



ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION FERGUS BRANCH 275

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THE THISTLE



NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Ray Pearse – 519-843-5297

Historically, Fergus Legion – Branch 275 received its Charter on May 15, 1935. The first official task of the Branch was to organize a “Decoration Day of Service” and immediately began offering assistance to veterans applying for pensions. The Fergus Legion Ladies Auxiliary was formed on April 28, 1942. In June 1945 the Branch purchased the old Wansborough house on Garafraxa Street which opened on October 7, 1945 and became the first permanent location in Fergus. The Branch has continued to grow and provide expanded services to the community and our veterans over the years.

When I assumed command of the Fergus Legion on June 1, 2010, I set objectives and accomplished:

1. New Branch regulations were approved and posted in the Club Room on November 15, 2010.
2. In regard to increasing revenue and reducing Branch expenditures a “Finance Committee” was established in July 2010 and after a series of meetings concrete steps have now been taken to put the Branch on a much improved financial track.
3. Finally, I am proud to report vastly improved communications with the community we serve through the efforts of our Branch “Public Relations Officer” and the members of the Executive.

I thank the Executive, Ladies Auxiliary and members for their support and dedication. I encourage all members of the community to become involved with Fergus Legion – Branch 275 by either volunteering for Branch initiatives and activities or by considering membership. It is only through your efforts and that of our current members that Fergus Legion will remain a viable community resource.

GENERAL MEETINGS
3rd WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH – 7:30 P.M.
(July / August / December excluded)

**BRANCH
OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE
2011-2012**

President: Ray Pearse
Past-President: Brian Bielby
1st Vice President: Greg Manion
2nd Vice: President: Ed Orsava
Secretary: Bill Sulston
Assistant Secretary: John Campbell
Treasurer: Pat Sulston
Executive: Byron Beirnes
 Beckie Mason
 Tom Semanyk
 Gary Watt
 Les Willis
Sgt-At-Arms: Byron Beirnes
Chaplain: Father Ian Duffy
Assist. Chaplain: Rev. Canon Fran Darlington

COMMITTEES

Bursary)
Honours/Awards) Ed Orsava
Membership)
Canteen Pat Sulston
Liaison with L.A.)
Nevada) Greg Manion
Public Relations)
Poppy Les Willis
Property Tom Semanyk
Seniors) Byron Beirnes
Veterans Service)
Sick & Visiting Beckie Mason
Sports)
Track & Field) Gary Watt
Ways & Means)
Training (TOD)) Brian Bielby
Catering/Hall Rental)
Youth Education Fred Hiller

Audit – Chair Jim Taylor
Bookkeeper Kathy Ladd
Chief Bar Steward Karen Small
Head Custodian Jorja McConnell

HALL RENTAL AND BANQUETS

Please contact Karen Small
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 E-mail: info@ferguslegion.ca

**LADIES AUXILIARY
OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE
2011-2012**

President: Linda Semanyk
Past President: Pat Brawlay
1st Vice President: Christine Evans
2nd Vice President: Regina Corkum
Secretary: Frances Hurd
Treasurer: Teresa Holland
Sgt-At-Arms: Marion Brown
Sports Officer: Janine Allan
Executive: Sharon Armitage
 Joanne Becker
 Cathy Bruder
 Lois Chabot
 Laura Gray
 Helen Manion
 Helen Stokes
 Rosemary Skilling
 Lynda Sullivan

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BRANCH HOURS:

Monday 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Tuesday 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
 Wednesday 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
 Thursday 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
 Friday 1:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m..
 Saturday 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 Sunday/Holidays 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**WE HOPE YOU WILL COME OUT AND
SUPPORT YOUR BRANCH.**

**EARLY BIRD CAMPAIGN
SEPTEMBER 1ST
TO NOVEMBER 30TH
PAY YOUR 2012 DUES NOW**

The Officers, Executive and Members of Branch 275 extend their sincere condolences to the families and friends of our fallen comrades since our last Newsletter.



**AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN
AND IN THE MORNING
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM**

BRANCH CHAPLAINCY/MEMORIAL SERVICE AVAILABILITY

The Branch provides a “*Memorial Service*” upon the request of any family member of a fallen Comrade. Father Ian Duffy and Rev. Canon Fran Darlington are available for events requiring the services of a Chaplain. Their services are particularly noteworthy at Branch events such as “*Decoration Day*” and the Remembrance Day Service at the Fergus Cenotaph. Requests for a Branch “*Memorial Service*” or the presence of either Father Duffy and/or Rev. Canon Darlington can be activated by contacting the Branch Service Officer – Byron Beirnes (bcbeirnes@sympatico.ca) or phoning the Branch.

LADIES’ AUXILIARY REPORT – Linda Semanyk – 519-843-1432

Once again, I was honoured to serve as President of the Ladies Auxiliary during 2010-2011. Building on our previous year’s successes, we continued to work as a team, not only within the Auxiliary, but within the branch as a whole community. Throughout the past year, we continued to support the Legion membership through our Funeral Luncheon service, Remembrance Day dinner and the community breakfasts. We are looking forward to continuing our efforts in the upcoming year.

Another change that we experienced was our revamped BINGO program. This has proven to be a monumental success with positive feedback and participation growing each week. Congratulations to the BINGO committee for driving this success.

Moving forward onto the next year, we are proud to be celebrating our 70th anniversary of the Ladies Auxiliary, Branch 275. To mark this landmark year, we will be planning several events and publishing a commemorative cookbook. We extend the invitation to all Ladies within the greater branch membership to contribute should they wish. Recipes can be left at the bar or put into the Ladies Auxiliary mailbox.

We welcomed several new members, but we are always looking for more. We recently held a year end BBQ and a great time was had by all. We would love to expand our Ladies Auxiliary family, so if you or someone you know is interested in joining, please speak to any LA member or leave your name and number at the bar.

I would like to thank the Executive, Ladies Auxiliary membership and all of our members for supporting our efforts throughout the year. I look forward to a successful 2011-2012

REGALIA: Please look at our Regalia Display when visiting the Branch. There are Legion t-shirts, caps, car magnets – *Support our Troops, Legion Badge, Poppy, Vimy*, commemorative pins, etc. See the catalogue for items that can be ordered from Dominion Command – jackets, golf shirts, gift items, etc.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Bill Sulston – 519-787-9364

The Administrative Office is operating extremely efficiently at the present time. An “Office Administration Files Matrix” has been installed and houses all of the relevant Dominion/Provincial/Zone & District” manuals and directives to assist the current and future Executive members.

files retention schedule, in accordance with The Royal Canadian Legion – Ontario Command Officers Manual” Page 233, has been implemented. A files retention schedule for regular office correspondence has been implemented in accordance with previous direction from Pat Smith, Past District Commander.

Two documents of particular interest to Branch operations have been received:

1. Correspondence from Doug Jack, Legal Counsel, confirming the completion of the transfer of Fergus Legion Branch 275 property from Trustees to the Legion on December 23, 2010 in order to comply with the provisions of the new Ontario Command Bylaws that came into effect on March 31, 2009, and a subsequent ‘Newsletter’ in 2010 reinforcing the provisions in the new Bylaws.
2. Correspondence from Bruce McKittrick, Chairman, Ontario Provincial Command – Constitution and Laws Committee, acknowledging receipt and approval of Fergus Legion – Branch 275 “Branch Regulations”. Also included with this acknowledgement was a “Certificate of Review’ dated June 8, 2011.

I wish to extend my thanks to the Executive and members for their assistance in making my job easier.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Pat Sulston - 519-787-9364

The 2010/2011 “Financial Statements for the year ended May 31, 2011 were prepared by Liberty Tax Service and tabled at the Branch Executive meeting on Wednesday, July 6, 2011. These statements will be presented to the membership at the next Branch General meeting on Wednesday, September 21, 2011. It should be noted that the net Branch loss for 2010/2011 was \$12,688.16. This shortfall can partially be attributed to the severe economic downturn which now appears to be abating.

