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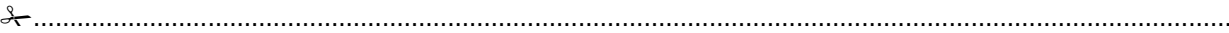
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Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ Postal Code: _____

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Comrades,

Spring is here and the snow is starting to go away. Come out and enjoy comradeship with your fellow members. We are having a Neil Diamond tribute concert on April 13th and the Ladies Auxiliary Convention on the 14th and our dine-ins every Friday night so there are lots of chances to meet your comrades at the branch and say hi. We are putting a pool table in our lounge so you can come in and shoot a game with your friends or challenge a fellow member to a game. We will be trying horse shoes again this summer with a sign up list going up on the bulletin board in the near future, sign up and come out on Wednesday and enjoy a game with your friends.

Comrades at the time I am writing this report it is with heavy heart as we have lost 3 of our fellow members within the last couple of days, Bob Clark, Elish Burgoyne and Linda Jones passed away recently so if you see members of their families, please express your condolences to them as they were common people around the branch and will surely be missed.

Yours in Comradeship,
Glenn Bennett

1st VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Comrades,

At our next General Meeting to be held on April 4, 2013 we will once again be dealing with Branch Regulations. At this meeting we have to vote on these rules which will govern our branch. I urge all to be in attendance as these regulations will affect all members. This General Meeting will also include nominations for next year's Executive. As in years past, I am sure everyone in attendance could be nominated. The final nominations, elections and installations will follow at our General Meeting on May 2, 2013. Once again Comrades, be advised that this is indeed not a popularity contest and that you Comrades, with your votes, will decide the direction of this great Branch of ours. Please look around and see the many improvements to your Branch and there are more improvements planned for the near future. Comrades, we required your assistance with raising over \$12,000.00. Congratulations on a very successful campaign. We once again call on your assistance Comrades. I hope everyone has read last month's Bulletin as a breakdown on Legion dues showed that we receive for every \$55.00 the sum of \$18.88 and from \$45.00 dues we receive \$8.88. Our Dine-ins have been low in attendance which could be much improved by our member's participation. Our Branch membership is 356. Please plan to attend our Dine-ins and not only enjoy a great meal and entertainment but also show your support. Thanks to all volunteers for their generous donations in support of our Branch. "Where would we be without your help?"

Yours in Comradeship,
Don MacDonald

Sports

Comrades,

We had one single, one double and a team qualify for Provincial Darts on March 16, held at Branch 82 in Port Credit. I am sorry to say we did not win at any of the events but the dart players shot very well. Andy Couroux was in singles, Andy and Gord Evans played in the doubles and Don MacDonald, Ralph Schutz, Andy and Gord played teams. Zone mixed darts are being held in Restoule Legion on Saturday March 23rd. We have three or four teams going to play. Good luck to all teams and doubles!

Yours in Comradeship
Larrie Coulson

50/50 Draw - Back by Popular Demand!

Tickets cost \$1.00 each and are available only at the bar. The maximum number of tickets printed is 800 and the prize is 50% of all tickets sold during the eligible period prior to the individual draws. Tickets are only valid for the draw date on them. The remaining 50% will benefit local charities. Our Lottery License is on display at the bar and a list of previous winners is posted at the branch. March's winner was Marion Smith.

Draws will be held on the following dates:

April 1, 2013

May 1, 2013

June 1, 2013

Yours in Comradeship,
Glen Cameron

Special Events

Comrades,

Don't forget the Neil Diamond Tribute Dinner, Show and Dance on April 13, 2013. Dinner and Show costs \$25.00 (show only costs \$10.00) and you must get your tickets in advance. Come out and enjoy a full course Turkey Dinner and a very entertaining musical show. Tickets are on sale at the bar.

Yours in Comradeship,
Larry Coulson and Kathy Landon

SERVICE OFFICER

If any Veterans and/or dependents are in need of assistance please contact:

Ron Van Tassell at 497-1102.

