



ZONE G6 FALL COUNCIL REPORTS

September 18, 2022

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ZONE COMMANDER'S REPORT

September 18, 2022

Good afternoon Comrades. Welcome to our Fall Zone Council. I trust everyone is enjoying our summer weather.

Thank you to Branch 616 West Carleton for Hosting today.

As most of us have experienced these past few years, most branch functions have been restricted due to Covid. limiting my attendance to your branches.

This year I have attended many PEC meetings via Zoom.

I attended a Zone Commanders workshop in Aurora. We spent the day going over financial reporting and Branch inspections. I hope to have all inspections completed by the middle of October.

Reminder, if your Branch is holding any function that you would like a representative from Zone, please let me know. If I cannot make it, I will forward it off to Deputy Zone Commander, Jim Wilson.

I look forward to attending your New Years Day Levee. Please let me know if you plan on hosting in 2023.

Yours in Comradeship

Rob Madore
Zone G6 Commander

Deputy Zone Commanders Report Sept 18, 2022

I was apprehensive at our last council/convention back in March accepting the honour of being elected deputy zone commander without the consent of my wife as my cell phone broke that morning and I was unable to reach her. Everything went well when I arrived home as she was supportive and I purchased a new phone the next day at Costco.

I enjoyed going to the seven elections in our zone this spring and renewed old acquaintances at every branch I attended. I look forward to assisting Comrade Rob with branch inspections this fall and visiting some of you at this coming New Year's levee. I will assist Rob whenever he needs to call upon me.

Being 71 years old I will have to learn a new song at the end of this meeting as I have never sang it before but a friend last Monday assured me that I should recognize the tune. God save the King.

Yours-in-Comradeship

Jim Wilson
Deputy Zone Commander, Zone G6

Royal Canadian Legion Zone G6

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 01, 2021 to May 31, 2022

ASSETS

Bank Account 9,700.91

TOTAL ASSETS 9,700.91

LIABILITY

PP&E Carried Forward 727.73

PP&E from Branches 2,091.90

PP&E Expended - 1,379.22

TOTAL LIABILITIES 1,440.91

EQUITY

Retained Earnings from Previous Year 7,896.95

Current Earnings 363.55

Total Equity 8,260.50

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 9,700.91

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INCOME STATEMENT

Zone Per Capita Levy from Branches 1,756.80

TOTAL REVENUE 1,756.80

EXPENSES

Web Hosting 410.00

Mileage & Conventions 262.35

Honours, Awards & Recognition 372.90

Donations 200.00

Guest Speaker Gifts 100.00

Bank Charges 48.00

TOTAL EXPENSES 1,393.25

NET INCOME (LOSS)

363.55

Submitted by Claire Husson

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ZONE G6 COUNCIL MEETING

BURSARY REPORT

SEPTEMBER 18, 2002

Zone G6 only had five (5) Bursary applications, but each student received the maximum \$1,000.00 grant. There were only 48 applications for the entire District G, so it would appear that more advertising is needed.

Respectfully submitted

George Dolan

Zone G6 Bursary Chair

ZONE SPORTS REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2022

This year only Zone G6 completed a full roster of sports. We were very fortunate that no covid cases could be attributed to our sports program. In April Fred Quigg informed us that Washer Toss, Golf and Horse Shoes would be held at the District level. These events were held and the following were the results.

Washer Toss Hosted by Br 192

Doubles who advanced

Jamie Boniface and Davey Edmunds Br 240
Brenda Logan and Carl Bowden Br 240
Gord McIntyre and Randy Armstrong Br 240
Henry Janisse and George Guatier Br 192

Singles who advanced

Carl Bowden Br 240
Rob Madore Br 240
Gord McIntyre Br 240
Henry Joanisse Br 192

Golf Seniors

Tom Watters and Eric Curried Br 616
Dave Cloutier and Dave Timms Br 174
Dave Cormier and Paul Watters Br 240
Rob Gallant and Keven Johnston Br 240
Jeff Champ and Austin Capot Br 192
Kevin Francis and Al Hendewish

Regulars

Phil Watters and Chris Watters Br 240
Cori Munroe and Doral Monroe Br 240
Chad McTerran and Wayne Flerer Br 616
John Dailigy and Scott Tayum Br 240

Ladies

Harriet Farrell and Kay Wilson Br 616

Linda Boland and Cindy Delehunt Br 616

In Golf the 12 teams are decided by their number of teams in each division. Due to Costs, no Team that advanced at District went to Provincials

Horse Shoes: As only one team registered, they advanced direct to District. Les Young and Bordon Curtis Br 244

As seems to be the norm, only a few Branches are active in Zone Sports and I suspect even their own Branches. If anyone has an idea to rectify this, PLEASE talk to me and maybe we can develop a plan to once again bring Sports back to previous levels.

