



# The Royal Canadian Legion West Carleton Branch 616



JANUARY 2023

VOLUME 14, ISSUE 08



377 Allburch Road,  
Constance Bay, ON,  
K0A 3M0  
(613) 832-2082

[Website](#)

[E-mail](#)

[Facebook](#)

♥ **Highlites . . . . .**

♥ **Pictures. . . . .**

♥ **Coming Up . . .**

♥ **Past Events . . .**

♥ **Don't Forget . .**

♥ **Calendars. . . . .**

♥ **TGIF Dinner  
Schedule . . .**

## January Newsletter

Branch 616 reports another good year for this Legion and anticipates more to come! We were able to gradually widen our boundaries to include more visitors and events and feel that we are now on an even keel again. The only concern is that we were unable to have our Veterans back this year due to the spike in Covid infections. Let's hope that the day comes soon when they can feel safe to be out in public and we can catch up on their visits!

Membership Chair Kevin Johnson is pleased to report that the 2023 Earlybird Campaign was almost perfect with 75% of the membership renewing, plus some new recruits and reinstatements. Thank you again to all those members responsible for this and thank you to Kevin for a job well done.

The House and Grounds Committee and Renovation Crew are working hard on Branch improvements. The basement has undergone a facelift - fresh paint, new dart carpets, new washroom installations, and no more clutter. Thank you to all the volunteers who accomplished this. Ground floor improvements are coming ... washrooms, paint, bar renovations etc.

Meals to Wheels is back in production: the first TGIF dinner of the New Year will be on Friday, January 13. Harriet Farrell will prepare her popular Chicken Parmesan! Cabbage Rolls by LoriAnn will be next, two weeks later on January 27. We already have orders for both meals! All the Wheels Workers will be back, rolling out the orders like clockwork for your Friday dinner enjoyment!



# JANUARY



The Branch, the Community Centre and the Parrish are collaborating on a farewell party for Eli El-Chantiry, retiring from City Council after 19 years of service. See attached flyer for details.

## Past Events:

**Friday, December 9: Meals to Wheels TGIF Dinner.** Cindy and Lynda cooked up a delicious California Roast dinner with all the trimmings! Thank you to all the volunteers and diners. It was the final Friday dinner of 2022 and was a good one. Pics page 4.



Newsletter by Arleen Morrow  
& Marilyn Deslauriers

**Saturday, December 10: Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar.** What a comeback after a 2 year hiatus! An excellent variety of gifts were available - Christmas crafts, plants, paintings, to name a few. The L.A bake table was almost a total sellout and their new-to-you table was popular also. Thank you to the donors who made this possible. The L.A. also thanks the vendors, the customers and the volunteers who made this one of the best bazaars ever. Pics page 4.



**Sunday December 11: Children's Christmas Party.** The children had a ball playing games, making crafts, and decorating cookies! Then Santa showed up with gifts and treats for all! Thank you to Santa, Katrina who donated the cookies and icing, the parents who brought the children, and the kitchen crew who prepared an excellent lunch! Thank you to the children who wound up the party with some good blasts from the squawkers that they found in their loot bags!! Pics page 5.



**Saturday December 17: Turkey Shoot!** Jim Wilson's annual mixed dart tourney was one of the best – great turnout! First place, and first choice of a Christmas Turkey each, was taken by Judy Smith and Scott Bohenkamp; in second was Helene Smith and Bruce Robinson; coming in third, Lynne Wilson and Colin Burrill! Bringing up the rear, and getting a consolation prize of turkey slices for a sandwich or two – Donna Flieler and Glen Beck! Thank you to everyone for another big day at the Branch and to Jim for organizing it. Thanks also to the volunteers who provided lunch. Pic page 5



**Saturday December 17; Christmas Bash!!** Darts in the daytime, dance party at night – a full day of fun for the patrons of the Branch! Everyone who attended both events enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Nt Nrml on stage was at their best and the dance floor was hopping. Thank you to the band, the kitchen people who prepared and served the buffet, the bartenders, and everyone who attended this last blast of 2022. Pics page 5.