After a series of recent meetings with the Branch “Financial Committee” recommendations were put forward and approved by the Executive to increase the sale price of beer, liquor and wine. The Executive also approved recommendations for a refinement and increases in hall rental and kitchen rental service fees. The Branch “Salary Review Committee” is also in the process of attempting to rationalize the escalation of Branch employee salary increases.

A *District “C – “Branch Financial Management Workshop”* which will provide guidance for Branch Financial Review Committee members, in order to comply with General By-Laws 617 a-b-c, will be held on **Sunday, August 21 at Branch 234 in Guelph**. This is a support service being provided as a follow-up to the elimination of the requirement for Branches to perform more formal financial audits.

It is felt that with the above noted initiatives Fergus Legion – Branch 275 has been put on the course of a much improved financial track for the future.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Ed Orsava - 519-928-2749

The “*Early Bird Campaign*” starts **September 1st**. Last year’s campaign was a success so we will be offering the same incentives this year - *a draw for two free memberships at the end of September, October and November and on November 30th there will be a draw for a 42” flat screen TV* for all those who have paid their 2012 membership dues prior to November 30th. The target for Early Bird membership sign-ups this year is 75%.

Be an EARLY BIRD and support your Legion – Pay your 2012 Membership by November 30th, 2011

Membership to the Legion is open to any Canadian citizen of good standing over the age of 18 who believes in the purposes and objectives that we abide by. Membership eligibility has changed in recent years from having had to serve in the military to be eligible. We owe our existence as an organization to the veterans that are now becoming fewer due to age. As such, we need to do all we can to help encourage others to join us to ensure the Legion remains as viable in the future as it is today. Members are invited to bring any ideas or suggestions that may help increase our membership to my attention.

HONOURS & AWARDS & BURSARY – Ed Orsava - 519-928-2749

- The Centre of Wellington Chamber of Commerce presented President Ray Pearse with a “*2010 Award of Excellence*” for the contribution Branch 275 has made to the community.
- In the May/June 2011 issue of the Legion Magazine our Veteran Member **Harry Holley** was featured in the Honours and Awards section for a Long Service Award of 65 years membership.
- Service pins will be presented at the Annual Remembrance Day Service for those in attendance. Alternative arrangements for presentation can be made by contacting Pat Sulston.

POPPY REPORT – Les Willis – 519-543-4166

Approval was given by Dominion Command on July 12, 2011, to proceed with the installation of a “*wheelchair accessible door*” into the Grand Hall; installation by Bellamy Construction will start in the near future. Also the Branch was reimbursed \$350.00 for the storage of wreaths and poppy campaign materials for a period of one year. The funds for these two items will be allocated from the Poppy Fund.

The Annual Zone C3 Poppy Seminar held August 23, 2011 in Walkerton was attended by President Pearse and the Poppy Committee.

The following charities received donations from the Poppy Fund:

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| Air Cadets | \$750.00 | Legion Bursary Fund | \$2,500.00 |
| Army Cadets | \$750.00 | Homeless Veterans | \$5,000.00 |
| Navy Cadets | \$750.00 | | |

Our *Annual Poppy Campaign* will commence **Friday, October 28th** and run until **November 11th**. Many volunteers will be needed. We ask all members who are able to give two (2) hours of your time to canvass. Please contact any one of our committee – Ray Pearse, Les Willis, Byron Beirnes or Marg McKenna.

The *Remembrance Day Dinner* will be held on **Friday, November 11th**. The dinner will be roast beef with all the trimmings at a cost of \$10.00. Tickets will be available the first week of October.

