



Royal Canadian Legion Branch 61 Newsletter – February 2020

President's Report

I want to thank the hardworking Executive, the Ladies Auxiliary and the community workers especially Richard Zelenitsky, Lisa Chambers and Gwen Philpot who are always there to help. Volunteers make the Legion what it is today – we have an updated building and are financially sound. The Branch knows how much commitment this took from all of you and we are grateful to each and every one who has contributed their time, talent and money.

Personally, this has been a very rough year for my family, I want to thank all of you for the support we as a family have received from all of you. I am not sure what I will be able to contribute next year to the Legion but, I have been very honored to be your President.

I wish to thank the Committee for putting Norm's name on the Legionnaire plaque and acknowledging his work for this Legion and the Legion camp. It meant a great deal to my family.

I want to thank Cde. Clint Kennedy for stepping up for me this past year in representing the Legion.

I look forward to working with everyone again in 2020!

Your President,
Cde Lorraine Andrushuk

Executive 2020

President: Cde Lorraine Andrushuk

Past President: Cde Laurie Russin

1st Vice-President: Cde Clint Kennedy

2nd Vice-President: Cde Velma Darroux

Treasurer: Cde Jim Gennick

Secretary: Cde Teresa Beauregard

Service Officer:

Sergeant-at-Arms: Cde Jim Stewart

Finance Chair: Cde Helen Frovich

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Cde Lorraine Andrushuk, Cde Velma Darroux &
Cde Peggy Kennedy

Newsletter Chair: Cde Velma Darroux

Memberships: Cde Cindy Stewart

Honours & Awards Chair: Cde Stephen
Troubridge

Bar / Nevada Chair: Cde Olga Mackay

Maintenance Chair: Cde Al Beauregard

Poppy Chair: Cde Cindy Stewart

Public Relations Chair: Cde Chris Mulroy

Sports Chairs: Cde Olga McKay (Darts),
Cde Cindy Stewart (Floor Curling),
Cde Audrey Cook (Cribbage)

Rentals Chair: Cde Bev Gabarevic

Sick & Visiting Chair: Cde Peggy Kennedy

Branch Chaplain: Cde Beth McLean



Veteran's Coffee & Comradship

Veteran's Coffee & Comradship is going strong!

Come out to the Legion and join us for coffee/tea and conversation on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. All veterans are welcome!

Newsletter

Thank you to everyone for your submissions to the newsletter!

If there is anything else you would like to see included, please let me know and I'll try my best to include it.

Cde Velma Darroux

1st Vice President's Report

Since my last report I have filled in for our President at different times when requested to do so.

I have also accompanied our Sick and Visiting Chair to several member visits.

I have attended Remembrance Day Ceremonies on November 8th at Gimli High School and November 11th in Winnipeg Beach.

December 11th 2019, I attended a Service Officers Workshop in Winnipeg.

January 7th 2020, I attended the funeral of Comrade Keiron Wall.

Hopefully this new year will see a decline in funerals and visits.

As requested, I will be attending the District Meeting in March.

On May 8th 2020 I shall be attending the Candlelight Service at the Brookside Cemetery.

Cde Clint Kennedy

At the service of all Veterans

We are Canada's largest Veteran support and community service organization, helping Veterans, members of the Canadian Armed Forces, RCMP and their families get the care and support they deserve.

DISCOVER OUR SERVICES

Legions in our communities

As the cornerstone of communities across the country, we provide essential services and supports to help Veterans, seniors, youth and those in need.

EXPLORE

Empowering Quotes

The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra.

--Jimmy Johnson

All our dreams can come true--if we have the courage to pursue them!

--Walt Disney

Finance Report

The books are done up for 2019. The branch is financially sound.

The poppy reports, all the lottery reports plus the general account reports and the event reports have been kept up to date, making it much easier to know where we stand.

