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Branch Executive Meetings are the Third Thursday of each month at 10:30 am.

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Deadline to submit for the next bulletin is always the third Friday of March, June, September and the second Friday in December by 12 noon please

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President's Message

The past two months have been jam packed so there is a lot to talk about.

The Branch clean up was on April 29th thanks to Johnny Villeneuve, Bill Murphy, Maureen MacAulay, Boyd Dulmage, Pat Laninga, Wendy Virtue, Stewart & Gundrun Hunter, Cindy Carroll, Pastor Dan and student Sadie Gray for helping - rain meant the outside did not get done that day.

The Branch elections were held on May 18th and once again all positions were acclaimed. The executive remains the same for the most part but we do have a recording secretary/treasurer now rather than a secretary and treasurer because Liz Douville resigned as secretary. Thanks for the years you did that Liz. Thanks to Pat McGrath who will take the meeting minutes while John Villeneuve will continue to pick up the mail and I will continue to deal with the emails. Louis Seward has returned as part of the executive committee. Thank you to all the executive officers and committee members for filling these roles and to those who have chosen not to return, thank you for your past service.

Committee chairs remain unchanged for the most part but you will notice that the same names appear on more than one committee. That is because we have people that want to help but few who want to take the lead so we can work with that. We have revived the Seniors' committee and folded the exercise group back into it -pretty much how it was not that long ago. The Bursary committee will be Pat McGrath, Eric Booth and me. Pat McGrath and I are now named as Ways & Means chair but we have been doing it for the past year anyway. I am named as Poppy Chair but if anyone is interested in taking this on please let me know. More info is in the Poppy Report on the next page.

The complete list of chairs appears on page 2.

Lots of cleaning out, re-organizing and repairs and maintenance took place in the month of May. Thanks to Pat McGrath and Johnny Villeneuve for their help re-organizing the kitchen, hanging the posters and plaques on the walls. Thanks to all the work done by Johnny Villeneuve, Tom Louks and Brian Goss to get quotes, estimates and contracts for the work that needed to be done outside. Not much has been spent for the past 3or 4 years on property maintenance which meant that we played catch up in May. The retaining wall at the base of the flag pole and the walls of the front garden needed to be reset so it was decided to reset the small retaining wall which forms part of the front parking lot perimeter, but to take out the front garden. The Fallen Not Forgotten cross was reset so it is seen better from the road and it is now enhanced with white stones -once the grass grows back it will really pop! The large stones from the front garden walls were used to replace the rotting boards in the gardens flanking the front entrance. Removing the front garden saved us the cost to have it all reset as well as the labour required to keep it maintained. The rocks and pavers along the west wall where we barbeque were removed and that space was paved removing the hazard of tripping on the rocks as well as making it easier to clean up any grease from the barbeques.

Thank you to Southpaw Contracting for the great job they did with the gardens, retaining wall etc. Those guys were great!

Wendy Ryan



Membership Report

Membership is 105.

Bursary Report

Branch 625 will award 3 bursaries this year to 3 graduating students.

Two recipients attend Sacred Heart High School and one attends South Carleton High School.

I will be presenting letters of acceptance this month at the school Honours and Awards assemblies.

When these students provide proof of tuition paid, I will have the very pleasant task of delivering a cheque to each of them personally.

Elizabeth Douville



Poppy Report

I have taken over the role of Poppy Chair this year and will focus on the Poppy campaign while Eric Booth will organize the November 11th service.

The Poppy campaign is how we raises funds for the Poppy fund to be used to assist veterans, their families and organizations that provide services to them.

The two areas of the campaign at our Branch involve monetary donations from local businesses and the Poppy counter boxes on display for people to take a Poppy & put in some cash.

Thanks to Bill & Charlene Murphy, we now have a new list of local businesses and so we now have to start planning how we will approach them to ask for donations. We have a great group of people who have done this for several (many?) years but the more volunteers we have the more businesses we can contact.

If anyone is interested in taking the lead on this, please let me know.

