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New Year's



Wishing you a Healthy Happy New Year!

**Your Legion at the Crossroads Serving Veterans & the Communities
of Tecumseh, LaSalle, Windsor & Amherstburg!**

The Royal Canadian Legion

Metropolitan Branch 594

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BRANCH MEETINGS

**EXECUTIVE
TUESDAY
JAN 17th
10:00 AM**

**MEMBERSHIP
MEETING
TUESDAY
JAN 24th
7PM**

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Tom's Humour Page

(Random Thoughts for the New Year)

My new year's resolution is to be more optimistic by keeping my cup half-full... of rum, vodka, or whiskey.

To kick start my New Year: I took an IQ test, and the results were negative.

I raised my left leg before the ball dropped so I could start the New Year off on the right foot.

An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves.

No, this is not the beginning of a new chapter in my life; this is the beginning of a new book! That first book is already closed, ended, and tossed into the seas; this new book is newly opened, has just begun! Look, it is the first page! And it is a beautiful one!

Starting over can be challenging, but also it can be a great opportunity to do things differently.

I see every new year as a great opportunity to change my life. The only thing I don't want to change is my family. I love you and I miss you. May the upcoming year be unforgettable. Happy New Year.

They say out with the old and in with the new, but I'm not letting go of good friends and family like you. Happy New Year to my friends and family!

On New Year's Eve, Marilyn stood up in the local pub and said that it was time to get ready. At the stroke of midnight, she wanted every husband to be standing next to the one person who made his life worth living. Well, it was kind of embarrassing. As the clock struck - the bartender was almost crushed to death.

Trevor's New Year's Eve party was an annual occurrence with numerous guests arriving. During the evening, a man knocked on the door, was greeted heartily although no one knew who he was, and was led to where the drinks were, in the

kitchen. He sat there happily, chatting away, for a couple of hours before a strange light dawned on his face. 'You know,' he confided to Trevor, 'I wasn't even invited to this party. I just came over to tell you that some of your guests' cars are blocking my drive.' He continued, 'My wife's been sitting out in the car waiting for me to get them moved, so that we can go out.'

A friendly reminder that gyms get really busy around the new year as people make their resolutions so it's best to wait for it to die down, usually around January 2nd

A drunk wakes up in jail on New Year's Eve and asks the first police officer he sees, "Why am I here?" The cop replies, "For drinking." "Great!" slurs the man. "When do we start?"

A guy walks into a bar and orders a beer. "How's the new year's resolution coming?" the bartender asks. "Great, I went to the gym today and I already lost 10 pounds," the guy replies. "Seriously, I have no idea where I misplaced those weights."

A guy walks into a bar on New Year's Eve and orders a glass of champagne. "Happy New Years!" he shouts. "Calm down," the bartender reprimands him. "It's still hours away." "Sorry," the guy apologizes. "My doctor told me I sometimes suffer from premature congratulations."

An Army Drill Sergeant took some recruits to the mess hall. After everyone had made it through the chow line, he sat them down and told them "There are three rules in this mess hall- Shut up! Eat up! Get up!" Checking to see that he had everyone's attention, he asked, "What is the first rule?" Much to the amusement of the other instructors, 60 privates yelled in unison, "Shut up, Drill Sergeant!"

I have only one resolution: To rediscover the difference between wants and needs. May I have all I need and want all I have!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dear Comrades:

Happy New Year. I hope that everyone will enjoy a wonderful 2023.

The month of December was filled with many activities that our members and patrons enjoyed. We had a sold-out New Year's Eve dinner and dance that was a total success! On behalf of those who attended, I want to thank our dedicated Entertainment Committee, Billie's Kitchen staff, and our wonderful bartenders for an outstanding way to greet the New Year.



