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Let us not forget

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Branch hours are Tuesday to Saturday 1-5 pm.

Proof of vaccination is no longer required, but members are encouraged to continue wearing masks, washing hands, and social distancing.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Comrades,

Spring cleaning has begun in the Legion. More volunteers are needed so if you can spare an hour or two, inside or out, please call the Legion at 613-692-3243. My year as President is nearly over. I plan on running for President for another year and Harvey Renault is also nominated. The election is May 15 at 7:30 pm. Please come out that evening and show your support. Many vacancies are open so please consider putting your name forward. I have been told that Rob Sova, our treasurer, may resign. That will be an opening for someone with accounting experience. Put your name forward if there is any position you would like to be a part of. You are always welcome, and training will be provided. You can play a role in the success of our branch. We now have a new Webmaster, Barbara Robson, who has excelled in keeping the site updated and providing much information about the Legion. Go to www.manoticklegion.ca and have a look around. All cheques from the Poppy Campaign have been distributed except one that has not yet been approved. More itemized information will be put in the Messenger and on our website. Hope to see everyone May 15 at 7:30 pm.

In comradeship, **Shirley Spinks** shirleyspinks48@gmail.com

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

What is Resurrection?

Christian faith is completely centered, and based on, the rising of Christ from the dead back to life, which is what we celebrate every Easter. It sounds relatively simple. That's what most of us have been raised to believe. However, the [theological] problem with that statement is that, if we look at the wording closely, it would appear that Jesus was simply 'resuscitated' back to the life he had before, rather than the Christ's resurrection into a fullness and abundance of life, which transcends what our human understanding can grasp. This is exactly the mystery that our faith attempts to bring us into: a contemplation of something that is life-giving, yet extremely difficult to understand. That's why we call it a "mystery of faith."

This "resurrection" is not limited to THE resurrection that took place 2000 years ago. The resurrection that Christ obtained for us is something that is cosmically ongoing, there is always something new to learn, to experience, and to be in awe of. This resurrection is neither limited to an individual nor a group of individuals, nor does it exclude those who do not believe the same way we do. As people of faith, the very essence of the Christ mystery moves us to embrace the totality of God's creation, other human beings, animals, and the planet itself. We are, after all, called to be 'stewards of creation.'

Having said all this, we are reminded occasionally that we are not perfect, and sometimes we fall short of what we are called to be. Living and working with other people is challenging at times, and we miss the opportunity to touch someone's life by being vessels of grace and cooperation. We, at this branch, are only too aware of this imperfect part of our personal and collective selves. Nevertheless, we are never alone, and we are constantly being called to mend our ways and our relationships with our loved ones, strangers, and our comrades. This seemingly simple act of reconciliation, reparation of broken relationships, and personal and collective accountability is precisely what it means to experience 'resurrection.' When we are able, and willing, to consider that our actions can have detrimental consequences to others, and when we consciously make efforts to repair broken relationships, a new, fuller, and abundant kind of life is born. In other words, "resurrection" can finally take place.

As we continue working towards our common goal, let us contemplate this greatest of mysteries, and let's be willing to risk being a little vulnerable, so that we can remove pride, jealousy, hatred, and all negative actions and emotions that prevent a resurrected life from flourishing. When we reach this point, we look at ourselves in a different way, and we are freer to become engaged in the branch's activities, we volunteer again and offer our services, for example, in committees, and other service initiatives, all with a renewed and life-giving impetus. Let us resurrect ourselves, and each other, so that we can be participants, and vessels, of the fullness and abundance of life we are called to have, and to be.



Fr. **Ed Montano** †, Branch Chaplain, 613-355-4776, rev.ed.montano@gmail.com

Pennies for Homeless Vets

Drop off your pennies in the jar located in the lobby.
The money collected will help veterans in need.

Army Cadets



The 2958 RCAC Corps is open to youth of ages 12 to 18. Contact details are available at the Legion Office.
Email address: contact@2958rcacc.ca
Website: www.2958rcacc.ca
Corps phone: 613-599-3355

Branch 314 supports the gathering of household treasures to be distributed to refugees from Afghanistan and the Ukraine in particular, and any other refugees who need help furnishing their new Canadian homes.

Update on the Refugee Families

by **Barb Blair**, Chair of Afghan Committee

Donations are usually accepted the first Saturday of the month. However, due to a recent incredible number of donations, our warehouse is presently full of such treasures. Therefore, we will not be able to accept donations this coming Saturday, May 6, the first Saturday in May. Our biggest needs right now are clean mattresses and living room chairs and couches - please contact Suzie (613-878-4235) or Asad (613-261-9635) directly. Thank you very much for your kind donations!



