

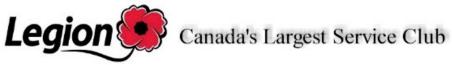
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Branch 625 Richmond





# Foxy's Tales



September 2024



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#### President's Message

Our Friday Night Barbeques ended on September 20th with a smaller than usual crowd but overall they were well attended, averaging 90 per night, and providing a solid source of income for our Branch. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard all summer.

Exercise class and morning coffee continue to be well supported by members and the community as well.

Our usual fall activities started up on Saturday, September 21st when the Richmond Legion once again led off the Richmond Fair Parade. Thanks to Boyd Dulmage for organizing and leading the colour party .

Friday Nights Darts will return on Friday, October 18th starting at 7 pm. No experience is needed. Dues will be \$120 for the season and I will share registration information when I receive it from our Sports chair.

The Poppy campaign is in the planning stages. Please see page 6 for more information

The annual Seniors' Christmas Lunch will be on the first or second Sunday of December and more details will be shared once planning has begun in earnest. This is a turkey dinner for local residents 75 years of age and up and I will have to be contacted directly to reserve a seat. We will be asking for members to make pies, help serve the meal and help with the clean up.

We had our annual audit done by our Zone Commander on Monday September 9th and all was well once again. Thank you to Pat McGrath and Johnny Villeneuve for taking care of this and a big thank you to Pat McGrath -her meticulous records are what gets us through with flying colours!

We hope to make donations to the Veterans House Andy Carswell Building, the Richmond Food Bank and the St Philip's Knights of Columbus Winter Coats for Kids program this fall and will present motions for approval at the September general meeting.

I would like to express my thanks to our executive members who presented me with a Legion Life Membership at our meeting on September 19th. This honour is greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

#### Wendy Ryan

#### Last Post

Bill Cook June 27th 2024

Alfie Kavanagh July 24 2024

Mavis Lewis August 25, 2024

We will Remember Them.



Since my last report we did have 4 new members, so our membership now stands at 112.

It's that time of year again where the renewal fees for 2025 will soon be due. I have received the renewal forms and will be setting up some times to be available at the branch. As well you can leave your renewal with one of the Executive Officers

at coffee time. You can also renew on-line at legion.ca

Membership is still \$50, payable by cheque, money order, cash or by e-transfer to <a href="treasurerrcl625@gmail.com">treasurerrcl625@gmail.com</a>. Please indicate in the message that it is membership renewal 2025, also include your name and membership number please.

For those who are on auto-payment, please ensure that your credit card information that you gave is up to date. (i.e. if your credit card expired this year you will need to enter your new expiry date)

Please note that I do not have access to your credit card information, so you will have to log onto your account and update.

Within the next couple of weeks, I will be mailing out new stickers for anyone on auto-payment, Life Members, and anyone who has paid for years in advance.

If anyone has any questions, concerns or comments in regards to membership they can contact me via e-mail at membership625@gmail.com

## Regards **Boyd Dulmage, CD**



#### Pictured left:

Waiting for the Richmond Fair Parade to begin on Saturday, September 21, 2024.

Left to right: Paul Leadston, Sue Ellis, Boyd Dulmage, Michelle Guitard and Irwin McCaffrey.

Thanks to Boyd Dulmage for organizing the colour party so we could continue our tradition of leading off the parade and thanks to Paul, Sue & Michelle from Barrhaven Branch and our Irwin for helping us again this year. *Wendy Ryan* 



Pictured left: Paul, Sue, Michelle & Irwin in the Fair Parade.



Eric Booth provided his jeep as part of the Legion entry in the Fair Parade and Deacon Louis Seward rode shotgun.

Pictured right is the Richmond Scout troop members and their leaders when the present the new picnic table to us in May 2024. They donated one several years ago but it was vandalised this past winter so the timing was perfect because our summer barbeques started the next week.



#### Poppy & Remembrance

The semantics of the terms participate and contribute was recently questioned so I thought I would offer the following explanation. Participate indicates taking an active part or role in and contribute is to add value/expertise.