Our Branch has grown in business, in membership, and in support to our local communities and veterans. You can indeed be proud of "The Legion at the Crossroads". Our marketing plan is to continue to promote this great facility to our local communities of LaSalle, South Windsor, and Southwestern Tecumseh, and to our industrial parks in the local area. We encourage our current members to help promote this venue and to help us recruit more members. Remember that we do not only support local initiatives, but also District (SW Ontario), Ontario Provincial Command, and our National Command initiatives. We want to continue to be a welcoming center for our serving and retired members of the Military, Police Forces, EMS, Fire and Rescue, and all our first responders working in our hospitals and clinics.

We are also going to focus on youth in our communities. We want to support local sports team, encourage young adults from 20-40 to make this their local pub and place to host events. We want businesses to know about our halls that they can rent for business meetings and use our wonderful Billie's Kitchen to support their events.

Finally, as a New Year's resolution – why not consider finding an area of interest to volunteer in your Legion Branch. Volunteers have such a marvelous and positive effect on our operations; and you also feel good in the achievements you see.

May this year bring you hope, happiness, good health, and joy!

Comrade Morris



HOSPITAL

We have 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 and Covid protocols allow.

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

POPPY REPORT

The 2022 Poppy Campaign Summary!

As of Nov. 30, 2022, the WFCU Statement showed a balance of \$75,028.10.

As of Dec 20th, the 2022 Poppy Campaign raised \$64,200 for our Poppy Trust Fund account.

We still are to receive the "Tap Box money; \$2,389" plus the "Starbucks POS" collection.

I expect our 2022 campaign to exceed \$67,000.00

On behalf of the Poppy Committee, I wish to thank everyone who volunteered in this effort and especially to all those who donated to this very worthy cause.

Supporting our Veterans and their families is the reason for we are here!

Until next year's Poppy Campaign, LOL which is not that far off now, I wish you all Healthy and Happy New Year.

Gerry Ciurysek, Branch 594 Poppy Chair

MEMBERSHIP

As of Dec 31st, we have a Membership of 462

Consisting of: Life 7, Ordinary 103, Associate 251, Affiliate Voting 99 and Affiliate Non-Voting 2

2023 Dues: \$55.00 per person at Branch or Online.

Retired Members \$50 per person, at Branch Only!

So far for 2023: Renewed 344, Not Renewed (yet): 118

Those who have not renewed will receive a follow up by a letter in January.

The Legion is pleased to extend our 1-year free membership for Veterans to their families.

The Veteran Family Welcome Program is open to spouses and adult children of CAF or RCMP serving members and Veterans who have not yet joined the Legion. This program is a great way to get to know the organization and share your support for Canada's Veterans.

Being a Legion member offers opportunities to improve the lives of those who served, remember the Fallen, and support your community — and every member makes a difference. To get more involved with Legion activities in your community and to add your voice to our advocacy efforts and the future of the Legion, apply through Dominion Command's Veteran Welcome Program and bring your membership card to any Legion Branch to request a transfer to that Branch.



To apply, please complete the Veteran Welcome Program
Registration Form <http://www.legion.ca/welcome>

New Branch 594 Members to be welcomed at the Jan 17th General Meeting

Ordinary: Michael Goulet

Associate: Tricia LaBelle, Billie Jo Zacher & Kimberly Ladoucer

Membership Committee Help Wanted

Help wanted with the following areas:

- Data Entry
- Compiling Welcome Kits for New Members
- Phone calling (as needed)
- General Membership Meeting assistance
- Forms Inventory - in office, at Bar
- Filing
- Volunteer Tracking Lists
- Mailings
- other misc. tasks

Brian Robinson, Membership Chair

Changed your address, phone number, email address?

Please send changes, by email to: membershipbr594@gmail.com

TREASURER'S REPORT

The good news: Activity at the Branch continues to increase with record (last 3 years) bar sales. Inventory has been increased to keep up with the demand.

Branch sports, new customers and a great kitchen have been welcomed by all.

Branch 594 continues to hold many functions all help in supporting the branch.

The challenges: Increasing costs for utilities, supplies and staff continue. Our building systems require maintenance and repairs. Snow and ice removal season is now here with associated costs...