A short while ago I met a woman who escaped from Ukraine. Her house on Main Street, Manotick has been fully furnished by our charity. She was so very grateful to From House to Home. Many, many thanks for your previous donations. Just over 500 families have had their new homes fully furnished and about 250 families have had their new homes partly furnished from your donations. You have made these families so happy, and much more comfortable.

Great news: we have just learned that the license for the "From House to Home" warehouse has been extended for a year. We had been told until very recently that the warehouse was going to be taken down and a new apartment building was to be constructed in its place. This will not happen until some time in the spring of 2024.

RECENT EVENTS

St Patrick's Day Afternoon Social, March 17

A small group enjoyed the St Patrick's day afternoon event on March 17. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this a fun event!

Photos by
Harv Renaud



Bartender **Pat Whelan** (L) and friend



Decorating committee (L-R) **Cathy Spitzig, Annette Blaadow, Pat Whelan, Susan Dufault, Cindy D'Alessio**



The **MOJO Band**

RECENT EVENTS

St Patrick's Day Dinner-Dance, March 17

Photos by Simone Bachelor

The St. Patrick's Day dinner-dance was very well attended. The food was delicious and everyone had a great time. Thanks to all who helped.
Betty O'Malley won the 50/50 draw -- her prize was \$250.00.



Chef Allen Galachciuk



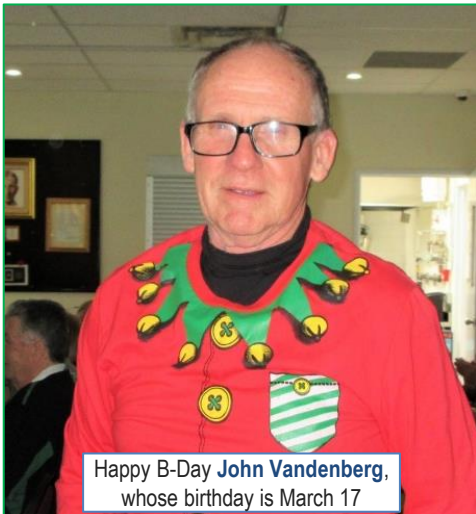
Piper Terry Hunter



Bartender Lyne Ayotte



Decorating committee (L-R) **Patti Taylor, Cindy D'Alessio, Annette Blaedow, Cathy Spitzig, Susan Dufault**



Happy B-Day **John Vandenberg**, whose birthday is March 17



The Retrosonics

RECENT EVENTS

St Patrick's Day Dinner-Dance (cont'd)



Simone & Peter Bachelor

Photo by Cathy Spitzig



Gladys & Terry Hunter

Photo by Simone Bachelor



Helen Green & Ross Urquhart

Photo by Simone Bachelor



Sylvia & Rich McDonald

Photo by Simone Bachelor



Attendees



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RECENT EVENTS

St Patrick's Day Dinner-Dance (cont'd)

Photos by Simone Bachelor

More Attendees



Rich McDonald does the jig



RECENT EVENTS

Presentation to the Cadet Corps, Saturday, April 12

Photos by Second Lieutenant
Josh Morton



On April 12 our branch presented a cheque to the 2958 RCAC Corps from our Poppy Fund.
Both photos (L-R) Chief Warrant Officer cadet *Nicholas Legere*; Branch 314 President **Shirley Spinks**;
Commander 2958 RCAC Corps, Captain *Konrad Shourie*; and Branch Cadet Liaison Officer **Peter Bachelor**.

New Branch 314 Library Book Box

Photos by
Margery Toner

On March 17, our Branch added a free library book box for children's books thanks to **Mike McEvoy, Allan Haan and Chris Bradford**.



The finished Children's Box on the left



Winston Spratt, Allan Haan, Chris Bradford



Margery Toner contributes the first books

RECENT EVENTS

Membership Service Pin Presentations

At the general meeting on Monday, March 21, service pins were handed out by **Cathy Spitzig** and **Susan Dufault**, the membership committee.
Photos by Dan Spitzig.

Five-year pins. (L-R) **Annette Blaewood**, (*Susan, Sgt-at-Arms Pierre Beaudoin, Cathy*), **Susan Cobill, Chris Bradford**

Absent: **Patricia Levie, Leonard Mattinen, Pierre Vachon, Diane Aubin, Janice Curling, Mary Jane Maffini, Judy McMillan, Dave Rushton, Frances Berthiaume, Margaret Hoger, Lynda Palmer, Peggy St. John, Sandra Demars, Marj Phillips**



Ten-year pins. (L-R) (*Cathy*), **Helen Green, Peter Cobill, Peter Bachelor, Simone Bachelor, Lorna Carr**, (*Susan*)

