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WE HAVE A NEW PRESIDENT!



Flanked by flag bearers Rick Morse (left) and Randy Rice (right), and escorted by Sergeant-At-Arms Dave Robitaille, Comrade Norm Marion is installed as Branch President by Zone E4 Deputy-Commander Shawn McKinley.

Comrades, we have a new president! On Wednesday May 22, 2019, during the May General Meeting, the Coldwater Branch held its annual elections for a president, two vice-presidents, and three executive members. Congratulations go to Comrades Annie McArthur, Randy Rice, and Maggie Murphy, who were re-elected as members of the Executive; to Comrades Wayne Tutt and Carol Baird, respectively 1st and 2nd Vice-Presidents; and to Comrade Norm Marion, our newly acclaimed President. With the help of several other appointees as chairpersons of committees, the team will form the core of the new Executive and will run the business and activities of the branch for the next year. Names of the new committee chairs will be posted in the July issue of The Maple Leaf. As we welcome the new Executive, we must thank those who carried the torch for the past year: the committee chairpersons and their committee members, the volunteers, all those who supported the branch activities in any way, and certainly our Comrade Betty-Jean Murray, who now moves to the

role of Immediate Past President. Thank you all, and once again, congratulations to the newly elected!

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Comrades,

First, I thank you very much for your support and for entrusting me with the position of branch president for the coming year. At this early stage in the job it could be tempting for me to talk about all the great things I have in mind for the future and how we will be doing things bigger and better, my way. But I won't tell you that. Because that's not what we will do. Things have been going pretty well at the branch in the past few years, thanks in great part to our president (now "Immediate Past President") Betty-Jean Murray, and the chairpersons and members of the various Executive committees. The branch is financially healthy, and our building has been getting back into shape with upgrades to lighting fixtures, roofing, painting, flooring, and new appliances. More importantly, our core Legion programs of Remembrance, support to Veterans, and support to community, particularly the youth, are quite active and are showing excellent results. So, *"if it isn't broken, don't fix it."* I thank all of you who have worked so hard in recent years to get us to where we are, and I hope that together we can continue to build on these achievements. OK. That was my pep talk.



As most of you should know by now, I spent many years in the military, where I served under several commanders, each one with his or her own personal leadership style. Among those, one of them made a lasting impression on me because of his personal motto: *"Mission first. People always."* I liked that, and I'm going to steal it from him. Whether you take this approach to a hard core military mission or to any day-to-day task in your life, the result is the same. While you're working hard towards achieving a goal, you still have to take care of the people on the team. At the branch, it means that, while our main focus should always be on the Legion's aims of Remembrance, support to Veterans and the community, we still need to pay attention to our members and their needs. That means respecting members and their contribution, and giving recognition when deserved. OK. That was my pep talk Part 2. And I'm going to leave it at this.

We have some interesting activities happening this month, including the Honours and Awards event on June 2, the Shine Brite Festival taking place at the arena on June 8, and the Decoration Day Service at the Cemetery on June 23. Finally, I encourage you to take a pause on June 6 to remember those who took part – and those who died – 75 years ago in the Allied landing on the beaches of Normandy.

Commemoration ceremonies will be taking place around the region, and we will be laying a wreath at the Cenotaph in Coldwater.

Yours in Comradeship,
Norm Marion, President

BAR MANAGER REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Maggie Murphy, Bar Manager

We had our first Apps & Draught on Saturday May 18. It was a very slow start, but we are hoping to get more advertising out. We will have posters around the Club Room. Right now it is not legal to advertise outside the branch, but changes to AGCO advertising rules are coming soon. The Shine Brite festival is approaching fast on June 8. We are still looking for volunteers to give us a few hours of their time, particularly for the Friday and early morning Saturday. Please come and see me and let me know what time is good for you.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Submitted by Comrade Dave Robitaille, Branch Sgt-at-Arms

We will be marching as part of the Decoration Day Service on Sunday June 23. If you wish to take part in that event or in our regular branch parades, whether with the Colour Party or as a marcher, please let me know: (705) 241-6415.

THE MAPLE LEAF

The Maple Leaf is the award-winning newsletter of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 270 Coldwater, published each month in the first week of the month. It is primarily an internal communication tool through which the Branch Executive and Committee Chairpersons disseminate information and report to the membership on their respective activities. Opinions expressed in feature articles are those of the writers and do not imply endorsement by the Branch or the Legion.