Usually participation in the Poppy Campaign means approaching local businesses and residents to make a monetary donation and contributing to the Campaign means making a cash donation. Participation included taking part in the door to door canvas which we stopped several years ago due to lack of participants. Members also participated by manning tables at local businesses. This ended during Covid and once again lack of bodies to man the tables meant this did not return.

A very big thank you goes out to the members who agreed to participate in the Poppy Campaign by approaching our local businesses to ask for a donation. Pat McGrath, Johnny Villeneuve, Kerry Cook, Iain Clogg, Tom Louks, Irwin McCaffrey and Bill Murphy attended the meeting I held on September 16th. Bob Leighton and Liz Douville will return to help as well as Cathy Lytle who last year did a door to door canvas in Munster. I hope to do a door to door in The Grove this year.

Eric Booth will once again organize the Remember service to take place on November 11th.

Boyd Dulmage will organize the colour party and parade, so if you are able to take part in this please contact Boyd directly.

Pat McGrath will take the lead on the food for the open house which follows the service. If you can help with this please contact Pat McGrath by October 15th so we can get a helpers list together.

We will also be placing the white crosses on all veterans' graves in mid-October. The local cemeteries are in

Munster, St Clare's Mission on Dwyer Hill Road as well as 3 on Fortune Street and one on Perth St. Please let me know by October 10th if you can help with this.

Please contact me if you can help in any way.

See page 2 for everyone's contact information.

Watch for emails for updates.

Wendy Ryan



#### Youth

Reflecting on a very successful Remembrance Contest that we had last year, I look forward to our November Contest for this year.

Soon, I will get in touch with our 3 schools and establish a readiness for the teachers to work on Remembrance with their students.

Posters, poetry and essays will be coming our way after Remembrance Day. Entries for our Legion National Contest are submitted from Grade1 through Grade 12.

Last year, we had a Provincial winner from a Grade 9 student at SCHS. The possibilities for this year are exciting!

I collect hundreds of entries. Yes, hundreds.

Rene would help me evaluate. We would carve the hundreds to place entries to be considered in a separate pile. We both had pretty good language skills, so poems and essays were easy. And Rene could handle the French submissions easily too.

However, it was our Legion members that spotted important artistic mishaps drawn or shaded by our young students.

A flag in the background with a white maple leaf on a red background, a soldier saluting with the wrong hand, an airplane with US logo, not Canada's.

Maybe you, a member of our Branch, would like to help judge those first submissions with me this year. If you have an interest in art, literature, or youth, I would love to hear from you. And together we can bring the best submissions to our Legion for the final judging.

#### Elizabeth Douville



Liz Douville presented the bursary cheques to Marcus Di Paolo (pictured left) and Emma Williams (pictured right).



#### Ways & Means - Summer Barbeques

Lots of hard work goes into the Friday barbeques and lots of appreciation needs to be expressed so thanks to the shoppers Pat McGrath, Tom Louks and Johnny Villeneuve. Home made desserts are prepared on the Thursday prior to the barbeque so thank you Pat McGrath, Marilyn Munro, Sharon Murphy, June Alford, Eileen Kavanagh, Charlene Murphy, Marylou Thurrott, Mary Foley and Wendy Virtue. Brian Beyer, Tom Louks and Boyd Dulmage manned the barbeques and Sharon Murphy ran the bar. Food prep, serving and clean up was done by Pat McGrath, Bruce & Marilyn Munro, Bill & Charlene Murphy, June Alford, Eileen Kavanagh, Angie Powers, Alexis Milne, Tom McKay, Iain Clogg, Sharon Murphy, Johnny Villeneuve and Brian Beyer. Ton McGrath and June Alford manned the door and members of the 33 Service Battalion, who were organized by Emily Smith and Tammie Russell, also helped out. We were also fortunate to have 1 or 2 students volunteering each time. Everyone pitched in where ever they were needed and most were there every week, so thank you all again. We couldn't do it without you!

I received this lovely email from one of our regulars.

I know my buddy David Brown will agree with me. The Richmond Fair took us away from the last Summer BBQ on Sept 20th. Had I have been there I would have asked the President if she would let me say a few words. I offer these words now:

I would have said "I trust I speak on behalf of everyone here tonight ..."

