



ST. JAMES LEGION #4
NEWSLETTER



November & December 2017



LEST WE FORGET

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Branch Officers, Executive & Appointments

Officers

President	Mike Thayer	Publicity
1 st Vice President	Betty Zarney	Special Events
2 nd Vice President	Chris Lundgren	Children's Programs
3 rd Vice President	Darcy Halladay	In House Draws
Past President	Ronn Anderson	Finance/ Poppy/ Honours & Awards

Executives

Membership	Don Cozine
House	Roland Fisette
Sick Visiting	Keith Muffty
Resolutions/By-Laws	Dusty Miller
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Entertainment	Mary Anne McGibney
Ways & Means	Ken Morley
Scholarships	Jane Deller
Sports	Mary Anne McGibney

Appointments

Honorary President	Bert Jolly
Padre	Maj Owen Budden
Legion Lodge	Gary Pruden
Branch Pianist	Jan Miller
Branch Piper	Doc Jardine
Recording Secretary	Don Cozine
Sgt-at-Arms	Rose Marie Cozine
Chase the Ace	Ken Morley
Website	George Morrison

Ladies Auxiliary

President Corinne Van Meer

Over 55 Club

Chairman Peter Henry

Office Staff (888-2860)

Secretary	Treasurer	Leif Johnson	Bar Manager	Roxanne Mills
Office Administrator	Debi Pointkoski	Assistant Bar Manager	Jessie Frankfurt	

Branch Hours Sept to May 2018 Mon 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tues 9 a.m. to 12 a.m.
Wed 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Thurs 9 a.m. to 12 a.m. Fri 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. Sat 9 a.m. to 12 a.m.
Sunday Closed



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE November 2017

Greetings to all Comrades and Friends of the Legion.

A bit early but since this is the last Bulletin of 2017, I would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I would like to thank the Officers, Executive and Volunteers that have worked hard and helped through out the year. I wish also to thank all the staff members without whom it would be impossible to operate. Office, Bar, Maintenance, you are all important.

Don't forget our service at Bruce Park on the 11th of November. It is always a very moving ceremony and well attended. Parade steps off from Lyle St, which is west of the Assiniboine Hotel on Portage Avenue at 10:40. I hope to see you all there. There will be a reception at the branch after the parade.

The Poppy Campaign is well under way, but as in past years we still require a lot of help. Check the bulletin board for empty time slots that you can fill. It's only with your help that we can raise the funds needed to support our veterans.

I would like congratulate Betty Zarney who by acclamation will stay on as our 1st Vice-President for the next 2 years. Executive Members Mary Anne McGibney and Dusty Miller also will be staying on for another 2 years, Congratulations to you both. We still need another 2 members to serve on the Executive. If you are interested in the future of your Branch, come to the meeting and stand for office. We will hold an election in December for 3rd Vice-President. Advance Pole will be Saturday, 9 December and election at the General Meeting Thursday, 14 December. Nominations are Darcy Halladay, Mary Anne McGibney and Ken Morley. I would like congratulate Betty Zarney who by acclamation will stay on as our 1st Vice-President for the next 2 years. Executive Members Mary Anne McGibney and Dusty Miller also will be staying on for another 2 years, Congratulations to you both. We still need another 2 members to serve on the Executive. If you are interested in the future of your Branch, come to the meeting and stand for office. We will hold an election in December for 3rd Vice-President. Advance Pole will be Saturday, 9 December and election at the General Meeting Thursday, 14 December. Nominations are Darcy Halladay, Mary Anne McGibney and Ken Morley.

The branch is accepting 2018 dues payments. Dues if paid before the end of December are \$48.00. From the 1st of January, they are \$53.00 for the year. Be an Early bird and save 5 dollars.

We will once again start off The New Year with a Levee. This is a casual Meet and Greet on New Year's Day where you will be able to come out and meet your fellow members in a casual manner.

All the very best to the shut-in members and a get well quick to those who are ill.



Cde. Mike Thayer, President

Bar Managers Message

Happy November, Halloween is over for another year. Christmas and New Year's is on the way.

New Year's tickets will go on sale Nov 13th at the Bar. Sale times are Mon 9 am to 1 pm – Tues, Weds and Thurs 9 am to 3 pm – Friday 9 am to 1 pm. Sat only Dec 2nd 2 pm to 5 pm. See Rox for the tickets.

Don't forget to purchase your Remembrance Angel for the Branch Remembrance Christmas Tree. See the Bar or Betty Z.

On behalf of the Bar Staff of # 4, Brenda, Cindy, Janice, Joyce, Sharon, Jessie, Ron F and myself Rox. Have a Merry Christmas and Healthy New Year.

