



Royal Canadian Legion Branch 61

Newsletter – March 2024

President's Report

I want to start by thanking all the volunteers who have given so much of their time and talent to keep this organization open for this community to enjoy. It has been appreciated.

Inside this newsletter is a list of events for 2024, so please look at your schedules if you can help, please fill out the volunteer forms at the legion or call and leave a message and we can add your name.

More bees are needed with help from beginning to end, including packing is needed if we are to continue to raise funds this way.

We also need help selling our event tickets. In other words, we need all of your support to keep this building open. The costs of operating this Legion are around \$4000.00 a month. This Legion is a valuable part of Winnipeg Beach and the surrounding community area.

The year 2023 has seen a lot of improvements made to this Legion thanks to Cde Al Beaugard and the fundraising efforts of this Legion, our Auxiliary, donations and grants. We appreciate it all.

Cde Velma Darroux oversees all public relations, announcements to the members of the community and to the members of events. So, before you put anything out there clear it with her, so that the secretary, all the chairs and the rest of the executive are all on the same page. Cdes Teresa Beaugard, Velma Darroux, Cindy Stewart and I work closely on this. This includes all Legion Facebook notifications involving events, and website notifications which should be sent from Velma and to the office and posted right away.

I have attended the Norwood Legion with Ladies Auxiliary President Nadia Hanesiak to represent our Legion at their pancake breakfast. I also attended the District 6 Meeting at the Gimli Legion on 16 March.

We have been hard at work with event planning, office renos, and budget planning for 2024 and we are all looking forward to a wonderful year. Thank you for all your help in 2023 and your future help in 2024. It has been and is appreciated.

Your President, Cde Lorraine Andrushuk

Executive 2024

President: *Cde Lorraine Andrushuk*

Past President: *Cde Clinton Kennedy*

1st Vice-President: *Cde Velma Darroux*

2nd Vice-President: *Cde Beverley Self*

Treasurer: *Cde Helen Frovich*

Secretary: *Cde Teresa Beaugard*

Service Officers: *Cde Peggy Kennedy & Cde Clinton Kennedy*

Sergeant-at-Arms: *Cde Jim Stewart*

Finance Chair: *Cde Helen Frovich*

Entertainment, Ways & Means:

Cde Lorraine Andrushuk

Newsletter Chair: *Cde Velma Darroux*

Memberships: *Cde Cindy Stewart*

Honours & Awards Chair: *Cde Cindy Stewart*

Bar / Nevada Chair: *Cde Olga Mackay*

Maintenance Chair: *Cde Alain Beaugard*

Poppy Chair: *Cde Don Sul*

Public Relations: *Cde Velma Darroux*

Website /IT Support: *Cde Chris Mulroy*

Sports Chairs: *Cde Olga McKay (Darts),*

Cde Cindy Stewart (Floor Curling),

Lotteries Chair: *Cde Helen Frovich*

Rentals Chair: *Office*

Sick & Visiting Chairs: *Cde Peggy Kennedy & Cde Clinton Kennedy*

Branch Chaplain: *Cde Beth McLean*

Sports Chair's Report

Floor curling

We have had a great winter session on Tuesday mornings. Our first draw is at 10 am and our second is at 11am. There has been an average of 16 floor curlers each week. We will be winding up on March 26, and will resume in the Fall.

Cde Cindy Stewart – Floor Curling



Sick and Visiting Chair's Report:

On February 24, 2024, I attended a graveside service with Cde Clint Kennedy and Cdes Jim and Cindy Stewart, on the passing of Ladies Auxiliary Life Member Anne Rogoski. Lunch was provided at the Winnipeg Beach Legion after the service.

On March 1, 2024, Ladies Auxiliary Life Member, Mary Turkewich, passed away. I attended the service with Cde Clint Kennedy and Cdes Jim and Cindy Stewart at Gilbert Funeral Home in Gimli on Friday, March 8th.

I delivered a sympathy card to the family and attended the luncheon at the Winnipeg Beach Legion.

One of our members is awaiting surgery. When they have had the surgery and returned home, I will deliver a get-well card and fruit basket.

Cdes Peggy and Clinton Kennedy

Poppy Report

On October 30th, Cde Clinton Kennedy, President Lorraine Andrushuk, and myself attended the Winnipeg Beach School. We presented awards for the 2022 Poster and Literacy Contest.

Poppy boxes were distributed the first week of November. Poppies and flags were again placed on Veteran's graves at the various cemeteries in the Winnipeg Beach area.

