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Bar Chairman	Randy Soulliere	*see above*	
Branch Prop (In/Out)	Larry Williams	see above	
Branch Regulations	Morris Brause	see above	
Bursaries	Chris Ricard	see above	
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Lottery	Veronica Friesen	see above	
Newsletter	Tom Friesen	see above	
Parkwood Institute	OPEN		
Pool Tables	John Greer	call office	
Remembrance	Tom Friesen	see above	
Ways & Means	Veronica Friesen	see above	
Webmaster	B Robinson, C Ricard,	see above	

Windsor Veterans Memorial Services Committee: Ron Bisnaire

BRANCH MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE
Tuesday
April 20th
7:00 PM
"ZOOM"

GENERAL MEETING
Still suspended during COVID-19 Shutdown

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Tom's Humour Page

Top 10 Things Learned in 50 Years

1. Never take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.
2. There can be a fine line between "hobby" and "mental illness.
3. You should never confuse your career with your life.
4. No matter what happens in life, somebody will find a way to take it too seriously.
5. Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
6. Never lick a steak knife.
7. Take out the fortune before you eat the cookie.
8. The most destructive force in the universe is gossip.
9. Nobody can give me a clear and compelling reason why we observe daylight savings time.
10. A person who is nice to you but rude to the waiter is not a nice person.

Top 10 Wisdom Quotes

1. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it into a fruit salad.
2. Have you ever noticed, for some reason everything is funnier if you must suppress your laughter?
3. You never really appreciate what you have until it is gone. Toilet paper is a good example.
4. The older I get, the more I realize no one has any idea what they are actually doing, and they are actually pretending.
5. Life is short. Smile while you still have teeth!
6. I don't really like to think before I speak. It's much more fun to be just as surprised as everyone else about what comes out of my mouth.
7. If you want something you've never had, then you usually have to do something you've never done before.
8. Just when a caterpillar thinks the world is over, it becomes a beautiful butterfly.
9. Have you ever used your computer mouse cursor to scare away a fly that lands on your computer screen?
10. The brain is the most amazing organ in your body. It works 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, from birth, until the day your fall in love.

Random Thoughts About Aging

What do you think about getting older? Do you fight it? Did it just sort of just creep up on you?" I don't want to get older?" Do you embrace it? "Today will be an awesome day!" When you think about the aging process, does it make you proud to have survived this long? It's time to celebrate aging, let's go dancing! Aging, Getting Older, A Time for Fun, a Time of Wisdom, well, at least I hope so.
What is getting older all about?

"When you are discouraged about your age, and wish to go back to your youth, think of Algebra."
"Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age, and start bragging about it."
"The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for."
"I wouldn't want to brag at my age, but the earrings I wore in High School still fit today!"
"I don't know how to act my age." "I've never been this age before."
"Old age is when former classmates are so gray and wrinkled and bald, they don't recognize you."
"Stop counting the gray hairs." "Start counting the wonderful memories."
"Plan ahead in your life. Don't arrive to your deathbed all well preserved. Instead, slide in sideways with a glass of Cabernet Sauvignon in one hand and a bar of Godiva® Dark Chocolate in the other, all used up and screaming Woo Hoo!"

Funny quotes about aging and getting older.

"Every day above ground is an opportunity to encourage someone else. Encourage someone you consider "your elder" - make them feel young again!"
"Don't be concerned with how old you are getting. After all, aging just shows the number of years the world has been enjoying you!"
"I no longer think of each day as getting older or aging."
"Each day is marinating to bring out the best flavors!"
"My age is very inappropriate for my behavior."
"If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, then you won't have anything to laugh at when you are old."
"My computer screen says I need to upgrade my brain to be compatible with the latest software."
"Do something today that's outside of your normal routine. Maybe it's a bit wild. Maybe your friends will say you are crazy. Do it anyway. In fact, do something that makes you feel like a child again."
"Winkled means you laughed. Grey hair means you cared. Scars means you lived!"
"Young at heart." "Slightly older in other places."
"I'm not aging, I'm ripening to perfection."
"Why wait for senility? Have your second childhood now while you are young enough to enjoy it!"
"Me aging? No like a fine cheese, aging makes me more delicious."
"First you forget names, then you forget faces. Then you forget to pull up your zipper, then . . . "Oh my goodness! You forgot to pull your zipper down first!"

