheer us on or sponsor a participant.

"Even if I don't finish we need others to continue. It's got to keep going without me." Terry Fox

September 2013

**LA JOURNÉE TERRY FOX
LE 15 SEPTEMBRE 2013**

*Inspirée par un rêve,
Ancrée dans la tradition,
Menée par des bénévoles.*

*Aucun droit d'entrée.
Aucun don minimum.*

**TERRY FOX RUN
SEPTEMBER 15, 2013**

*Inspired By A Dream,
Grounded In Tradition,
Volunteer-Driven.*

*No entry fee.
No minimum donation.*

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

11:00 a.m.
Coffee club Time

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October 2013



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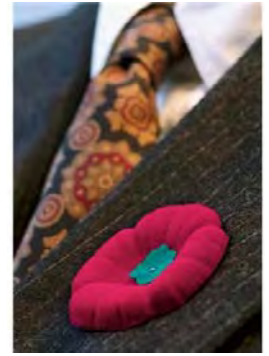
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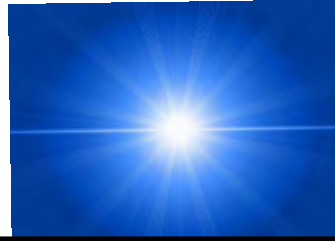
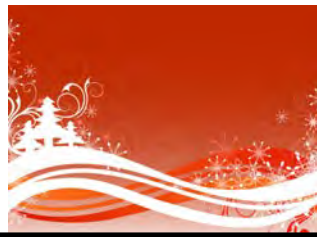
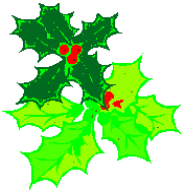
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**GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 27TH
ELECTION OF BRANCH OFFICERS
COME AND MAKE YOUR CHOICE**

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December 2013



Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift

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| 29 | 30 | 31  HAPPY NEW YEAR |  DEADLINE FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS JANUARY 31ST | | | |