We will have a meeting in mid-July to start planning and if you are able to take part, please contact me either by email at wryan1955@hotmail.com or call me at 613-838-9696.

Wendy Ryan



Quilts of Valour

Long time member and veteran Keith Thurrott received a Quilt of Valour on June 11, 2023.

Keith is pictured with the quilt on the far right, bottom right is Quilts of Valour representative CWO Shelley Lamothe with Keith and below left is Keith with his wife MaryLou and daughter Colleen Thurrott-Mills.

If you know of a veteran who would appreciate receiving a quilt, check for details on the website at quilts ofvalour.ca.

Congratulations Keith!



1973 - 2023
50th Anniversary of the Richmond Legion Br 625

The 50th anniversary celebration was held on June 3, 2023 with an afternoon reception that included wreath laying, words from our Zone Commander Stephane Guy and handing out the Honours & Awards, something that we have not been able to do since 2018. Just under 60 people attended and it was great to see some of the old gang get together once more. Those who were unable to come due to illness were greatly missed. Refreshments were served and thank you to the ladies who stepped in at the last minute to take care of the kitchen work!

Past anniversaries have seen projects completed such as the Cairn, the West Wall Mural etc and it was agreed that the metal Lest We Forget sculpture would be a fitting addition to the front grass area. There was a miscommunication somewhere and thanks to Brian Goss, the 9 days we had to arrange for the concrete base was just enough. Thanks to Claude Brown for the great job creating the metal sculpture by using the metal wall sign that I purchased as a guide, and for donating part of his labour costs.



One other project that was undertaken for the 50th anniversary was a coffee table book and thank you to Pat McGrath and Colleen Jones for proofreading it more than once, more than twice and I will leave it at that! It was the first time I tried a project like this and it was well worth the time spent reading the 28 Branch scrap-books 4 or 5 times to check and triple check dates and facts!

The past presidents of the Branch, LA and Club 55 were given a copy of the book as well as our Zone Commander and city councilor David Brown who was also in attendance and some copies were purchased by members. The book details the origin of our Branch as well as the Ladies Auxiliary, Club 55, Memorial Park & Cenotaph, the West Wall Mural, the Cairn and the Fallen Not Forgotten Cross. The Past Presidents of the Branch, the Ladies Auxiliary and Club 55 are listed and pictured and there is also a gallery of photos. If you would like to have one they are \$35 each - send me a email wryan1955@hotmail.com or give me a call at 613-838-9696.



I cannot count the hours that went into planning, preparing, shopping, cleaning, organizing, setting up, cleaning up and arranging all the project, plans and efforts that went into getting everything done to celebrate 50 years but I have to admit that the kind words of appreciation and pleasure from the veterans and senior members of our Branch made it all worth it.

Thanks again to everyone who helped in any way at all -Brian Goss, Johnny Villeneuve, Tom Louks, Pat & Tony McGrath, Wendy Virtue, Charlene & Bill Murphy, Sharon Murphy, Boyd Dulmage, Pat Laninga. Thanks to Joan & Alexis Milne for taking pictures! Here's hoping I didn't miss anyone!

Honours & Awards 2023

Thank you to everyone who attended on June 3, 2023 to received your service pins, bars etc. The following is a list of honourees. If you have not received yours, please contact me at 613-838-9696 by June 30th to arrange to pick it up.

Years of Service Pins: these pins indicate how long you have been a Legion member and are awarded in 5 year increments.

Affiliate Members

5 year= Pat McGrath & Tony McGrath
15 years – John Olsen & Lis Olsen
20 years – June Craig

Associate Members

5 years = Betty Brown, Kira Cook-Brown; Joanne Heinbuch, Alfie Kavanagh, Alexis Milne, David Vickers, Elizabeth Vickers, Wendy Virtue.
10 years= Gerry Blair, Susan Grant, Bob Leighton, Josee Levesque, Tom Louks, Judy MacKenzie, Sharon Murphy, Bill Murphy, Louis Seward, John Villeneuve
15 years – Elizabeth Douville, Rene Douville
20 years = Eunice Lemyre, Wendy Ryan
25 years = Carole Brown, Joyce Clench, Bill Cook, Joyce Cook, Kerry Cook; Joan Frost, Barb Lecompte, Kelly McKenna, Joyce Treboutat.
30 years=Colleen Jones, Randy Jones, Kay Lawless, Irwin McCaffrey, Joan Milne, Heather Murphy, Pete Murphy
50 years –Henry Mains