Legion Sports were developed to give members a chance to meet and get to know members from other Branches. Yes some members do take it a little too serious but for most it provides a venue for comradeship and Fellowship but more importantly a place to enjoy and have fun.

Bank Balance as of August 31, 2022 is
2707.22

Respectfully submitted,
Stan Lasenba
Zone G6 Sports

ZONE MEMBERSHIP REPORT SEPT 17, 2022

Despite Covid-19 hurting branch membership the last few years, our branches have done very well with our membership numbers and we are slightly below last year's totals. This has been normal as membership numbers across Canada have steadily decreased for many years.

Please find our zone membership figures below as of last Sunday (Sept 11th). Please check with your membership chair if you disagree with these figures.

PAID MEMBERSHIP AS OF SEPT 11, 2022

Branch	Life	Ord'	Ass'	Aff'V	Other	Total	Prev Yr.	% Increase
95 Smiths Falls	8	61	104	25		198	210	94.29%
174 Arnprior	10	66	111	39	1	227	244	93.03%
192 Carleton Place	13	133	194	39		379	376	100.8 %
240 Almonte	7	81	232	39	1	360	368	97.83%
244 Perth-upon-Tay	10	118	272	62	1	463	475	97.47%
395 Lanark	1	10	26	23		60	61	98.36%
616 West Carleton	8	30	88	50	1	177	157	112.74%
638 Kanata	16	154	121	29	1	321	333	96.40%
Totals	73	653	1148	306	5	2185	2224	98.25%
2021 Fall Figures	72	621	1093	279	3	2068	2207	

NEW MEMBERSHIP AS OF SEPT 7, 2021

Branch	Ord'	Ass'	Aff'V	Other	Total	Prev Yr.	% Increase	
95 Smiths Falls	2	10	1		13	13	100.00%	
174 Arnprior	9	10	7		26	83	31.33%	
192 Carleton Place	9	16	7		32	24	133.30%	
240 Almonte	2	20	6		28	27	103.70%	
244 Perth-upon-Tay		8	17	10		35	29	120.69%
395 Lanark	0	1	3		4	7	57.14%	
616 West Carleton	5	16	8	1	30	19	157.89%	
638 Kanata	5	3	2		10	30	33.33%	
Totals	40	93	44	1	178	232	76.12%	

Jim Wilson

Zone G6 Membership Chair

Youth Education-Public Speaking Report Fall Zone G-6 Council Sept. 18, 2022

With vaccines available for ages 5 and up and the pandemic restrictions have eased, masks are optional, the plan is to proceed with the 2023 Youth Education Public Speaking Competitions (YE PS) at all levels. I have reserved the Kanata Legion, Branch #638 (as usual) to host the Zone G6 Youth Education Public Speaking Competition scheduled on Saturday, March 4, 2023. I am assuming as it was last year during these uncertain times, if the 2023 YE PS competitions must be cancelled a directive from the Provincial Youth Education Committee will be sent to all District YE PS Chairs and Zones and Branches will subsequently be notified at the latest in December. Of course, each Branch will determine if they proceed with their Youth Education Public Speaking competition pending the pandemic status.

I ask each Branch to confirm with me their Youth Education Public Speaking Chair for 2022-2023 from the list below at the September 18, 2022, Zone G6 Council meeting, please.

Br. #174	Almonte	Pat Muldoon
Br. #240	Arnprior	Debbie McLeod
Br. #192	Carleton Place	Ann Ecker
Br. #638	Kanata	Brenda Grant
Br. #395	Lanark	Shelley Roberts
Br. #244	Perth-Upon-Tay	Marilyn Devlin
Br. # 95	Smiths Falls	Helen Wilkinson
Br. #616	West Carleton	Jim Wilson

All Branches and Zones should have received from Ontario Command a Youth Education Package dated July 11, 2022, which includes the current Public Speaking Rules and Regulations and the current forms to be used. Should I receive French Youth Education Public Speaking correspondence, I will advise the Youth Education Public Speaking Chairs of its availability.