Fact: As of Nov 1st, there is only 108 days till Valentine's Day, so make sure you get your Valentine Something Special.

Rox



LAST POST

Heaven's gate swung gently open, the Master called softly "Come" and you Dear one took the Master's hand and your work on earth was done. We'll never cease to miss you and shed many silent tears because we cannot share with you our hopes, Our joys, Our fears. But one day in God's garden when the master calls us to come, You'll be at the gates with open arms and say to us "Welcome home".

It is with deep sympathy the Branch records the passing of the following Comrades condolences to the bereaved families.

Cde. Don Morrison
Ordinary
Unit: QOCH
Deceased 8 Oct 17

Cde. Gordie Laing
Life
Unit: QOCH
Deceased 15 Oct 17

Cde. Alf Walters
Life
Unit: RCASC
Deceased 17 Oct 17

Cde. J.L. Baird
Voting Affiliate
Deceased 6 Sept 17

**They s shall grow not old As we are
left grow old; age shall not weary them, Nor do the years
condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.**

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.





Newsletter Submission

Please note: all submissions for the Newsletter must be typed or hand printed. Thank you

Cde. Mike Thayer, Publicity

Mobility Aids

The Branch has a limited number of mobility aids such as wheelchairs, and canes that are available on loan to our members. If you need a mobility aid on a temporary basis, stop by the Branch to view the items available and determine if one might meet your short term needs.

SICK VISITING REPORT



For September/October 2017

**Deer Lodge Centre
Chris Aldridge**

Charles Yule	Not in room, on an outing to Club Regent.
Maria Sawatsky	Good discussion in 6th floor lunch room, her favorite place.
Sonja Anderson	Viewing the westward scenery in lunchroom, short visit.

Angie Richot Good talks, looking good, just had a great grand daughter from Saskatchewan in for a visit.

Derry McKinnon Interesting visit, grumpy as ever. (Back home now)

**Golden West Lodge
Chris Aldridge**

Elliot Armstrong Weather discussion dominated this month, always good discussions.

**Oakview Place
Jim Ward**

Marge Howitt Resting - left goodie bag.

Ed Wall Short visit and talk.

**Heritage Lodge
Jim Ward**

Bill Appleton Good visit and Chat.

**Thorvaldson Care Centre
Keith Muffty**

Al Matthews Good visit, doing ok.

**Seven Oaks Hospital
Keith Muffty**

Anne Richardson Nice visit and chat, happy to see someone from the Legion.

This is my report for the sick and visiting. Thanks to the committee members Chris and Jim.

Cde. Keith Muffty, Sick visiting Chair

Deer Lodge Veteran's

Please take note. Any checks or donations made to Deer Lodge Veterans must be made out to the **Veterans Memorial Endowment Fund at Deer Lodge**. This is to ensure the money or donations go directly to the Veterans and no other organizations. Thank you.



Ladies Auxiliary Report

Our meeting for Nov is Thursday Nov 2/17 6:30 p.m. for the Executive and 7:30 p.m. for the General.

Corinne Van Meer, President Ladies Auxiliary

Daily Draw Winners September/ October R. Nombrado, J.A. Auger



Advertising

Just started a Business or need a little boost in your sales or services to get things going? Then why not advertise in the Legion Newsletter an inexpensive way to advertise your product. The Newsletter is read by 1500 plus members and their families that may need your services or product you're offering. Call the Branch Office at 888-2860.

Full page \$136.00

Half Page \$68.00

Quarter Page \$36.00

Marriage Commissioner

Our Office Administrator, Debi Pointkoski, is also a Certified Marriage Commissioner as well as a Commissioner of Oaths. Please contact Debi if you want more information regarding this service.

SPORTS REPORT

Fall is here, and our branch sports activities have started for the fall and winter.



Cribbage

The cribbage league started in September so come out and join us for an afternoon of friendly cards & socializing. Registration starts at 11:30 am. Cards at 12:30.

We play every second Saturday.

We hope to see you there.

Contact Bea 888 4661 if you have any questions.



Curling

The curling has started on Sundays at the Assiniboine Curling Club for this year. A detailed list of the teams and their standings will be in the next bulletin.

Curling started October 15 with 8 full teams.

The schedule for the next few weeks is...

Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26 Dec, 17

Start time is at 12:00 Noon

Standings after week 2.