Committee reports and pre-arranged articles must be received no later than the 21st of each month in order to be published in the following month's issue. Please submit by email addressed to: Branch PRO – Maple Leaf at branch270@rogers.com.

GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting will be on **Wednesday, June 26**, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Branch General Meetings take place on the fourth Wednesday of each month, from September to June, in the upstairs hall at 6:30 p.m.

SICK & VISITING REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Betty-Anne Burnie, Sick and Visiting Chairperson

I have been keeping in touch with those I know are ill or not well. If there are any issues that require my attention please let me know. Home phone (705) 686-3270 or email bburnie6@hotmail.com.

TREASURER REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Annie McArthur, Treasurer

As of May 28, 2019, the General Account is at \$18,254.87, the Nevada account stands at \$438.66. The Building Account is at \$5,996.97.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Norm Marion, Public Relations Officer

FUNERAL & SICK BOARDS: Sadly we had two members, Jerry Sanderson and Carl Swanson, who passed away last month. Rather than post the service details on the traditional funeral board in the Club Room, we tried posting a message on the BIDDY. There hasn't been any negative feedback so far, and in fact there were positive comments about the respectful message that was posted. We will try doing the same in the future for the Sick & Visiting messages.

ZONE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER: I was asked – and I accepted – to take over the position of Zone E4 PRO. The position has been left vacant recently with the move of the Orillia Branch to Zone E5, taking along the previous Zone E4 PRO, Comrade Colin Wackett. My new duties become effective this month.

MEMBERSHIP/BURSARY

Submitted by Comrade Wayne Tutt, Membership/Bursary Chairperson

Hello comrades. As of today, we have 268 members at our branch. We hope to initiate four new members at the General meeting of June 26, 2019. Gill Baird has transferred to the Collingwood branch.

The organization of the Honours and Awards is coming along nicely. By the time you read this, the ceremony will be over, so the list of award recipients will be published in the July issue of the Maple Leaf.

You have probably noticed changes to the Cenotaph area. I would like to thank my son, Bruce Tutt for the use of his truck and trailer, and Tom Richards of Lafarge, for the donation of the screenings. The walk way extension is almost complete. I am just waiting on the delivery of armour stone, which has been donated by Walker Industries. A member of the community is attempting to get the delivery donated. The maple leaf sculpture on the corner has been secured to the concrete pad. After the stumps have been ground away, there will be a tree planted. I am waiting on a locate from Enbridge. It seems that the tracer wire for the gas line under, or near the stumps was not laid. Enbridge is attempting to go through old drawings. See you at the Branch!



Comrade Wayne Tutt, project coordinator (left), discusses the new addition to the Cenotaph area with Tom Richards of Lafarge, one of the donors of material used in the landscaping upgrade project.

This month we remember D-Day

Determined to end four years of often-brutal German occupation, on 6 June 1944, Allied forces invaded Western Europe along an 80-kilometre front in Normandy, France. Of the nearly 150,000 Allied troops who landed or parachuted into the invasion area, 14,000 were Canadians. They assaulted a beachfront code-named "Juno", while Canadian paratroopers landed just east of the assault beaches. Although the Allies encountered German defences bristling with artillery, machine guns, mines, and booby-traps, the invasion was a success.

Source: The Canadian War Museum

SPORTS OFFICER REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Bob Gourlie, Sports Officer
Comrades,

I can't believe a year has passed so quickly. We had another good year of sports participation in our Branch. In recapping the past year, this is what happened. Our Legion in-house sports consisted of Euchre on Tuesday afternoons, Poker Pool and Cribbage Tuesday evening, Wednesday and Thursday night Dart leagues and Thursday afternoon Shuffleboard. Special events consisted of a Triathlon (pool, darts and shuffleboard) and the Men vs Ladies Dart Tournament. We also had a number of teams competing in the Zone Sports...Darts, Senior Darts, Mixed Darts and Golf. This is my last year as Branch Sports Officer. I would like thank all of you who have participated in our sports over the past years. Our branch benefits from your interest. I hope you support your new Sports Officer as you did me.