VETERAN SERVICES REPORT – Byron Beirnes – 519-843-4148

Randy Groundwater, District Services Officer, attended the Branch 275 on Friday, May 06, 2011 and several veterans met with him. Randy will come to the Branch twice-a-year if there are veterans requiring his assistance. **His next visit to the Branch will be in October.** You do not have to be a Legion member to receive assistance. I request all veterans to consider the benefits they are entitled to, i.e. Veteran’s Independence Program (VIP) which includes snow shovelling, grass cutting, window cleaning and housekeeping. There is also assistance to purchase and install safety equipment for bathrooms; and assistance to purchase walkers, etc. Please contact me as soon as possible to discuss any assistance you could be entitled to.

“*Decoration Day*” was held on Sunday, June 12, 2011 although the weather was not very cooperative there was good attendance and Rev. Canon Fran Darlington conducted the service.

The “*Seniors Tran*” bus is being operated two days per week by the Fergus/Elora Seniors Tran. The VON will be operating it two or three days per week also.

YOUTH EDUCATION – Fred Hiller – 519-843-2343

I feel that the Branch realizes the success of the Remembrance Contest, posters, essays and poems submitted for judging with the following results at Zone C3 level. There were a total of 400 posters, essays and poems from the schools in our area and eight (8) of those student's submissions went on to Zone 3 competitions. Four submissions went to District level and one continued on to Provincial level.

The eight presented with Zone 3 awards are:

Cameron Rodrigue, St. Joseph Catholic School, 1st Primary Black & White Poster;

Nicole Vandermeulen, Maranatha Christian School, 2nd Primary Colour Poster,

George Deboer, Maranatha Christian School, 2nd Junior Essay;

Adriana Cuaby, St. Joseph's School, 3rd Junior Colour Poster,

Payge-Marie Lovella Hough, St. Joseph Catholic School, 1st Intermediate Poem*.

Connor Koster, Maranatha Christian School, 1st Intermediate Black & White Poster,

Nicole Westrik, Maranatha Christian School, 3rd Intermediate Color Poster;

Spencer Menke, Emmanuel Christian School, 1st Senior Black & White Poster, and

***Payge-Marie Lovella Hough** went on to Provincial level *and her poem is on Page 11.*

SPORTS/TRACK & FIELD REPORT – Gary Watt – 519-843-3087

I am pleased to advise that Fergus Legion – Branch 275 sponsored, supported or participated in a significant number of events - a summary follows:

- Branch cribbage tournament in, February which was attended by 58 teams.
- Branch Super-Bowl Party which was held in February.
- Curl-for-Cure held in Fergus in March.
- Pool – 8 Ball Tournament held in Listowel in March.
- Supported the local “Heart & Stroke – Big Bike Ride in April.
- Attended the Zone “Sports Seminar” in Listowel in April.
- Bike-A-Thon – May 21 (All proceeds to the Centre Wellington Food Bank).
- District “C” Track & Field Meet – Guelph on Sunday, June 12.
- District “C” Golf Tournament, Saturday, July 9. (Two Branch teams entered)
- Ryan Giddy Memorial Golf Tournament, Saturday, August 20.

Upcoming Events

- Branch Mixed Golf Tournament at Wildwinds Golf Course on Saturday, September 3.
- Branch Men's Golf Tournament at Wildwinds Golf Course on Sunday, September 25.
- Branch Cribbage Tournament scheduled in October.

I want to thank all the Branch and community members who participated and/or assisted with the above-noted events and who are planning to participate and/or assist in the upcoming events. For further information re assisting or participating please contact me – *Gary Watt – 519-843-3087.*

***You must give something to your fellow man,
even if it's a little thing, do something for others,
something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it***

Albert Schweitzer

***SICK & VISITING* – Beckie Mason – 519-831-3904**

The Branch provides an ongoing "*Sick & Visiting*" service to Branch veterans and members; "Thinking of You" cards are sent to veterans and members who are hospitalized or recovering from an illness. "*Sympathy*" cards are sent to the families of Branch veterans or members. Branch representatives also visit veterans and members who are confined to area seniors' residences or nursing homes during the Christmas season to deliver a Christmas message and gift. However to activate any of the above services the Branch or myself must be contacted. I have enjoyed being your Sick & Visiting Representative and look forward to serving you.