Aida Kostuck, Secretary, Provincial Youth Education Committee has requested Branches provide YE PS competitions dates, times, Branch and location as soon as the competition is scheduled in the event a youth is asking for where the nearest PS competition is she will have a Branch YE PS competition list to refer to. **Therefore, I ask each Zone G6 Branch to forward to me their Branch YE PS Competition date, registration times, location and phone number as soon after it is scheduled as possible, please.**

In the event the 2023 Public Speaking competitions will proceed, I ask each Branch to pass on the following information to their YE-PS Chair, please:

- The Public Speaking Contest Statistics form and the Public Speaking Contest Forwarding Form are dated 2023. All other forms need to be dated 2023.
- A reminder to only use forms and regulations from the package issued the summer of 2022.

In addition to the forms and regulations, the Branch Public Speaking Chair will need to know:

- **The absolute deadline to submit your Branch winners for Zone G6 YE PS competition is Tuesday, February 28, 2023**
- **Zone G6 YE PS competition location: Branch #638-Kanata, 70 Hines Rd., Kanata, Ontario
Phone: 613-591-5570**
- **Dates and locations of the 2023 District and Area level competitions to be announced as soon as is possible**

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- **Zone G6 Youth Education Public Speaking prize amounts for each of the four categories are:**
 - **1st place \$40.00 / 2nd place \$30.00 / 3rd place \$20.00**
- **Branch prize amounts should not exceed Zone prize amounts. It was agreed among the branches that only if a Branch is in a position/has the resources to increase the prize amounts for public speaking to the suggested amounts below that they do so. Something a Branch may wish to consider before making a prize amount decision is whether they wish to have the same prize amounts for the posters, poems and essays competition.**
 - **1st place \$30.00 / 2nd place \$20.00 / 3rd place \$10.00**

The provision of a public speaking competition for youth is not only one of the best ways we can showcase the Legion in our local communities it is also an opportunity for youth to gain experience, self-confidence and skills!

Suggested ways and means of how best to increase participation if COVID19 protocols and safety measures permit are to:

- consider forming a Youth Education Committee to support the YE-PS Chair
 - establish a contact at each school
 - create a public speaking competition poster notice and post in schools, libraries, etc.
 - when promoting the posters, poems and essays competition highlight public speaking to allow more time for schools to consider, if possible, to incorporate into the school curriculum
 - suggest public speaking as an extracurricular activity in the schools
 - approach youth organizations where public speaking may be a badge/award to achieve
 - to increase the reach, particularly home school students it is important to promote in social media in the community via local papers, church bulletins, community centres, stores
 - promote at your legion with posters, newsletters, email, website, social media

Youth Education Public Speaking highlights from the June 24, 2017 minutes of the Provincial Youth Education Committee are:

- It was moved and seconded that a projector is not allowed at a public speaking competition
- It was moved and seconded that home-schooled students are allowed to enter the public speaking competition
- Where to send students: The normal procedure is that students compete at the branches closest to their schools. If a branch is not participating, then students are referred to another branch, under the same zone. If a school is not doing public speaking, then students are referred to the branch closest to their homes. Home schooled students are referred to the branch closest to their homes.
- The legion should encourage all students to participate in the public speaking program. There is no agreement as per the number of students that the school can send but schools with this query are to be referred to the branch and it is up to the branch to advise the schools on how many students they can accommodate at the competition

This ends my report and I move its' adoption.

Lorraine Lapensée
Zone G6 Youth Education Public Speaking

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ZONE G6 COUNCIL MEETING

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

Head Table, Guests, Comrades All.

Since my last report, the Ladies Auxiliary Zone Convention was held in Kanata in May. I was very sorry that I was unable to attend that meeting as a result of a bad fall. I had decided, after being Zone Commander for 6 years to retire so that I could take time to enjoy my new home in Smiths Falls and to travel. Comrade Elaine Madore was elected as the new Zone Commander and Comrade Debbie Holden as the Deputy Zone Commander. Comrade Luanne Warren remains as the Zone Sports Officer.

I attended the 59th Biennial Provincial Convention in Kingston from September 10th to 13th. We had a total of 15 ladies attend from G6. There is always something that a person learns at these conventions.