Thank you to Cde Bev Self and her grandson, Alek, and Cdes Jim and Cindy Stewart for helping make this happen as well.

We had a lot of participants in this year's Poster and Literacy Contest. There were a lot of good entries, however, we had none that were forwarded on to the district level.

We will be planning to present the 2023 Awards for the Poster and Literacy Contest early this Spring. We are also increasing the prize amounts for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes.

Don Sul,
Poppy Chairperson

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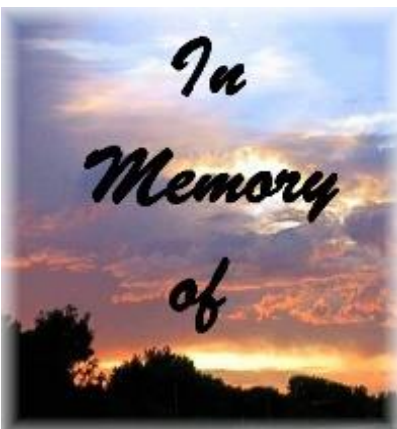
Thank you everyone for your submissions to the newsletter!

I appreciate the time, details, and pictures that you include in your reports.

If there is anything else you would like to see included, please let me know and I'll try my best to include it.

Stay safe until we meet again!

Cde. Velma Darroux



Cde Carol Baker
Ann Rogoski
Mary Turkewich
Donna Massier

Ways and Means

The Chairs and all our committees are busy preparing for the 2024 events. Cde Velma Darroux is hard at work on posters, tickets, and all other aspects of publication and preparing the newsletter.

We ran a perogy bee on February 22, with help from the Lions Club and Ladies Auxiliary. This perogy bee is for the Spring Tea sales. We made 175 dozen. More help will be needed with the packing next time. I have appointed Cde Bev Self to be in charge of these bees, but there are a lot of details to take care of. Thank you, Bev, you are a doll.

We will be holding a joint Legion and Ladies Auxiliary Spring Tea and a bake sale planned for May 11th, where we will also be selling Ukrainian food and baking. We will also have a silent auction in which the auction items are to be donated from the Legion and our Auxiliary members. Only at Christmas do we ask our local business to help us out, so please help if you can.

We have helped the Ladies Auxiliary with three memorials, both in food preparation and supply, the next one will be Cde Velma Darroux's mother Donna, a Ladies Auxiliary member, so again all help will be appreciated. Velma is on our Executive. This, as you know, has never been an easy time for any family members to do, so if we can make this a little easier that would be wonderful. The Rogoski family has donated \$500.00 to the Auxiliary for the Anne Rogoski memorial lunch.

As your Legion President I want to thank all the Legion members who have helped the Legion by baking, making fillings or work, helping the Auxiliary to make over a \$1000.00 this month. By working together, we are a great organization, please know all your contributions are valued.

On 21 April we have the Spring Fashion Show coming up. The menu will be chicken, salads, and dessert. Please help Velma with the ticket sales. Tamara Darroux, Manager of the Red Apple in Gimli has obtained a 20% Red Apple discount coupon for those in attendance, so it is a win win event for everyone. It is a fun event.

Cde Cindy Stewart, the Bar, the Office, and I have tickets for the Bud Spud and Steak to be held on 18 May 2024. We really need help selling these tickets so please step up. Everyone I know goes all over for meals, so just support your local Legion, and come out and have some fun. The Legion was given two beautiful lawn fountains last year and that is just two of the auction prizes.

We will be running more bees this spring, hopefully we will receive lots of help, so it will not continue on being so hard for only a few. The last one with the added help from the Lions organization, friends and seniors was wonderful. I need to receive a lot less advice and more help. As the saying goes....."*all the thank you's do not beat help with the dishes*". Thank you to all those volunteers who have stepped up. Always greatly appreciated.

Ways and Means Chair, Cde Lorraine Andrushuk

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www.winnipegbeachlegion.ca

NEW: E-transfers for events & memberships: rclbr61@gmail.com

Quotes!

"Nothing is impossible. The word itself says 'I'm possible!'" – Audrey Hepburn

"It is often the small steps, not the giant leaps, that bring about the most lasting change."
HRM Queen Elizabeth II

"We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone." – Ronald Reagan

Ladies Auxiliary

We have been keeping busy with LA events and helping the legion with their events. In October we hosted another successful Ladies Nite Out. This is one of our annual fundraisers. On November 11th we prepared lunch for after our Remembrance Day Service. We also had a very successful Tea and Bake Sale in November. We held a perogy bee with the Legion and made 86 dozen perogies which were all sold.

