



# The Royal Canadian Legion West Carleton Branch 616



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## December Newsletter

Branch 616 is heavy into the Christmas Season with the Calendar jammed with events since Remembrance Day. In order to accommodate everyone and fit everything in, some dates had to be changed. For instance, there was no Meals to Wheels dinner on December 1, that has been changed to Friday, December 8.

**A Message from President Kevin Johnson:** As we approach the end of the calendar year, it's a good time to reflect on what's happening at our Branch. Firstly, we've had a very busy period of scheduled events and activity throughout the fall and continuing into December. This can only happen with a tremendous amount of help from staff and volunteers, too numerous to list. So thank you to all for handling this very busy time from day to day operations to meals out the door, house darts, inter-branch darts, busy bar, Remembrance Day, Veterans semi-annual Visit, etc. etc. Thank you, thank you! As most have seen, we completed, with a few touch ups to come, the new bar project with very positive feedback. Thanks to Vic Jannack of Quality Renovations, the bar committee, and the bar staff who worked around the construction mayhem to keep us open. We came in under budget and below the approved spend for the project. We are now looking forward to painting and upgrading the members lounge and the function hall. I should also make note of our new road sign coming into the Bay on Constance Bay Road. We are into a busy December with numerous events planned as listed in Coming Up (pg 2) and on our Website and Facebook page. Please take advantage of these events – if you wish to lend a hand reach out to us.

Please remember our fallen comrades, those who served, and loved ones who have passed as we approach the holiday season. Have a Merry Christmas and all the best in 2024.

**The Earlybird Membership Campaign** has ended for another year. The Membership Chair is proud to announce that we achieved 75% of memberships paid. Membership fees are back to normal, no more discount, no refunds – please submit dues by December 31 to remain in good standing. The winner of the November draw is Garry Langford. Leslie Ann Scheel Bailey won for September and Don Johnstone for October. Congratulations Comrades.

**EARLY BIRD SPECIAL**



Newsletter by Arleen Morrow  
& Marilyn Deslauriers

**Last Post:** We say goodbye to Larry David, a 616 member for many years. Deepest condolences to his wife Marina and family. A Celebration of Life was held at the Branch last Sunday for Mary Gardner/Charlebois. Deepest condolences to her husband Rick, children Kelly and Ted.  
RIP Comrades.

## Past Events:

**Friday November 3: Meals to Wheels Dinner. Schnitzel & Spaetzle.** This delicious dinner was a total sellout well before the deadline to order. Thank you to Anita Kamps and the Friday night volunteers. Pics page 3.



**Saturday, November 4: Branch 616 Remembrance Day Ceremony.** The weather was lovely for this annual pre November 11 celebration of our war heroes. Thank you to everyone who participated in this record turnout. Thank you to the colour parties of Kanata Branch 638 and Almonte Branch 240 for joining their colours with ours. Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary for taking care of lunch. Pics page 4.

**Thursday, November 9: St Michaels School in Fitzroy Harbour Remembrance Day Service: 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Bruce Robinson and 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Arleen Morrow** attended this second annual Celebration on behalf of Branch 616. This event was very well done – thank you to the students and staff for inviting us – Lest we Forget. Pic page 4

**Saturday November 11:** On this Remembrance Day, the Branch 616 colour party was divided among Branch 638 Kanata, Branch 240 Almonte and the Carp Memorial Remembrance. Our Branch was opened at 10:00 a.m. to accommodate viewing of the national ceremony in downtown Ottawa. Lest we Forget. Pics page 4.

**Friday November 17: Meals to Wheels Roast Beef Dinner with all the trimmings.** Another total sellout! Thank you to everyone involved. Record number of dinners out the door in record time!



**Saturday November 25: Ladies Auxiliary Zone Darts:** All five 616 teams that signed up for this tournament qualified for District. Thank you to Zone Sports Officer Luanne Warren and 616 LA Sports Officer Harriet Farrell for organizing it. Thank you to the kitchen volunteers - what a great menu to work with! Pics page 5

**Sunday, November 26, Veterans Christmas Party:** What a blast entertaining these special guests! Pics page 5

**Saturday, December 2: Zone Darts.** Thank you to all players and organizers of this tournament. No 616 teams advanced to District. Congratulations to Perth Branch who won everything. Great menu for this one too!