Remember Veterans, you do not have to be a Legion member in order to receive assistance.

Yours in Comradeship,
Ron Van Tassell

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Comrades,

As most of you are aware, Branch 445 hosts an Honours and Award ceremony every second year. This year we will present Past Officers Medals, Bars and Year Service Pins. I am, this year, initiating an early start on Honours and Awards for next year. At this point I would ask you Comrades, if you know of anyone you feel is deserving of an award, to nominate them. When nominating a Comrade for an award, include the award being nominated for and the reason you feel this Comrade deserves said award. This should include all pertinent data, offices held with dates and spans of time involved. Any additional information of the activities, achievements and committee work should also be stated. Comrades, if anyone requires advice on these nominations, I am available to assist you. The awards available for nomination are:

1. Certificate of Appreciation
2. Certificate of Merit
3. Branch Service Medals
4. Friendship Award
5. Legionnaire of the Year
6. Life Membership
7. Meritorious Service Medal
8. Palm Leaf

Comrades, we have many deserving members that will not receive their due if you, their Comrades, do not take the time to have them recognized.

Yours in Comradeship,
Don MacDonald

MEMBERSHIP

Comrades,

As of March 21, 2013:

There are 69 members not paid up for 2013. Dues notices were sent out on March 18, 2013.

We have 3 initiations scheduled for April 4, 2013.

We have 2 new applications to read at the General Meeting on April 4, 2013.

We have 3 initiations scheduled for March 22, 2013.

We have a few members who have moved and have not given us their new address. We would appreciate it if you could call us at the office (705-752-3773) or fill in the change of address form which is elsewhere in this Bulletin and send it to us.

Yours in Comradeship,
Emma Bennett

April 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Exercise Class 10:00 am L.A. Meeting - 7:30pm N.D.L.	2 Pool 1:30pm Fiddlers 7:00pm Cribbage 7:00pm	3 O/55 Darts	4 Legion General Meeting 7:00 pm	5 Yoga 9:30am Roast Chicken Bill Vrebosch Fun Darts	6 Senior's Room Booked—Baby Shower 12-4pm
7	8 Exercise Class 10:00 am N.D.L.	9 Pool 1:30pm O/55 Executive Meeting Cribbage 7:00pm	10 O/55 Darts- Cancelled Boy Scouts Mtg- Seniors Room 7-9:30 Nip. Manor Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	11 O/55 Pot Luck 5:30 pm	12 Yoga 9:30am Pork Schnitzel Rebecca Fun Darts	13 Neil Diamond Tribute: Dinner, Show and Dance
14 Ladies Auxiliary Convention	15 Exercise Class 10:00 am N.D.L.	16 Pool 1:30pm Cribbage 7:00pm	17 O/55 Darts VON Foot Clinic- Seniors Room	18 Legion Executive Meeting 7:00 pm	19 Yoga 9:30am Roast Beef Back in Tyme Fun Darts	20 Terry Lang Wedding Reception
21 N.D.L. Annuals Breakfast and Lunch	22 Exercise Class 10:00 am N.D.L.	23 Pool 1:30pm Cribbage 7:00pm	24 O/55 Darts	25	26 Yoga 9:30am Fish and Chips Julie McCory Fun Darts	27
28	29 Exercise Class 10:00 am N.D.L.	30 Pool 1:30pm Cribbage 7:00pm (Last night for Crib)				