Ordinary Members

5 years = Boyd Dulmage, Eileen Kavanagh, Justin Schmidt-Clever
10 years = Don Hall, Ray Huet, Marina Leullier, Tom Platt, Josee Roberds,
15 years = Gerry Levesque
20 years =Jack Lemyre
25 years = Truman Lewis
35 years =John Andrew
45 years= Bob Marler
55 years =Jim Burns

Life Members

Brian Beyer 39 years
Eric Booth 31 years
Roger Bourgeois 37 years
Oscar Clench 32 years
Brian Goss 36 years
Mavis Lewis 33 years
Jane Louks 41 years
Shirley Morris 33 years
Keith Thurrott 34 years.

Pictured below: Brian Goss, Joyce Clench, Joan Frost, Joyce Cook, Bill Cook & Kerry Cook



Past Officer Medal & Bars

Eric Booth & executive & poppy bars

Boyd Dulmage Past officer medal and Sgt at arms & membership bar

Joanne Heinbuch & executive bar

Pat Laninga & Honours & Awards bar

Tom Louks & executive bar

Bill Murphy & executive bar

Pat McGrath & treasurer bar

Louis Seward & Chaplain bar

Brian Goss – Public Relations and Honours & Awards bars AND one he does not know about is the Past President for more than one term medal – Brian served as President for a total of 8 years - 2010 to 2014 and 2010 to 2022.

Certificates of Appreciation

Boyd Dulmage & Pat Laninga for organizing the Christmas lights on the hall each year and doing the static Christmas parade each year.

Marg Banks, Bill & Charlene Murphy, Pat & Tony McGrath , Angie Power, Wendy Virtue –they have all helped with all of the events including the barbeques, the Senior's Christmas lunch, the Nov 11 open house

Certificate of Merit

Joyce Cook for making sure Friday afternoon euchre has continued for year and years.

Eileen Kavanagh for years of helping with meals & events.

Branch Service Medal

Joanne Heinbuch –has helped with all our events over many years and she is why Club 55 kept going for the last 4 years of its existence – she said she would do it for 1 year and stayed 4!

Sharon Murphy – who has contributed to all our events over the years and she has tended bar for all the barbeques and all the Friday night darts since at least 2011!

Life Membership - Johnny Villeneuve

Johnny has been a member of the Richmond Legion for 14 years and has spent most of them on the executive as Vice President; he has done the property maintenance and hall maintenance for years, he worked the bar, he sets up the hall for events and takes it all down again. He rarely misses a meeting and has yet say no to anything that I have asked him to do - well he does say no but the he does it!

There are lots of hoops to jump through to get a Life Membership approved by Command and a 2 page list of his history with the Richmond Legion might have done the trick.

It was a happy day when approval was received for this Life Membership - congrats again Johnny and thanks again for all you do.



Pictured below: Louis Seward, John Villeneuve, Sharon Murphy, Brian Goss, Judy MacKenzie & Bill Murphy.



Picture below: Brian Goss, Alexis Milne, Wendy Virtue & Joanne Heinbuch



Picture below receiving awards & having a laugh: Brian Goss, Boyd Dulmage, Pat Laninga, Joanne Heinbuch, Bill Murphy, Pat McGrath, Eric Booth and Louis Seward



The pictures are a little off due to camera problems! Sorry!

It takes a village.....to raise a building.

Seated is Joyce Cook, a Richmond lifer has been actively involved in the promotion of Richmond as a united community. Joyce co-chaired, with Cydney Green, the 175th Richmond anniversary celebrations and has been a Committee member dedicated to bringing the Richmond Legacy Community Pavilion to fruition.