CANTEEN REPORT – Pat Sulston – 519-787-9364

In the past year, we have seen two of our bar stewards leave the branch. We do thank them for their service to Br. 275. In March, we welcomed aboard Erin McTavish and she is working out very well.

As mentioned before, the bar prices have been raised. It has been some time since we have had an increase and as our prices have gone up, we can no longer afford to maintain our previous prices.

There has been an increase in hall bookings, and there is a need for volunteer bar stewards. I would ask that when in the branch, check the board and sign up to do a booking for us. We extend a sincere thank you to all who have done a bar for us in the past year, and a **big thank you** to those who are kind enough to do several.

NEVADA REPORT - Greg Manion – 519-787-0587

Comrades, we have had another strong year with our Nevada sales and donations to local Youth Sports Teams and Not-for-Profit organizations. Over our last fiscal year you as members have approved donations within our local community in the amount of \$13,694.37. These funds have been well received by the recipients and Fergus Legion Branch 275 has been identified as a strong community organization by our local Chamber of Commerce. As Chairperson of the Nevada Fund I am very proud every time we make a donation to a local group. I look forward to another strong year of sales and donations and would personally like to thank everyone for the continuous support of the Nevada program.

PROPERTY REPORT – Tom Semanyk – 519-843-1432

A number of significant Branch property matters have been addressed in the past year.

- It should be noted that the major hall floor resurfacing and restoration was completed by Koebel Flooring, Kitchener, in June of 2009, however, the first maintenance recoating was completed on January 24, 2011. Approval has been granted for a second maintenance recoating which should be completed by the time the Newsletter is circulated.
- The second major issue addressed was the installation of a new large hot water tank in December 2011 which services the Branch kitchen.
- Approval for the replacement of the smaller hot water tank in the utility room was granted on June 15, 2011.
- Approval for the installation of a "wheel-chair accessible door" in the hall was granted on July 06, 2011, which will be completed in the near future.
- Finally, a full review of Branch hydro costs has been undertaken and the upgrading of Branch lighting is currently under consideration.

All of the above noted projects and initiatives have been undertaken in order to maintain the facility in a serviceable condition for both the Branch members and the public we serve.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT – Greg Manion – 519-787-0587

Comrades it has been another busy year. I have been working with the Chairpersons of our different committees to ensure the information regarding each of their programs is getting out to our membership and the general public. The role of your PRO Chairperson is to ensure as many people as possible in our local area know what the Royal Canadian Legion stands for and the contributions the Branch and its members have made.

This past year we had some fantastic fund raising events. We had the honour of holding a farewell evening for one of our local citizens, ***Sean Summerfield***, who joined the Canadian Armed Forces and has served in Afghanistan. After his tour of duty another event was held at the Branch to welcome home our hero.

I, President Ray Pearse and Past President Brian Bielby, attended the District C Convention in Owen Sound. One of the items tabled at this meeting was a ***Yellow Ribbon Campaign*** to recognize the end of the Canadian Combat Mission in Afghanistan effective July 1, 2011. The Branch Executive, with the support of the members that attended the May General Meeting, endorsed the campaign. Past President Bielby agreed to chair the committee and enlisted members of the Branch and Ladies Auxiliary to make the ribbons. With the great effort from these wonderful ladies, and the 2-page newspaper article the Wellington Advertiser ran on July 1st, the ribbons flew out the door. Profits from this campaign will be donated to the Afghanistan Family Fund.

The Branch Web page has been completely redone. It has been the creation of Sarah McGoldrick and she has done a fantastic job on this project. Sarah will also manage the page for us and we as an Executive are committed to ensure the most current information is posted.

In closing, I feel we have a strong Branch and membership and I ask that when you are in or out of the Branch you act as ambassadors and encourage more people to join the Legion. The more members we get involved the stronger we become. Please don't forget what Legions stand for.