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A lot has happened since March 1st.

The WECHU has arranged for Covid-19 vaccinations throughout the county, and we are slowly getting immunized.

For a brief period we even allowed to have up to 50 patrons inside the building!

Then the Covid variants caused the provincial Covid-19 numbers to spike so here we are again in lockdown – emergency brake – stay at home…with the earliest possible re-opening of May 5th.

We will get through this with everyone isolating to minimize the spread of this terrible disease.

We are still having "Zoom" weekly operations and finance meetings to ensure things don't fall through the cracks. Morris Brause has provided a wonderful summary.

A "**Zoom' Gardening Committee** meeting is also scheduled for Friday April 9th to review what's needed at the branch for this year. If you would like to the 10:30AM meeting please contact Morris Brause and he will email you the invitation.

Friday April 9th is Vimy Ridge Day.
Over 10,000 Canadians lost their lives or were wounded during the battle.
It took place in France in 1917, during the First World War. As an expression of gratitude for the extreme sacrifices of Canadian soldiers, the area around Vimy Ridge was later decreed Canadian territory by France.
We will lower our flag to half mast at sunrise (7AM) and leave it that way until sunset (8PM) where it will be raised to full mast.
We recently received a donation (from Lou Durnbeck) of a beautiful, framed print of Vimy Ridge with silhouettes of our soldiers in the foreground. It will be proudly displayed on Friday and beyond.

Member Check Up
A team of 14 Branch Executives and member volunteers telephoned our members to make sure all can get food, prescriptions, trips to medical appointments as needed.
Let us know if you're in need and we will use our collective strength to help as much as we can.

For the most up to date information please check out our website. Brian Robinson is keeping the site up to date with Branch information.

Looking forward to seeing you at our Branch soon.

Tom Friesen, President,
Metropolitan Branch 594

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FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

General

The weekly Operations Committee meets each Monday at 10:00 am at the Legion and review what has been accomplished over the previous week; and what are the priorities for the forthcoming week. The Committee consists of the Chair, Comrade Morris Brause; the Secretary, Comrade Tom Friesen; and the members are Konrad Boehler (2nd VP), Larry Williams (3rd VP), Archie Neilson (Past President); Jim McGhie (Treasurer); Randy Soulliere (Bar Officer), Craig MacDonald (Kitchen); and Linda Ross (Bookkeeper).

Operations Committee Report:

I will cover the highlights of our meetings, decisions that have been made and action taken or to be taken:

a. **Moving from Code Red to Code White (Shut Down):** The Provincial Government announced on April 1st that as of 3 April 2021, the Province would be shut down for 28 days. In review, this meant that our bar operations would be totally shut down from 3 April until 1 May. Hopefully by 1 May our state will improve, and we will be able to operate. During the shut down, Craig's Kitchen will have pick up sales on Fridays from 4-8 pm; and two Sundays he will have special suppers that can be ordered and picked up between 4-7 pm on the following two dates: 11 and 25 April 2021. See the flyers in the newsletter and on the website.
b. **Financial Review:** The bar sales were good for the month of March and for the first two days of April. Our staff is once again laid off until we can open. The Fin Committee, under the leadership of our Treasurer, will monitor the cash flow and ensure that all invoices and regular bills are paid.
c. **Kitchen:** As mentioned above, Craig's Kitchen will continue to have Friday pick up food sales from 4-8 pm and two Sunday dinners for the month of April.
d. **Staffing:** we thank our custodian, Jason Fleming, for doing a great job of cleaning the entire Legion on the 3 & 4 April 2021. He will return once the Legion is once again open. The Bar Stewards will be laid off for the month of April. Our Bookkeeper will be in once per week for a few hours to work with the Senior Executive to pay bills and update our financial records.
e. **Decisions on Financial Savings during the closure:** every effort will be made to minimize expenditures during the shut down and to keep operational costs down.
f. **Verification of Bar Inventory:** The Bar Officer has completed the verification of the stock after the shut down and ensured that all expendable items over the next month are removed.
g. **Marketing:** Craig's Kitchen continues to market the kitchen take-out through Facebook 0the implementation of the Skip the Dishes if people wish to order and have their food delivered.
h. **HVAC Committee:** waiting for the new HVAC system to arrive; most of the cost is covered by our insurance.
i. **Finance Committee:** will meet bi-weekly and continue to monitor the finances and plan for the next FY budget that will commence on 1 June 2021.
j. **Security:** a group of Executive will continue to monitor the security of the building, freezers, fridges….
k. **Patio Extension:** The President has put in the request for the patio extension for the summer and we are awaiting the decision of the Town of Tecumseh Council.