Summary: With the assistance of our many volunteers we been able to have revenue exceed expenses for the last six months (current fiscal year) but overall cost increases require our prices to our customers to rise for food, beverages and hall rentals.

Thank you all for helping and being such an integral part of this branch and its functions.

John Antaya, Treasurer

PROPERTY

Winter is here! We do our best to keep snow plowed and parking lot and sidewalks salted. Sometimes mother nature has her own schedule so please drive and walk carefully.

As a result of the cold snap before Christmas we experienced electrical outages and surges. This has caused the failure with at least one of our thermostats and our TV control system. We are making repairs as quickly as possible so please be patient.

We have just added a TV on wheels for use at events where the Air Media system is already committed. Users just need to connect their device via a HDMI cable.

Road Sign: our electric sign needs maintenance/upgrading. At the Jan 24th membership meeting we will be looking for direction to either change fluorescent lamps and ballasts or upgrade to more efficient LED lighting.

REMINDER: We need our members and guests to be respectful and smoke only in the designated smoking areas and extinguish their cigarettes in the containers provided!

We have had Fires in both the gardens by our monument and by our lounge patio by careless disposal of cigarette butts.

TRAINING

K. Boehler and R. Soulliere will be working on Emergency First Aid, CPR & AED training requirements for the remaining staff and Executive that need this training over the next month.

We will also be establishing the online training schedule for our staff and executive for WHMIS with GHS, Workplace Violence & Harassment and Disabilities in the Workplace.

In addition, we will need to setup a schedule for our staff and executive with Smart Serve Certificates to complete their required refresher training prior to July 1, 2023.

Com Konrad Boehler, Training & Development Chair

Youth Education & Bursaries

LITERARY AND POSTER CONTEST

The 1st Place Winners from each Branch in LaSalle, Windsor & Tecumseh were submitted and judged. The following entries were chosen as our Zone contestants for the “District A” competition. Winners will be chosen in January, and they will be sent on for the Ontario competition.

Thanks to all students (and their teachers) for your entries!

	Place	Level	First Name	Family Name	School
B&W Poster	1	Jr	Ziqiu (Joanna)	Ouyang	Glenwood Public School
B&W Poster	1	Int	Kiana	Huang	Notre Dame Catholic Elementary
Colour Poster	1	Jr	Eileen	Flanagan	Notre Dame Catholic Elementary
Colour Poster	1	Int	Daniella	Papia	Sandwich Secondary School
Colour Poster	1	Sr	Zaina	El Muraea	Riverside Secondary School
Essay	1	Jr	Danielle	Chittle	George P Vanier Public School
Essay	1	Int	Daniella	Papia	Sandwich Secondary School
Poem	1	Jr	Sonali	Singh	Aademie Ste Cecile
Poem	1	Int	Tazmeen	Yekinni	Al Hijra Academy
Poem	1	Sr	Bella	Cope	St Thomas of Villanova

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION.

The Public Speaking Contest, part of the Legion's Youth and Education program, is meant to give young people an opportunity to speak in public. The individual chooses their own subject matter for the address.

Contestants are divided into four classes: Grades 1-2, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-9, and Grades 10-12.

The speakers may select their own topics. All Speeches are to be the original work of the speaker. The Topics chosen by the individual speakers do not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of the Royal Canadian Legion. The speaker will credit authors and sources of material, if referring to another person's work. Speeches that repeat verbatim another person's original work will not be accepted.

Complete details are found at [Youth Programs \(legion.ca\)](http://Youth Programs (legion.ca)) in the “Public Speaking Contest” section.

The local competition date will be chosen later this month.

RCL Br 594 Youth Education Committee, Tom Friesen, Patti Brause & Gerry Ciurysek

Always Remember

In war there is not much glory
Not all soldiers came back to tell their story
Every soldier is brave
Most of them went to the grave
There were so many losses
Their spirits stay on crosses
Some soldiers try and run
Meanwhile someone is firing a gun
We should always pay them with honor
Even if they don't fight any longer
All the soldiers made a sacrifice
Sometimes with their life
War was dark like a day without the sun
There was no such thing as fun
The soldiers die
While the larks cry
Now we let the soldiers rest
Lest we forget

Sonali Singh

Windsor, ON. Academie Ste Cecile International School
#594 Metropolitan Br.

