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INTERIM UPDATE

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On behalf of myself, the Executive and Committee Chairpersons and Ladies Auxiliary I would like to wish everyone a very HAPPY NEW YEAR. I wish you all good health and happiness in 2012.

President Ray Pearse – 519-843-5297

YOUTH EDUCATION – Fred Hiller – The Remembrance Day Literary and Poster Contest Kits were delivered to the local schools in September and we are very pleased with the results:

WINNERS IN ZONE COMPETITION

1st place in Senior Poem – Suzie Bultena, Emmanuel Christian High School

1st place in Senior Black & White Poster – Danielle Sikkema, Emmanuel Christian H.S.

2nd place Primary Colour – Dianne DeBoer, Maranatha Christian School

3rd place Intermediate Essay – Erin Vink, St. Joseph Catholic School

3rd place Junior Black & White – Scott Brouwer, Maranatha Christian School

Suzie Bultena's poem and Danielle Sikkema's Black & White Poster have gone to the District Zone Level.

**A PRESENTATION TO THE STUDENTS WILL BE
MADE AT THE
GENERAL MEETING
ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18TH, 2012
PLEASE ATTEND TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR
THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- The President and Executive attend many meetings at Zone and District level;
- Ways and Means continues to be very busy with Sunday Morning Breakfasts, Legend Night was a huge success. The “Ladies Appreciation Night” was very successful. We thank the men for serving the dinner.
Saturday Jazz continues the first Saturday of the month;
- Sports tournaments, i.e. cribbage, euchre and pool, are very active;
- A wheelchair accessible door and ramp with railing has been installed;
- General maintenance is being carried out.
- Christmas Retirement Home visits have been made.

YELLOW RIBBON CAMPAIGN raised \$5,000.00 and a cheque was presented to the Military Family Resource Centre.

SHELBURNE LEGION visited the Branch on December 3rd and a light lunch was served. They were very pleased with the reception they received from Executive and members.

POPPY CAMPAIGN was very successful and a report will be available at the General Meeting.

REMEMBRANCE WEEK was very busy with services at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Belwood Cenotaph, Fergus Cenotaph, two veterans attended the St. Joseph’s Catholic School Remembrance Day Service speaking with the students and answering their questions, and the Remembrance Day Dinner. All were well attended.

HONOURS AND AWARDS – Service Pins and Letters of Appreciations were awarded at the Remembrance Day Dinner.

EARLY BIRD CAMPAIGN was very successful – results at General Meeting. If you have not picked up your 2012 Membership Card please do so at the Club Room bar.

PORTRAIT OF HONOUR was December 8th at the Fergus Legion and was very successful with many schools and local residents attending. The dinner and show was also very successful. Terry Allen was very entertaining and a man to be admired. All who participated in the tour are to be congratulated.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NEW YEAR’S LEVEE – 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. 🎵Kieran Ballah🎵 will entertain and the Ladies Auxilary will serve Beef on a Bun.

SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST – January 15, 2012

50’s & 60’s SHOW – February 25, 2012 - \$15.00 advance - \$20.00 at door.