



Royal Canadian Legion Branch 61

Newsletter – May 2022

President's Report

As we enter the spring season, it appears that we are finally able to begin doing our events that we have been missing for a while. Our Ways and Means committee and The Ladies Auxiliary are very busy getting ready for the spring and summer events that we enjoy every year at this time.

As the Provincial Health Restrictions are easing or being removed, we are able to gather together and carry on as before. This means that all of our committees will be looking for volunteers to help in the important work that they all do. I would urge those Members who are able, to contact a committee member and offer a little time so that our Branch can continue to do the work that the Legion does for Veterans, our Members and our Community.

Your President,
Cde Clint Kennedy CD

Notice to Members

If you have moved, changed your phone number or email address, or are new to our community, please call (204-389-2660) or email the office (rclbr61@mymts.net) in order for us to update our records.

This will ensure that you receive the latest General minutes, newsletters and other important Branch news.

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Rentals Chair: Cde Bev Gabarevic

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Branch Chaplain: Cde Beth McLean

Ways and Means

WOW, have we been busy since the last newsletter in November 2021! Let me catch you up.

November 20th – we hosted a Christmas Tea and Bake Sale with the Ladies Auxiliary. A lot of hard work by many people went into making this a very successful & profitable event.

December 3rd – we held a joint Craft Sale with the Town of Winnipeg Beach.

December 16th – 18th – Christmas Dinner Prep, Delivery and Pick Up. On the 16th we had several busy volunteers peeling potatoes, cooking turkeys, etc. in preparation for the packing of the 170 dinners on the 17th. On the 17th, you guessed it, more busy volunteers packing dinners and preparing them for delivery. At 5:00 p.m. the Winnipeg Beach Firefighters and our volunteers delivered 100+ meals to our veterans, all residents of the Lodge and Isfeld Manor and shut-ins in and around our community. Thanks to Lorraine and Jordan Andrushuk for their cooking of the Legion meals, and to our volunteers, operating as a whole, who help do all of this and make our events successful!

The Legion then closed for a couple of weeks for everyone to recharge their batteries and to get ready for 2022!

2022! We are still getting together in small groups to prepare the food for our Ukrainian Food Sales and for the bake table at the Spring Tea on May 14th. We held two perogy bees, one in February and one in March and a perishky bee in April. We have also been making cabbage rolls and doing lots of baking for the bake sale! Please come out on May 14th and enjoy the “foods of our labour”!

The Legion held a Celebration of Life service for Karen Bridgwater on April 23rd. Karen’s wish was to have the service at the Legion with fancy finger sandwiches, music and to have the bar open to celebrate her life with all her family and friends. The Legion, the Ladies Auxiliary and volunteers prepared and served the lunch. All other arrangements were made by the Lakeside Lions and her family and friends. Karen was a great benefit to all who knew her. She will be missed.

Several of us are involved in securing auction items for the Spring Tea and Bud Spud and Steak events as well as making sure we have all the supplies we need. If you are able to donate an item for the silent auction, that would be appreciated. Please call the Legion and we will arrange a time to pick it up or for you to drop it off.

We are busy setting up for the Spring Tea and Bake Sale (May 14th), the Bud Spud and Steak (May 21st) and the Craft Sale (June 11th)! The Bud Spud and Steak will be our first public dinner event since COVID. Jim and his team will be barbequing the steaks while Jordan and his team will be managing the kitchen. Please support this event. The money raised from this event will be going toward helping us buy a generator for the Legion, thanks in advance.

The Legion has sold out all the tables for the June Craft Sale and at the same time are working on our Fall Craft Sale to be held on September 24th.

Our Fall Supper will be held on September 10th with only 200 tickets available. It will be a sit-down dinner with all the trimmings. These tickets will be available at the Spring Tea and from Legion members. Get yours early because they sell out fast!

Our Honors and Awards Dinner for the Legion will be on October 29th. Since we were not able to hold one for the past two years, the Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary will hold two separate events to hand out all of the well-deserved awards that have been piling up. All Legion members will be invited to attend. A sit-down dinner sponsored by the Legion is being planned. RSVPs must be sent in to be included for this dinner.

The Legion has a Christmas Tea planned for November 19th, 2022.

Ways and Mean cont'd.

