



The Royal Canadian Legion West Carleton Branch 616



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Newsletter by Arleen Morrow
& Marilyn Deslauriers

April Newsletter

Branch 616 is experiencing a positive return to normalcy in the wake of the Pandemic. Great events in February followed by a busy month of March put us right back on track for the Spring Season. All we need now are our Vets to come back for their annual visits – hope this will happen soon.

The main item on the agenda right now is the renovation of the Members Lounge. This requires a motion to approve the cost, which will be presented at a Special General Meeting on Monday, April 17, 7:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting to discuss the plans, pass the motion, and get the proposed renovation underway. (See attached flyer – page 8)

The week of April 16 to April 22 is National Volunteer Week, a special time to recognize all the hard working people who keep our Branches and Community going, a forum to say thank you for your time and effort. Volunteers are always appreciated but this is a chance to show them just how much. Further discussions are forthcoming.

The Ladies Auxiliary hosted District Darts on April 1. No 616 teams advanced to Provincial but another great day for the Auxiliary! Thank you to the players and organizers.

Branch Elections are coming up, this year on Monday May 15. Members in good standing are eligible to run for office and urged to do so. The Election Committee has placed 'Forms of Intent' at the bar for your convenience, to be filled out stating what office you are interested in and submitted to the Committee. Nominations are also accepted from the floor on election night. To be in good standing your 2023 membership fee must be up-to-date. Branch 638 Kanata will send a delegation to preside and in turn Branch 616 will help with their election.

The Ladies Auxiliary will have their annual elections on Monday May 1st, 7:00 pm. L.A. members must also be in good standing to be eligible to run for office. Ladies, please show support for your Branch and Auxiliary by attending this very important meeting.

Last Post:

Family and friends said goodbye to Al Desjardins, a long-time Branch member and supporter. Al was the owner of the local lumber yard. His brand and delivery trucks with the logo 'PAL Lumber' earned him the endearing nickname 'Pal Al'. RIP Comrade.

We also say goodbye to Marilyn Bruce, wife of Comrade Al Bruce, who left us on March 23, 2023. Al and Marilyn were also great supporters of the Branch - health issues later in life did not deter them much. RIP Marilyn.

Another active past member was Rita Grant who left us on Thursday March 27. Rita goes to join Dennis - both were past executives and very visible members. RIP Ritzy.

Sincere condolences to the families of these departed friends.

Past Events:

Friday, March 10: Meals to Wheels TGIF Dinner - Ham & Scalloped Potatoes with Cheesecake Parfait for dessert. Thank you, volunteers, for helping to prepare this meal and get it out the door in your usual timely fashion, in spite of the weather. (pics page 5)



Friday, March 17: St. Patrick's Party! This was the best St. Pat's celebration ever! The place was filled to capacity, Wilson/Strong's music was tremendous, and the stew sold out! Thank you to Wilson/Strong for keeping the tunes coming, to Debbie Wilson and Arleen Morrow on stew duty, and to the kitchen cleanup crew. Thanks also to all the volunteers who made this happen and those who chose the Legion for their celebration! (pics page 4)



Friday, March 24: Meals to Wheels TGIF Dinner, Pork Tenderloin. Again, a delicious takeout dinner delivered and everything cleaned up by 6:45 pm, just in time for darts! Thank you to all who helped with this success! Thank you to the customers who keep the program going by ordering these dinners week after week! (pics page 5)



Saturday, March 25: Theresa Wilson Memorial Darts; This annual dart tournament went off without a hitch. Nineteen teams of four participated. The event was won by the team of Kay Wilson, Denise Lyttle, Harriet Farrell and Karen Keays. Thank you to all the participants and organizers. Thank you to the kitchen volunteers: Another great event for the Branch and Ladies Auxiliary.



Coming Up

Friday April 7: Annual Triathlon. Darts, Euchre, Washer toss. Blind draw, starts at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday April 9: Children's Easter Party! Folks, bring the kids to the Legion for some pre Easter dinner fun! We will have lunch, do crafts, and decorate cupcakes! The Easter Bunny will drop in with treats! The fun is on from 12:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Everyone Welcome !

Friday April 14: Meals to Wheels TGIF Dinner: Chicken Parmesan, side of spaghetti, Caesar salad, garlic bread, chocolate peanutbutter cake, \$20.00

Monday April 17: Special General Meeting 7:30 pm. See attached flyers

Friday April 28: Meals to Wheels TGIF Dinner: Ribs .. Menu TBA

Monday May 15: Executive meeting 6:30 pm, AGM (Branch Election) 7:30 pm.

Friday May 12: Meals to Wheels TGIF Dinner: Schnitzel and Spatzle

Friday May 26: Meals to Wheels TGIF Dinner: TBA

Don't Forget:

Next L.A. Meeting – Monday May 1, 2023, 7:00 pm. Elections

Next Branch Meeting – Monday April 17, 2023, Executive 6:30 pm.:

Special General Meeting – Monday April 17, 2023, 7:30 pm. Agenda - \$60,000.00 renovation

Hall Rental: We have an 80 to 100 capacity space to rent - please call the Branch for info **613-832-2082**

Standing Dates:

Monday: Every 1st Monday: Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm.

**Every 3rd Monday of every 2nd month (starting with January): Branch General Meeting
7:30 pm: January, March, May, June*, September, November**

***July and August general meetings are suspended therefore the general in June**

3rd Monday of February & August Joint Meeting of Branch & L.A : 7:00 pm.

Tuesday: Ladies Darts 7:00 pm.

Every 2nd Tuesday of each month: Seniors Potluck & meeting 12:00 pm .

Thursday: Men's Darts 7:00 pm.

Friday: Mixed Darts 7:00 pm.

Every 2nd Friday: Meals to Wheels TGIF Dinner 5:30 p.m.

Branch Remembrance Day: Saturday prior to November 11.

New Year's Day Levee: January 1st of each new year

St. Patricks Day Celebration: every March 17

Children's Easter Party: every Easter Sunday

Canada Day: every July 1st



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Bunny Shoot?



Ladies District Darts

Bunny Shoot







Pork Tenderloin Dinner





Ham & Scalloped Potatoes



April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 April Fool's Day L.A.District Darts
2 Bunny Shoot	3 L.A. Meeting 7pm	4 Ladies Darts 7:00 pm	5	6 Men's Darts 7:30 pm	7 Mixed darts 7:00 pm Triathlon	8
9 Easter Childrens Party	10	11 Senior's Pot Luck 12:00 pm Ladies Darts 7:00 pm	12	13 Men's Darts 7:30 pm	14 Mixed darts 7:00 pm Meals to Wheels 'Chicken Parm'	15
16	17 Exec Mtg 6:30 pm Special General Meeting 7:30 pm	18 Ladies Darts 7:00 pm	19	20 Men's Darts 7:30 pm	21 Mixed darts 7:00 pm	22
23	24	25 Ladies Darts 7:00 pm	26	27 Men's Darts 7:30 pm	28 Mixed darts 7:00 pm Meals to Wheels	29
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May 2023

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Woodlawn**



We're renovating !

As part of an ongoing initiative to refresh the interior of the Branch, a major project has been proposed to renovate the bar. To follow the required procedure, a Notice of Motion was tabled at the March General Meeting to spend up to \$60,000.00 on bar renovations and a walk-in cooler/refrigerator unit.

This will be voted on at a Special General Meeting to be held on Monday April 17 7:30 pm. As always, members are welcome to attend and participate.

Work would be done through the summer. A committee has been struck to manage the project/contractors.



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