In partnership with the Richmond Agricultural Society, Richmond Village Association as well as generous contributions from many local businesses and residents we are close to our goal, but we need your support to reach that goal.

Standing is Kerry Lee Cook, Daughter to Joyce, who is also supporting the Richmond Legacy Community Pavilion project through facilitation of the sale of commemorative plaques. Plaques have been sold, nearing 200 to date, that will be mounted between the pillars around the periphery of the new Pavilion. This will provide a lasting commemoration to the members of our community who have provided support to make this vision a reality.



Plaques are inscribed with a personalized message that allows supporters to pay homage to themselves, or that of their loved ones within our village and beyond. Each 3" x 6" stainless steel commemorative plaque, as seen in the photo, sells for \$150, details and ordering can be done on-line at www.richmondlegacy.ca or in person at the Royal LePage Office, 3441 McBean Street, Richmond, ON.

The proceeds from the sale of these plaques goes directly towards the Pavilion construction.

Don't miss your opportunity to support the raising of this Pavilion as well as leaving a legacy of yourself, your family or loved ones for the future of our community.

Volunteers Welcome

I would like to encourage anyone who has the time and inclination to help with any of our committees or events to please contact me if you would like to know more. We have a core group of members that chair the committees as well as a handful of others, members and non-members, that help make things happen. Any help you can offer would be greatly appreciated!

Wendy Ryan

Darts 2022-2023

Darts wrapped up on April 14, 2023 with the final championship games being played and pizzas & sweets being consumed. We had 36 teams play this year along with lots of spares to fill in.

Prizes given to the top teams and players included Legion beer steins, Legion pack bags, Legion blankets, Legion tote bags and metal Legion water bottles - all very nice items!

Thanks to Cathie & Tim Lytle for running the darts once again. Hope to see you all again in the fall!



Winner side A & Play off Champs Randy Dean , Rob Fraser & Geoff Kilabuk received Legion pack backs.



Sheri Burrell presents \$735 to the Legion on behalf of the dart players!



Winner side B Curtis Kerr Claire Reynolds & Louis Seward received Legion blankets.



Most doubles men Larry Jackson received a Legion stein & most doubles women Wanetta Collier who received a Legion tote bag & water bottle.



Most wins regular season Tim Lytle & Elizabeth Vickers - missing from picture Brian Fawcett- received \$50 gift cards to Danby's Richmond.



High score men Matt Scott received a Legion stein & high score women Mary Roosen received a Legion tote bag & metal water bottle.

Some Words of Wisdom (??)....

1. When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.
2. To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it.
3. Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9:00 pm is the new midnight.
4. It's the start of a brand new day, and I'm off like a herd of turtles.
5. The older I get, the earlier it gets late.
6. When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.
7. I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.
8. I had my patience tested. I'm negative.
9. Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.
10. If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"
11. When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say "nothing," it does not mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.
12. I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever.
13. I run like the winded.
14. I hate when a couple argues in public & I missed the beginning & don't know whose side I'm on.
15. When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, "Why, what did you hear?"
16. When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?
17. I don't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.
18. When I ask for directions, please don't use words like "east."
19. Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes. That would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head. That'll freak you right out.
20. Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call those people cops.
21. My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb."

PAUL HARVEY'S LETTER TO HIS GRANDCHILDREN

We tried so hard to make things better for our kids that we made them worse. For my grandchildren, I'd like better.

I'd really like for them to know about hand me down clothes and homemade ice cream and leftover meat loaf sandwiches.. I really would.

I hope you learn humility by being humiliated, and that you learn honesty by being cheated.

I hope you learn to make your own bed and mow the lawn and wash the car.

And I really hope nobody gives you a brand new car when you are sixteen.

It will be good if at least one time you can see puppies born and your old dog put to sleep.

I hope you get a black eye fighting for something you believe in.

I hope you have to share a bedroom with your younger brother/sister. And it's all right if you have to draw a line down the middle of the room, but when he wants to crawl under the covers with you because he's scared, I hope you let him.

When you want to see a movie and your little brother/sister wants to tag along, I hope you'll let him/her.