Our Christmas supper will be December 10th. This will be a takeout Dinner. If you can help with the ticket sales, that would be appreciated. The tickets we sell help to offset the cost of the free dinners we provide to our veterans and community. We have had great community support in this endeavor over the past few years. The Firemen have delivered to both the Lodge and the Villa which means a great deal. Planning this event has already started, as well as purchasing some of the nonperishable items and arranging for the volunteers. These events don't just happen, many hours of preparation are involved.

The Legion Ways and Means committee prepared the Easter baskets for the veterans and were able to have them delivered the week of Easter just before the blizzard!

The Legion is selling Raffle tickets for two beautiful Quilts donated by our wonderful Pat Green and a surprise Legion basket as third prize that will be filled with goodies donated by the Legion. Proceeds from the sale of these tickets is being used to buy a generator for the Legion as well as to upgrade the electrical in the building. The tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and will be available at all our events from now until the draw in October.

We are fortunate to have Cde. Steven Troubridge appointed as Centennial Chair. He is researching information on doing up a cookbook to include former and present members of the Legion and Auxiliary's recipes. This will take a lot of time and effort. Once completed they will be for sale. These books will be a nice memento of our Legion and to commemorate our Legion's 100th Birthday. Time goes by fast and there is a lot of work to do to make this a wonderful occasion.

Stay safe until we meet again!

Ways and Means Co-Chairs

Lorraine Andrushuk, Velma Darroux & Peggy Kennedy

Sick and Visiting Chair's Report:

Since my last Report, I have sent/delivered the following:

- A Sympathy card was sent to Robert McCormick on the loss of his partner Shirley Yakowchuck on January 13th,2022.
- A Sympathy card was sent to Aurel Leclerc on the loss of his partner Karen Bridgwater on January 13th,2022.
- A Get Well card was sent to Helen Gouzecky c/o Carol Baker and a paid membership for 2022, on January 13th,2022
- A Sympathy card was sent to family of Marshall Huska and a donation of \$40.00 to Cancer Care Manitoba on February 14th, 2022.
- A Sympathy card and a fruit basket was delivered to Carol Baker on the loss of her partner Helen Gouzecky.
- A Sympathy card was sent on April 27th,2022 to Gabe Gaudreault on the loss of his son-in-law.
- On April 27th,2022 I delivered A get well card and a fruit basket to Lorraine Andrushuk on her recent illness.



Hoping all Members keep well and stay safe.

Cde. Peggy Kennedy

Past President's Report

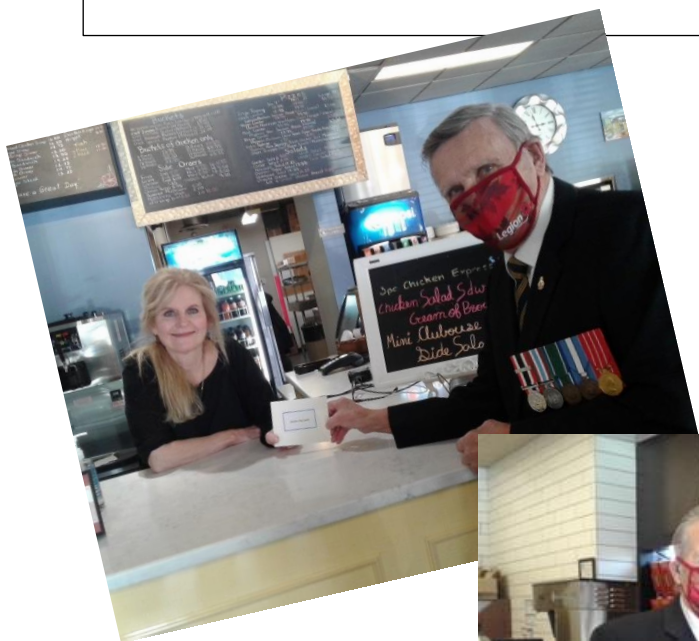
The Legion has started up for 2022! Thanks to all the volunteers from the Branch, Auxiliary and community who have supported the Legion!

We are planning events and a raffle to raise money for an electrical upgrade and a generator.

We would like to thank in advance, the residents of the Town of Winnipeg Beach and surrounding areas for all their support.

The Legion is 6 years away from it's 100th Birthday Celebration. We have proudly represented the veterans of this area and their families for all these years. We are in the planning stage of organizing for this occasion. Come join the Legion and help us celebrate this important part of the town's history and be part of preserving history for the next generation!

Cde Lorraine Andrushuk,
Past President



Thank You's

We would like to send a special thank you to everyone who donated to our Christmas Tea & Bake Sale Silent Auction and other Legion events in 2021!