Why Do We Wear a Poppy? Why Do We Remember?

On November 11th, 1918, gun fires on the Western forefront ceased, signalling the end of World War II for many. However, although the war had ended, the pain did not. Those who lost their loved ones, those who would come to lose their loved ones in future wars, and those who fought and saw their allies die on the battlefield, would still be haunted by the four years' war that took place. To honour them, we wear a red poppy over our hearts, to represent all the blood spilled on the battlefield.

On July 6, 1921, the Royal British Legion adopted the poppy as a symbol for remembrance to be used in the UK, Australia and Canada. Professor Moina Michael started selling poppies to raise funds for soldiers and their families, on November 9, 1918. She chose the poppy because of the poem "In Flanders Fields". The poem by John McCrae speaks of the landscape in which poppies grew where the soldiers had died and would be buried. The red poppy stood out to symbolize the bloodshed in battle. In 1921, Anna Guérin sold poppies in London. Both women campaigned to have the poppy adopted as the official symbol of those who had fallen in the war. On May 15, 1921, the Royal British Legion was formed. Then on November 11, 1921, poppies were sold by the Legion. They sold out raising over 106,000 Euros.

To many of us, wearing a poppy may not seem like a significant thing. After all, what does it do to help? Although it cannot take back the suffering many Canadians went through, it can support those who are suffering and who have suffered. We wear a poppy to give our thanks, to let the veterans who fought for us know that their sacrifices are recognized and that we support and want to give back to the veterans who fought for our freedom and peace.

To this day, poppies are still sold and worn over our hearts. Wars did not end, soldiers still fight, veterans are still affected, families are still mourning, and we can still support them. We can still buy a poppy, make a donation, and lift a load off those family's shoulders financially. Even if we cannot end the wars, we can support the ones who fight to end them and who are affected by them.

Daniella Papia
Sandwich Secondary School

KITCHEN REPORT

The kitchen staff deserves thanks for initiating a successful food drive, toy drive as well have sponsored 2 families for Christmas. Thank you to all that donated as well as the entire kitchen staff for your stewardship in these great causes.

SUNDAY FOOTBALL: The Bunker will be offering weekly specials on football Sundays as well as an awesome platter of appetizers. The bar will be offering \$4.00 well drinks and domestic bottles all day along with \$5.00 domestic pints all day too while you enjoy the games in our lounge. These offers will extend until the end of the NFL playoffs

The “Bunker Kitchen” has announced that they will be closed from January 21st through January 28th for kitchen maintenance.

The “Bunker Kitchen” will be updating their menus and pricing in the New Year after a review of their first 6 months of operating our kitchen. We look forward to building on the early success of this partnership with the branch.

There are many events planned in near future including a super bowl party, a Valentine’s Day dinner, a Mardi Gras dinner, St. Patrick’s day party, Good Friday fish dinner and a Mother’s day brunch and many more. Follow along in our monthly newsletters, our website, and our social media pages for updated information.

Thanks to all for your support.

Happy New Year to everyone and please stay safe.

Comrades Randy Soulliere and Jim McGhie. Co-Kitchen Convenors

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WAYS & MEANS

December 13 was our last spaghetti dinner before the Christmas break. We served cake and coffee, which was well received, and we hosted 162 guests. We also hosted a Christmas gathering for the Prostate Cancer Survivors Group (thank you Garry Loeper for bringing your group in again this year, we appreciate it).

Our spaghetti dinners resume on Tuesday January 10th. Please consider bringing your friends and family in to enjoy a great meal and help raise funds for the Branch.