TRAINING REPORT – Brian Bielby – 519-843-5662

We continue to improve our knowledge of Legion programs by attending many seminars. We have attended approximately 10 seminars with over 30 participants. This is a vital part of our training program; we must keep up to date with all the new rules and regulations, whether they are from the Government or the Legion, as well as increasing our basic knowledge of the many programs that the Legion offers.

We continue to train through the Smart Serve Alcohol Training Program. This is essential if we are to maintain a good supply of volunteer bar staff for our hall functions.

HALL RENTAL AND CATERING REPORT – Brian Bielby - 519-843-5662

Welcome to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 275 Fergus. Whether you are celebrating a wedding, stag & doe, retirement party, birthday party, anniversary party, or planning a business event you will find that we offer a great facility. Our fully accessible banquet hall can comfortably accommodate up to 330 guests. We provide all your bar requirements, and staff it with our Smart Serve trained personnel, we also offer off catering services. We have a fully licensed patio overlooking the Grand River.

Hold your next meeting or conference at the Fergus Legion. We can fully cater your event from a simple continental breakfast to a gourmet dinner. Allow us to customize your event based on your budget. Included with your rental is: a fully wheelchair accessible building, wireless internet, microphone and podium display tables, complimentary guest parking.

We can arrange excellent catering through our catering partner, Alma Baking & Catering. These very reasonable priced meals are excellent quality and great value. For further information, hall pricing and availability, please contact our chief steward, ***Karen Small***, during normal Legion hours, at ***(519) 843-2345***

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS ATTENDED – Ray Pearse – 519-843-5297

It is with great pleasure that I report the very active participation of the Branch Executive and Ladies Auxiliary members in various conferences/seminars/and workshops over the past year. A summary of that participation is as follows:

- Zone “C-3” Spring Convention at Branch 296 Harriston on Saturday March 5th
- District Convention in Owen Sound – April 9th and 10th
- Royal Canadian Legion – Ontario Command 48th Biennial Conference, May 7th to 11th in Sault Ste. Marie. (Attended by Senior Executive members)

It should also be noted Branch Executive and members also attended, or will be attending, the following Seminars and/or Meetings:

PRO Seminar; Poppy Seminar; District - “C” Branch Financial Management Workshop; Zone Membership Seminar; Bursary Committee Meeting; Youth Education Seminar; Sports Seminar; Sgt-At-Arms Seminar.

Fergus Legion Executive and Ladies Auxiliary members are to be commended for their dedication and commitment for attending these most worthwhile conferences, seminars, training sessions and meetings on their own time. I also want to thank the Branch Ladies Auxiliary whose generous financial contributions have helped this Legion so much by generating the funding necessary to keep the Branch operational.

WAYS & MEANS REPORT – Gary Watt – 519-843-3087

It is a pleasure to report that the Branch hosted a number of very successful events since the beginning of 2011 with a number of events planned up to the end of 2011. Those events can be summarized as follows:

- New Year’s Branch Levee
- Monthly Sunday morning breakfasts
- A Karaoke Competition which commenced in January and ran for 12 weeks.
- “Jam Sessions” were held in the Club Room the first Saturday of each month from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- An Irish Stew Luncheon on March 17th.
- The Cancer Society – Daffodil Luncheon was held in April.
- Joint Fergus Scottish Festival/Legion parade on Thursday, August 11th. The Branch sponsored a “shuttle bus” to the Fergus Scottish Festival - August 12th to 14th
- Welcome Home & Appreciation Day – Saturday, August 20th - Kieran Ballah provided entertainment.

I want to thank the many Branch volunteers, Ladies Auxiliary and community members who assist and made these events possible.

Upcoming Events – 2011

- **Legion Week - September 16th – 24th – See schedule in Newsletter.**
- **The Legends Saturday, September 24th – 8:00 to 10:30 p.m. – See notice in Newsletter**
- **Grampa’s Bar B-Q, Saturday, October 15, 2011 – 5-7 p.m. – See notice in Newsletter**

ARMISTICE DAY became REMEMBRANCE DAY: The Canadian Legion held its founding convention in Winnipeg in November 1925. At this time, the members passed a resolution saying that Armistice Day should be held only on November 11. They also led a campaign to have this enacted by Parliament.