#### Richmond Legion Summer BBQ volunteers:

On behalf of everyone who has enjoyed the wonderful BBQ's through the Summer, thank you all so very much.

Many of us, being Seniors, all appreciate the wonderful hospitality, care, and opportunities you have provided for us to get together to socialize, share friendships and enjoy great meals.

Your efforts and kindness to provide ways to bring friends together are enjoyed by all.

Love comes from the heart and is to be shared, not kept within. May the Lord bless.

Thank you.

Larry Monuk

If I have missed anyone, please let me know.

Wendy Ryan



Laziness kills ambition;
Anger kills wisdom;
Fear kills dreams;
Ego kills growth;
Jealousy kills peace;
Doubt kills confidence.
Now read that right to left.

You may think that you are completely insignificant in this world. But someone drinks coffee from the favorite cup that you gave them. Someone heard a song on the radio that reminded them of you. Someone read the book that you recommended, and plunged headfirst into it. Someone smiled after a hard day of work, because they remembered the joke that you told them today. Someone loves themselves little bit more, because you gave them a compliment. Never think that you have no influence whatsoever. Your touch, word and good deed which you leave behind cannot be erased.

## What God Hath Promised

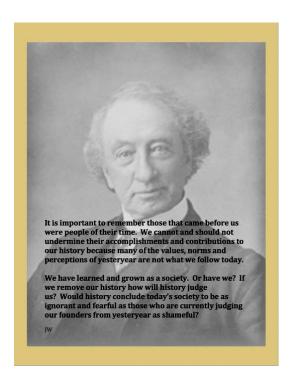
God hath not promised skies always blue, Flower strewn pathways all our lives through; God hath not promised sun without rain, Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.

God hath not promised we shall not know Toil and temptation, trouble and woe; He hath not told us we shall not bear Many a burden, many a care.

God hath not promised smooth roads and wide, Swift, easy travel, needing no guide; Never a mountain rocky and steep, Never a river turbid and deep.

But God hath promised strength for the day, Rest for the labor, light for the way, Grace for the trials, help from above, Unfailing sympathy, undying love.

Annie Johnson Flint







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Tim Lytle	20-Oct	
Oscar Clench	24-Oct	
Joyce Clench	26-Oct	
Victor Hepton	28-Oct	
Bob Marler	29-Oct	
Debi Hillier	30-Oct	
Peter Moore	14-Nov	
Kerry Lee Cook	19-Nov	
Georgia Read	19-Nov	
Earle Payne	26-Nov	
John Andrew	27-Nov	
Angie Power	29-Nov	

Kay Lawless	05-Dec
Patrick Picard	05-Dec
Tom Louks	08-Dec
Jim Burns	09-Dec
Roberta Hurman	11-Dec
Mike Muldoon	11-Dec
Henry Mains	15-Dec
Shirley Reddick	15-Dec
Joyce Cook	17-Dec
John Evans	17-Dec
Tony McGrath	22-Dec
William Murphy	23-Dec
Marina Leullier	24-Dec
Boyd Dulmage	25-Dec
Lynne Owen	25-Dec
Louis Seward	27-Dec





#### **ACTIVITIES**

Coffee: Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 10 am

Darts: Fridays at 7 pm from October 18, 2024 to March 29, 2025

Exercise: Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 9 am

**Euchre**: Fridays at 1 pm

**Executive meetings:** the third Thursday of each month at 10:30 am

General meetings: the fourth Friday of January, March, June, September & November at 11

am.

**Annual General Meeting:** the third Thursday of May at 8 pm.

Poppy Campaign runs October 25 to November 11 2024

Remembrance Service will be November 11 at 11 am at the Memorial Park in Richmond

A recent communication from District G advises that emails from Command should be forwarded to our membership so if you are not interested in them, please just delete them. Forwarding them is required. Thanks .

Command also sent out a reminder asking that the chain of command be followed. It is Branch president, Zone commander, District commander, Provincial command. Please do not contact outside sources before contacting your Branch president. Thanks.

If you move or change your email address, please let me know by emailing me at wryan1955@hotmail.com so I can keep my contact list up to date and keep you up to date with relevant information via email.

If you have not received an email from me for a few months, please contact me at wryan1955@hotmail.com so I can update your email address.



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