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l. **Cover for Bar:** The Treasurer has submitted a grant request for a permanent structure over the cement patio area by the main lounge bar. We should hear back by mid-May on whether we have been granted approval for this grant.

Note: there are numerous other areas that are also discussed but will be in other Executive member reports in this meeting. The Operations Committee believes that these meetings should continue every other week during shutdown Every other week meetings for finance, and other committees will be held.

Respectfully submitted by: First Vice President, Comrade Morris Brause

MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Associate: Howard Ellis (Transferred to our Branch)
Edward Switalski (Edward has joined for 2021 and additional 5 years)
Affiliate Voting: Audrey Tomes

Metropolitan Branch 594 currently has Total Membership of 381.

Life (5), Ordinary (86), Associate (213), Affiliate Voting (77)

The Legion is pleased to offer currently serving and retired Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP members with a free one-year Legion membership, including a subscription to Legion Magazine and access to the Member Benefit programs. Our Veteran Welcome Program, available to all Veterans who have not yet joined the Legion, is a great way to get to know the organization.
To apply, please complete the Veteran Welcome Program
Registration Form http://www.legion.ca/welcome

For those of you that have not yet renewed please do so as soon as possible.
Renewals can be made by:

1. **By Mail: RCL Br 594, 5030 Howard Ave, Tecumseh, ON, N9H 0M3**
   (Include your membership # as well as your cheque made out to RCL Br 594)
2. **Credit card, telephone to the Branch 519-969-0551**
   (if we can't get to the phone please leave message and we will call you back)
3. **On-line through at "https://www.legion.ca/join-us/renewal"**

Brian Robinson, Membership Chair
Changed your address, phone number, email address?
Please send changes, by email to: membershipbr594@gmail.com

TREASURER'S REPORT

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We have recently received an additional $20,000 in funding from the Ontario Small Business Assistance grant. This now totals $45,920.16 in COVID-19 relief grant money that we have received from the Ontario government, which has been a huge help in paying for our ongoing operational and maintenance expenses.

A while back we advised that a fire had occurred in the Hall "A" rooftop heating and air conditioning unit and that it was beyond economical repair. The cost to replace this unit will be $38,129.00 plus HST. This replacement will be covered by our property insurance policy less $1,000 deductible, which will be the only cost to us other than the HST which we can recover.

The branch recently applied for a grant from the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative to construct a roof covering over our outside patio. This would make the patio more usable to everyone especially during inclement weather. We should hear back by May 14th if we are successful, and if not, we will apply for this again in the second round of applications, which is due on June 25th.

Looking forward to when we can reopen again safely and to welcome back our veterans, members and guests to your Legion!

Jim McGhie
Treasurer

Financial Committee Meeting

On behalf of our Treasurer, Comrade Jim McGhie, the Chair of the Financial Committee, he would like to announce a Financial Committee Meeting for Monday, 12 April 2021, starting at 10:30 am in the main lounge of the Branch. The main goal is to commence the Budget Planning process for the Branch budget for the next fiscal year commencing on 1 June 2021. An agenda will be drafted and sent out to the members of the Committee in the next few days.

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Respectfully submitted by: 1st VP Comrade Morris Brause

GARDENING AND YARD WORK

Spring has arrived and the hundreds of tulips that our team planted last year are coming up. Albeit that we are closed- down for a month due to the Province wide COVID shut down, do take the opportunity to drive by our Legion in the next week and see the tulips that should be in full bloom within the week.
We are getting ready to have our Garden Committee "Zoom" meeting on Friday, 9 April 2021, and will planning some new and unique things this year to continue to improve upon our grounds and gardens.
Here are some of the things that we must start planning for from April through to May:

a. Trim our bushes and ensure we get a good start to the growing season.
b. Clean up the yard from the winter garbage, branches, etc. that may have fallen.
c. Plan to trim around the bigger trees.
d. Clean up the growth in the front around the main ditch by the road.
e. Plan on getting some more mulch into the gardens and around the trees on the South side of property.
f. Creating more flowers and gardening efforts around our Cenotaph, that may also include a picket fence.
g. Prepare a memorial garden at the front by our big sign to enhance that garden; and
h. Arrange our schedule for weekly weeding and lawn cutting.