LA members also assisted the Branch with preparing, serving and cleanup of the Winnipeg Beach School Lunch with Santa. The students and staff from Winnipeg Beach School and the kids and staff from the Tiny Tots Day Care were also included in the lunch with Santa. The menu consisted of macaroni and cheese, hot dogs, cookies, and juice. All the kids also received a present of a toque and mittens from Santa and Mrs. Clause who were both in attendance!

We helped the Branch with pies for the Fall Supper and cookies for the Annual Christmas Dinners. We also helped with the delivery of the Christmas Dinners.

Our Sick and Visiting has been very busy sending cards, flowers, fruit baskets, etc. to our members. We delivered Christmas dinners to our Life Members and shut ins along with a box of chocolates. In the event of bereavements, we have decided to donate funds to Deer Lodge Centre, Veterans Memorial Housing or wherever the family has requested.

We continue with our annual donations to Deer Lodge Foundation, Provincial Council Fund, Canadian Legion Memorial Housing, Gimli Seniors Resource, Evergreen Basic Needs and Interlake Women's Resource Centre. In addition, we awarded \$500 to a Gimli High School Graduate to help with their continuing education. A cheque for \$3000 was given to our branch as our annual donation. We also donated \$1000 to Stars Ambulance and \$200 to the Winnipeg Beach School Breakfast Program.

In February we had two funerals for which we made lunch and baking and served. March unfortunately started off with another funeral of a LA member.

On February 22 the Legion had a perogy bee. This was one of the largest turnouts we have ever had. We made 175 dozen perogies and 4 more that the workers enjoyed for lunch. Great job everyone!



Nadia Hanesiak, President Ladies Auxiliary

Membership Report

I am pleased to say the majority of our membership have paid their 2024 membership and we only have a few that are outstanding. If you can't make it to the branch, we now accept e-transfers at rclbr61@gmail.com.

This e-transfer email is for all event tickets as well.

We thank all those that support us and the Veterans that the community serves.

Cde Cindy Stewart
Membership Chair

Quotes!

"Let everything you do be done in love."
1 Corinthians 16:14

"Faith makes all things possible. Love makes all things easy."- Dwight L. Moody

"A true friend is someone who thinks you're a good egg, even if you're cracked." —
Unknown

"Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe filled with slush." - Doug Larson

"Keep going. Keep growing."- Unknown

Thank You!

DONATIONS 2023/2024 (List in no special order. If we missed listing a donation, please accept our apologies and we will list it in the next Legion newsletter.)

Town of Wpg Beach (\$500)
Branch 61 Ladies Auxiliary (\$3000)
Wpg Beach Hotel (\$200)
Peggy & Clint Kennedy
Sharon & Ken Pekrul
Shelby Hanuschuk
Lorraine Andrushuk
Teresa & Alain Beauregard
Eleanor Nelson
Cindy & Jim Stewart
Olga Mackay
Vera Ginter
Beth McLean
Tergesen's Gimli
Pharmasave Gimli
Mary Hildebrandt
Lakeview Inn Gimli
Sobey's Gimli
Tim Horton's Gimli
Rona Gimli
Linda Kaneski
Larry Kisiloski
Betty Bjornson
Park Family

Town of Wpg Beach Firefighters (\$1000)
Wpg Beach Roadhouse (\$200)
Lakeside (Wpg Beach/Dunnottar) Lions Club (\$250)
Molly's Creations
Deals for Dollars Gimli
Home Hardware Wpg Beach
Tomko Family
Nadia Hanesiak
Carol Epps
Johnson's Gimli
Bob Abar
Juri Snikeris
Bev Gabarevic
Brian Crones Ye Olde Collectibles Shop
Ron & Pat Nuspl
Jeneen Tomko
Dianne & Bruce Campbell
Westshore Community Foundation
Carlos Cucina
Velma Darroux
Salty's Drive In
Leah McIsaac
June & Dino Harvey
Karen Proch



Gilbert Funeral Home
donation of \$500
towards our new
office desks!

Winnipeg Beach Firefighters
donation of \$1000 towards
our Winnipeg Beach School
Lunch with Santa and gifts
for the children!



