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December Newsletter

Branch 616 is pleased to report that we have been enjoying an increase in membership and attendance this season. Thank you to the members old and new, plus all the guests, who drop in for a drink, for camaraderie, and to enjoy our game tables – pool and shuffleboard. The pool table is re-furnished and the basement is undergoing a makeover thanks to an ongoing improvement blitz by the House & Grounds Committee.

The Branch's new website is officially up and running. We are adding more and more information as we go. Please visit our site at <https://rcl616.ca/index.html>

The sports programs are rolling along fine. Zone Darts was held at Branch 240 Almonte. No one from 616 advanced. Zone Seniors Darts was also held. The team of Jim Wilson, Gordon Johnson, Tom Watters and Colin Burrill advanced. Jim and Gord also placed in seniors doubles. They will go on to District in Renfrew. Our only team that entered Zone Cribbage advanced to District in Almonte.

The Ladies Auxiliary hosted District Cribbage on November 12. One team placed. Ten players went to District Darts Singles and Doubles at Branch 370 Iroquois. Doubles team Donna Fleiler and Debbie Wilson advanced to District to be held at Branch 317 London. Four teams went to Zone Team Darts in Almonte and three are moving up to District in April which will be held at 616. First place went to Donna Keays, Harriet Farrell, Heidi Karow, and Denise Lyttle. We also got 3rd and 5th place. Congratulations to all!!

The 2023 Earlybird Membership Campaign is finished, with great results - memberships are 75% paid up. Thank you to all the Earlybirds! The regular fee of \$60.00 is now in effect which please pay by December 31, 2022 to remain in good standing. The winner of the membership for November is Larry David; Congratulations Comrade!

The Meals to Wheels program is also doing well; attendance is steady and the volunteers keep it going like clockwork. Smoked Salmon by Walt and Lasagna by Arleen were two delicious dinners offered in November with very positive feedback. Next will be California Roast on Friday December 9 by Cindy & Lynda.



Newsletter by Arleen Morrow
& Marilyn Deslauriers

Past Events:

Friday November 11: National Day of Remembrance: Some of the 616 Color Party members attended the ceremony at Branch 638 Kanata and some went to Branch 240 Almonte and joined colours with them. Thank you to both Branches for inviting us. Thank you to all who came to Branch 616 to observe the television broadcast of the ceremony at the National War Memorial in Ottawa.



Saturday, November 26: Kolenoke Karaoke: This event went off without a hitch! Thank you to MC Colin Burrill We will have a rerun later in the new year.

Sunday December 4: All Veterans Christmas Party. The Perley management did not deem it safe for the vets to mingle with the public on this date. Unfortunately we had to cancel. We hope they can visit soon.

Coming Up:

Saturday December 10: Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar: 8:30 am. to 3:00 pm. Vendors tables \$15.00 each or 2 for \$20.00. Doors open at 7:00 am for setup. Please drop in to the Branch or call 613-832-2082 to reserve a spot and to arrange payment. Everyone welcome!!

Sunday December 11: Children's Christmas Party. 12:20 pm to 3:00 pm. We will start with lunch, make some crafts, decorate cookies, and Santa will drop in with treats and gifts! Face painting will be offered throughout the party, compliments of The Point Dining Lounge! Parents please bring a \$10.00 wrapped gift for Santa to hand out to your children.

Saturday December 17: Turkey Shoot. Jim Wilson's Annual Dart Tourney! Mixed doubles, blind draw (1 man, 1 woman) open to all over 19 years of age & up; registration at 10:30 a.m. play at 11:00 a.m. You could win your Christmas Bird!!

Saturday, December 17: Christmas Bash! Branch Christmas Party! Once again Nt NRML will have the house shakin' and the dance floor rockin' for our seasonal pleasure! For \$10.00 you get great entertainment, snacks, and a chance at a door prize! Tickets are available at the bar. The fun starts at 8:00 pm. Play darts for turkeys during the day, come to the party at night!

Tuesday, December 20: Ladies Darts Christmas Pajama Party. Ladies Tuesday night darts will hold their annual Christmas celebration this last Tuesday before Christmas day! Members, please wear your favourite PJs, bring your favourite potluck dish, and a \$15.00 gift to exchange. The party will start at 6:00, followed by darts at 7:00 pm. and we'll break for a visit from Santa around 8:30 pm.

Sunday, January 1, 2023: Legion Annual New Year's Day Levee. Everyone is invited to drop in to the Branch for the annual Open House. The bar will open at 12:00 noon, complimentary lunch will be served from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please join us in welcoming the New Year with some New Year's Day rehab and fellowship.

For more info on any of these events please call the Branch at 613-832-2082.

Don't Forget:

Next L.A. meeting – Monday, January 9, 2023, 7:00 pm.

Next Branch meeting – Monday December 19; Executive 6:30 pm

* **Musical Opportunity:** Branch 616 is offering the hall free of charge to aspiring musicians who would like to have a place to practice. Perhaps you need to try out your act on an audience, iron out some kinks, or break in a new number. Call the Branch at 613-832-2082 or the entertainment chairman at 613-832-8988 for info.

***Rental:** We have an 80 to 100 capacity hall for rent - please call the Branch for info.

Standing Dates:

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

Every 3rd Monday: Branch Executive Meeting 6:30 pm.

Every 3rd Monday of every 2nd month: Branch General Meeting, 7:30 pm

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

Every Tuesday: Ladies Darts 7:00 pm.

Every 2nd Tuesday of each month: Senior's Potluck 12:00 pm.

Every Thursday: Men's Darts 7:00 pm.

Every Friday: Mixed Darts 7:00 pm.

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

RED FRIDAYS - Please show your support for our troops and their families and to the families of the 158 soldiers killed in Afghanistan, by **WEARING RED ON FRIDAYS.**



1st place team

Lasagna



November 11th


Almonte Branch 240



December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Men's darts 7:00 pm	2 Mixed Darts 7:00 pm	3 CBBC Santa Claus Parade
4 All Veterans Christmas Party.	5 L.A. Meeting 7:00 pm	6 Ladies darts 7:00 pm	7	8 Men's darts 7:00 pm	9 Mixed Darts 7:00 pm Meals to Wheels Dinner	10 Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar: 8:30 am. to 3: pm
11 Children's Christmas Party 12:30 p.m.	12	13 Seniors Potluck 12:00 pm Ladies darts 7:00 pm	14	15 Men's darts 7:00 pm	16 Mixed Darts 7:00 pm	17 Turkey Shoot 10:30 a.m. Branch Christmas Party! 8:00 p.m.
18 Booked	19 Branch Ex. Meeting 6:30 pm	20 Ladies darts 7:00 pm Potluck Pajama Party	21	22 Men's darts 7:00 pm	23 Mixed Darts 7:00 pm	24
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