- South Beach Casino
- Olga MacIntyre
- Tim Hortons, Gimli
- Lynda Kaniski
- Deals for Dollars
- Winnipeg Beach Lakeside Seniors
- Noventis Credit Union
- Johnsons
- Tergesons
- Ladies Auxiliary Br. 61
- Jim & Cindy Stewart
- Pharmasave
- Susan & Peter Holfeuer
- Teresa Beauregard
- Boston Pizza, Selkirk
- Shelly D's
- Lakeview Hotel, Gimli
- Nancy Heath
- Beach Handi Mart
- Norah Campbell
- Winnipeg Beach General Store
- Lincoln's Cleaning Services
- Chicken Chef, Gimli
- Lorraine Andrushuk
- Eva Sohan
- Glenda Milroy
- Ladies Auxiliary
- Town of Winnipeg Beach
- Juris Snikeris
- Edward Parks & Wendy Phillips
- Laurie Russin
- Olive Sielski
- Audrey Cook
- Bev Self
- Judy Catton
- Bob Abar
- Beth Mclean
- Sandie Williams
- Olga McIntyre
- Lions Club
- Shirley Rutherford

Membership

Thank you to all the members that have renewed their 2022 memberships. There are still a few outstanding - please contact Cindy Stewart to renew them.

Our early bird winner was Paul Lamotte, who will have his 2022 membership renewal paid for by the Branch!

Cde Cindy Stewart

Appointments



50th Anniversary Celebration

On April 8th our President Clinton Kennedy and his lovely wife Peggy celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary! This was a private event with a for family and friends!

In lieu of gifts, donations were collected and over \$1400 was donated to the legion!

Thank you!



Ladies Auxiliary Report

The Ladies Auxiliary haven't held many meetings due to COVID-19 and are currently back to having regular meetings again. We are hosting the Spring Tea jointly with the Legion on May 14th.

We will be hosting a Ladies Night on October 15th with further details upcoming.

In June, representatives of our Ladies Auxiliary will be traveling to Thunder Bay with some Legion members to attend the 50th Biennial Provincial Convention of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario.

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

Jackie Watts,
Vice President, Ladies Auxiliary

Newsletter Report

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
Newsletter Chair

Finance Report

The Legion is financially stable, but we are fundraising to purchase a generator and to upgrade the electrical in the Legion.

At the same time, we want to leave the Legion in a position to cover any unforeseen repairs or expenses that could occur.

Cde. Helen Frovich
Finance Chair



Marshall Huska
Helen Gouzecky

"Lest we forget"

*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We shall remember them"*

My name is Bob Hawkins and my father, Jim Hawkins was a Lancaster Bomber Navigator in the Canadian Air Force Post World War II.

The Bob Hawkins Band has put together a video with an original composition called Save My Soul, in dedication to my dad and all who serve and have served Canada.

We hope you will be encouraged by the video and share it with others at your branch, free of charge as part of our appreciation to all of you.

Thank you for your time. God Bless

"Lest We Forget"

Here is the link to the video: (hold Ctrl and click link below)

[Save My Soul - The Bob Hawkins Band](#)

Upcoming Meetings / Events (dates/events subject to change)

For information or tickets call:

Legion office 204-389-2660 or rclbr61@mymts.net

Lorraine Andrushuk 204-389-3186 Secretary Teresa Beauregard 204-389-2774

Ways & Means Co-Chairs Velma Darroux 204-642-2840; Helen Frovich 204-891-6044; or Peggy Kennedy 204-641-8725

May 2022

- May 11 – L.A. meeting 10:00 a.m.
- May 14 – Legion & Ladies Auxiliary Spring Tea and Bake Sale
- May 21 – Bud, Spud & Steak Dinner/Dance
- May 16 – Executive Meeting 7:10 p.m.
- May 24 – General Meeting 7:10 p.m.

June 2022

- June 8 – L.A. meeting 10:00 a.m.
- June 11 – Spring Craft Sale 10 :a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- June 20 – Executive Meeting 7:10 p.m.

July 2022

- July 13 – L.A. meeting 10:00 a.m.
- July 14 - Catch the Joker
- July 16 weekend – Boardwalk Days
- July 18 – Executive Meeting 7:10 p.m.

August 2022

- Aug. 10 – L.A. meeting 10:15 a.m.
- Aug. 15 – Executive Meeting 7:10 p.m.
- Aug. 23 – General Meeting 7:10 p.m.

