



**BRANCH  
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# BRANCH 530 UPDATE

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## **New Building News**

Have you checked out the Bulletin Board in the Club Room lately? We have dedicated a spot on the Board to keep you, our Members up to date on the status of our New Building project.

As you know, we have a firm sale of our current Branch location with a closing date that is flexible based on when we are ready to move in to our new facilities. At our December General Meeting the Membership approved the conditional offer to purchase a building on Marsland Drive (subject to Provincial Command approval), the project plan and the budget. Since that time, many of our due diligence activities have been completed, and we have a couple of final steps to complete before we remove the last of our conditions and firm up the offer. The current plan is to take possession of the new facilities by the end of April and begin the renovations which we hope to complete by the end of August. While there is still lots to be done, our goal is to be able to move in to the new premises in the late summer or early fall.

The Executive Committee has established a Building Committee to oversee the activities related to the New Building Project. Four sub-committees consisting of many of our members, have been established and are working on finalizing the requirements for what we want in our new premises. If you have thoughts and ideas, we want to hear them. There are Idea Sheets posted on the Bulletin Board in the Club Room. You can put them in the box or leave them with the bartender, or any one of the Executive Committee. We hope to have our requirements finalized by late January after which we will be finalizing the renovation plans, securing the necessary building permits, and selecting contractors (through a bidding process) with a goal of getting started on the renovations shortly after we take possession of the building.

It promises to be a very busy Spring and Summer. This will be your new Branch. To stay informed on what is happening, come out to our monthly meetings (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm) and keep checking the bulletin board in the Club Room. We are keenly interested in your thoughts, ideas and suggestions and are committed to keeping you informed of progress on the project.

**Branch 530 Executive Committee**

## FRIDAY LUNCHES

Most Fridays, Chefs Debbie and Debby serve up great noontime meals, generally around the \$7.50 mark.

Any given week, you might enjoy spaghetti, schnitzel, beef stew, roast chicken, Ham & scalloped potatoes, etc.

*Served from noon to 1, or 'til it's done.*

## 2014 Last Post

Sadly, in 2014, twenty-six Members of the Branch passed on, as well as one Member of the Ladies Auxiliary. Lest We Forget. Listed hereunder, in order of their passing:

Elizabeth KIESWETTER (L.A.)  
Herb HABEL  
Harry DUNN  
Howard CONRAD  
Keith BEAL  
Floyd KOCHER  
Don MACKENZIE  
David MCKINNON  
Leslie EDWARDS  
Mike O'REILLY  
Dave KIRK  
Margaret DROWN  
Norman URQUHART  
Brian MORGAN  
Arnie BERGMAN  
Joe ANSTETT  
Don SMITH  
John GROSS  
John PETKER  
J.J.HILL  
Roy BUE  
Alex MORRISON  
John ALLENSON  
Shirley KNACK  
John LAMKA  
Wilbert FRIES  
Jack KING  
Jean KIESWETTER (2015)(L.A.)  
*At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, We will remember them, .*

## SATURDAY MEAT DRAWS

Saturday afternoons, usually starting around 3 p.m., Branch 530 is the place to be for a chance to win your supper!

Each dollar gets you 3 chances to take home a great selection from local suppliers such as Brady's Fine Meats & Deli, and Central Meat Market.

Come out and join us. We think it will become your "thing to do" on Saturday afternoons.

## Membership Reminder

Rae Ashton

**\*\*\*MEMBERSHIPS  
EXPIRED DEC 31 2014\*\*\***

If you value your Legion Membership, and are proud of your years of service, but don't get into the Branch often, you are welcome to renew by mail.

Simply send a **stamped, self-addressed envelope** along with your **cheque for \$55** (Veterans, 65+ and 20 years Branch Membership, \$45) , and we will mail your card back to you.

Membership Matters, and this may be a convenient way to support your Legion for many Comrades who can't make it in person.

Of course, if you *can* renew in person, we'd love to see you.



## Promotional Message regarding Bursaries

Comrades,

Ontario Command & Ladies Auxiliary has a Bursary programme for any Veterans, children of Veterans, or currently-serving Military personnel.

All applications must be in the hands of Ontario Command by March 27th, no exceptions.

The bursary, currently in the amount of \$500, is available to all eligible applicants, to aid in furthering their post-secondary education.

All eligibility requirements, and now even a downloadable application form, are available for your convenience on the Ontario Command website

<http://www.on.legion.ca/remembrance/youth-programs/bursaries>

Anyone without computer access, or anyone with further questions about the Bursary Programme, please contact Branch 530 Bursary Chairman Comrade Bob Berg.

### **Submissions welcome!**

Anyone have any ideas, or submissions, for the next Branch update, which I hope to release in February?

Please email the editor directly at

[530events@bell.net](mailto:530events@bell.net) . Or, leave at the bar to the attention of Jim Meyer. All submissions will be considered for publication, subject to space permitting.

The Clubroom currently closes at 7 p.m., but remains open later for events.

Darts most Mondays and Fridays, Shuffleboard many Wednesdays, snooker Thursdays, etc.

If you need the Branch open late for an event, please bring it to the attention of the Executive, who will try to accommodate.

## Treasurer's Report, Gary Baker

We have just completed seven months of our fiscal year and I am pleased to report that we are operating in the black. While bar revenues continue to decline year over year the good news is that our careful attention to our operating costs have resulted in significant cost savings. We are making up some of the revenue decline with good turn-outs for our Friday lunches that Debbie has been putting on for us. We need to continue to focus on improving our revenues so if you get a chance to stop by the branch for some refreshments, it all helps.

As of the end of December we have a healthy operating surplus. We expect that to narrow over the winter months as we begin to incur higher costs related to heating, snow removal, etc. Overall we remain hopeful that we can continue to operate at a surplus for the year.

In other positive news, we have completely repaid our loan from Provincial Command which they provided to us last fall. I am also pleased to report that we are continuing to see donations coming in to the branch, although they have slowed somewhat over the past several months. We would like to see those donations keep coming in so please give if you are able.

Lottery revenues continue to be positive, with Meat Draws being held every Saturday afternoon and continued interest in Nevada Tickets. We always welcome more participants in these activities.



The Branch is open Mon-Thurs, and Saturday, at 1 pm, and Fridays at 11 am.

## From the editor

It's been a while since we've had a Branch newsletter, and I was honoured when Comrade President Charlotte asked me to put something together in the form of this update, a somewhat shorter version of the traditional newsletter.

We intend to release another "update" style publication in February, to keep you, our valued Members, informed. Eventually, I plan to return to the traditional, larger, newsletter on a quarterly basis. Remember, for those of you technologically -inclined, up-to-date news is always available on the Branch website,

[www.rclbr530.com](http://www.rclbr530.com)

*Jim Meyer*