May 2013

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 O/55 Darts	2 Legion General Meeting 7:00 pm	3 Yoga 9:30am Roast Chicken Back in Tyme Fun Darts	4 N.D.L. Banquet Birthday Party-Seniors Room
5	6 Exercise Class 10:00 am L.A. Meeting - 7:30pm N.D.L.	7 Pool 1:30pm Fiddlers 7:00pm	8 O/55 Darts Boy Scouts Mtg- Seniors Room 7-9:30pm	9	10 Yoga 9:30am Crib Supper- Seniors Room Pork Schnitzel Winston James Fun Darts	11 Winston James Entertainment
12 Mother's Day	13 Exercise Class 10:00 am N.D.L.	14 Pool 1:30pm O/55 Exec Mtg 204 Sqdn Army Cadets Banquet	15 O/55 Darts VON Foot Clinic- Seniors Room	16 Legion Executive Meeting 7:00 pm O/55 Pot Luck 12:00 Noon	17 Yoga 9:30am Roast Beef Bill Vrabosch Fun Darts	18 Retirement Party
19	20 Victoria Day N.D.L.	21 Pool 1:30pm	22 O/55 Darts	23	24 Yoga 9:30am Swiss Steak with Gravy Rebecca Fun Darts	25
26	27 Exercise Class 10:00 am N.D.L.	28 Pool 1:30pm	29 O/55 Darts	30	31 Yoga 9:30am Boneless Pork Chops Back in Tyme Fun Darts	

BANQUETS REPORT

Comrades,

Some upcoming events to keep in mind:

April 6th - Baby Shower (Senior's Room)

April 10th - Nipissing Manor Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

April 13th - Tribute to Neil Diamond (show/dinner/dance)

April 14th - Ladies Auxiliary Spring Convention

April 20th - Terry Lang Wedding Reception

April 21st - Northern Dart League (Annual Dart Tournament)

Your contribution to support our dine-in every Friday Night and Dance from 7:00 P.M. to 11:00pm would be greatly appreciated. Also for \$1.00 it gives you a chance to win one of our many meat draws.

Yours in Comradeship,

Ron Ayotte and Helene Lariviere - Banquet Coordinators

SICK AND VISITING

With great regrets we have lost a Veteran, Bob Clark. We also lost Elish Burgoyne and Linda Jones. There are a few in hospital, Rolly Corriveau and Gary Deforge, and they are not doing well. There are some at home recuperating; Mary Kilby, Ernie Coolbear, Brent Coleman.

If there is anyone you know that is sick, please call me to let me know at 705-752-2867.

Yours in Comradeship,

Tony Gagliardi

REGULATIONS

Comrades, a Notice of Motion was introduced at the last General Meeting held in March. On Thursday April 4, 2013 we will address the Regulations in question at our General Meeting. Once these regulations have been passed by the general membership, the completed package will be once again sent to Provincial Command for approval. This will be the fifth submission of these regulations and I have hopefully dotted all the I's and crossed all the T's. If there is even one mistake in spelling, these regulations will be returned for correction.

Comrades, it is imperative that you attend this very important meeting as you will have to abide with the decisions rendered by those in attendance.

Yours in Comradeship,

Don MacDonald

Phone: 705-752-1322

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Saturday: noon - 9 pm

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POPPY FUND

Comrades with children or grandchildren attending College or University I would like to draw your attention to two possible Bursaries you could qualify for; The Poppy Fund Bursary and the Bursary Assistance Program.

The Poppy Fund allows for a local Bursary from the Poppy Fund to be awarded to Veterans or relatives of Veterans. Apply for this Bursary in the Spring of the year by contacting the Poppy Chair and filling out the application. The Ontario Command Charitable Foundation and the RCL Ladies Auxiliary Bursary Assistance Program is open to any Legion Member to apply, even possibly step children or step grandchildren. Among other places, applications can be obtained from Ladies Auxiliary Members. The deadline to have this Bursary submitted is generally the end of March each year.