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Volunteers: by getting volunteers to assist on a weekly basis, we can save close to $300 per week. During the last year due to COVID, we have lost a great deal of our ability to raise funds. We need volunteers for the following weekly chores:

a. Cutting the lawn on a riding lawn mower.
b. Using our trimmers to trim the grass around the parking lot curbs.
c. Twice per year, help put out the mulch that will be delivered.
d. Week the gardens once per week (takes a few people a few hours per week); and
e. Minor trimming and maintenance of the yard.

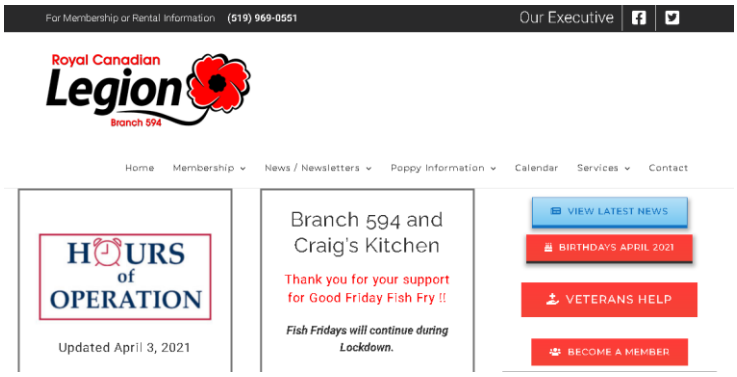
With a good number of people volunteering, we can schedule that you are only involved once per month for a few hours. If interested, please contact Morris Brause and he will schedule you in. What a great way to give back to our Legion where everyone enjoys the results.

If you would like to help, please contact Janet Ciurysek or Morris Brause; or leave a message on our Legion phone: 519-969-0551.
Report submitted by: Comrades Janet Ciurysek and Morris Brause, Co-Chairs of the Gardening Committee.

WEBSITE

Lots of information on www.rcl594.com

Brian Robinson



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Millennial Wedding Proposal
Dearest Dad, I am coming home to get married soon, so get your check book out. I'm in love with a boy who is far away from me. As you know, I am presently living in Australia ... and he lives in Scotland. We met on a dating website, became friends on Facebook, had long chats on Whatsapp. He proposed to me on Skype, and now we've had two months of a relationship through Viber. My beloved and favorite Dad, I need your blessing, good wishes, and a really big wedding. Lots of love and thanks. Your favorite daughter, Lilly
DAD'S RESPONSE: My Dearest Lilly, Like Wow! Really? Cool! I suggest you two get married on Twitter, have a honeymoon on Tango, buy your kids on Amazon, and pay for it all through PayPal. And when you get fed up with this new husband, sell him on eBay. Love, Your Dad

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Youth Education & Bursaries

All Youth Education programs were cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic.
It is uncertain if the Poster & Literary Contest will take place as well as the Public Speaking competition.

This year's Provincial Bursary deadline passed on March 26th. We had no applications through our branch.
The Branch bursary information will be available in the summer.
Note for bursaries over $500 we are required to send T4A's as this money is taxable.

KITCHEN CONVENOR REPORT

Good Friday was certainly different this year. We arranged for a fish drive through and it was quite successful with almost 95% of our fish dinners being take out!

Thanks to all of our members and guests for supporting our Veterans & the Legion

A big thank you to the Legion Volunteers who assisted in the planning, setting up the drive through and being the welcoming committee at the road entrance, building entrance and road exits.

Our Bar Stewards, Craig & his staff were exceptional!
Current code White restrictions so food is
TAKE-OUT only for now.