I wish Comrade Elaine all the very best in her new position and know that she will execute her duties well.

Yours in comradeship

Marilyn Devlin

Head Table, Comrades all:

My name is Elaine Madore, and I am the new Zone Commander for L.A. Zone G6. The new Deputy Zone Commander is Debbie Holden

We look forward to working with all our Auxiliaries.

There is no longer a G5 for Ladies Auxiliary, therefore Orleans Br632 LA has now been moved to G6.

I attended the Ontario Provincial L.A. Convention in Kingston this past week. The new Provincial officers are:

President	Kathy Moggy
1 st Vice President	Sharon Crown
2 nd Vice President	Kathey Putman
3 rd Vice President	Yolande McKinnon
Provincial Chair	Brenda Deacon
Secretary/Treasurer	Kim Adams
Provincial Sports	Kelly Scott

Elaine Madore
G6 – L.A. Zone Commander

**Smiths Falls Branch 95
Zone Report
September 18, 2022**

Thankfully, our Branch activities are slowly getting back to normal. We had our elections in May, however, we are still looking for chairs for Sports and By-Law and Constitution and more volunteers.

Thanks to the income from our bingo and bi-weekly fish fry, we were able to cover the cost of our roof repairs, the purchase of a new 5 ton air conditioner and our monthly operating costs.

Under the direction of Comrade Stan Lasenba, the Birthday Signs are now being placed on the front lawns of our Veterans. Several Veterans have contacted us sharing their surprise and appreciation. Good job Stan.

Our Poppy Campaign under the direction of Comrade Helen Wilkinson is already underway, she has her organization in place and all supplies have been ordered. Thanks to the charitable people and businesses in Smiths Falls, we were able to increase our revenues by \$10,000 last year by bringing in \$46,477.79. At the District Convention this year, our Branch presented \$40,000.00 for various Veteran programs.

In addition, we have given out 6 bursaries at \$500 each to local high school students this past year.

Our Wed. night dart league started up this past Wednesday Sept. 14th. Unfortunately, our Branch has been unsuccessful in soliciting a Sport Chair and until we do, we will be unable to participate in Zone or District events.

The current membership is down and Branch 95 now has 198 members in good standing.

We will be hosting the District G6 VSO & Poppy Seminars on Oct. 1 – the Service Officer Seminar is at 9:00 a.m. and the Poppy Seminar will start at 1:00 p.m. Registration times at 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Foster
Branch 95 President

BRANCH 174 ARNPRIOR
18 September 18, 2022

Good morning, Comrades

The Arnprior branch has had a very busy summer season with hall rentals and events. Burger Friday's and Open Mic nights continue to be quite popular and well attended.

There are some maintenance issues we have been addressing at the branch. The roof needs to be looked at as we have had a leak, the dishwasher and bingo board are both in need of repairs.

The branch will be hosting the annual Veterans Dinner on September 25th. Also, a part of Legion Week, the branch will have a Business Breakfast on September 20th to thank all the local businesses who have and continue to support us, and a drop in Dart night on September 21st. We have canceled our Monday bingo in order to observe the Day of Mourning for The Queen.

Membership is down a little over last year, but we have had a few new members in the last couple of months. Renewals for 2023 have started to come in.

As with every Branch, we would not survive without our volunteers. While we have a wonderful core group of volunteers that work tirelessly at the branch, we are finding it very difficult to recruit new volunteers.

Currently the branch is open four days a week, Monday for Bingo, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. We will also start opening Wednesday evenings for the continuation of the drop in darts.

Respectfully

Donna Bell
President

The Capt. A. Roy Brown, Branch 192

Carleton Place, Zone Report

18 September 2022

Membership

Branch # 192 membership renewals for this past year are at approximately 98%. Previous year we had 382 members in good standing compared to 374 currently at this time. We have also had quite a few online enrolments; however, we have had a lot of people say that they are having trouble trying to renew their memberships online. Our Membership Chairman has been in touch with Command to coordinate.

Poppy

Our 2022 Poppy Campaign is in the planning stage; however, we are looking forward to running a very successful Poppy Season with volunteers being able to stand at different venues. Hopefully everything goes well and we go back to having a full Remembrance Day service.

Veterans Service

Our Veterans Service officer has seen an average of 2 Veterans per month to help and assist with VAC services since the last report.