BRANCH HISTORIAN REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Norm Marion, Branch Historian
FIRST WORLD WAR MEDALS: Two British War Medals 1914-18, and two Victory Medals (Inter-Allied), that belonged to Private Willard Whitney of Owen Brook, Ont., and his son Private Orield Whitney, have finally been properly mounted with their original ribbons in mint

condition, and placed in the collection. The four medals were donated to the branch last year by branch member Dorothy Gerrard, granddaughter of Willard Whitney. Her uncle Orield was killed in action during the war.

COMMEMORATION OF BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC: We had a small, low profile wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenotaph on May 5 to commemorate the Battle of the Atlantic. There were no outside spectators, but the post and picture on Facebook already received quite a bit of attention. Thank you to those who participated.



Laying a wreath in remembrance of the Battle of the Atlantic is long-time member of the Royal Canadian Navy Comrade Tom Thompson, escorted by Comrade Rick Morse

Quote of the Month

"We have a sufficiency of troops; we have all the necessary tackle; we have an excellent plan. This is a perfectly normal operation which is certain of success. If anyone has any doubts in his mind, let him stay behind."

—General Bernard L. Montgomery, commanding Twenty-first Army Group on D-Day.

PAST PRESIDENT REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Betty-Jean Murray, Immediate Past President

When you receive this month's Maple Leaf a new term will have begun and I will become Past President Betty-Jean. Thank you to everyone for attending the election meeting and helping to elect a great executive. Also, thank you for sitting through a lengthy election and general meeting and helping to pass some motions that needed finalized before the last term ended. They were important. Now it is time for me to clean up a few items before the summer begins. June is Seniors Month and the response for our Seniors Literary Competition was encouraging. We had 14 very interesting submissions. The results will be made known on Sunday, June 2 at the combined Honours and Awards celebration, along with the various other awards for performance throughout the past year. Everyone is welcome to attend. Our Honours and Awards committee will be there to greet you, so come on along and enjoy a relaxing afternoon at the Branch. That is about it for me for now. I congratulate Norm on his election as President. I know he will enjoy the opportunity and responsibility you have granted him as well as the balance of the executive and executive committees. I know all is in good hands. Thank you again for the support you have given me over my term and I wish you all a lovely and safe summer.

Yours in Comradeship

Betty-Jean Murray - RETIRED!

WAYS & MEANS / ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Carol Baird, Entertainment/Ways & Means Chairperson

I am very excited to have taken over the position of 2nd Vice-President for the branch. I will still be keeping my Ways & Means and Entertainment chairs for now as well. If anybody has any suggestion for some kind of entertainment or fundraisers for the branch, I would like to hear all your ideas. Rosalie Pratt has sent some ideas which we are looking over at the moment. I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Celebration of Life for Jerry Sanderson. Special thanks to Paul Bolyea for playing the Last Post and Reveille. This month in the clubroom on the 8th we have our Meatroll starting at 3 p.m. On the 15th is the Jammin' hosted by Clarence Cole, starting at 2 p.m. On the 22nd we have our clubroom entertainment with Moose Crossing starting at 2 p.m. And on July 1st, our entertainment is the band In A Nutshell starting at 2 p.m. We have not yet worked out all the details for the day, but it will be fun for sure as usual.



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SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Randy Rice, Service Officer

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B. Pain and suffering Compensation which replaces the disability award.

C. Additional Pain and Suffering Compensation.

Additional information on the three components is available in the May/June 2019 issue of legion magazine, pg 67. My contact info is as follows: (705) 816-0110, or ricerandolph@gmail.com All correspondence is strictly confidential.

YOUTH EDUCATION REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Betty-Jean Murray, Acting Youth Education Chairperson

Under Youth Education, we have managed to help support the Orillia Secondary School students who are taking a trip to Europe over the summer and will visit Juno Beach while there. Congrats to these young people who have earned most of their way there to honour our lost soldiers.

POPPY REPORT

Submitted by Comrade Betty-Jean Murray, Poppy Chairperson

I will continue to report on Poppy, and on that note, I am pleased to report we will be hosting a group of Navy Veterans on Saturday July 6. Through Poppy we have arranged to bus them to and from the Branch, and our Ladies Auxiliary will be providing them with another of their delicious meals.