2024 Events

(dates/events are subject to change)



Fashion Show & Dinner	Sunday, April 21
Mother's Day Spring Tea (Legion & LA)	Saturday, May 11
Bud, Spud & Steak Dinner and Dance	Saturday, May 18
Pancake Breakfast (Legion & Lakeside Lions)	Sunday, May 19
Spring Craft Sale	Saturday, June 22
General Meeting	Tuesday, June 25
Meet & Greet @ Legion (all welcome)	Monday, July 1
General Meeting	Tuesday, August 27
Fall Supper	Sunday, September 15
Fall Craft Sale	Saturday, September 21
Ladies Auxiliary Italian Nite	Saturday, October 19
Remembrance Day Service @ School (by invitation only)	Friday, November 8
Remembrance Day Service (Legion)	Monday, November 11
Christmas Tea and Bake Sale	Saturday, November 16
Honours & Awards combined with General Meeting & Elections	Saturday, November 23
Christmas Craft Sale (tentative)	Saturday, December 7
Executive Christmas Party (tentative)	Saturday, December 7
Lunch With Santa (Wpg Beach School)	December 9 & 10
Christmas Dinner Pick Up	Friday, December 13


We have a new email address effective
immediately!

rclbr61@gmail.com

Payments for events and memberships can
also be paid by e-transfer using this email
address! (please put name and event in memo)



**WINNIPEG BEACH LEGION
FUN BLIND DRAW DOUBLES
DART TOURNAMENT**

Legion 

**Saturday,
April 13th, 2024**

Cost \$10 per person

(includes high score and high finish pots)

100% payout

Registration closes at 1030am

**All are welcome.
Any player level!**

Winnipeg Beach Legion Spring Fashion Show and Dinner

Tickets
\$15 ea.



Clothes and Accessories provided by
Red Apple, Gimli

April 21, 2024

Doors unlocked at 2:30

Show Begins at 3:00 with
Dinner to follow!

50/50
Draw

Cash
Bar

Tickets can now be purchased by e-transfer at
rclbr61@gmail.com

For tickets contact:

Legion: 204-389-2660

Velma: 204-642-2840

Tickets also available at Red Apple Store in Gimli.

Everyone in attendance
will receive a Red Apple
Coupon for 20% off!

Winnipeg Beach Legion Br. 61 and Ladies Auxiliary



Spring Tea and Bake Sale

Silver
collection
at door

Silent
Auction

May 11, 2024

12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

For Information call:

Legion @ 204-389-2660 or rclbr61@gmail.com

Winnipeg Beach Legion Bud, Spud & Steak Dinner and Dance

Saturday, May 18, 2024

Cocktails 5:00 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Tickets \$30.00

(Includes a fabulous steak dinner with a baked potato and coleslaw
and a regular priced beverage of choice!)

Chicken available by pre-order

Tickets can now be purchased by e-transfer at
rclbr61@gmail.com

Silent Auction



Dance to music by Al



50/50 Draw



For more information and to purchase tickets call

Legion 204 389 2660

Cindy 204-389-3512

Winnipeg Beach Legion
and the Lakeside Lions

Pancake Breakfast

20 Hamilton Street, Winnipeg Beach
204-389-2660

50/50 Draw
Winners will be
contacted!



Sunday, May 19
8:30 am - 11:30 am

Regular Meal \$7.00 <i>3 pancakes</i> <i>3 sausages</i> <i>Coffee or Tea</i>	Lighter Fare \$5.00 <i>2 pancakes</i> <i>2 sausages</i> <i>Coffee or Tea</i>
Children's Meal \$5.00 <i>2 pancakes</i> <i>2 sausages</i> <i>Juice</i>	Meatless Meal \$7.00 <i>5 pancakes</i> <i>Coffee or Tea</i>

Winnipeg Beach Legion Br. 61

20 Hamilton Ave.



We are continuing to have your favourite Ukrainian foods for sale:

Perogies (sold in bags of 5 dozen)

- **potato & cheddar** – \$35.00
- **Sauerkraut** – \$40.00

Cabbage rolls: \$8.00/dozen

Perishky: \$8.00/dozen

Meat Pies: Large \$14.00 ea. Small \$7.00 ea.

Chicken

Cheeseburger

Meat (ground beef & pork)

Assorted Fruit Pies: Large \$12.00 ea. Small \$7.00 ea.

Apple

Cherry

Strawberry Rhubarb

Blueberry

Saskatoon

Raisin (lg. \$14.00 ea.)

Carrot Cake: \$12.00

Squares: \$8.00/dozen

To order call:

Lorraine @ 1-204-894-3701

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