



THE 109er

July/Aug 2015

Message from the President: *Well, Summer is passing, and a hot one at that. There are so many visitors on the Coast just now and some are calling in to the Legion. We have decided to have bands all through the summer on a Saturday to try to encourage more people to come out because without entertainment during this time we don't have many patrons in the evening. We are all enjoying the break and looking forward to and planning for September. Thanks to everyone who took part in Legion Week and made it successful.*

Look forward to seeing you in and around the Legion.

Roy Bentley, President

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Meetings

- August 14th - Finance Meeting – 9:30 a.m.
- August 18th - Executive Meeting - 7 p.m.
- September 4th - Finance Meeting - 9:30 a.m.
- September 8th - Executive Meeting - 7 p.m.
- September 15th - General Meeting - 7 p.m.

Friday Night Dinners – 5 p.m – 6:30 p.m. (or until sold out)

We are struggling to find cooks and clean-up crews to cover our Friday night dinners. Friday nights are a very important part of our income and they also provide a great social gathering as those of you who already attend can confirm. Perhaps a group of members might like to get together one time and produce the dinner? Contact Roy or myself (Wilma) if you think this could be a possibility. We would give you all the assistance you need to get this done.

Thank you to all the cooks who have worked with us over the last six months we are extremely grateful for the time and effort you put in to produce those excellent meals. Also thanks to the servers who are always so pleasant to all the members you all do a good job and to Wendy and Barry and those who take on cleanup. You all do such a great job and everybody loves to see you all.

Entertainment Jennifer Braun has been working so hard in getting bands into the Legion. If you have not attended on a Saturday night you should plan to as it is great fun and the musical talent on the Sunshine Coast is amazing. Why not get a group of friends together and come on down for a good night out, celebrate your birthdays and anything else you need to celebrate. Normal entrance fees are \$5 for members and \$10 for guests unless indicated otherwise.

Here is some of the bands she has lined up for you:

- August 1 Jack and G Band Blues, Rock and Funk 9:00 p.m.-12:30 a.m.
- August 8th Super Mistico Fantasma Latin, Reggae, Funk 8 p.m.
- With Janet Panic

August 22	Brown Bros	8 p.m.
August 29	Charlotte Wrinch Singer/Songwriter	8 p.m.
September 5	Super Natural	8 p.m.
September 12	Playback	8 p.m.

Sept. 26 Special Event : Ryan Langevin Tribute to Billy Joel/Elton John. Members \$20, Guests \$25. Let's support the hard work Jennifer has done. Thanks Jennifer for the time.

Membership

We currently have 19 Life Members and 469 paid up and initiated members to date. Please ensure your email is current if you wish to receive notifications from the Legion. Membership is open to all, even if you have no connection to the Services. **New member applicants ½ price to the end of the year.** Thank you Jon and Wendy for all the hard work you put into this very important job

Ladies Auxiliary The Ladies Auxiliary are having a well-deserved break for the Summer but will be back in September with the 109ers lunches again. They will also be cooking a Friday roast beef dinner during that month for their bursary fund.

If you wish to attend the lunches (and are 60+ and a member) please call the office 604-886-2411 and leave a message or phone number for Lera Schwindt, the President, and she will get back to you and add you to the list.

Many thanks to the ladies for providing excellent lunches throughout the year.

And Now to other things....

It seems such a long time since the last newsletter and a lot to catch up on. June was an extremely busy month for us. We were planning for Legion Week when we received an email saying that the Lieutenant Governor would like to pay a visit to the Legion while touring various places on the Sunshine Coast. On June 16th we had a special tea for her and lots of our members turned out. Thank you to those who attended the function. Although this was a very official ceremony she, Roy and Larry and her entourage being piped in, she took the time to actually move from table to table to meet those present including some of our veterans. She was a very charming lady and we all enjoyed her visit.

On June 21st we started our Legion Week with the BBQ lunch cooked by Gibsons Lions Club. This was followed by games for the children on the lawn and a Parade with Pipe Band, Colour Party, Legion Executive, Auxiliary and Veterans and extremely smartly dressed air and sea cadets. This year we followed a slightly different format in that we held a Candlelight Service to honour those who have served and are serving. Candles were placed on the Cenotaph by Veterans escorted by Cadets and those in attendance at the ceremony were also invited to place candles in memory of fallen comrades and those who had served in all conflicts. A short service was conducted by Jaz Ghag, our Chaplain, Charlene SanJenko brought greetings from the Town of Gibsons. Once more, the weather cooperated and we had a beautiful day. **Thank you to all of you who helped out on that day and made it a success.**

Tuesday, we hosted what has become a very popular event – the Strawberry Tea. This year we had over 70 people there and a good time was had by all. I now have about 60 china cups and saucers stored in my home on behalf of the Legion so we are ready for anything. Thank you Thrift Stores... **Thank you to all my lady helpers, it is one event we all love to do**

Thanks go to the Ladies Auxiliary for hosting the Veterans Lunch on Thursday. A delicious meal was enjoyed by all.

Friday, we had our “Honour the Veterans Dinner” Roast Beef and Yorkshire pudding, etc by Mark Dove. Excellent food and a large turnout. It is nice to see the Veterans turning out for this event. During this event we particularly honoured two of our Veterans who celebrated 90th birthdays during that week – Larry Boyd and Cy Spencer and a great honour for me to have them in my circle of friends. Many more years to both. **Thank you to Mark and his team for the hard work and excellent meal.**

It would be remiss of me not to thank all our volunteers, without you we wouldn't be able to run this Legion. We have our Friday dinners run by volunteers, cooks, prep, servers, clean-up crew. Meat Draw ladies who turn out on a Saturday morning for a couple of hours, picking up the meat, packaging and getting it ready, others who sell our tickets. Our trivia stars for their diligence every Sunday making sure we have fun. Our room decorators, office stand-in, Marlene, Colour Party, set-up helpers, event helpers, carpentry, electrical, plumbing, those of you that drove in the Sea Cavalcade parade and those of you who are always there when we need you. To our Executive who spend their time keeping the place in order and keeping us on our toes. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU we are eternally grateful for this wonderful team of volunteers.

As you can see members, we have a need for a large group of people to lessen the load of others. If you have any time at all and would like to be involved contact myself (Wilma) or Roy and we would gladly sit down with you to discuss. There are a few ideas floating around about more interesting events or programs being introduced for the Fall. Please join us to have your say. It's your Legion.

Let's move forward from now on and towards the end of year with a positive outlook for the good of our Legion.

During the summer I applied for two grants to government programs. These applications had an extremely quick turnaround but they got done. One was for \$25,000 for upgrades to the Hall. New heating/cooling unit, new stoves and flooring in the kitchen and a new digital sign for information outside. The balance needed for these projects, because they only cover 50%, is a joint venture between the Legion and Ladies Auxiliary.

The second one is for \$20,000 for painting, replacement lighting, and new carpeting for the Lounge.

We are still awaiting results from both. Here's hoping....

And finally.....

May love and laughter light your days

And warms your heart and home

May good and faithful friends be yours

Wherever you may roam

Be kind to each other, find joy in life. Life is too short for regrets and should have

Signing off.....Wilma