We have been able to donate to much needed organizations including the Senior Resources, Veterans Housing, Veterans Transition Program, Deer Lodge Hospital, Selkirk Hospital Easter program, Gimli Cadets, Last Post Fund, Tiny Tots, Legion Scholarships, Hot dog days, Poster fund financial and supplies to the school lunch program have all been given.

Flowers & fruits to Veterans and members have also been funded by the Poppy fund and the General Account.

We want to thank all the people and organizations who have contributed to our fundraising efforts for the Legion Hall and Kitchen Renovations – Ladies Auxiliary, Noventis Credit Union, Lions Club, Town of Winnipeg Beach, and... Members of the Legion – Thank you all. The Kitchen is a pleasure to work in.

List of all the Silent Auction Supporters for Honors and Awards

Lakeview Resort, Eddie's Gravel, Tergesen's, Johnson's, Tim Hortons, Pharmasave, Robins, Deals for Dollars, Sobey's, Shelly D's, Rona, Shooting Star Casino, South Beach Casino Ladies Auxiliary, Lakeside Seniors, and Chicken Chef.

We could not be as profitable without all the generosity to keep this legion here for the community. All the best to you all in 2020.

Helen Frovich

Ways and Means

After the Boardwalk Days Parade, we served one hundred and seventy-nine-people lunch and free drink.

In August we hosted the Entrega Motor Coach Association for their 2019 Rally. It was a very successful event with lots of nice people from across the USA and Canada.

In September we hosted the:

- Fall Supper on September 7
- Fall Craft Sale on September 14
- Kids Hot dog day on September 18

In October we held our 1st Annual Halloween Social and in January we had our Malanka Dinner on January 11th!

Thank you to all the volunteers for your hard work in making these events successful, especially Jim on the grill.

We will not be hosting any events until our Bud, Spud & Steak (or pre-ordered chicken) Dinner on May 16th. There will be music DJ James and a Silent Auction.

Our next Craft Sale will be held on June 20th featuring our Ladies Auxiliary bake table!

We look forward to seeing you at these upcoming events!

Cde Lorainne Andrushuk, Cde Velma Darroux & Cde Peggy Kennedy

Ladies Auxiliary Report

There are a lot of activities in the fall. Our baked goodies and Specialty Ukrainian items were as popular as ever at the Craft Sale. Our "Ladies Nite Out" is always a sold-out event. Everyone had a great time. Our lottery raffle ticket was won by Grant Stutsky.

We helped the branch with the fall supper and hotdog day for the school.

Remembrance Day was well attended. Our ladies prepared the lunch for everyone that attended. We joined the branch for the colour party on November 8th at the Winnipeg Beach School and for the Remembrance Day service at the Legion.

At the Branch's Honors and Awards we presented a check for \$5,000.00 to help with the cost to purchase a new commercial stove. Earlier this year we donated \$1,629.46 for the repairs to the fridge in the kitchen.

The Veteran's Christmas lunch with Mrs. Claus was held on December 19th. A nice lunch with serve to the Veterans and their guests. Mrs. Claus had a word with every Veteran and gave them a goodie bag from the Ladies Auxiliary. Christmas is a time to give thanks for all our blessings. We thank all our wonderful Veterans for their service and to all our Ladies Auxiliary for all your hard work.

We look forward to welcoming new members. Membership is only \$15 and we meet on the second Wednesday of each month

Joan Fenton



Marie Bregman
June Miller
Deanna Wilson
Joanne Gaudreault

If anyone knows of any **Branch #61 Legion member** that is ill or hospitalized, please contact

Peggy at 204-642-8199 or the Winnipeg Beach Legion at 204-389-2660.

COME OUT AND PLAY SOME CARDS with the Winnipeg Beach Lakeside Seniors at the Legion. We are a group of approximately 80, young minded people, 55+ years of age. If you are 55+, come out on Mondays to play CRIBBAGE and/or on Wednesdays for WHIST. Come for the fun and it's only \$ 3.00! Enjoy the coffee, snacks and much more. Cards start at 1:30 PM so come early. For more details, call me, John Wilson, President of Winnipeg Beach Lakeside Seniors Club @ 204-792-4777

Secretary's Report

Branch 61 has received generous donations from the community and the membership with respect to the recent kitchen renovation project.