<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>Total PTS</u>
W. Neumann	1	0	1	2	2
B. McGowan	2	0	0	4	4
W. Wizbicki	2	0	0	4	4
J. Nichols	0	0	1	1	1
K. Gray	0	0	1	0	0
N. Bell	1	0	1	2	2
R. Fisette	0	1	1	1	1
D. Karpenic	1	0	1	2	2



Darts

The Wednesday Night Dart league started in September and a detailed listing of the teams and standings will be in the next bulletin. If you are interested in playing in this fun league and require more information, please leave a message at the branch.

The Provincial Command Darts Registration is posted on the Sports bulletin Board and the deadline for Registration will be NOVEMBER 11,2017. Should Branch playoffs be required they will be played on November 18,2017 with registration at 9:00 a.m. and play to commence immediately after.



International Veterans Billiard League

The 2017-18 season has started in the early Fall. Watch the bulletin boards for the standings.



Senior Snooker League

The Senior Snooker league has started again in for the winter season.

A nominal fee will be charged to cover expenses and the Wind-up Banquet to be held in April 2018.

You must be a member of the branch to be eligible to play.

Thanks to all for your help and co-operation in making this year a success.



Upcoming Events

The Mary Oliver Memorial Dart Tournament was held on September 16th and the monies raised will be forwarded to Cancer Care in Manitoba. A big thank you to the Branch and its members for their generosity.

Please watch the bulletin boards for upcoming sporting events to take place at our branch.

Yours Fraternally, MaryAnne McGibney
Sports Chairman

St James Legion Senior Golf League Report 2017

As I am writing the end of year Senior Golf league report, the forecast for the third week of Oct. calls for temperature of 15 to 19C. Still a few games left for the hard nose golfers, we had a few rain out Wednesdays this year and attendance was down with an average of 12 to 20 participants. Let's hope that more members join us for the 2018 season.

The Annual Ed Neumann Memorial golf tournament was held on Wednesday the 23rd of August with 28 golfers participating. Many members of the Neumann family joined us again this year and we used the Callaway system to score and level the playing field. We had a tie this year and with a count back Cde. Gary Lacey was declared the Champion for 2017.

We had quite a few Golf trips outside the city this year thanks to Cde Doug Gallagher who coordinated our first trip to the Oakwood golf course. However, as you all know Doug does not have smart phone or computer, so he gladly passed the torch to Cde Claude Parent. I would like to thank Claude on behalf of all the golfers for checking course's specials, making reservations, tee times and e mailing all potential golfers. We played at Grand Pines, Elm Creek, Netley Creek and Whispering Winds. Claude has volunteered to do this again next year.

Our Annual Championship tournament event took place on Sept. 13 and the Gross/Net scores were tabulated by the firm of Roy and Parent (also known as the French connection). Closest to the pin was won by J. Lempke and closest to the line was won by L. Carriere. Cde R. Fisette finished in 3rd place, Cde Doc Halladay was second and Cde G. Lacy was declared Champion with a net score of 31.the Champion for 2017.

The Annual Golf Awards luncheon was held on the 5th of October. Great job with the table settings by Roxy and Ron and thanks to Rick and his staff for a great meal. See you on the links next year.

Cde Bernie Roy



Entertainment

Band Schedule, Bands for November and December 2017

Fall is definitely here and winter is on its way. The schedule for Nov and Dec is as follows:

Nov 3 & 4, Marvells

Nov 10 & 11, DJ Jessie James

Nov 17 & 18, Vintage Groove

Nov 24 & 25, Groove N' Time

Dec 1 & 2, Dynamics

Dec 8 & 9, Marvells

Dec 15 & 16, Vintage Groove

Dec 22 & 23, Halo Jump

Dec 29 & 30. 4 on the Floor

Dec 31, Marvells

Here's wishing all our members a great Christmas and New Year's. The schedule for 2018 will be in the next bulletin.

Fraternally yours

Cde. Maryanne McGibney, Entertainment Chair



Special Events

Our Chili Cook Off in September went very good. Everyone had fun and tasted a lot of different chilis. I want to thank MaryAnne McGibney, Debbie Clark, June Clark and Janice Kennedy for helping with this event. Also thank you to Roxanne Mills and Ron Filbey who help me before getting everything ready. Thank you to Mike Thayer, Doc Halladay and Chris Lundgren who were judges and tasted all the chilis. Thank you to Sven Leppik and Vets Canada for teaming up with us. It was a lot of fun. A big thank you to all the staff. They worked very hard. I want to especially thank all the members and guests who participated by buying silent auction tickets and chili tickets. Without your support we would not be able to do this. We raised over \$1100.00 for our homeless veterans and veterans with PTSD. Thank you.



Veteran's Luncheon Thursday 9 November 12:00 Noon

Any Veteran who would like to come and have lunch with our shut-in guests please sign your name on the sheet on the bulletin board.