## Coming Up:

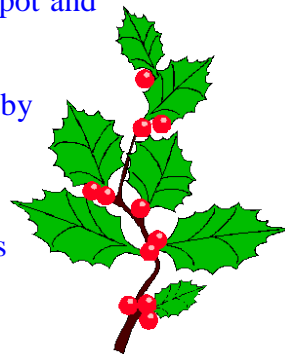
**Friday, December 8: Meals to Wheels TGIF Dinner, Baked Ham.**



**Saturday, December 9: Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar,** 8:30 am. to 2:00 pm. Vendors tables \$15.00 ea. or 2 for \$20.00. Door open at 7:00 am for set-up. Call 613-832-2082 to reserve a spot and arrange payment. All vendors welcome !!

**Saturday December 9: Seniors Christmas Turkey Dinner & Dance,** 6:00 pm. Entertainment by 'Tony True'. Tickets are available at the bar.

**Saturday, December 16: Turkey Shoot.** Mixed Darts, blind draw doubles. Register at 10:30 am, play at 11:00 am. Everyone 19 years of age and up welcome! You could win your Christmas bird!



**Saturday December 16: Branch Christmas Party.** 8:00 pm. **NT NRML** will be blasting out all your favorite dance numbers, there will be door prizes and food! Tickets \$10.00 per person, pay ahead or at the door. Tickets available at the bar.

**Monday January 1, 2024: New Year's Day Levee.** Legion's annual Open House. Bar opens at noon, complimentary lunch at 1:00 pm. Stop in for some rehab and refreshment! Everyone Welcome !!

## Don't Forget:

**Next L.A. Meeting** – Monday January 8, 7:00 pm.

**Next Branch Meeting** – Monday December 18, executive 6:30 pm.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Monday: Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm.**  
**Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday: Branch Executive Meeting 6:30 pm.**  
**Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of June\*, September, November, January, March, May: Branch General Meeting 7:30 pm.** \*The Legion fiscal year starts in June. July & August general meetings are suspended  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of February & August: Joint Meeting Branch/LA, 7:00 pm**

**Tuesday: Ladies' Darts 7:00 pm.**

**Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday: Seniors Potluck & Meeting 12:00 noon**

**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. \$20.00**

**Branch Remembrance Day: Saturday prior to November 11.**

**New Year's Day Levee: every January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**St. Patrick's Day Celebration: every March 17**

**Children's Easter Party: every Easter Sunday**

**Canada Day: every July 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Legion Week: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in September to following Saturday**

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



**Schnitzel & Spaetzle**





**November 04**



**November 09**



**November 11**





**Zone Darts**







# DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> Mixed Darts 7:00 p.m.	<b>2</b> <b>Zone Darts</b>  <b>Community Christmas Parade</b>
<b>Cof L Mary Charlebois</b>	<b>4</b> Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm	<b>5</b> Ladies Darts 7:00 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Men's Darts 7:00 pm	<b>8</b> Mixed Darts 7:00 p.m.  Meals to Wheels	<b>9</b> <b>Christmas Bazaar</b>  <b>Senior's Turkey Dinner</b>
<b>10</b> <b>Children's Christmas Party</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Ladies Darts 7:00 pm	<b>13</b> Staff Appreciation Buffet	<b>14</b> Men's Darts 7:00 pm	<b>15</b> Mixed Darts 7:00 p.m.	<b>16</b> <b>Turkey Shoot 10:30 am</b>  <b>Branch Christmas Party 8 pm</b>
<b>17</b> Booked	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Ladies Darts 7:00 pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Men's Darts 7:00 pm	<b>22</b> Mixed Darts 7:00 p.m.	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Boxing Day	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Men's Darts 7:00 pm	<b>29</b> Mixed Darts 7:00 p.m.	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> <b>New Years Day Levee</b>  					

# JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec. 31	<b>1</b> <b>New Years Day Levee</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Ladies Darts</b> <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Mens Darts</b> <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Mixed Darts</b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>L.A meeting</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Ladies Darts</b> <b>7:00pm</b>  <b>Senior's</b> <b>Lunch &amp;</b> <b>Meeting</b> <b>12:00 noon</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Mens Darts</b> <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Mixed Darts</b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Branch mtgs</b> <b>Exec 6:30</b> <b>pm.</b>  <b>Gen 7:30</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Ladies Darts</b> <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Mens Darts</b> <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Mixed Darts</b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>20</b>
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