Finance

The Branch finances are doing very well. We just paid down \$28,000.00 on our loan as we had to renew our rate and the increase was almost double! We now only owe approximately \$10,850.00 out of \$70,000.00 that was taken out. This will be paid off next year with the help of our LA. Our Catch the Ace online lottery partnered with the Carleton Place and District Memorial Hospital Foundation is doing extremely well. We are starting Catch the Ace 3.0 and our ticket sales go online on 22 September with the first draw being on the 29th September. We are again seeding the Jackpot with a prize of \$10,000.00! As you know, on 20th December 2021 our Branch had a major flood in the basement. We have been dealing with insurance and all is going well as can be. The problem found was the main sewer pipe that connects to the Town has rotted out. We have now fixed the problem and have been going forward with our renovations. The reason for this taking so long has been due to supply and demand.

Ways and Means

We had our Annual Corn Roast at the end of August which was a very successful event. We worked together with our LA and it had a great impact. We had approximately 200 people in attendance throughout the day with vendors, DJ / Karaoke, BBQ and Free Corn. As well, our rental hall bookings continue to be successful all through the Summer and into the Fall. This definitely brings in some good income. Lastly, we have started a "special drink happy hour" on Friday afternoons that has created quite the momentum. We used to only sell approximately \$50-75.00 from the bar in the afternoon and that has now gone up to \$400-750.00 for the same time period. Sometimes you just have to try something new!

Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary have been pretty busy last few months. They have been getting catering functions and a lot of Celebrations of Life as families are getting caught up since reopening. We also had representation sent to the Ladies Auxiliary Convention in Kingston.

Constitution and Bylaws

Nothing to Report.

Sports

Our Dart Leagues have just started up after the Labour Day weekend. A Drop-In Dart League has started up on Monday nights and continues to do very well with attendance. We have also restarted our Ladies Auxiliary Dart League and Men's drop-in Darts on Tuesdays, a Branch Singles Dart League on Wednesdays and the Branch Mixed Dart League on Thursdays, and all are extremely happy to be getting back into it. This definitely helps with our Bar sales and overall income for the Branch.

Overall

We have been pretty busy dealing with problems and repairs for our building that is over 55 years old since the last report period. We are starting to be quite busy at our Branch being open to the public; however, the basement remains closed and will be for the near future. We are thankful to still be able to use the upstairs main hall and lounge. We keep monitoring our finances on a weekly basis. We are very flexible to adjust to the current situation as it changes.

Stay Healthy!

Respectfully submitted

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Peter Schaffer
President
Capt. A. Roy Brown, Br 192
Royal Canadian Legion
Carleton Place, ON

ALMONTE BRANCH 240
ZONE REPORT G6
September 18, 2022

Branch 240 currently has 376 paid members for 2022, we are gaining new members to replace those lost by death and transfer. Our problem is renewals.

Fundraising continues with the Monthly Breakfast program on the 3rd Saturday of every month from September until June. We continue to do our Wednesday Wing night every Wednesday starting at 5:30 pm. We also serve chicken fingers and egg rolls on our menu.

We have relaunched our “Catch the Ace” Raffle which has been very successful. This our 3rd time partnering with the Almonte Hospital Fairview Manor Foundation. We are on week 4 and our jackpot is just over \$2000.

Our Annual Pig Roast was held on July 16th, 2022, to celebrate our 90th Anniversary. We also operated a beer tent on Canada Day Just 1st in Gemmill Park. We held our 2nd annual Corn roast yesterday, September 17th, 2022. These fundraisers are vital to our operation.

A big thank you to the Branches who helped with the Colour Party at the Highland Games in August. There will be emails sent out to attend again this year. With your support, we will be hosting the Battle of the Atlantic again in May 2023. Donations again next year would greatly be appreciated.

The Almonte Legion Pipe Band have been busy all summer playing in the Highland games in Maxville and at home in Almonte. They have also been playing every Wednesday night at our local cenotaph. If anyone needs a piper or pipe band, please contact me.

Our Washer players did well in Hespeler winning the Provincial in Doubles on August 27th, and this means that Branch 240 will be hosting the Provincial tournament next August.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Madore
President
Branch 240 Almonte

**Perth Branch 244
Zone Report G6
September 2022**

Membership

Membership renewals for 2022 have gone well despite the restrictions. We currently have 456 members in good standing which is a 94% renewal rate from last year.