I hope you have to walk uphill to school with your friends and that you live in a town where you can do it safely.

On rainy days when you have to catch a ride, I hope you don't ask your driver to drop you two blocks away so you won't be seen riding with someone as uncool as your Mom.

If you want a slingshot, I hope your Dad teaches you how to make one instead of buying one.

I hope you learn to dig in the dirt and read books.

When you learn to use computers, I hope you also learn to add and subtract in your head.

I hope you get teased by your friends when you have your first crush on a boy / girl, and when you talk back to your mother that you learn what ivory soap tastes like.

May you skin your knee climbing a mountain, burn your hand on a stove and stick your tongue on a frozen flagpole.

I don't care if you try a beer once, but I hope you don't like it... And if a friend offers you dope or a joint, I hope you realize he/she is not your friend.

I sure hope you make time to sit on a porch with your Grandma/Grandpa and go fishing with your Uncle.

May you feel sorrow at a funeral and joy during the holidays.

I hope your mother punishes you when you throw a baseball through your neighbor's window and that she hugs you and kisses you at Christmas time when you give her a plaster mold of your hand.

These things I wish for you - tough times and disappointment, hard work and happiness. To me, it's the only way to appreciate life.



Joanne Heinbuch	02-Jul
Heather Murphy	05-Jul
Robert Leighton	10-Jul
Truman Lewis	11-Jul
Chris Moffatt	12-Jul
Barb Lecompte	18-Jul
Joanne Hepton	20-Jul
Lana Muldoon	23-Jul
Cathie Lytle	27-Jul

Stewart Hunter	03-Aug
David Vickers	03-Aug
Peter Murphy	16-Aug
Josephine Wrona	17-Aug
Pat Sullivan	19-Aug
Eileen Kavanagh	23-Aug
Brian Goss	28-Aug
Lis Olsen	29-Aug

Ray Huet	20-Sep
Shirley Morris	21-Sep
Eunice Lemyre	23-Sep
Don MacLeod	26-Sep
Joan Milne	26-Sep
Alexis Milne	29-Sep

When I was in 7th grade, our teacher put on a video and told us to take notes. Ten minutes in, she threw the lights on and shouted at Steven Webb Sladki, telling him he wasn't taking notes and he should have been. But the thing was, Steve was taking notes. I saw it. We all saw it. The teacher asked if anyone wanted to stand up for Steve. A few of us choked out some words of defense but were immediately squashed. Quickly, we were all very silent. Steve was sent to the principal's office. The teacher came back in the room and said something like "See how easy that was?" We were reading "Anne Frank." I started to understand. I just thought now was a good time to share this story. Don't ever let anyone tell you that what you see with your own eyes isn't happening.

History is not there to be liked or disliked, revised or rewritten.
 It is there to learn from it. And if it offends, even better.
 Because then it is less likely to repeated.
 It's not ours to erase or destroy or alter.
 May the monuments remain to mark past mistakes.
 The past should not be judged using the standards of the present.
 Instead, use the lessons of yesterday to make a better tomorrow.
 Amen!



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Coffee: Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 10 am

Exercise: Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 9 am

Euchre: Fridays at 1 pm

Friday Night Barbeques: June 23; July 7 & 21; August 4 & 18, September 1 & 15. 4:30 pm to 6 pm.

Platters: Steak \$22, chicken breast \$16, hamburger \$12, hot dog \$8.

Please call Wendy at 613-838-9696 prior to the Wednesday before the barbeque at 4 pm to book your ticket.

No walk ins. We have been selling out!

Executive Meetings -the third Thursday of each month at 10:30 am

General Meetings - Fourth Friday June, September, November, January & March at 11 am
and the third Thursday in May at 8 pm .

I found this in one of the Legion scrapbooks from years ago - it still applies...

The body of any organization has 4 kinds of bones:

The wishbones who spend all their time wishing that someone else would do the work

The jawbones who do all the talking and very little of the work

The knuckle bones who knock everything everyone else tries to do

The back bones who pick up the load and do the job!

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