Dinners TO GO.
Fridays we offer our full menu in this newsletter.
Catering available for any day.
Call Craig to arrange 226-347-4253

Sunday April 11th
Pork Schnitzel Dinner. Served with Hot German Potato Salad (with bacon), Braised Red Cabbage & German Chocolate Cake… Only $20 tax in!

Sunday April 25th
Chicken Parisean served with Penne, Caesar Salad and a Hot Apple Bloom... Only $20 tax in!

Craig's Kitchen is an important part of our Legion. The revenue the Legion receives from the kitchen helps us keep our doors open so we can support our Veterans and our greater community.

We are looking forward to seeing you at OUR Legion for dinner and all your post COVID events.

Veronica Friesen
Kitchen Convenor

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Sunday April 11th Dinner Special

Pork Schnitzel with Braised Red Cabbage & Hot German Potato Salad with Bacon. ***To complete your meal…***
German Chocolate Cake too!
Only $20 TAX IN!
Order 24 hrs in advance

Sunday April 25th Dinner Special

Chicken Parmigiana with Penne & Caesar Salad. ***To complete your meal…***
Hot Apple Bloom
Only $20 TAX IN!
Order 24 hrs in advance

Friday Night Take Outs

Our full Friday night menu (Fish, Chicken & Ribs) is available for take outs. See Menu on next page or check the website (www.rcl594.com) for latest offerings
Rib Orders 24 hrs in advance
Fish & Chicken Friday order OK

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CRAIG'S KITCHEN @ Legion Br. 594

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FRIDAY (TAKE OUT ONLY)

Place order by
by phoning 226-347-4253
Prepayment encouraged

FISH DINNERS

all dinners are served with coleslaw, a roll & your choice of one side

1PC HALIBUT
One piece of Halibut made the way you like it- Battered, Baked or Cajun **$15.00**

2PC HALIBUT
Two pieces of Halibut made the way you like it- Battered, Baked or Cajun **$24.25**

PERCH
Five pieces of lake Perch made to order- Battered, Baked or Cajun **$17.25**

1PC PICKEREL
One piece of Pickerel made to your preference- Battered, Baked or Cajun **$15.00**

2PC PICKEREL
Two pieces of Pickerel made to your preference- Battered, Baked or Cajun **$24.25**

COMBOS/PLATTERS

All combos served with two sides, slaw & 2 rolls
Battered fish only in Combos
$28.95

COMBO A- 2pcs of Halibut & 1pc of Pickerel
COMBO B – 2pcs of Pickerel & 1pc of Halibut
COMBO C – 1pc of Halibut, 1pc of Pickerel & 4pcs of Perch

CHICKEN DINNERS

all dinners served with coleslaw, a roll & your choice of one side- unless specified

2PC CHICKEN
2 pieces of the original "Broaster" Chicken cooked to perfection **$11.00**

3PC CHICKEN
3 pieces of the original "Broaster" Chicken cooked to perfection **$13.00**

BROASTER CHICKEN FAMILY – 9pcs of Chicken, Large fry, Bowl of Slaw & Rolls **$28.00**

CHICKEN TENDERS
5pcs of crispy chicken tenders with your choice of one dipping sauce **$10.95**
Add an extra sauce for $0.75
Sauces: Honey Garlic, Plum, Sweet & Sour, BBQ, Frank's hot sauce or Ranch

SIDES/EXTRAS

BASKET OF FRIES	**$4.00**
WEDGES	**$4.00**
BAKED POTATO	**$3.00**
STEAMED VEGGIES	**$3.00**
GARDEN SALAD	**$5.00**
MAC & CHEESE	**$5.00**
POUTINE	**$7.00**
GRAVY	**$1.00**
SINGLE PC HALIBUT	**$10.25**
SINGLE PC PICKEREL	**$9.25**
SINGLE PC PERCH	**$2.40**

***SIDE OPTIONS**: Fries, Wedges, Baked Potato, Garden Salad, Mac & Cheese, Steamed Vegetables*

BBQ OPTIONS

all dinners served with coleslaw, a roll & your choice of one side

FULL RACK RIBS
A full rack of Ribs deliciously Smoked with our secret rub and served with our own recipe sauce
*** **$30.00**

½ RACK OF RIBS
Can't eat a full rack? Just enjoy a half rack of Ribs deliciously Smoked with our secret rub and served with our own recipe sauce
*** **$17.00**

