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June Newsletter



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Branch 616 held their elections and AGM on June 1 after the original date of May 18 was postponed with Command approval because of intense involvement in the Constance Bay Flood. George Dolan has been elected president. Thank you to everyone who let their name stand for election. Thank you to the past executive for their work throughout their term. Thank you to Zone Commander Bob Atkinson and Deputy Rob Madore who officiated.



The Ladies Auxiliary also held their elections and is happy to report that Sheila Masson will continue as president. The Ladies Auxiliary wishes to thank Comrades George Dolan and Bogdan Procyk for officiating.

The Sandhills Seniors will hold their elections next week.

Congratulations to the new Legion management.

♥ **Highlites**

♥ **Pictures**.

♥ **Coming Up**

♥ **Don't Forget**

♥ **Calendars**.

The Branch involvement in the Constance Bay Flood consumed practically the whole month of May. For the first ten days, Branch 616 was the Red Cross and Ottawa Health Unit Emergency Centre, setting up cots for sleepovers and providing water test kits. The Branch was open 24 hours a day until the unit moved to the Community Centre. The Branch



provided three hot meals a day every day from May 4 to May 26. Water was available every day and donations of food and supplies arrived steadily. Meals and coffee were prepared and delivered daily by Legion workers to volunteers in every flooded site. The Legion has a long list of donors and volunteers to thank: thank you to the loaners of the storage units that were placed on site during the emergency; to those establishments who provided, prepared, and served whole dinners; to all the volunteers who worked tirelessly day and night to aid the flood victims; to all the generous donors

 **June**

Newsletter by Arleen Morrow
& Marilyn Deslauriers

of food, water, pet food, disposable plates and utensils, and various comfort items like sox, blankets, etc; to the city for their steady flow of supplies and support; to the people at the CBBCA for being the catalyst for the sandbag effort and cleanup which is still ongoing, and their round the clock vigilance.

Ladies Auxiliary president Sheila Masson and secretary Arleen Morrow attended the Annual Convention at Branch 95 Smiths Falls on May 7. This convention will be held at Branch 616 next year. And, because the cribbage team of Donna Keays, Harriet Farrell, Larry David and Jim Wilson placed first at District, Branch 616 will be hosting this event next year. Thank you, team! The Legion dart season wound up with the doubles team of Heidi Karow and Chad McTernan going to Provincials. They did not advance to Dominion but what an achievement getting to Provincials! The Men's and Ladies house leagues had a great finale, celebrating together for a steak & chicken barbecue, awards, and entertainment by Lisa Kopil & Andre.



Branch membership chair Jim Wilson reports that there are 168 members in good standing including 20 new. Anyone who is not in good standing should submit their dues ASAP to be eligible for the Earlybird rate in September.



The 706 Ottawa Snowy Owl Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets held their 57th Annual Ceremonial Review on Sunday, June 4. Branch 616 was represented by secretary Arleen Morrow who had the honour of presenting the Major J. Schmidt-Cleaver award to the cadet with the top academic mark for power flying and gliding entrance



exams. This year's award went to WO2 Sacha Cadieux. These cadets always participate in Branch 616 Remembrance Day ceremonies and Poppy Campaign.

Poppy Chair George Dolan and PRO Arleen Morrow attended an assembly at Stonecrest Elementary School and presented the annual poster and literary contest awards. Congratulations to all the students who entered the contest – you are all winners! (pic on page 4)

Last Post: On Sunday June 4, the Branch was honoured to be the venue of a Celebration of Life for Comrade Jean Laughlin. Jean was a past executive chair and was a popular member of the community. RIP Jeannie.

Past Events:

Saturday, May 27: Mixed Dart Wind-up Party. As the Ladies Dart Party, planned for May 6, had to be postponed because of the flood emergency, the league was invited to join the Men's Party which was scheduled for May 27. A great time was had by all. After a superb steak & chicken barbecue, awards were presented while 'Lisa and Andre' waited in the wings to start the entertainment. It was well worth waiting for! Thank you to the ladies league executive of Heidi Karow, Harriet Farrell and Donna Keays for another good season. Thank you to Jim Wilson and his men's league executive for sharing the date! See you all in the Fall !! (Pics on page 5)

Coming Up:

Saturday June 3: Ladies Auxiliary Yard Sale, NEW DATE Saturday, July 15

Saturday, June 10: Birthday Party

Friday, June 30: Canada's 150th Birthday Celebration! Kick-off Party to Canada Day. Entertainment by "Rockin' Billy Cochrane" 7:00pm – 11:00 pm. TGIF dinner \$10.00, 5:30 pm; Dinner & Band \$15.00. Tickets at the Bar. Call to reserve or drop in. Everyone Welcome!

