



THE 109er

April 2014

Message from the President:

Welcome to all our members, old and new. It looks like Spring has arrived with all the blossoms on the trees and flowers out. Welcome, also to the new members of our Executive. As always, it is a challenge starting off the year with steep learning curves for many of us but now we are at the stage where we feel we are now able to get our heads above water and hope for smooth sailing from now on.

It is nice to see you all supporting the Legion coming out to the Friday Night Dinners and the Entertainment evenings. It was especially gratifying to be able to say thank you to our First Responders on the Coast last week as they do such a wonderful job for all of us.

Thank you to all our Volunteers who turn up week after week to lend a hand in all areas of the Legion - we are always looking for more to make their jobs easier. Please give some thought to this.

We will keep you updated on a regular basis as to what is taking place and if you have any questions please feel free to approach any member of the Executive with your comments/suggestions.

Thank you.

Roy Bentley, President

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We're back! Sorry for the delay in production but we have had lots to do since we took over for this current year, now we're beginning to feel maybe a little more confident that we are getting the hang of things. Could be also that Spring is here... and the winter blahs have gone.

Some news from the Branch.

Meetings

April 3 – 7:30 p.m. – Legion Week Volunteers Meeting

April 4 – 9:30 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting

April 8 - 7 p.m. – Executive Committee Meeting

April 10 – 7 p.m. Trim Candles for Candlelight Ceremony

April 13 – 11:00 a.m. – Zone Meeting at Sechelt Legion

April 15 – 7 p.m. – General Meeting

April 16 – 12 Noon 109ers Lunch

We have been busy over the last three months doing fundraising within the Branch to try to help with some of the upcoming expenses for travel funds and we will keep doing so in the future for all the “extra” expenses that seem to crop up when we least expect it. Thanks to our Ladies Auxiliary we have had some financial help for our Wish List which didn’t quite come to fruition as we had to replace the Ice Machine at a cost of \$4000 and again they generously donated another \$1000 which they earmarked for cleaning the carpet and chairs in the Hall and we also had the carpets done in the Lounge area. I’m sure, if you come into the Branch, you will see it looks much brighter than before.

Our next project, we think, is upgrading of the handicapped washroom in the Lounge which is in a sad state of repair. We have applied to Sunshine Coast Community Foundation for a grant of \$1000 for this and have been asked to submit an official grant application, so fingers crossed that we are one of the lucky ones. We have also submitted an application to the Dominion Championship Darts competition in Orleans, ON, to be linked with a team playing in the Nationals. Apparently a company called Corbys Spirits and Wines have offered to sponsor three prizes 1st - \$5000, 2nd - \$3000 and 3rd - \$2000. If you are lucky to have been linked with a winning team you have a chance at those prizes, so if we do I hope they play their little socks off!

If anyone is aware of an organization that offers grants for projects that we may need in the Legion please let Wilma Jones have the information.

Our Friday night dinners seem to be a great success with around 100+ people in attendance. We have had some hiccups in that if you didn’t arrive early you might not get food as it sells out quickly, however, we have now made upward adjustments to the numbers we are catering for and we feel this should change things. We are very grateful to those who come and socialize on a Friday night, perhaps you could give consideration of getting a group together and come along and have an enjoyable evening.

We had a wonderful dinner on Friday March 28th and were honoured to host the First Responders to an Appreciation Dinner for all the work they do on the Sunshine Coast. Forty were in attendance from the Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue, B.C. Ambulance and Gibsons Fire Department. Unfortunately, RCMP and Search and Rescue (Land) were unable to be there. So as you can appreciate there was a crowd of 140 to accommodate for a meal. We held a bake sale that evening as a fundraiser and raised almost \$500 from the sale and auction of baked goods, and also from the sale of dessert after dinner. Thank you to all who took the time to donate items to us. We will be carrying out various fundraisers throughout the year to try and help alleviate the unexpected expenses that occur. Roy has said we will not purchase anything large until we have the money to do so.

We are so very appreciative of the cooks, the servers, the moneytakers, the dishwashers, the collectors of dishes, the clean-up crews and those who organize what we are going to have and everyone involved in the process. These are all our volunteers who week after week give of their time to get the job done. A great big thank you to all of you for the wonderful job you are doing. And thanks also to Hank for selling Friday Meat Draw tickets. The Legion could not exist without all of you helping.

A great big thank you also has to go to all our other volunteers who work quietly behind the scenes in Crib, Meat Draws, Repairs and Maintenance, Hall and Lounge decorations for events, organizing the teams for Darts, Crib, 8-Ball Pool and Snooker. You help make the place feel alive and long may it continue. We would like to take this opportunity to invite others to please join us in volunteering, the more helpers we have the easier it becomes on others. Should you wish to get on board just ask any of the Executive or Roy Bentley, the President, to pass on your names to us.