We continue to attract new members coming to the area and on August 28th held a members' barbecue. We had 10 new and transferred members attend and several other members were around to greet and get to know them. A total of 29 people attended. Looking forward to getting started with Early Bird right away

Poppy

01 Oct 2021 - \$34,738.49

01 Sept 2022- \$38,229.73

Donations 2022

- 585 Air Cadet SQN support
- Project "Leave the Streets Behind"
- Veteran Service dog Unit

Initiatives 2022

- Veteran Memorial Benches at Perth Cenotaph.
- Coffee4Vets 1 morning a month veterans meet for coffee/tea & muffins
- Perth's Veteran Banner program

Parade/ Branch open house

Reconcile all Poppy SUF's for the last 2 years.

Prep for public Nov 11 2022

Veteran Xmas baskets program

Select and donate to veteran groups per Ontario Command mandate.

Veterans' Services

Nothing to report.

Financial Report

The branch is currently in good shape financially with our general account holding in the \$70,000 range. Hall bookings are increasing and the Tuesday night Cornhole League and Wednesday night darts continue to supplement the branch revenues. Charitable funds continue to accrue through the sale of Nevada and Catch the Ace tickets.

Things look pretty good for the coming year.

Overall

Overall, the Perth Legion is doing well. Our hall is busy during the week with Tai Chi and CPHC fitness classes. Fridays and Saturdays are busy with weddings, stag and does, birthdays, and celebrations of life. We are booked through until the end of December.

We have just hired a new office administrator and she is doing really well.

We are planning to have a New Year's levee this year with entertainment and a light lunch, something we haven't been able to have for some time. Everyone is welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Day
Branch 244 President

Lanark Legion Branch 395
Presidents Report
September 18, 2022

The Lanark Legion is doing very well. The Branch is financially stable and meeting all financial commitments. Through grants, donations to the building fund, and fundraisers we have replaced the flooring throughout the building and installed a new HVAC system. We have also had to update some of our plumbing and install a new UV (Ultra Violet) system.

We continue to do Catch the Ace and once this license has been completed, we will be putting it on hold until further notices. We have found that the area is saturated with numerous Catch the Ace programs and people are losing interest in participating. It is also difficult to find members to run Catch the Ace.

Our Canada Day Bar-b-Que was held on July 1, 2022, for the first time in 2 years and was a great success and we sold out. This year we have had several rentals and continue to promote the rental of the Legion Hall. Community darts will be starting up in early October. We have had a couple of music fundraisers and are schedule to hold a few more before the end of the year. We are looking forward to the Hunter Bash which we have not held in 2 years.

The Legions biggest concern is still the number of positions not filled on the Executive. Currently we have the President, First Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 2 Executive. Most of these people are also filling committee positions with an additional 3 committee members.

Membership is now at 60 members and we are continually looking for new members. Our membership campaign is now underway.

The Poppy Chair is getting ready for the Poppy campaign and the Remembrance Day Service We are all and looking forward to having a service this year.

The Ladies Auxiliary have not been very active due to their declining numbers, but our relationship with them remains strong.

We continue to support the community and have made several donations to charities within the community.

Yours in Comradeship

Darleen Sargeant

President

Delegates; Norma Melanson - Treasurer

Zone G6 Council Meeting
West Carleton Branch 616
President's Report
September 18, 2022

Good morning Comrades, and welcome to the Good Times Branch. We had a lot of good times this spring and summer. Our men's and ladies' dart leagues wound up, and each group had a fun day and a B.B.Q. Arleen Morrow, our Entertainment Chair, hosted a Children's Easter Party, which was much appreciated. On Good Friday, Jim Wilson organized a triathlon of darts, euchre and washer toss.

We didn't do so well in Zone darts and cards, but out of seven golf teams, five advanced to District, two of which finished in first place at Zone.

We managed to elect a full slate of Officers and Executive Committee Members, although some are required to wear two hats or more. Thank you Kanata Branch for officiating. Our membership is on the increase due to our Membership Chair reminding people to renew.

We decided to cut back on our TGIF dinners for the summer, but we did have more Good Times on Canada Day with the smoked pigs and entertainment by the Wilson Strong Band. We served eighty meals and bar sales were good.