We are having our first General Meeting on May 24th since COVID began. A light lunch will be served after the meeting!

September 2022

- Sept. 10 - Fall Supper
- Sept. 14 – L.A. meeting 10:00 a.m.
- Sept. 17 – Fall Craft Sale 10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Sept. 19 – Executive Meeting 7:10 p.m.
- TBA – Hot Dog Day at WBS 11:00 a.m.

October 2022

- Oct. 1 - District Meeting
- Oct. 12 – L.A. meeting 10:00 a.m.
- Oct. 15 – L.A. Ladies Nite Out
- Oct. 17 – Executive Meeting 7:10 p.m.
- Oct. 25 - Branch Elections
- Oct. 29 - Honour & Awards Dinner (by Invite only to all Legion Members)

November 2022

- Nov. 9 – L.A. meeting 10:00 a.m.
- Nov. 10 – WBS Remembrance Day Service
- Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day Service :10:45 am
- Nov. 15 – Executive Meeting 7:10 p.m.
- Nov. 19 - Christmas Tea
- Nov. 22 – General Meeting 7:10 p.m.

December 2022

- Dec. 9 - Packing of Christmas Dinners
- Dec. 10 - Christmas Dinner Pick-up
- Dec. 14 – L.A. meeting 10:00 a.m.

Winnipeg Beach Lakeside Seniors 2022/2023 Events

Date	Event
May 18, 2022	Annual General Meeting
July 13, 2022	Picnic
October 19, 2022	Potluck
December 7, 2022	Christmas
February 15, 2023	Valentine's
March 13 & 15, 2023	Doughnut Days
April 19, 2023	Potluck
May 2023 (TBA)	Annual General Meeting

Cards are also held every Monday and Wednesday from 1:00 - 4:00. Monday is Cribbage and Wednesday is Whist. Refreshment break with donated treats. All are welcome!

Boardwalk Days July 16, 2022

Legion members and Ladies Auxiliary are welcome to walk in the parade with us.

To be in the Color Party, you must be able to walk 1 km and have a uniform.

All others can participate by walking, scooter, etc. Please call Jim for more info at 204-389-3512

Senior's Moments Corner!

- Drink coffee. Do stupid things faster and with more energy!
- Inside every Senior is a 23 year old wondering what the hell happened!
- I'll try to be nicer if you try to be smarter.
- What if the "Hokey Pokey" really is what it's all about?
- In my youth I yearned for a new BMW. Now, I don't care about the W.



Winnipeg Beach Legion Br. 61
and the Ladies Auxiliary

**Spring Tea
and Bake Sale**

**Ukrainian
Food for
sale**

**Silver
collection at
door**

**Silent
Auction**

May 14, 2022
1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
20 Hamilton Street
Winnipeg Beach

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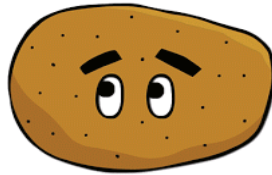


Winnipeg Beach Legion Fundraiser

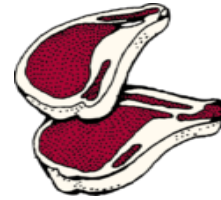
Proceeds to purchase a generator for the Legion!



BUD



SPUD



STEAK

(chicken avail by pre-order)

SATURDAY MAY 21, 2022

Cocktails 5:00 pm Dinner 6:30 pm

Tickets \$25.00

(Includes a fabulous steak dinner with baked potato, coleslaw, roll and a regular priced beverage of choice!)

Dance with music by Al

Call for more information and to order tickets call:

Legion 204-389-2660

Cindy 204-389-3512

Olga 204-641-1112 (after 4:30 pm)

Silent Auction

Meat Draw

50/50 draw



Ukrainian Food Sales

We are continuing to have **pre-order & pick-up sales** of your favorite Ukrainian foods!

We will have **limited amounts** of the following available for sale:

Perogies (bags of 5 dozen)

potato & cheddar – \$25.00 **Sauerkraut** – \$30.00

Cabbage rolls: \$6.00/dozen

Perishky: \$7.00/dozen

Pies: \$12.00 each

Turkey, Hamburger, Cheeseburger

Fruit Pies (apple, cherry, blueberry, saskatoon, raisin, strawberry/rhubarb)

We now have 5" pies in some of our flavours for \$7 each. Please call to check on availability.

**Orders will be available anytime,
just call and make arrangements for pick up!**

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