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May 11 *Meat Roll*

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5. Misty Archer
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7. Laurie Gavin
8. Alma Andrews
9. Bernice Terry
10. Louise Dearman
11. John Fowler



DUCK RACE DAY PARADE

On Saturday May 25, dozens of people braved a steady rain and gathered in Coldwater for the annual Lions Duck Race Parade. As per tradition, a Colour Party from Royal Canadian Legion Branch 270 Coldwater led the parade. Parade participants from the Coldwater Legion posed for a group shot after the parade. Left to right: Comrades Tom Thompson; Carol Baird; Randy Rice; Cathy Larkins; Betty-Jean Murray; Bob Gourlie, Rick Morse; Norm Marion; Maggie Murphy; and Dave Robitaille.

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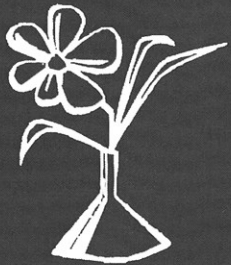
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LADIES AUXILIARY

Submitted by Comrade Anne McArthur, President of the Ladies Auxiliary Branch 270



Greetings everyone.

June has arrived and I hope the summer weather will arrive with it. Thank you to everyone who attended our May elections for the LA. Thank you to Branch President Betty-Jean Murray, Comrades Norm Marion, Shari Ireland and

Jewels Hardman for overseeing the elections. It is with great honour that I will stand as your President of the Ladies Auxiliary again. It has been a year of learning for me and I endeavour to make this year a successful one with the assistance of the Executive.

Thank you to all the Executive that have returned and welcome to Comrades Donna Packer and Brenda Yule and Comrade Debbie Southorn who is our new Sgt-at-Arms. I would like to thank Comrades Cathy Larkins, Joanne Pellegrims, Jennine Crowe, and Tess Appleton for their service on the Executive.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the Ladies Auxiliary members who assisted with all the events that we held.

The LA had a busy year. We catered to 14 Celebrations of Life, 8 Dinners, also to the, Veterans' Dinner, Remembrance Day Luncheon, President's Levy and two Public Speaking Events. We hosted a Fall Fair Breakfast, Pancake Tuesday and our annual Christmas Bazaar. A great big thank you to all the members of the Branch that came out to help and support us.

We donated to Veteran's Wish List and Homeless Veterans, Bursary, and Charitable Foundation funds. In the community we donated to the "Adopt a Senior" program and the Coldwater Fall Fair Pumpkin Decorating contest. Through all our hard work we donated a new dishwasher to the Branch for the upstairs kitchen.

As we move forward in the year ahead we will continue to provide support to our Veterans, Branch and community.

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Left to right: Coldwater Branch President Betty-Jean Murray; newly elected Ladies Auxiliary 1st Vice-President Rosalie Pratt and 2nd Vice-President Dianne Sauv ; and Sergeant-At-Arms Cathy Larkins.

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INTRODUCING MEMBER MARGARET MURPHY

Submitted by Comrade Rosalie J. Pratt

Our chief cook and bottle washer also known as our Bar Manager is non-other than this feisty white-haired dynamo who puts the Ever Ready Battery people to shame. Comrade Maggie comes from an era when it was still fashionable to have your older brother as your hero and working on a farm was regarded as honest and hard work. Comrade Maggie started her working career in Shipping and Receiving with the Canadian Red Cross and retired as Manager of the Transport Division. Yes, sometimes she needs to remind herself that she is getting older and at times reflects on the early years...in hindsight, it would have been 'perfect' if she could have followed her heart's desire and joined the military – alas...life stepped in. Today, she enjoys waking up to a healthy life.

Our Maggie believes that any Manager should have some salient qualities: be receptive to all persons; listen to what is not spoken; remain non-judgmental and be willing to help anyone in need of assistance. Throughout her life she has strived to be honest and sincere about life and remain non-pretentious.

Comrade Maggie has down-to-earth goals and wishes. The great joys of her life are family followed closely by the game of golf! Her family's health and safety cannot be surpassed by any other action in life. As the kingpin of her family she has imparted her philosophy for a good and successful life: accept the reality of every day issues; go with and accept life; always strive for a better tomorrow and perform one act of kindness for another person, each and every day.