Entertainment

March 29th 8:-12: pm.”Brown Bros.” Unfortunately they had to cancel due to sickness of a band member, hopefully they will be able to come another time.

April 5th 8:-12:00 pm.”Beatcombers”

April 12th 8:-12:00 pm. Open Mike

April 19th 8 : 12:00p.m. Playback - members \$5 and Guests \$10

April 26th 8:-12:00 p.m. Brown Bros - members \$5 and Guests \$10

Would all members please go to FACEBOOK. And “Like” the legion page then send on to friends.

Dinners

April 4 Stuffed Pork Roast Dinner

April 11 Liver, Bacon and Onions

April 18 Ladies Auxiliary Fish and Chips Fundraiser for Student bursary

April 25 Roast Beef Dinner

Ladies Auxiliary

The night of the fundraising Fish and Chips for their bursary the ladies are also holding a bake sale and would appreciate it if you could make a donation of baked goods.

The Ladies Auxiliary as always have the 109ers luncheon on the third Wednesday of the month – April 16th. If you are a member who is 60+ and are not already on the list please call Lera Schwindt if you would like to attend. To those on the list you will be called as usual.

From the General Meeting:

Years of Service Pins were presented to: Cdes. Don McNeil 50yrs. Glyn Davies 45 yrs. Frank Legros 45 yrs. Ray Pariseau 40 yrs. Gwyneth Davies 30 yrs. Glenys Moss 30 yr. Lera Schwindt 30yrs. Brenda Hladys 20 yr. Hank Sundquist.15 yrs. Congratulations to all.

Poppy Fund. Within the next month we have 3 bursaries for \$2000 to be given to deserving school graduates at Elphinstone Secondary. As well, a cheque for \$1000.00 for Meals on Wheels was presented. PLEASE NOTE that the menu available from Meals and Wheels is posted on the display board in the hallway at the Legion entrance.

Upcoming Events : May 4th is the Candlelight Ceremony at the Seaview Cemetery to honour our Veterans. We will leave the Legion at 5 p.m. and proceed to the Cemetery (transportation will be provided). The cadets will assist the Veterans with the lighting of the candles and following that we will return to the Legion for refreshments. At 9 p.m. we will return to the cemetery to view the candles at dusk.

Legion Week June 22-28th The Opening ceremony will be June 22nd, with Pancake Breakfast, Parade, BBQ, and Kids Day events. During the week we will have a Strawberry Tea (Tuesday) and Veterans lunch (Thursday) and the Friday night dinner will be a special event as the closing ceremony to end the week and will have some entertainment. There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers in the Hallway as you enter.

Membership: As of March 2014, we have 470 paid up members. The Branch has a number members not in good standing. *(As of January 31st, 2014. If your dues ARE NOT paid up, you are considered a member in BAD STANDING. You have to be signed in. If the person who vouches for you leaves, YOU must also leave. A Member in BAD STANDING, is considered a guest.(if you don't have a current green card or receipt you are a guest and can not participate in Legion functions. Rules from Command.*

Reminders for dues sent out last year. Many returned because of incorrect addresses. The Branch requires all members to give their current correct address and emails for our records.

Donations We recently held a raffle for a Hockey Package, Coffee maker and gift basket. The proceeds, \$1500, were donated to St. Marys Hospital Auxiliary for supplies and equipment for Totem Lodge long term care at the Hospital where a number of our seniors and Veterans reside.

We donated \$2000 to the Matthew Drope Foundation to assist a young boy and his family from the coast through cancer treatment.

We donated \$1500 to the Navy League and varying amounts to local sports and Youth groups. Our mandate is usually to donate only to those on Coast and if they are travelling it would be to cover Ferry fares.

Sports March 21 and 22 four of our members travelled to Revelstoke for Provincials. The journey had some areas for concern but all returned safely without incident. Unfortunately they were not successful in either the singles or doubles. The Darts Teams were in Chiliwack on 28/29th of March for Provincials. Richie, Mark, Nels, Cal were tied for 1st but lost in the playoff so were 2nd. Nels Jorstad was tied for 2nd in singles but lost in the playoff and ended up 3rd. Tim and Martin Weatherby played well but did not place .

The updated Dress and Conduct Code is posted around. Please be respectful of others while in the Legion – treat others as you would like to be treated yourself.

PLEASE NOTE : As from April 20th the Legion will have new hours. These are as follows:

Sunday	Noon – 11 p.m.
Monday	Noon – 11 p.m.
Tuesday	Noon – 11 p.m.
Wednesday	Noon – 11 p.m.
Thursday	Noon – 11 p.m./
Friday	Noon – 11 p.m.
Saturday	11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

This change has been made by the Executive as a cost-saving measure.

As ever in closing.....

*May you live a long life
Full of gladness and health,
With a pocket full of gold
As the least of you wealth.
May the dreams you hold dearest,
Be those which come true,
The kindness you spread,
Keep returning to you.*

Till next month...Wilma