Saturday, July 1: Canada Day Wind-up Celebration !! Entertainment by Henry Blackjack starting at 3:30pm, BBQ starting at 4:30 pm. \$6.00 per person. Come out and celebrate Canada's 150 birthday !

Saturday, July 8: Annual All-Veterans Summer BBQ! The bus bringing the vets from the Perley arrives at 11:30 am; please be on hand for a meet & mingle with our guests and stay for lunch and entertainment which follows shortly. Your chance to meet some heroes !!

Friday, July 14: Sandhills Seniors River Cruise. Stay tuned for more details on this annual treat from the 616 Fish & Game Club;

Saturday, July 15: Ladies Auxiliary Yard & Craft Sale, Rain or Shine, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Tables \$10.00 ea. Tables will be set up for vendors at 7:00 am. Reserve by calling 832-2082 or drop in at the Branch.

Thursday, July 20: Branch & Ladies Auxiliary Joint Meeting.

Don't Forget:

Next L.A. meeting - TBA

Next Branch meeting - Thursday, June 15: Ex. 6:30, Gen. 7:30 pm.

* Musical Opportunity: Branch 616 is offering the hall to aspiring musicians who would like to have a place to practice, free of charge on Friday nights after TGIF dinner. Perhaps you need to try out your act on an audience or iron out some kinks or break in a new number. Call the branch if interested or the entertainment chairman at 613-800-5057.

*We have an 80 to 100 capacity hall for rent. The Branch has a new rental policy. Call for info 832-2082.

Standing Dates:

Every Monday: Cribbage, 2:00 p.m. Feel free to come down to the Branch for a few fun hands. Bring your partner or pick one up! **Auntie Alice Bridge Club, 2:00 p.m.** Everyone welcome.

Every Tuesday: Darts is done for the summer!

Every Wednesday: Bingo! 7:15 pm. *On hiatus till further notice

Every Thursday: Carpet Bowling, 1:00 p.m. Darts is done for the summer!

Every Friday: Cribbage again, 2:00 p.m.

TGIF Dinner 5:30 p.m. Please join us for dinner every Friday. **Price Structure:** Adults, \$8.85 + tax; Children under 9, \$5.00; Toddlers, No Charge.

RED FRIDAYS - Please show your support for our troops and their families and to the families of the 158 soldiers killed in Afghanistan, by **WEARING RED ON FRIDAYS.**



Stonecrest Poster Contest



Installation of the President



Ladies 1st place Playoffs



Men's Playoff Champs



Mens season dart winners



Ladies season dart winners

June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Carpet bowling 1:00 pm	2 Crib 2:00 pm. TGIF Dinner 5:30 pm. – 7:00 pm	3 L.A Yard & Craft Sale
4	5 Bridge 2:00 pm Crib 2:00 pm L.A. Mtg 7pm	6	7 Exec. Transition Mtg.	8 Carpet bowling 1:00 pm	9 Crib 2:00 pm. TGIF Dinner 5:30 pm. – 7:00 pm	10 Birthday Party 3 pm – 9pm
11	12	13	14 Srs. meeting Lunch 12 noon	15 Carpet bowling 1:00 pm Branch mtg. Ex. 6:30 Gen. 7:30	16 Crib 2:00 pm. TGIF Dinner 5:30 pm. – 7:00 pm	17
18 Father's Day	19 Bridge 2:00 pm Crib 2:00 pm	20	21	22 Carpet bowling 1:00 pm	23 Crib 2:00 pm. TGIF Dinner 5:30 pm. – 7:00 pm	24 Booked
25	26 Bridge 2:00 pm Crib 2:00 pm	27	28	29 Carpet bowling 1:00 pm	30 Crib 2:00 pm. TGIF Dinner 5:30 pm. – 7:00 pm Canada Day Kick-off Party	Canada Day 150th Birthday Celebration

July 2017

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