Once again, I would like to thank our volunteers and cadets who come out to help make, serve, and clean up. Without you, these spaghetti dinners would not be as successful as they are for our Branch.

Note we offer vegetarian & gluten free options as well!

Looking forward to seeing you at the Legion!

Veronica Friesen, Ways & Means Chair

PS: We may have to postpone the dinner on the 24th as the kitchen will be undergoing maintenance that week. Check the website (www.rcl594.com) for updates



A promotional poster for a spaghetti dinner. The background is a light beige with a red border at the top and bottom. The word "SPAGHETTI" is written in large, red, outlined letters, slanted upwards. Below it, "DINNER" is written in smaller, red, outlined letters. To the left of "SPAGHETTI" is a red tomato with a green stem and leaves. To the right of "DINNER" is another red tomato with a green stem and leaves. Below the main title, the text "ALL YOU CAN EAT" is written in black, bold, sans-serif font. Below that, the menu items "Spaghetti with Rich Tomato Basil Meat Sauce, Fresh Garden Salad, Dinner Roll & Butter" are listed in black, bold, sans-serif font. Below the menu, the serving time "Served 4:30 till 6:30" is written in black, bold, sans-serif font. Below the serving time, the price "Only \$10 for Adults, Children 6 and Under \$3" is written in black, bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom, a red banner contains the text "TUESDAY JAN 10TH" and "5030 Howard Ave" in white, bold, sans-serif font. In the bottom right corner, the Legion logo is displayed, featuring the word "Legion" in a stylized font with a red flower icon, and "BRANCH 594 TECUMSEH" in smaller text below it.

Happy New Year

**SPAGHETTI
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"ALL YOU CAN EAT"

**Spaghetti with Rich Tomato Basil Meat Sauce,
Fresh Garden Salad, Dinner Roll & Butter**

Served 4:30 till 6:30

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TUESDAY JAN 10TH
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BRANCH 594
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BRANCH SPORTS

Dart Leagues

Saturday NIGHT 1

Saturday NIGHT 2

Wednesday men's

Friday mixed team

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Gary Norman. ph. 266 348-0876. rosegary@hotmail.com

Pool

Mondays mixed Bill Anderson. ph 519 817-4430. andersonboyz@hotmail.com
Thursday luck of draw Jim Collard. ph. 519 250-0549. jcollard@cogeco.ca
Tuesday fun pool. Larry Williams. ph. 519 726-4043. qorc52@icloud.com

District Sports

The cribbage tournament was held at Branch 644 and the following persons, from Branch 594, have qualified for District competition Jan 7th in Wallaceburg:

Shirley Jinkerson, Beth Abson, Wayne Fortin & Larry Williams (John Antaya will be standing in for Larry)

The 8 ball pool tournament was held at Branch 594 and the following players from Branch 594 have advanced to the District competition Jan 21st in Blenheim ON:

Doubles - First	Lou Driessen and Bill Anderson
- Second	Jim Collard and Larry Williams
- Third	Len Biden and Don Semande
Singles - First	(Branch 644)
- Second	Lou Driessen
- Third	Bill Anderson

Larry Williams, Branch 594 Sports Officer

WEBSITE

Lots of information on www.rcl594.com

Brian Robinson, webmaster

2715 RCACC



The Cadets held their annual Christmas Mess Dinner on Dec 21st and we were very pleased to have Anthony Leardi, the MPP for Essex as our guest of honour.

Wednesday night Cadet training will resume on Jan 11th.

We always welcome new recruits ages 12-18 to the Cadet Corps. Check out our website for further information www.2715rcacc.com

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Cadet Corps.

Jim McGhie, Cadet Liaison, 519-979-8904, mcghie@mnsi.net

WINDSOR VETERANS MEMORIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

Funeral Services are being performed at the request of the Veteran's family through the funeral homes. Recent funerals have been gravesite services.

From June 1st, 2022, until Dec 2nd, 2022, we have lost:
54 Veterans, 44 Comrades & have performed at 12 funeral services.