Remembrance Day Saturday 11 November Saturday

Bus will be leaving the branch at approximately 10:00 am.
Form up is on Lyle Street at 10:40 am.
After marching back there will be entertainment and chili.



New Year's Eve Dance December 31 Sunday

Tickets are:

Members- \$50.00

Non-Members- \$55.00

Band- Marvells

Tickets will go on Sale- November 13th. Please see Roxanne only.

Dinner

Garden Salad, Macaroni Salad, California mixed Vegetables, Mashed Potato, Roast Beef/ Gravy, Swedish Meatballs, Baked Chicken, Fresh Cut Fruits, Assortment of Cakes & Dainties, Dinner Rolls/ Butter, Coffee/Tea



Levee Day January 1st Monday

12:00 Noon

Come and enjoy some comradeship and moose milk.



Christmas Angel Tree of Remembrance

We will be selling special angels for our Christmas Tree of Remembrance. These angels are for any Veteran and any loved ones who have passed on. After you purchase your angel you may hang it on the tree and after Christmas you may pick up your angel. They will be \$5.00 each.

Buy one for our fallen Veterans.

Betty Zarney or Roxanne Mills will be selling the angels.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cde. Betty Zarney, Special Events

Children's Halloween Party



The Children's Halloween Party was held on Sunday, October 29th in the Club Room. The party was hosted by Superman and Supergirl (Joel & Brenda Nichols) and entertainment was provided by Magic Rick. There was a great array of costumes that were paraded through the Club Room. The Giant Pumpkin awarded to the best carved jack-o-lantern went to Harry Potter from Hogwarts. Good time was had by all/. Special thanks to Betty, Mike, Dusty, Liz. Harvey, and Docs 1 & 2 for making the party a success.

Children's Christmas Party



SPECIAL REMINDER

Breakfast with Santa at the Legion will be on December 10th. Registration Forms Available at the Bar. Cut off for applications NOVEMBER 9TH.

Cde, Chris Lundgren, Children's Committee

Canadian Tire Money

As all members Know by now, our Club sponsors the PPCLI Cadets. There is a small box located by the phone down stairs near the Canteen. If you have any spare CDN Tire Money, it would be greatly appreciated if you could drop it in the box. Once filled we will deliver it to the PPCLI Cadets.



Over 55+ Club

Spoke to Jan Miller; she will be out of circulation for a while. She is under care.

We had our Canada Day – a supper Crowd. We had 72 out including a group from 283. We had the Sergeant At Arms and his wife out. We had an excellent lunch, food was enjoyed by all. Joyce had a cake from Safeway that was very nice.

Aldo Buscemi had a fall. Spoke with Jan Miller, she is improving but will still take some time. Spoke to Darlyn McDonald, is using a walker now and slowly improving.

Ed Stanton and his Daughter were out for Canada Day. His Daughter came over and spoke to me and I went over and said hello to Ed. He goes and exercises every day. He is well into his nineties and looks good. Was nice to have them with us.

For our Christmas Party we will have cheese, cake and will also have entertainment.

I would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Very Good New Year from all of us. May we all have a Good year

June Clarke Over 55+ Publicity



In House Draws, Meat Draw

Wishing everyone a great day on November 11th, Remembrance Day, hope to see a large turn out at Bruce Park and at #4 Legion in support of all past and serving members of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Without “you” we will slowly pass on.

The Saturday Ham and Turkey Draw dates in preparation for 2017 Christmas and new years are:

Dec 02
Dec 09
Dec 16

All Saturday meat draws start at 2 pm.

I have initiated an additional Saturday meat draw team for 2018 to be called the “buzzard golfers”, we have 3 persons that have volunteered, however we require a 4th member to complete this team.

This “fun team” would require a commitment of ONLY one Saturday afternoon of approximately 3 hours every 2 months.

Please contact me if you are interested.

Wishing everyone a merry Christmas 2017 and a Happy New Year 2018.

Good luck to all on the Friday night and Saturday afternoon meat draws in the upcoming year, please come out and support these events as they are integral to the success of this legion.

Cde. Doc Halladay 3rd Vice, In House Draws Chair

Ways and Means Chase The Ace



It seems that summer is over for another year. Our Thanksgiving Basket was won by Ashley, who was very happy to have won. We are still selling Grey Cup tickets, and have books left to sell. If you are interested in selling some, leave your contact information at the bar or contact me and we will set you up with some tickets. Our final basket draw will be out soon, which is the Christmas Basket. Look for the posters in the branch.