**Tuesday December 20; Ladies Darts Christmas Potluck Buffet and PJ Party.** For their last Tuesday Dart Night of 2022 the ladies held their annual Pajama Party with potluck buffet and Secret Santa. A wide variety of tasty dishes were brought in and the dart league executive distributed a nice variety of gifts for each member. The best pajamas awards went to Michele Harlow, Cindy Delahunt and Lynda Boland, 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> in that order. The ladies made a donation of \$500.00 to the West Carleton Food Access Centre and played their usual round of 5 games of darts. They closed out the year with a few fun games. Thank you to the league executive and all the members for this wonderful night. Pics page 6.



**Sunday, January 1, 2023: New Year's Day Levee!** The Branch really laid it on with this comeback event after all the cancellations due to Covid! Whiskey Mike and Sidekick Doug provided excellent entertainment with a third jammer joining them on stage. The buffet table was overloaded with delicious dishes and the hall was crowded with visitors! Deputy Zone Commander Jim Wilson dropped in to wish everyone a Happy New Year. Thank you to Mike & Doug and Guest. Thank you to the kitchen volunteers for preparing a great lunch, keeping the table supplied, and doing a great cleanup when it was finished. Happy New Year Everyone!! Pics page 6.

## Coming Up:

### **Friday January 13: Meals to Wheels TGIF Dinner: Chicken Parm by Harriet!**

Chicken Parmesan, side of Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Caesar Salad, Pineapple Upsidedown Cake .... \$20.00.

### **Saturday January 14: Farewell Event for Eli.**

Farewell party at the Community Centre for Eli El-Chantiry, retiring after 19 years of service on City Council. Starts at 6:30 pm; tickets \$20.00 each, available online.

Flyer attached.

### **Friday January 27: Meals to Wheels TGIF Dinner: Cabbage Rolls by LoriAnn:**

Cabbage Rolls, Baked Potato, Glazed Carrots, Homemade Dinner Rolls, Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Icing.... \$20.00

**Saturday January 28: Trivia Challenge!** Get yourself down to the Branch for this first trivia fun night of 2023! Random picks for teams, small entry fee, starts at 7:00 pm., everyone welcome!

**February 10: Meals to Wheels TGIF Dinner, TBA**

**Sunday February 19: Old Sled Run.** Details to come

**Friday, February 24: Meals to Wheels TGIF Dinner. TBA**

## Don't Forget:

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

**Next Branch meeting – Monday January 16, 2023; Executive 6:30 pm, General 7:30 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 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 every 2<sup>nd</sup> month: Branch General Meeting, 7:30 pm**

**Joint Meeting of Branch & L.A : 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of February & August 7:00 pm**

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

**Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month: Senior's Potluck 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.**

**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.**





**L.A. Christmas Bazaar**







**Children's Christmas Party**

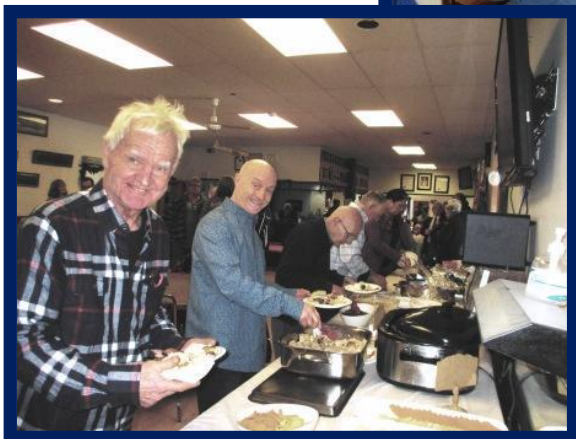
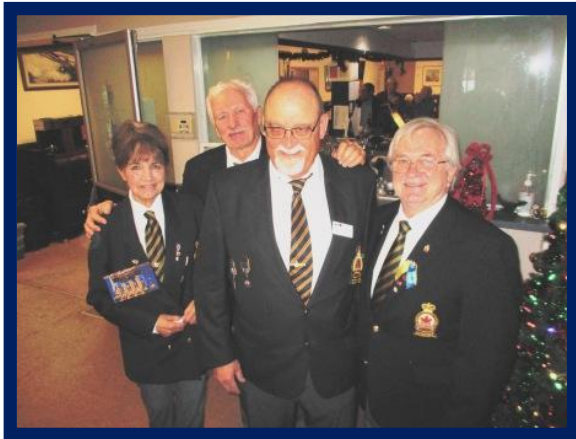