Absent: **Stephan Paquette, Michael Chambers, Michael Schulz, Ken Watson, Patricia Whelan, Pearl Dean, Josephine Dozois, Mike Hughes, Stephen Mandigo, Terry McGovern, J. Morris, Tracy Harriman, Shawn Hawkins, William Angus, Susan Cooper, Jane Dormon**



Fifteen-year pins. (L-R) (*Cathy*), **Sylvia McDonald, Garth Small, Shirley Spinks**, (*Susan*)

Absent: **John Cross, James Drummond, Grahame Fournier, Andrew Moore, Kristina Schulz, Winston Spratt, Louise Spratt, Paul Boucher, Susan Boucher, Paul Moore, Jim Morris, Karen Mayer, Karen McRae, Richard Pinnard**



At the general meeting on Monday April 17, service pins were handed out by **Cathy Spitzig** and **Susan Dufault**, the membership committee.
Photos by Simone Bachelor.



Five-year pins. (L-R) (*Cathy*), **Allen Galachiuk, Bryan Mack, Randall Perry?, Phyllis Bole, Patrick O'Dwyer?**, (*Susan, Sgt-at-Arms Roy Blair*)

Absent: **Randy Anderson, Douglas Sorgat, Lynn Charron, Robert Haines, Joseph Gionet, Robert Tereposky, Peter Trottier, William Berthiaume, Jody Young, Kaushik Bagal, Ronald Emby, Judith Code, Robert Haskins, Thomas Bull, Gerald Spiess, Brian Douglas**



Ten-year pins. (L-R) (*Cathy*), **George Hawkins**, (*Susan, Sgt-at-Arms Roy Blair*)

Absent: **John Bauer, Frances Wright, Robert Clarke, Yves Rivet, Gordon Thorpe, Fred Demars, Richard Robinson, Grant Goodes, Ron Savoie, John Yonkman, Arno Giek, Marc Boulerville, David Maciver, Mark Phillips, Pierre Beaudoin**

Fifteen-year pins.

Absent:
**James Peters
John Kersley
Jean Laprade
Brian Fritch
Shane Fowler
Ron Savoie
Desiree Labelle
Philip Windley**

RECENT EVENTS

Remembrance Day Poster and Literary Contest, April 30

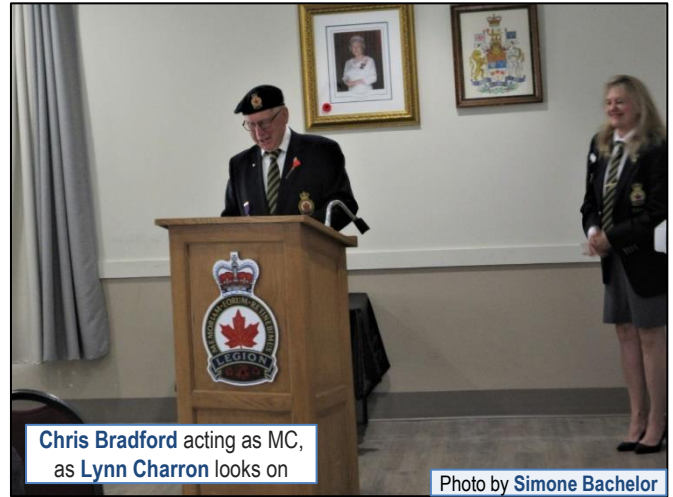
A large group of winners and their parents attended the awards ceremony on Sunday, April 30. The recipients were winners of the Remembrance Day Poster and Literary Contest sponsored by The Royal Canadian Legion.

The program was organized by **Lynn Charron**. Master of Ceremonies **Chris Bradford** introduced Branch 314 Manotick President **Shirley Spinks**, who in turn presented the award certificates. Also in attendance were Councillor **David Brown** and MPP **Goldie Ghamari**.



MPP Goldie Ghamari

Photo by Simone Bachelor



Chris Bradford acting as MC,
as Lynn Charron looks on

Photo by Simone Bachelor



Councillor David Brown

Photo by Simone Bachelor



The celebratory cake

Photo by Newton



The winners, dignitaries and Branch members

Photo by Newton

**SPORTS
CORNER**
by **Dan Spitzig**
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Euchre Drop-in: Thursday Night Euchre Drop-In starts between 7:00 and 7:30 pm.

Bridge Drop-in: Wednesday afternoon bridge is at 1:00 pm. All are welcome.



Thursday Night Darts League: at 7:30 pm. Spares always welcome – arrive by 7:15 pm.



2022/23 Zone & District **SPORTS** are open to all members in good standing.

Zone Horseshoes – Saturday, May 27 at Cardinal Branch 105.

Zone Golf – Saturday, June 10 at the Upper Canada Golf Course in Morrisburg.