It was A.W. Neil, MP for Comox-Alberni in British Columbia who introduced a motion in British Columbia in the House of Common on March 18, 1931 to have Armistice Day observed on **November 11** and “**no other date.**” At the same time, C. W. Dickie, MP for Nanaimo also spoke on behalf of the veterans and moved an amendment changing the name from “**Armistice**” to “**Remembrance**” Day.

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR BRANCH AT THE FOLLOWING EVENTS

Celebrity Productions and Fergus RCL Br.275
Presents

THE LEGENDS

SAT. SEPT. 24TH, 2011 - 8:00 -10:30 p.m.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
500 Blair Street, Fergus, Ontario

Join us for an exciting Legendary tribute with country stars, 50's rock'n roll, pop,
famous crooners, comedy & more!!

Get a good seat, come early - hamburgers & fries available (extra cost) 6:00 -8:00 p.m.
No reserved seating \$15.00/person
Tickets at the Legion – 519-843-2345

GRAMPA'S BAR B-Q

“All You Can Eat”

Roast Beef Dinner, Dessert & Coffee

At the FERGUS LEGION BR. 275

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2011 – 5-7 p.m.

\$12.00 Ticket (over 12)

\$6.00 Child (ages 6-12)

LEGION WEEK

SEPTEMBER 16 to 24, 2011

Be our guest – Everyone Welcome

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| Fri. Sept. 16 | Wings & Fries - \$10.00 | 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. |
| | Karaoke with Kieran Ballah 🎵🎵 | 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. |
| Sun. Sept. 18 | Sunday, Morning Breakfast - \$6.00 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. |
| Mon. Sept.19 | Senior's Euchre ♦ ♥ ♣ ♠ | 7:30 p.m. |
| Tues. Sept.20 | Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon - \$10.00 | 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. |
| Wed. Sept.21 | Member's Appreciation Day ☺ | 2:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. |
| Thurs. Sept.22 | Bingo – <i>Extra prizes</i> ☺ | 7:00 p.m. |
| Sat. Sept.24 | LEGENDS NIGHT 🎵🎵 | 8:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. |
| | <i>(Come early - Hamburgers & Fries (extra cost) at 6:00 p.m.)</i> | |

SUNDAY MORNING COMMUNITY FAMILY BREAKFAST

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon - \$6.00 per person

SEPTEMBER 18

OCTOBER 16

NOVEMBER 20

DECEMBER 18

JANUARY 15

FEBRUARY 19

MARCH 18

APRIL 15

MAY 20

JUNE 17

We will be serving
Sausage and/or Ham, Eggs, Toast & Jam, Tea, Coffee & Juice

EVERYONE WELCOME – BRING THE FAMILY

Payge-Marie Lovella Hough went on to
Provincial level and the following is her poem:

A CHILD'S EYES

Try and see it through a child's eyes,
A man to me that's in disguise,
Knocks on the door and mother cries,
Try and see it through a child's eyes.

When he speaks his voice is deep,
Mother keeps a constant weep,
His words spoken I do not wish to seek,
Try and see it through a child's eyes.

The man holds a photo and clothes,
The people who did this to him are now my
foes,
Up to heaven my father goes,
Try and see it through a child's eyes.

Today's the day I tell the kids at school,
Even the ones who think they're cool,
A classmate laughs, why are they so cruel?
Try and see it through a child's eyes.

My fathers gone without a goodbye,
Now I understand and start to cry,
My only question is why?
Try and see it through my eyes.

WE'LL NEVER FORGET

JEAN MISO

Author and Composer

A book of remembrance with CD

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The *Yellow Ribbon Campaign* has been very successful. Proceeds to the Afghanistan Family Fund. Full report will be available at the September 21st General Meeting. Please attend and support your elected President and Executive.

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