BBQ COMBO – 2 pieces of Broaster Chicken & 4 Rib Bones, One Side, Slaw & a Roll
*** **$20.00**

******Note RIB ORDERS 24 Hrs in Advance***

KIDS MENU

All kids' meals are served with a small fry, roll & Ice Cream cup
$7.95

BROASTED CHICKEN- 1 piece of our Broaster Chicken

CHICKEN TENDERS- 3 pieces of Golden Crispy Tenders & sauce

FISH & CHIPS- 1 piece of Halibut

MAC & CHEESE – A bowl of our cheesy homemade Mac & Cheese

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SENIORS COMMITTEE

The Seniors Committee have not met during the last month. NTR as we are once again in shut down. If you should have ideas for our Seniors program, please send Morris an e-mail or give him a call (information below).

Once it appears that we can run a program, then the Committee will meet and start planning in earnest!

Stay safe and healthy!

RCL Branch 594 Seniors' Committee:
Chair: Morris Brause; Committee Members: Barb Hooper, Sue Robinson, Archie Neilson, Beth Abson, and Shirley Jinkerson.

We look forward to your views, wishes and advice. If you wish to join the committee, please contact Morris at: 519-965-0749 or e-mail: morbrause@gmail.com

SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT

If you know of a veteran in need please let me know!

Chris Ricard, Branch Service Officer

Our Mission is to serve Veterans, which includes serving military and RCMP members and their families, to promote Remembrance and to serve our communities and our country

Disability Benefit Process

- VAC First Application
- VAC Departmental Review
- VRAB Review Hearing
- VRAB Appeal Hearing
- VRAB Request for Reconsideration

We at Royal Canadian Legion are able to do same level of work. We submit the First Application

- We co-represent with Bureau of Pension Advocates
  -Assist with preparation of evidence
  - Prepare individual(s) for in-person appearance

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- Attend Review Board Hearing
- Service Officers at Dominion Command level specialize in Appeals

Categories of Veterans who may qualify for VAC Benefits

- WWII – Canadian and Overseas Service
- Korea
- Merchant Navy
- Regular Force / Reserve Force – Still Serving, Released, Special Duty Area
- RCMP – Still serving and Released

HOSPITAL

We have many Legion members and friends that can no longer come to the Branch in person would love to hear from us.

Branch Pastor, Rev. *Catherine (Cathy) Collins*-Barker our chairperson has agreed to visit our hospitalized members if they agree. Visitations could be in person or by phone, email, Facebook… as the situation requires.

This committee would also arrange for flowers as directed by your Branch Executive.

If you can help, we would love to hear from you!

Please contact us in person or through email, website or a note in the comment box in the lobby.

Note we can only report after families give us permission

Branch Members Celebrating APRIL Birthdays

Justin Barker, Len Bedal, Spike Bell, David Beyer, Tom Boroski, Teresa Boutet, Bryan Carder, David Carder, F Grant Clarke, Michael Coffin, Howard Ellis, Dan Friesen, Randolph Groundwater, Zane Alva Handysides, Lawrence Hannigan, Mary Hutter, Mathew Hutter, William Kielly, Joseph Langlois, MacKenzie AJ McEwen, Irene McFarlane, Gerald Morden, Jeffrey Moss, Michael Nedin, Rose Nesbitt, Robert Pepper, Marc Renaud, Brian Robinson, Ken Stroud & Laura Stroud.

Hope your birthdays are great!

Bar Report

Our bar will be closed for the month of April under the latest lockdown measures put into effect by the Ontario government effective April 3rd 2021.

Thank you to everyone who has continued to support our branch over the past few months.

We are looking forward to seeing you as soon as the lockdown measures have been lifted and we can return to safely serve you.

Randy Soulliere, Bar Chair

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Cadet Corps Report

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Cadet Liaison
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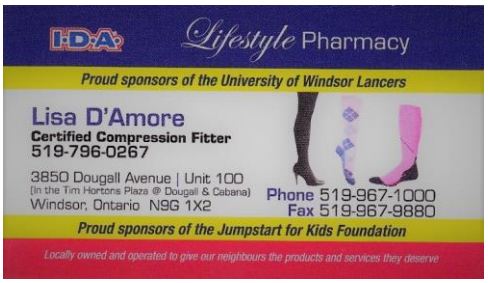
Your Cadet Corps has been meeting weekly via Zoom to stay in touch with everyone and provide an online training experience for our Cadets.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, the decision has been made to once again cancel all summer camp and international exchange programs for our Cadets.