Next meeting is scheduled at 7:30pm on Wednesday Jan 18th at Br 644.

Ron Bisnaire, Branch 594 Liaison to WVMSC



SENIORS COMMITTEE

The Dec 19th Turkey dinner was a great success, thank to Billie, Tricia, and the whole team

The Seniors Dinner dance will resume on Monday January 9th
Low Vision Plus Inc will be making a presentation in the near future

The Seniors Committee will be meeting on January 19th at 10am.

RCL Branch 594 Seniors' Committee:

Co-Chairs: Sue Robinson, Beth Abson, Morris Brause; Committee Members: Barb Hooper, Archie Neilson, Shirley Jinkerson, Doreen Eansor, and Peggy Caradonna.

*We look forward to your views, wishes and advice.
If you wish to join the committee, please contact Sue or Beth*

Lottery Committee

Our Attendance Draws (Loonie-Toonie) are now "Progressive Raffles"

The Loonie, Toonie membership draw is alive and well.

As required by the AGCO 50% of all Progressive Raffles must be donated to a registered charity approved by the municipality.

A copy of the list of current charities included on our lottery license has been placed inside one of the lottery binders located behind the bar.

Beth Abson Lottery Chair

SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT

If you know of a Veteran in need, please let me know!
Archie Neilson, 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
 - 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

2022 Veteran's Benefit Guide <https://legionmagazine.com/guide>

Link for non-Veterans <https://shop.legionmagazine.com/product/veteran-benefits-guide-2022/>

Archie Neilson, Branch 594 Service Officer

BAR REPORT

We wish everyone a Happy New Year and all the best in 2023

Our \$4.00 well drinks and domestic bottles as well as \$5.00 pints of domestic beer all day on Sundays will continue until the end of the NFL playoffs. Come and watch the games and enjoy the Bunker Kitchen specials which includes a large football platter of appetizers that is awesome.

We have to announce that as of January 2, 2023, we have had to increase our prices across the bar as our costs have gone up dramatically since we last raised our prices in September of 2021. In 2022 alone, beer prices have risen over 7%, liquor prices around 5%, Pepsi products over 20%. All of this on top of inflation and of course due to the increase in minimum wages which have had a 25% increase over the last several months. We have taken a lot of time to study these increases and how they impact our operations and have taken great care to keep these increases to a minimum.

We do appreciate all our members and visitors to our branch, and we look forward to seeing you in the branch.

The New Year also will bring in many more planned events this coming year. Follow along on our website, newsletter or on our social media pages for updates.

Comrade Randy Soulliere, Bar Officer

Branch Members Celebrating JANUARY Birthdays

Elizabeth Abson, Kenneth Balkwill, Susan Baxter, Linda Belair, David Beneteau, Joseph Bernard Jr. Brian Bobbie, Gerald Bondy, Carol Boroski, Catherine Collins-Barker, Maria Colucci, Sandra Conley, Louis Driessen, Kenneth Ferguson, Leo Gallant, Jennifer Heeley, Brenda Hernandez, Barbara Hooper, Cole Hughes, Michael Kales, John Kennedy, Shawn Killop, Yvette Lamoureux, Gary Levi, Ruthann Lumb, Daniel MacDonald, Michael Magarrey, Gary Marshall, David Masse, David Moncur, Robert Morency, John Quenneville, Teddy Seagull, Don Semande, Robin Shepherd, Rodney Skill, Allan Smith, Katherine Soulliere, John Stafford, Carey Trepanier and Billie Joe Zacher

Hope your birthdays are great!



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ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

Com Bob Hart, Chair

Our Entertainment committee is working on events for the next few months.