The Ladies Auxiliary has stepped up to fill in the gaps for the TGIF dinners. Thank you to all of our volunteers. Hall usage has been good which keeps us busy and bar sales increasing. We have been getting more regular patrons, which help our coffers. Our bar staff are keeping them happy and entertained.

Kanata Branch Poppy Chair, John Kern, and our Poppy Chair, Bruce Robinson, met to determine the boundaries for the Poppy campaign. Thank you John for giving us some of your territory. We were able to donate \$11,000.00 from our Poppy Trust Fund, which is much appreciated and helps to advertise our Branch.

We will be kicking off Legion Week early on Sept. 17th with the Alfie Currie Memorial golf tournament. Our Honours and Awards presentation will follow the Zone Council meeting. The dart leagues will gear up that week, which will bring back a lot of patrons that do not frequent during the summer months.

Everyone is invited to attend our Remembrance Ceremony on Sat. Nov. 5th. Hopefully we will be able to go back to our previous schedule, which starts with a parade with the Cameron Highlanders and Colour Party from the Constance Bay Grocery at 1 P.M. followed by wreath-laying at our Cenotaph and followed by refreshments in the Branch.

We request that our Annual Branch Inspection to be held on Wed. Oct. 5th at 7 P.M.

We are not even going to try and duplicate the lunch that was served at Branch 192 for the Spring Council Meeting, but hope that you enjoy it just the same.

Respectfully submitted
George Dolan
Branch 616 President

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Zone G6 Convention Branch 638 Report September 2022

The light at the end of the tunnel is getting brighter and brighter. The pandemic is having less and less effect on our daily lives, and our Branch activities are slowly getting back to near normal.

We were finally able to have our Branch elections and we have a new set of senior executives who have shown that new blood can be a refreshing thing. New projects are under way, and cards and golf are quickly gaining popularity again. The cadre of faithful ladies who cherish Bingo are back with renewed enthusiasm. Our membership has returned to about 316 with many new members, including Canadian Armed Forces personnel from nearby DND facilities. The military personnel volunteering has been a great asset at Fish and Chip lunches and other activities. The Wednesday morning Coffee Club, is thriving and the Saturday afternoon social with popcorn and cool refreshments is gaining popularity with other members.

The Branch financial situation is surprisingly robust considering the difficult times we have just come through. The many functions hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary and others, doing take-out meals, etc., have kept the money coming in. CATCH the ACE has been a regular attention getter. Recently we have had two large jackpots, which are over and above the regular small prizes associated with each draw. The various sources of income are very important, as we take stock of our facilities and infrastructure. Our Branch facility is aging and will inevitably require some replacement or repair sooner or later. We have therefore deemed it prudent to form a Building Reserve Fund to take care of possible future requirements.

Our Youth Education project was hugely successful this year. A good group of proud and admiring parents and relatives came out to the presentations and were not disappointed. Many young students in the art, essay and public speaking categories went on to the higher levels of the competition. One talented young lady went to the very top nationally, and will now have her art work displayed at the War Museum for the next year. Our Youth Education Officer can feel justly proud that she and the Royal Canadian Legion played a part in the success of so many young students.

Although sports have not been a strong suit in Branch 638 up to this point, our new Sport Officer is breathing new life and fire into his portfolio. He has very close contacts with people in the golf world and has already initiated group functions at nearby courses. We don't know yet what interest he has in curling, skiing or tobogganing but the first snow has not fallen so we shall wait with great anticipation.

With the sad demise of many relatives and friends during the pandemic and no opportunity to say our timely farewells. The requests for our hall have been frequent to conduct Celebration of Life ceremonies for the departed. We are also seeing more hall rentals for wedding receptions and other local businesses.

We are often called upon to provide assistance or in-person attendance of our Colour Party at other local Branches and our Sgt at Arms has always done his best to accommodate these requests. Our Pipe Major and her Highland Mist Pipe Band have also been busy helping at appropriate Royal Canadian Legion functions and local events, so some semblance of normalcy is returning.

Our next major activity of the year is almost upon us, the Poppy Campaign. The new Poppy Chairman is very busy with organizing Table Captains and volunteers for each local participating business location. The outlook is very good for a successful Campaign this year and we are looking forward to it. We are also looking forward to this years Remembrance Day dinner to be held after Remembrance Day.

Yours in Comradeship,

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