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Newsletter by Arleen Morrow & Marilyn Deslauriers

#### **January Newsletter**

Branch 616 is definitely back on track and has wound up another year packed with successful events. The renovation is nearing the end and we welcome 2024 with a brand new look and still have a healthy bank balance. Membership is 87% paid and the Membership Chair has welcomed 14 new recruits bringing the total to 172. Gentle reminder - membership dues for 2024 should have been paid before December 31 2023 to remain in good standing but there is still time to pay. The first event of 2024 is Zone Cribbage in Perth on Saturday January 6. Please check the sports bulletin board for upcoming events and sign-up sheets.

Meals to Wheels took a break for the holidays. Please watch our Legion Facebook page for the resumption of Friday dinners. Also, please note that our new Legion bulletin board on Constance Bay Road just before Allbirch Road is operational. We will be posting events there henceforth!

#### **Past Events:**

Friday December 8, Meals to Wheels TGIF Dinner: Arleen and the Ladies Auxiliary volunteers cooked up and served 100 dinners of Ham and Scalloped Potatoes with homemade apple pie! Thank you to all who helped especially Rob Gallant and Kevin Johnson who were honorary members for the evening. Pic page 3.



**Saturday December 9, Ladies Auxiliary Annual Christmas Bazaar:** The L.A had a very successful day offering Christmas crafts, baking and deli, and nearly new items for sale. Thank you to the vendors who presented a wide variety of ideas for Christmas gifts. Thank you to the L.A. volunteers.

**Saturday December 9, Senior's Christmas Party:** Gloria and Jim Wilson put this enjoyable event together. Tony True was the entertainment, and Harriet Farrell made her famous turkey dinner! Thank you to all who helped with this event.

**Sunday December 10, Children's Christmas Party:** The kid's had a good time at this annual event sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary. They enjoyed lunch, crafts, and games. Santa dropped in with gifts and treats for all! Thank you to Santa, the L.A. volunteers, the student helpers, and the parents who brought their children to the party! We'll do it again at Easter! Pics page 4.

**Saturday December 16, Turkey Shoot!** The hall was crowded with shooters for this Annual Dart Tourney organized by Jim Wilson. The turkeys were won by Anita Kamps, Dave Chamberlin, Chad McTernan, Laura Delahunt, Michelle Bainbridge, and Terry from Arnprior. Arleen Morrow and Andy Wurszler brought up the rear receiving turkey slices for sandwiches. Thank you to everyone who participated.



**Saturday December 16, Branch Annual Christmas Bash**: Darts in the daytime, party at night! Many of the darters came back for the evening party along with the usual suspects. Nt Nrml came through with their usual excellent entertainment. The food was also excellent and the door prizes well received, Thank you everyone for your participation! The Branch thanks the organizers and everyone else who worked on this party. Pic page 4.



**Tuesday December 19, Ladies Darts Christmas Party:** The ladies closed off their 2023 season with their annual Potluck Pajama Party which is always a hit. The smorgasbord they laid out was fantastic and the PJs were very interesting. They ate, exchanged Secret Santa gifts, and presented the Best PJs award. Then they played darts. Thank you, ladies! The schedule resumed on January 2, 2024. Pics page 5.

**Monday, January 1, 2024. Legion Annual Levee:** The annual Branch open house was well attended by members and friends. Thank you to the volunteers who prepared lunch and did the clean-up after. Thank you to Zone Commander Rob Madore for attending and being part of our photo shoot! Thank you to Whiskey, Spud, and the Jammers for the splendid entertainment! Happy New Year everyone! Pics page 6.

#### **Coming Up:**

**Friday January 12, Meals to Wheels:** Beef Stroganoff with noodles, Caesar Salad, Dinner roll, Apple Crumble w. whipped cream, \$20.00

Saturday January 20: Trivia. 7:00 pm. Kevin Johnson is hosting another Trivia Challenge! Get a gang together and come on down! You could be team members - maybe not, maybe both! Tons of fun and a good chance to show off your memory and knowledge in a variety of categories!

Friday January 26, Meals to Wheels: Spinach Stuffed Chicken, sides TBA. \$20.00

**Sunday January 28: Euchre Tourney! 2:00 pm.** All over 19 years of age Welcome! Bring your partner or pick one up here!

Friday February 9: Meals to Wheels: menu TBA

**Sunday February 18: Old Sled Run:** Annual snowmobile run to Quyon PQ and back to the Branch for chili and awards. Poster with all the details will be on the Branch Face-book page soon.

Sunday February 18: Kids Fishing Derby: (subject to below freezing temps) Watch for Posters!

### **Don't Forget:**

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

Next Branch Meeting — Monday January 15, executive 6:30 pm.,

General 7:30 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 1st 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.





**Children's Christmas Party** 



**Branch Christmas Party** 



# **Ladies Darts Christmas Party**

**Smorg line-up** 



**Best PJs** 













**NEW YEARS LEVEE** 



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Years Day Levee	2 Ladies Darts 7:00pm	3	4 Mens Darts 7:00pm	5 Mixed Darts 7:00 pm	6
7	8 L.A meeting 7:00 p.m.	9 Ladies Darts 7:00pm Senior's Lunch & Meeting 12:00 noon	10	11 Mens Darts 7:00pm	12 Mixed Darts 7:00 pm Meals to Wheels	13
14	15 Branch mtgs Exec 6:30 pm. Gen 7:30	16 Ladies Darts 7:00pm	17	18 Mens Darts 7:00pm	19 Mixed Darts 7:00 pm	20 Trivia 7:00pm
21	22	23 Ladies Darts 7:00pm	24	25 Mens Darts 7:00pm	26 Mixed Darts 7:00 pm Meals to Wheels	27
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18 Old Sled Run Kids Fishing Derby	19 Branch Exec Meeting	20 Ladies Darts 7:00pm	21	22 Mens Darts 7:00pm	23 Mixed Darts 7:00 pm Meals to Wheels	24
25	26	27 Ladies Darts 7:00pm	28	29		