**December 17 D &D  
(darts & dance)**



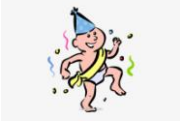



# Ladies Darts Christmas Buffet P.J. Party



## 2023: New Year's Day Levee

# January 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day Levee 	2	3 Ladies Darts 7:00 pm	4	5 Men's Darts 7:00 pm	6 Mixed Darts 7:00 pm	7
8	9 L.A Meeting 7:00 p.m.	10 Seniors Potluck 12:00 pm  Ladies Darts 7:00 pm	11	12 Men's Darts 7:00 pm	13 Mixed Darts 7:00 p.m.  Meals to Wheels Chicken Parm	14 Eli Event Community Centre
15	16 Branch Ex. Meeting 6:30 pm General Meeting 7:30 pm	17 Ladies Darts 7:00 pm	18	19 Men's Darts 7:00 pm	20 Mixed Darts 7:00 pm	21
22	23	24 Ladies Darts 7:00 pm	25	26 Men's Darts 7:00 pm	27 Mixed Darts 7:00 pm Meals to Wheels Cabbage Rolls	28 Trivia Challenge
29	30	31 Ladies Darts 7:00 pm				

# February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Men's Darts 7:00 pm	3 Mixed Darts 7:00 pm	4
5	6 L.A Meeting 7:00 p.m.	7 Seniors Potluck 12:00 pm  Ladies Darts 7:00 pm	8	9 Men's Darts 7:00 pm	10 Mixed Darts 7:00 pm  Meals to Wheels	11
12	13	14 Ladies Darts 7:00 pm  St. Valentine's Day	15	16 Men's Darts 7:00 pm	17 Mixed Darts 7:00 pm	18
19 Old Sled Run	20 Branch Ex. Meeting 6:30 pm	21 Ladies Darts 7:00 pm	22	23 Men's Darts 7:00 pm	24 Mixed Darts 7:00 pm  Meals to Wheels	25
26	27	28 Ladies Darts 7:00 pm				

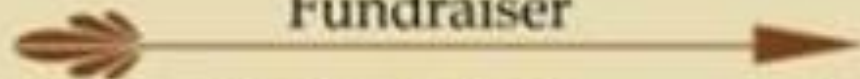




**Celebration**

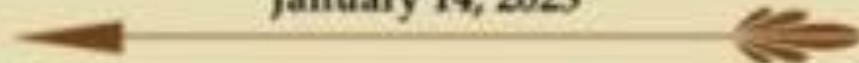


**Fundraiser**



**Eli & Maha El-Chantiry's  
Retirement**

**January 14, 2023**



**Cocktails ∞ Bites ∞ Entertainment ∞ Fun**



CBBCA, in collaboration with the Rural Root Theatre Company, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 616, the parishes of St Thomas & St Gabriel's, invite you to join us in the celebration of the El-Chantiry's 33 years of leadership, compassion, and generosity.

All proceeds will support charities of Eli's choice. Get your ticket in advance to enjoy a social evening and show your appreciation. For more information and tickets visit [cbbca.ca](http://cbbca.ca).

Tickets \$ 20

January 14, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

262 Len Purcell Drive, Constance Bay