Our Chase the Ace is continuing to grow, with the pot at \$3,778.00 Ticket sales start at 6PM and close at 8PM. we have the draw at 8:15PM, and we also have a 50-50 draw.

Finally, if anyone has suggestions for our baskets next, write them down and place them in the suggestion box.

Respectfully Submitted

Cde. Ken Morley Ways & Means Chairman





The Poppy.

I am not a badge of honour,
I am not a racist smear,
I am not a fashion statement,
To be worn but once a year,
I am not glorification
Of conflict or of war.
I am not a paper ornament
A token,
I am more.

I am a loving memory,
Of a father or a son,
A permanent reminder
Of each and every one.

I'm paper or enamel
I'm old or shining new,
I'm a way of saying thank you,
To every one of you.

I am a simple poppy
A Reminder to you all,
That courage faith and honour,
Will stand where heroes fall.

1st Shankill Somme Association



**New Members for the General Meeting
As of October 19, 2017**

Ordinary New

Kenneth Gaune
Andrew Taylor
Steve Belley

Associate New

Marlowe Prasek
Marie Sumner
Michael Sumner

Affiliate New

Reinstated

J. Ian Dark
Donald Mc Dougald

Transferred

Maria Dela Cruz

Number of Dues paid 2018

211

New Members

9

Cde. Don Cozine, Membership Chair

Key Card

As at September 1st, 2016, if your key card/key fob is lost, there will be a charge of \$5.00 to replace it. If your key card/key fob is broken, please bring it into the office for replacement.

BRANCH #4 LEGION WEBSITE

<http://www.rclstjames04.mb.ca/>



LEARN TO LINE DANCE

Monday, 10:00-11:00, Zumba Gold, Beginner, Karen Hodgins, Sept - June
 Monday, 1:30-3:00, Line Dancing, Beginner, Sheryl Fowler, Oct - May
 Wednesday, 7:00-7:30, Line Dancing, Intermediate, Karen Hodgins, Sept-June
 Wednesday, 7:30-9:00, Line Dancing Low Intermediate, Karen Hodgins, all year
 Thursday, 10:00-11:00, Zumba Gold, Beginner, Karen Hodgins, Sept – June



SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

On your way, downstairs to the main lounge, there is a wooden box marked “St James Legion Supports the Troop’s Family” if you have any spare change please throw it in to support our Troop’s family.

Also, have a look at the wall behind the bar; we are selling items for the MFRC (Military Family Resource Centre” to help the Troops and their families.

Support your troops on Friday by wearing RED.



Volunteers Needed

I would like to thank all the Members that have come out time & time again as Honorary Pallbearers honouring our Veterans that have passed on. I know it’s a thankless job, but it is a real necessity. If any Member with a Legion Uniform would like to join this Elite Group, please call the Branch Office and leave your name. We need some more Pallbearers who are available in the AM and or PM.

Cde. Chris Lundgren, Service Officer



Why I Like Retirement!

Question: How many days in a week?

Answer: 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday

Question: When is a retiree's bedtime?

Answer: Two hours after he falls asleep on the couch.

Question: How many retirees to change a light bulb?

Answer: Only one, but it might take all day.

Question: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?

Answer: There is not enough time to get everything done.

Question: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?

Answer: The term comes with a 10% discount.

Question: Why don't retirees mind Statutory Holidays?

Answer: They get paid for the day, regardless.

Question: Among retirees, what is considered formal attire?

Answer: Tied shoes.

Question: Why do retirees count pennies?

Answer: They are the only ones who have the time.

Question: What is the common term for someone who enjoys work and refuses to retire?

Answer: NUTS!

Question: Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage?

Answer: They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.

Question: What do retirees call a long lunch?

Answer: Normal

Question: What is the best way to describe Retirement?

Answer: The never-ending Coffee Break.

Question: What's the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree?

Answer: If you cut classes, no one calls your parents.

Question: Why does a retiree often say he doesn't miss work, but misses the people he used to work with?

Answer: He is too polite to tell the whole truth.

And, my very favorite....

Question: What do you do all week?

Answer: Monday through Friday, NOTHING.... Saturday & Sunday, I REST

Membership Renewal



To renew your 2018 membership or become a new member of St. James Legion #4 the dues are \$53.00. Save \$5.00 if you renew by December 31, 2017. Cannot make it down to the Legion? Mail in your dues with a self addressed stamped envelope, and we will be pleased to mail your Membership card to you. To renew for 2017 the dues are \$50.00.

Keep up with the happenings at our Legion. If you want the bulletin mailed to you, the cost is \$10.00 per year and you will be one of the first to receive the bulletin delivered right to your mailbox six times a year.



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