While we may see Maggie fluttering around Branch 270 in a helter-skelter manner, do not deceive yourself. This Comrade starts each day with "my plan". She knows exactly what she wants to accomplish every day and living life to the fullest is high on the list.

Comrade Maggie draws to our attention that your early childhood experiences help develop you as an adult but as an adult you have the option to change the things you don't like. Her definition of a good life is acquiring knowledge, and acknowledging your capabilities and deficiencies and above-all, to always look forward to the future.

In closing the interview, Comrade Maggie wishes she could eradicate world hunger and stated she looks forward to continuing with her volunteer activities on behalf of our Branch.

Comrade Maggie – we thank you for being our white-haired dynamo – for all you do, often behind the scenes.



Comrade Maggie Murphy tries to perform one act of kindness for another person, each and every day. There she is, involved in our Tree of Warmth initiative to provide local school kids with mitts, toques and scarfs.

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Yes, that's the band!

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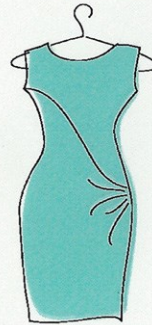
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Lone Hand – Jean Carson
Low Hand – Karl Stempfig
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May 21

High Hand – Kathie Dudley
Lone Hand – Fred Reid
Low Hand – Bill Stock
Prize – Ann Stock

May 28

High Hand – Bev Richards
Lone Hand – Angela Stewart
Low Hand – Brian Strong
Prize – Walter Ewald

TUESDAY NIGHT POOL

April 30 (wins)

Larry Hutchinson (4)
Louise Dearman (2)
Tom Dearman (2)
Maggie Murphy (2)

May 7 (wins)

Larry Hutchinson (4 1/2)
Tom Dearman (2)
Larry Clarke (1 1/2)
Louise Dearman (1)
Maggie Murphy (1)

May 21 (wins)

Tom Dearman (3)
Teresa Beniston (2)
Dean McArthur (2)
Glen Archer (1)
Larry Clarke (1)
Louise Dearman (1)

May 28 (wins)

Louise Dearman (4)
Larry Clarke (2)
Larry Hutchinson (2)
Kari Malmstrom (2)

THURSDAY SHUFFLEBOARD

May 2

1st – Heather & Vickie
2nd – Terri & Brian
3rd – Betty-Anne & Magda
Sunshine - Heather

May 9

1st – Lloyd & Brian
2nd – Heather & Vickie
3rd – Maggie & Magda
Sunshine - Maggie

May 16

1st – Vicki & Brian
2nd – John & Lloyd
3rd – Marion & Dean
Sunshine – Marion

May 30

1st – Lloyd & Magda
2nd – Teri & Brian
3rd – Betty-Anne & Dean
Sunshine - Larry



FRIDAY NIGHT STEAK DARTS

May 10

1. Gail
2. Rick
3. Dean
4. Anne
5. Tom
6. Ralph
Sunshine – Dianne

May 17

1. Gill
2. Barb
3. Robin
4. Gaëtanne
5. Barb
6. Lorne
Sunshine – Debbie

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2 CLOSED Honours & Awards 1 - 3 pm	3 CLOSED	4 Euchre 1:30 pm Fun Pool 6:30 pm	5	6 <i>D-Day 75th</i> Shuffleboard 1 pm	7 Steak Darts 6 pm	8 Meat Roll 3 pm Shine Brite Festival at Arena noon to midnight
9 CLOSED	10 CLOSED	11 Euchre 1:30 pm Fun Pool 6:30 pm	12 Branch Executive Meeting 6:30 pm	13 Shuffleboard 1 pm	14 Steak Darts 6 pm	15 Jammin' at Legion Starts 2 pm
16 <i>Father's Day</i> CLOSED Father's Day Brunch 10 am -1 pm	17 CLOSED	18 Euchre 1:30 pm Fun Pool 6:30 pm Ladies Aux. Gen. Meeting 6:30 pm	19	20 Shuffleboard 1 pm	21 Steak Darts 6 pm	22 Live music with Moose Crossing Starts 2:30 pm
23 CLOSED	24 CLOSED	25 Euchre 1:30 pm Fun Pool 6:30 pm	26 Branch General Meeting 6:30 pm	27 Shuffleboard 1 pm	28 Steak Darts 6 pm	29
30 CLOSED						