Yours in Comradeship,
Irene Lewis

ATTENTION VETERANS

**Ex-Service and Still Serving Men and Women
and Dependants**

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Sherry Culling

**Will be visiting Branches in your area
during the week of April 22nd, 2013**

Anyone wishing information, advice or assistance regarding:

**Veterans Affairs Canada Disability Pensions
Treatment for Entitled Veterans
Application for Poppy/Benevolent Funds
Appeals against unfavorable VAC decisions
Widows**

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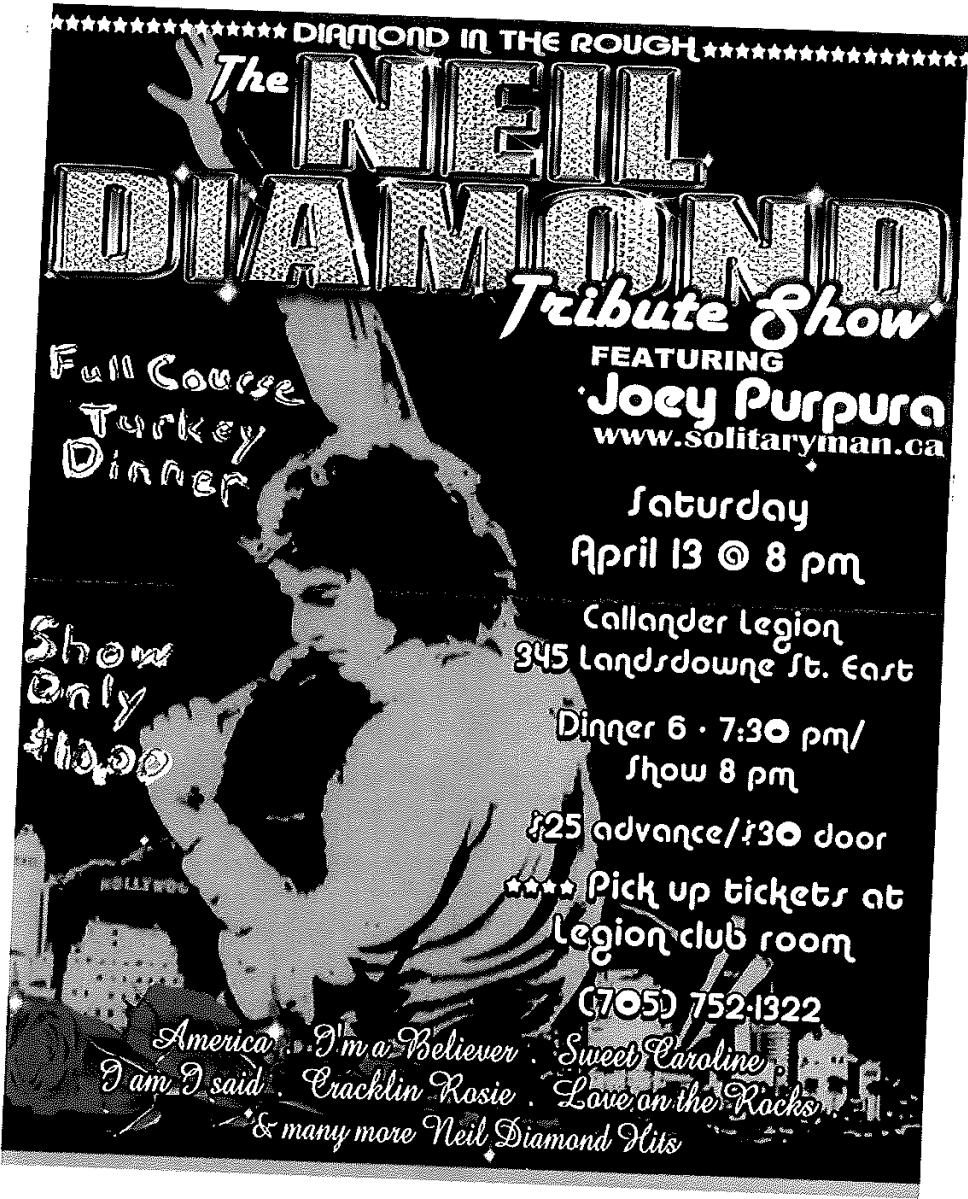
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