Thank you to the following donors for their generous support of this successful project:

- Branch 61 Ladies Auxiliary - \$3000.00
- Winnipeg Beach/Dunnottar Lakeside Lions Club - \$3000.00
- Noventis Credit Union - \$2868.00
- Town of Winnipeg Beach - \$2500.00
- Lakeside Seniors - \$500.00
- Private donations - \$500.00
- Branch 61 Ladies Auxiliary - \$1629.46 for kitchen cooler repairs

Thank you to all donors for their gift of support received for the Branch 61 kitchen renovation project!

Other miscellaneous donations have also been received from the members and the community such as:

- cash donations toward the Catch the Joker lottery
- an estate cash donation to the Poppy Fund
- kitchen equipment donations
- four private "In Memory" donations
- several silent auction items in support of our fundraising events

Thank you to all donors for supporting the Wpg Beach Legion Branch 61!

Donations on behalf of Branch 61 have been delivered to:

- Gimli Seniors Resource Council - \$200.00
- Winnipeg Beach Bandstand Sponsorship - \$250.00
- Cancer Care - \$50.00
- Gimli District Health Auxiliary - a Legion hamper in support of their silent auction
- Legion members/families wellness fruit baskets/flowers

Cde Teresa Beauregard

The Legion bar is open to the public on Fridays at 4:00 p.m. with **Catch the Joker** sales from 6:00 – 7:45 p.m. and the draw at 8:00 p.m.

We also have darts at 7:00 p.m. and Meat Draws at 7:00 & 8:00 p.m.



Open Positions

If you are interested in being a part of our Executive Committee in one of the following positions (Sports Chairperson, Membership Chairperson or Service Officer), please contact Lorraine at 204-894-3701 or the Legion at 204-389-2660

Membership Report

Congratulations to Graham Watson who won the Early Bird Draw and will have his 2021 dues paid by the Branch.

We have had lots of renewals already but are still waiting on a few. If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please do so as soon as possible.

There is someone in the Legion office Tuesday mornings and Friday evenings that can help you with this.

Be part of making a difference

They served and sacrificed for our freedoms. Becoming a member of the Legion is the ultimate way to show your gratitude and give your support. You don't have to be a Veteran to join and make a difference.

JOIN TODAY

Floor curling



Floor curling is going strong on Tuesday mornings! We have 2 draws, one at 10:00 a.m. and one at 11:00 a.m.

This is a non-competitive group and welcome new people. We will be curling until March 31st!

Cost is \$2.00 and a clean pair of indoor shoes.

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Beach 20 Hamilton Avenue, Box 576
Winnipeg Beach, MB R0C 3G0
Ph: 204-389-2660
www.winnipegbeachlegion.ca

2020 Upcoming Meetings/Events

(Events/dates/times subject to change. Please contact office for confirmation of events)

For information or tickets call or email: Legion office 204-389-2660 **or** rclbr61@mymts.net.

President Lorraine Andrushuk 204-894-3701, Peggy Kennedy 204-642-8199, Teresa Beauregard 204-389-2774

JANUARY

- Jan 11 – Malanka 5:00 p.m.
- Jan 16 – Veterans Coffee 10:00 a.m.

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 12 – Lakeside Seniors Valentine lunch NOON
- Feb. 17 – Executive Meeting 7:10 p.m.
- Feb. 25 – General Meeting 7:10 p.m.
- Feb. 27 – Veterans Coffee 10:00 a.m.

MARCH

- Mar. 11 – L.A. meeting 10:00 a.m.
- Mar. 16 – Executive Meeting 7:10 p.m.
- Mar. 19 – Veterans Coffee 10:00 a.m.
- Mar. 28 – Interlake Dart Tournament 11:00 a.m.

