

Great Village Legion Notes



Comrades Reg Myatt, Neil Morash, Walter Perrin, and Myles Rushton were the recipients of the Queen's Jubilee Medal presented at the June meeting of Branch 72 Great Village. (Merton Eagles photo)

By Ken Kennedy

The June 12th meeting (the last one until September 11th) was well attended with 65% of our membership in attendance. President Pat Murphy was pleased to announce the attendance of our new Zone 10 Commander Wilson MacDonald. Comrade MacDonald spoke on the new recruiting campaign, "One By One," which offers a chance to win a cruise vacation by anyone bringing in a new member to their branch. Entry forms and information can be

picked up at any branch. Comrade MacDonald then presented the Queen's Jubilee Medal to Comrades Reg. Myatt, Walter Perrin, Neil Morash, and Myles Rushton. Comrade Rushton was then surprised to learn that he had been awarded a Dominion Command Certificate of Appreciation for the many years he had served as a Surveyor of Long-Term Safety and Care of war veterans placed in hospitals and nursing homes in the Cumberland-Colchester area. This is a probably a good



Branch 72 President Pat Murphy presents Comrade Myles Rushton with a Certificate of Appreciation from Dominion Command Royal Canadian Legion in recognition of Myles' many hours of attending to ailing veterans and seeing to their health issues. (Ken Kennedy photo)

time to say congratulations to a good friend and past Zone Ten Commander, Ronald T. Trowsdale of Truro. The former Glidden Paint man was just recently appointed as President of the Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command. (See photo at www.nslegion.ca.)

President Pat and members were also surprised and delighted to receive a cheque for \$1100 from Tony Van Den Hock of Lowland Gardens. Every year the Van Den Hock's hold a silent auction fundraiser for non-profit groups in the Village. This year it with Branch 72's turn to reap the benefits of their corporate charity program.

Here is a recap of some of the activities conducted over the past few months by the hard-working membership. On 2 June we held our Annual Flag Day church service at Riverside UCC, Bass River. This service - which is held every year around this time - always precedes our annual grave decoration program. This solemn event occurs when a few legion members place crosses and flags on graves of deceased veterans in cemeteries from Glenholme to Londonderry to Five Islands.

A new executive was installed at the January meeting with Comrade Pat Murphy of Five Houses taking over the president's chair from Comrade Joan Richard of Crowe's Mills. Betty MacNeil took over the clerks duties from Carlotta Langille, and Fred Richard stayed on as branch treasurer. Membership is at 33 with Robert Webb and Walter Millen coming on board in February. We need more members as does just about all Legions these days.

One of the problem areas the new president had to deal with was the results of the flood in October when the Great Village River overflowed. Cost of the flood repair along with electrical upgrades amounted to about \$15,000. While most of the cost of flood repairs was covered by government grants through our MLA Karen Casey, it was no less stressful to see the basement is such a mess.

Fortunately, most of the Legion's fundraising is realized from the weekly Bingo games, cheese sales, and hall rental. As for Bingo, there was over \$2000 paid out in winnings as of 30 April. Because of these fund-raising efforts the branch was able to donate \$1000 for the upkeep of the repatriated Afghan Memorial which was dismantled there and set up again at Trenton, Ontario, RCAF base. The Ways and Means committee was also busy fund-raising, with 50/50 draws, and ticket sales on various items. Cheese sales and hall rental revenues also help with our current expenses. Those activities and the proceeds from musical jamborees organized by Russell and Sandra McCallum went toward the purchase of a commercial-style dishwasher for the kitchen. This \$2800 item was installed by Comrade Jim Hudson. (Now the kitchen staff will no longer have to put up with "dish-pan hands!")

The Wheels to Meals program is still a popular twice-monthly luncheon whereby friends and neighbours pick up the shut-in's of their community and take them out to the Legion hall for a lovely dinner at the low, low cost of \$6. Make plans now for joining with Betty MacNeil and her crew when the program starts up again on the first Tuesday afternoon in September.



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Wentworth Recreation Centre Gets Facelift



Reg Jay, Maintenance Supervisor, stands before the new facelift of the Wentworth Recreation Centre, where five volunteer workers did a total of 75 hours revitalizing the outside look of the building. The Wentworth Split Crow and Wallace Home Hardware helped with donations. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

By Hope Bridgewater

Thanks to five volunteer workers contacted by Reg Jay, Maintenance Supervisor of the Wentworth Recreation Centre, the Centre has a new colour "facelift" of white with dark blue trim for the outside of the building to replace white with red trim, and newly machine and hand washed vinyl siding. The painting was done by Reg Jay, Bob Smith, Ken Smith, and Bob MacLean, and the power washing/hand washing was done by Reg Jay and Ed Trenholm.

Helping out with the "facelift" was the staging provided by Alex

Crowley, two flags donated by Damian Byrne of the Wentworth Split Crow, and two gallons of stain donated by Wallace Home Hardware. There were a total of 75 hours of work time and a total expense account for materials of \$380.80 (includes eight gallons of stain). Obviously, without the workers volunteering their time and the donations, the cost for the "facelift" would be much higher.

The Wentworth Recreation Centre to keep functioning well for the community requires volunteer workers for various events such as the Sunday Music Afternoons held the last Sunday of each month (old-time music and dancing), meal catering, wedding receptions, various anniversaries, variety concerts, annual yard sale, annual pancake and maple syrup supper, annual craft show, card parties (autumn, winter, spring), and various kinds of meetings.

To book a time for a planned event or to volunteer as a worker or to find out general information, please contact Betty Curry at 548-2682 or Mary Anne Jay 548-2568. The Centre is very important for the social and cultural infrastructure of the Wentworth community and outside area.

Another important "facelift" for the summer is the extended hours at the C@Psite located in the basement at the Recreation Centre. The summer hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 6:15 p.m., Monday to Thursday, at phone 548-2301.

This C@Psite's available service are extensive: free internet access for all ages regarding printing, scanning, binding, photocopying, fax, GPS, and free tutoring. Also, available for borrowing are books, a digital projector, and a Welcome to Wentworth banner. Watch for mail pamphlets which may offer other activities this summer.

Jordan Sprague, working as summer staff, provides skillful help for all these services to all ages. Sprague has returned to his Wentworth home community for the summer from Toronto where he is taking a degree in Journalism and Broadcasting at Ryerson University.



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