Back 2 Back	Fri Jan 13
Valentine's Dinner/Dance	Sat. Feb. 11
Super Bowl Party	Sun Feb 12
Mardi Gras	Fri. Feb 24
St. Patrick's Day	Fri. Mar. 17
Tiger Opener	Thurs Apr 6
Easter Brunch	Apr. 9
Mother's Day Brunch	May 14
Essex County Winery Tour	May

February 11, 2023

HAPPY.
Valentine's Day



Valentine's Dinner Dance

Price: \$50 per person

Entertainment: Electric Blue

Time: Dinner 4- 7 Band 7-11

4 Course Dinner (pick one from each)

1st: Freshly Shucked Oysters, **or** French Onion Soup, **or** Cajun Beef Tips

2nd: Billie's House Salad **or** Caesar Salad

3rd: 1/2 Baked Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Bacon Wrapped Asparagus,
or

Honey baked Salmon, Baked Potato, Grilled Veggies

or

Bacon Wrapped Beef Medallion, Choice of Potato,
Veggies

4th: Dessert: Cheesecake **or** Chocolate Pate



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**Sunday
FEB 12th
Game Time
6:30PM**

**FOOTBALL
2023 SUPER BOWL**

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**Friday
FEBRUARY
24TH**



**SAVE THE
DATE**

MARDI GRAS PARTY

SPECIAL MENU

**MUSIC
&
DANCING**

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LAST POST

We are pleased there is nothing to report this month

We Will Remember Them

IN MEMORIUM

June Simpkins, Br 594 Associate Member (Dec 3rd)

June SIMKINS | Obituary | Windsor Star (remembering.ca)

Condolences

Pat Varga, 2010-2012 RCL Dominion President (Dec 16th)

Obituary of Pat Varga | Saskatoon Funeral Home

Mike Glovasky, past Zone A1 Commander (Dec 20)

Michael GLOVASKY | Obituary | Windsor Star (remembering.ca)

Judith McMillan, First Vice President BR 644 (Dec 30) no details yet



JANUARY



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 New Year's Day CLOSED	2 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> POOL	3 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> Pepper 1pm	4 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> Pepper 1pm CADETS Men's Darts	5 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i> POOL Luck of Draw	6 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i>	7 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i> Dart Night 1
8 OPEN 12-7 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> Football Specials	9 OPEN 12-7 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> Sr Dinner Dance 3-7	10 Open 12-10 <i>No Bunker today</i> Pepper 1pm Spaghetti Dinner 4:30-6:30PM	11 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> Pepper 1pm CADETS Men's Darts	12 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i> POOL Luck of Draw	13 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i> Mixed Darts Entertainment <i>Back 2 Back</i>	14 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i> Dart Night 2
15 OPEN 12-8 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> Cribbage 1pm Football Specials	16 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> Sr Dinner Dance 3-7 POOL League	17 Exec Mtg 10am Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-3pm</i> Pepper 1pm	18 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> Pepper 1pm Men's Darts CADETS WVMSC Meeting Br 255 7:30	19 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i> POOL Luck of Draw	20 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i>	21 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i> Dart Night 1
22 OPEN 12-6 <i>Kitchen Closed</i> <i>for Maintenance</i> Cribbage 1pm Football Specials	23 Open 12-10 <i>Kitchen Closed</i> <i>for Maintenance</i> POOL League	24 Open 12-10 <i>Kitchen Closed</i> <i>for Maintenance</i> Pepper 1pm Members Mtg 7PM	25 Open 12-10 <i>Kitchen Closed</i> <i>for Maintenance</i> Pepper 1pm CADETS Men's Darts	26 Open 12-10 <i>Kitchen Closed</i> <i>for Maintenance</i> POOL Luck of Draw	27 Open 12-10 <i>Kitchen Closed</i> <i>for Maintenance</i> Mixed Darts	28 Open 12-6 <i>Kitchen Closed</i> <i>for</i> <i>Maintenance</i> Dart Night 2
29 OPEN 12-8 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> Cribbage 1pm Football Specials	30 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> Sr Dinner Dance 3-7 POOL League	31 Open 12-7 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> Pepper 1pm	1 Open 12-7 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> Pepper 1pm Men's Darts	2 Open 12-7 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i> POOL Luck of Draw	3 Open 12-7 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i>	21 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i> Dart Night 1