We look forward to a return to more normal operations where we can train in person once again. Thank you for your continued support of our Cadet Corps.

BRANCH SPORTS

Still waiting for Code Orange or better



March IS
Easter Seals Month
Fundraising and Awareness
for kids with physical disabilities

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EASTER SEALS ANNOUNCES ITS 2021 WINDSOR-ESSEX TELETHON HOST

WINDSOR, ON, March 25, 2021 – Easter Seals Ontario (Windsor-Essex) is pleased to announce its 2021 Telethon Host, who is also CTV Windsor news reporter, Bob Bellacicco.

Bellacicco is a graduate of St. Clair College in Windsor and Spec's Howard School of Broadcast Arts in Southfield, Mich. Upon graduation, he worked at CHUM radio as a board operator before moving to CBC Windsor in the same capacity. In February 1998, Bellacicco was asked to be a cameraman. On his first day, he shot a carjacking and was later featured on the U.S. show Inside Edition. Soon afterwards, he joined CHWI-TV. He started as the weekend reporter and got a broad taste of the television business working on the station's morning show. On NEW DAY he was a cameraman, producer and fill-in host.

Bellacicco also has a passion for sports stories in the community, but also the experience to cover breaking news events across Windsor-Essex. He has covered the 2005 NBA finals, 2006 Superbowl, 2008 and 2009 Stanley Cup finals, 2009 NCAA Final Four, 2010 Memorial Cup and 2012 World Series.

Furthermore, Bellacicco is an avid ball hockey player who enjoys fitness. He volunteers his time as a coach and is involved with local charities. He is married to Maryann and has two children, Joey and Cristina.

"I am both honoured and thrilled to serve as this year's Telethon host," says Bellacicco. "I have had the opportunity to work with Easter Seals supporters and its ambassadors recently through the Telethon pre-record at St. Clair College and can't wait for the community to become involved this April!"

The 39th Annual Easter Seals Ontario (Windsor-Essex) Telethon presented by the Toldo Foundation will air on Saturday, April 3 and 10 from 3 - 6 p.m. on CTV Windsor. For more information or to donate online, visit www.easterseals.org/windsor-essex-telethon/

For more information, please contact:

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Easter Seals Ontario is now in its 99th year of being a champion for children and youth with physical disabilities from all ethnic and religious backgrounds within the communities of Windsor-Essex and across the province. Its roots emerged from Rotary locally who spearheaded the founding organization, The Ontario Society for Crippled Children (November 28, 1922). Programs include funding for essential mobility and accessibility equipment, fully accessible summer camp opportunities at its two properties, Camp Merrywood and Camp Woodeden, online virtual camp programming, public awareness, and information resources. Easter Seals provides its programs and services thanks to the generous support of its donors and sponsors. For more information or to donate, visit EasterSeals.org or connect on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram or LinkedIn.

For 2021, Easter Seals has modernized its traditional Telethon format. It will air on two dates and be combined with two blockbuster feature films:

Ghostbusters – Saturday, April 3, 2021 (3:00-6:00 p.m.) – CTV Windsor
Disney's Tomorrowland – Saturday, April 10, 2021 (3:00-6:00 p.m.) – CTV Windsor

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ROWING CLUB
1st ANNUAL
LaSalle Rowing Club
GOLF
TOURNAMENT
SAT
May 15
(afternoon)
2021
$100 per PLAYER
Four person scramble
Prizes and Raffles
DEADLINE
TO SIGNUP
May 1
PLACE
FOX GLEN
GOLF COURSE
Contacts: Veronica Friesen 519-992-8384
Sue Whitehead 519-984-2264

IMPORTANT **Only people who have an appointment will get a vaccine. Please do not come to a clinic unless you have an appointment.**

COVID-19 getting ready

Vaccine Appointments:

a step-by-step guide

1.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

Visit WEVax.ca to find out.

Clinics don't accept walk-ins.

2.

