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Newsletter by Arleen Morrow
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May Newsletter

Branch 616 is winding down another busy year. Our 24/25 calendar was jammed with great house events and private bookings. The upgraded function room looks great! Next on the reno agenda will be the kitchen.

For both the Branch and Ladies Auxiliary, the sports teams are having great results. In mixed darts two Branch doubles and three teams have advanced to District, one Branch euchre team has advanced to Provincials as has one L.A. darts team, just to mention a few. Branch 616 will be hosting Zone Washer Toss on Saturday May 31.

Membership numbers continue to climb.

This weekend The Netherlands will be honoring the 80th anniversary of their liberation; 2,335 Canadians are buried in Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery. This is the commemorative ceremony that our Late WWII Veteran Doctor Roly Armitage attended regularly. RIP Comrades.



Kanata Branch 638 held their AGM and Elections at which West Carleton Branch 616 provided the Election Committee. Branch 616 will hold their Elections on Monday May 26; Kanata Branch will officiate. To speed things up, anyone wishing to run for office should get an Intent Form from the Bar, fill it out stating the position you are interested in and submit to Jim Wilson before May 26. There will be nominations from the floor that night also. To be eligible to run for office you must be a member in good standing (membership fee paid). If running for President you must have served on a Branch executive board for one year. To be eligible to vote you must be in good standing.

The Ladies Auxiliary will be holding their AGM and Elections Monday May 5. Branch 616 President Kevin Johnson will be officiating. To vote or run for office members must be in good standing.

The West Carleton Seniors Org. has started the annual Senior Games. Branch 616 will be hosting the Car Rally, Trivia, and Washer Toss. Good fun and good luck to everyone who signed up!

It's garden time again! Please call the Branch for plots available.

Past Events

Sunday April 6, Bunny Shoot: This annual dart event for Easter Hams went off like a shot! Chris Jensen and Debbie Doucette were the big winners!

Friday April 11, Meals to Wheels TGIF Dinner: Spinach Stuffed Chicken, Garlic Roasted Potatoes, Veggies, Rolls, and Strawberry Shortcake. Chicken was perfectly cooked, everything was delicious!! Another sell-out ... thank you Harriet and the Friday night crew! Pics p3.

Friday April 18, Triathlon: This annual event went off without a hitch with blind-draw partners competing in washer toss, euchre and darts. Lunch was available and tasty - thank you kitchen crew. The top team was Trish Scharfe and Kevin Rees, with Michelle Bainbridge and Arleen Morrow also placing. Thank you to Harriet, Jim, and the volunteers who put it all together! Pics p4

Sunday April 20, Children's Easter Party: An excellent turnout for this annual party. The students working for their volunteer points and the Legion volunteers did an excellent job preparing and serving lunch, helping with crafts, and helping to decorate cupcakes. The cupcakes were donated by Katrina Baker and Oliver – thank you! Thank you to the volunteers, the parents who brought the children and helped them with the crafts and the decorating, and anyone who made donations. Pics p4

Thursday, April 24, Senior's Social. This very first senior's social gathering was a small but very pleasant event. A light lunch was served, golden oldies music was playing, there was dancing and singing, and the bar was available! There was also a 'flower bar' from which all guests could pick flowers to take home! Thank you to Julie Maheral for organizing. This will be an ongoing event at the Branch. Please watch for posters and see the Legion Facebook page for the time and day of the next one. All seniors are welcome! Pics p4

Friday April 25, Meals to Wheels TGIF Dinner: Ribs on the Smoker accompanied by Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Glazed Carrots, Dinner Roll and Chocolate Mousse. Another **100+** sellout! Thank you to all who made this possible! Pics p3

Coming Up:

Friday May 9, Meals to Wheels TGIF Dinner: Pork Schnitzel with Mushroom Gravy, mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Sauerkraut, Dessert, \$20.00, order online or call the Branch at 613-832-2082; cutoff date to order is Tuesday May 6.

Monday May 12, West Carleton Seniors Car Rally

Friday May 23, Meals to Wheels TGIF Dinner: menu TBA

Saturday May 24, Pool Tourney: call the Branch for details

Monday May 26: Branch AGM and Elections 7:30 pm

Saturday May 31: Zone Washer Toss

Saturday June 21: Private booking

Sunday June 22: West Carleton Seniors Washer Toss

Saturday June 28: Private Booking

Tuesday July 1: Canada Day

Don't Forget:

Next L.A. Meeting – Monday May 5, 700 pm., Elections & AGM

**Next Branch Meeting – Monday May 26 6:30 pm. Executive;
7:30 pm. Elections & AGM**

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: Branch Executive Meeting 6:30 pm.
Every 3rd Monday of June*, September, November, January, March, May: Branch General Meeting 7:30 pm *The Legion fiscal year starts on June 1; July & August general meetings are suspended
Every 2nd & 4th Monday: Ladies darts Singles, blind draw, 7:00 pm.

Tuesday: Ladies' Darts 7:00 pm. On hiatus until September
Every 2nd Tuesday: Seniors Potluck & Meeting 12:00 noon

Wednesday: Youth Darts, 7:00 pm

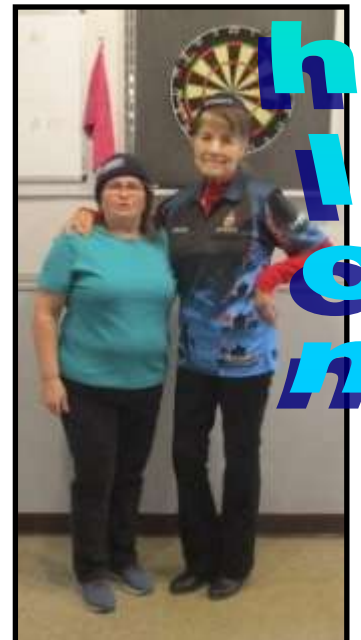
Thursday: Men's Darts 7:00 pm.

Friday: Mixed Darts 7:00 pm.
Every 2nd Friday: Meals to Wheels TGIF Dinner 5:30 p.m., \$20.00
Canada Day: every July 1st
Legion Week: 3rd Sunday in September to following Saturday
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

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.



Senior Activities





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Breakfast Every Sunday				1 Men's Darts 7pm	2 Mixed Darts 7pm	3
4	5 Ladies Auxiliary Elections	6	7 Youth Darts	8 Men's Darts 7pm	9 Meals to Wheels Mixed Darts 7pm	10
11 Mothers Day	12	13 Senior's Potluck & meeting 12pm	14 Youth Darts	15 Men's Darts 7pm	16	17
18	19	20	21 Youth Darts	22 Men's Darts 7pm	23 Meals to Wheels	24 Pool Tourney
25	26 616 AGM & Elections	27	28 Youth Darts	29 Men's Darts 7pm	30	31



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Youth Darts	5 Men's Darts 7pm	6 Meals to Wheels	7
8	9	10 Senior's Potluck & meeting 12pm	11 Youth Darts	12 Men's Darts 7pm	13 Mixed Darts 7pm	14
15	16	17	18 Youth Darts	19 Men's Darts 7pm	20 Mixed Darts 7pm	21 Booked
22	23	24	25 Youth Darts	26 Men's Darts 7pm	27 Mixed Darts 7pm	28 Booked
29	30					