APRIL

- April 8 – L.A. meeting 10:00 a.m.
- April 16 – Veterans Coffee 10:00 a.m.
- April 20 – Lakeside Seniors Pot Luck Lunch NOON
- April 20 – Executive Meeting 7:10 p.m.

MAY

- May 8 – L.A. Quiz Night 6:00 p.m.
- May 9 – United Church Luncheon 2 – 4:00 p.m.
- May 12 – Executive Meeting 7:10 p.m.
- May 13 – L.A. meeting 10:00 a.m.
- May 16 – Bud, Spud & Steak Dinner/Dance
- May 18 – United Church Pancake Breakfast 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- May 20 – Lakeside Seniors Annual Mtg. 12:00 p.m.
- May 21 – Veterans Coffee 10:00 a.m.
- May 26 – General Meeting 7:10 p.m.

JUNE

- June 10 – L.A. meeting 10:00 a.m.
- June 15 – Executive Meeting 7:10 p.m.
- June 16-18 – Catering Rental Tennis Assoc.
- June 18 – Veterans Coffee 10:00 a.m.
- June 20 – Spring Craft Sale 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- **No Lakeside Seniors Cards on June 17th**

JULY

- July 8 – L.A. meeting 10:00 a.m.
- July 13 – Executive Meeting 7:10 p.m.
- July 14 – Lakeside Seniors Picnic Lunch NOON
- July 16 – Veterans Coffee 10:00 a.m.
- July 18 – Boardwalk Days Parade Lunch NOON

AUGUST

- Aug. 10 – Executive Meeting 7:10 p.m.
- Aug. 12 – L.A. meeting 10:15 a.m.
- Aug. 20 – Veterans Coffee 10:00 a.m.
- Aug. 25 – General Meeting 7:10 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 5 – Fall Supper 5:00 p.m.
- Sept. 9 – L.A. meeting 10:00 a.m.
- Sept. 12 – Spring Craft Sale 10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Sept. 14 – Executive Meeting 7:10 p.m.
- Sept. 16 – Hot Dog Day at WBS 11:00 a.m.
- Sept. 17 – Veterans Coffee 10:00 a.m.
- Sept. 26 – L.A. Ladies Nite Out

OCTOBER

- Oct. 14 – L.A. meeting 10:00 a.m.
- Oct. 15 – Veterans Coffee 10:00 a.m.
- Oct. 28 – Executive Meeting 7:10 p.m.
- Oct. 31 – Halloween Social

NOVEMBER

- Nov. 6 – WBS Remembrance Day Service 10 am
- Nov. 11 Remembrance Day Service: 10:45 a.m.
- TBD – L.A. meeting 10:00 a.m.
- Nov. 14 – United Church Luncheon 2:00
- Nov. 17 – General Meeting/Elections 7:10 p.m.
- Nov. 19 – Veterans Coffee 10:00 a.m.
- Nov. 28 – Honours and Awards Lunch 1:00 p.m.

DECEMBER

- Dec. 5 – Lion's Club Cookie Walk 10 – 3:00
- Dec. 6 – Christmas Party for children/grandchildren of Legion Members
- Dec. 9 – L.A. meeting 10:00 a.m.
- Dec. 16 – Executive Meeting 7:10 p.m.
- Dec. 17 – Veterans Coffee 10:00 a.m.
- Dec. 18 – Veterans Luncheon NOON (by invitation)

JANUARY 2021

- Jan. 8 – Bar re-opens – Catch the Joker, 50/50 and Meat Draws resume
- Jan. 9 – Malanka – Dinner, Music and Silent Auction

NOTE: The Legion will be closed December 19, 2020 until January 7, 2021

Music by
DJ James



Silent
Auction

**Winnipeg Beach
Legion
Bud Spud & Steak**
(or pre-ordered chicken)
Dinner & Dance



May 16th @

6:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$20.00



For tickets call:

Legion @ 204-389-2660

Lorraine @ 204-894-3701

Olga @ 204-641-1112

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