GET READY TO REGISTER

To register, you will need:

- Your contact information and address
- Your health card number (if you have one)

3.

REGISTER

If eligible, register online at wechu.org.

If you need help registering, call **226-773-2200**.

4.

PREPARE FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT

- Take medications and eat meals as usual.
- Do not wear scented products.
- Wear a loose-fitting top or a t-shirt that provides easy access to your arms.
- Strive to arrive within 10 minutes of your appointment, not sooner.

Note: If you have symptoms of COVID-19, do not attend the clinic, and please call Telehealth Ontario toll free at 1-866-797-0000

WEVAX

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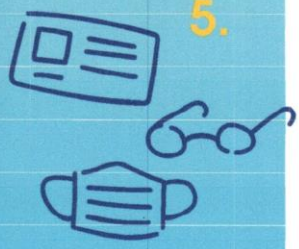

at your appointment

still have questions

WEVax.ca

WHAT TO BRING TO YOUR APPOINTMENT

- Your health card or other government-issued photo ID such as a driver's licence, passport, Status Card or other provincial health cards
- Assistive devices as needed (e.g. scooter, wheelchair, cane)
- Reading glasses and/or hearing aid if required
- A face mask
- A support person, if required (e.g. friend or family member, interpreter, etc.)

WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT THE CLINIC

- Expect to be on site for at least 30-60 minutes.
- Complete a check-in process as you drive in, park (free) and proceed as directed.
- Get vaccinated!
- Remain 15 minutes in an observation area.

Note: All clinics are wheelchair accessible.

NEED HELP?

For general COVID-19 related questions, including questions about the vaccine, visit **WEVax.ca** or **call 211**, 24/7 for information and referral to community, social, health or government services.

TTY/Teletypewriter (Bell Relay Service): Type 711 for the operator or dial 1-800-855-0511.

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Condolences

Myron Pare

March 8, 2021, 62 years of age

Legion Member for 29 years

Myron PARE | Obituary | Windsor Star (remembering.ca)

Nancy Collins

February 11, 2021, 90 years of age,

Mother of our Chaplain Rev. Dr. Catherine Collins-Barker

Nancy Miriam Collins Obituary - Blind River, Ontario , Beggs Funeral Home | Tribute Archive

WINDSOR VETERANS MEMORIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

Funeral Services are being performed at the request of the Veteran's family through the funeral homes.

The WVMSC is coordinating the main Remembrance Day Services in Windsor.

From June 1st, 2019 to Mar 1st 2021 we have lost:

110 Veterans, 43 Comrades & we have performed at 10 funeral services.

Ron Bisnaire WVMSC Chair

POPPY REPORT

The balance in the Poppy Trust Account at the end of Feb 21 was $50,211.19.

Archie Neilson
Chair, Branch 594 Poppy Trust Fund

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 594

APRIL

Sun	*Mon*	*Tues*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
				1	2 **GOOD FRIDAY OPEN 1-9PM** **FISH 3-8PM**	3 **CLOSED** ***CODE WHITE***
4 **Happy Easter CLOSED**	5 **CLOSED**	6 **CLOSED**	7 **CLOSED**	8 **CLOSED** ***STAY AT HOME ORDER***	9 **CLOSED** **VIMY RIDGE DAY** **Take out Dinners 4:00 – 8:00**	10 **CLOSED**
11 **CLOSED** **Schnitzel Dinner Special Take Out**	12 **CLOSED** ***Gardening Committee ZOOM Mtg at 10:30***	13 **CLOSED**	14 **CLOSED**	15 **CLOSED**	16 **CLOSED** **Take Out Dinners 4:00 – 8:00**	17 **CLOSED**
18 **CLOSED**	19 **CLOSED**	20 **CLOSED** **Executive *ZOOM* Meeting 7pm**	21 **CLOSED**	22 **CLOSED**	23 **CLOSED** **Take Out Dinners 4:00 – 8:00**	24 **CLOSED**
25 **CLOSED** **Chicken Parm. Dinner Special Take Out**	26 **CLOSED**	27 **CLOSED**	28 **CLOSED**	29 **CLOSED**	30 **CLOSED** **Take Out Dinners 4:00 – 8:00**	MAY 1 **CLOSED**

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