Zone Washer Toss – Saturday, June 24 at Winchester Branch 108

All details and sign-up sheets are posted on the Sports Bulletin Board in the Members' Lounge.



Thursday Night Dart League. Another successful year for the Thursday Night Dart League is winding down, with play finishing on May 4. The year-end banquet is taking place on Saturday, May 13.

Provincial Senior Darts. Provincial Senior Darts was held on Saturday, April 1 at the Port Credit Legion in Mississauga. We are proud to have sent a team to this event, but they did not move on

Euchre Tournaments. The Manotick Legion is hosting 4-hand Euchre Tournaments on the 4th Saturday of each month until June. (May 27 and June 24)

The cost is \$10, and play begins at 1:00 pm. No pre-registration is necessary, and everyone is welcome.

We had 32 players at the tournament held on April 22, and all enjoyed the day.



UPCOMING EVENTS

(mark your calendar!)



May Dinner-Dance

Friday, May 12

Chinese Buffet, Band: Arc of Fire

June Dinner-Dance

Saturday, June 17

Steak Dinner

Contact the office at
613-692-3243 for
tickets or more info.

Banner Program. This year, the Manotick / South Carlton Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion is coordinating a program to erect banners in honour of those Veterans who fought and sacrificed for our freedom. Program details will be released to the public in the coming weeks, and We will Remember them!

Upcoming Election May 15

Comrades: The time for branch elections is fast approaching. As stated in the Branch bylaws, the elections are held during the Branch Annual General Meeting, which is in concert with the May General Meeting on May 15. You can stand for office or the executive committee as long as you have met certain conditions – to stand for the executive, you must be a member in good standing at the time of the election,



and have been a member of the Branch for one year. In order to stand for the office of President or one of the three vice presidents, you must have served on the Branch executive for one year, and again be a member in good standing at the time of the election. Your nominating committee sent out an email in March, providing you with this information, including a nomination form. Should you wish to stand for office or the executive, please complete the form and return it to the Branch and leave it in my box (Peter) in the office. **The cutoff date has been extended to May 12.** Please note that you can also be nominated from the floor during the election without the need of submitting the form to the nominating committee. You must, however, be present and signal your willingness to stand, or provide a letter stating that you are willing to stand if you cannot be present at the meeting for your name to be considered. As required by our bylaws, we must provide the membership, prior to the election meeting, the names of those members received by the nominating committee. We have received the following nominations to date (as of May 2, 2023):

President: Comrade **Shirley Spinks**, Comrade **Harvey Renaud**

1st Vice President:

2nd Vice President: Comrade **Chris Bradford**

3rd Vice President: Comrade **Dan Spitzig**

Secretary: **Treasurer:** **Sergeant at Arms:**

Executive Committee:

Comrade **Susan Dufault**

Comrade **Bryan Mack**

Comrade **Peter Bachelor**

Comrade **Gerry Dean**

Comrade **Monique Nicols**

Comrade **Derk Duermeyer**

Comrade **Allen Galachiuik**

Comrade **Mark Phillips**

Please contact me at the number provided below if you have any questions or would like additional information on what is involved with serving on the Executive Committee or as an Officer of the Branch, or if you would like information on various roles and responsibilities involved.

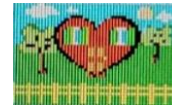
Your Nominating Committee Comrade **Peter Delaney**, chair (Tel 613-601-3125) Comrade **Cathy Spitzig**

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YOUR COMMUNITY:



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PTSD DOGS FOR OUR VETS

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION ONTARIO COMMAND

PEARLEY HEALTH FOUNDATION

POSTERS AND LITERARY CONTEST

BURSARIES

ARMY CADET CORPS: An opportunity to experience Basic/Advanced and Instructor Courses. Staff Cadet training and all kinds of adventures across Canada as well as the chance to meet new people from all over the world.

COME JOIN US for some food, some information on our many programs/activities available at your Legion and meet the great people of your community.



REGULAR EVENTS

Happy Birthday!!

Wishing all those whose birthday is in May or June a great day. We will be returning to our Birthday socials very soon - stay tuned!



Birthday social convenor,
Sylvia McDonald

Next Executive Meetings

(usually held the second Monday of the month)

Monday, **May 8**, 7:00 pm

Monday, **June 12**, 7:00 pm

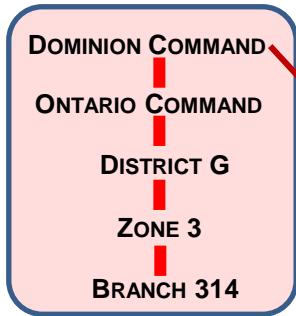
Next General Meetings

(usually held the third Monday of the month)

Monday, **May 15 (Elections)**, 7:30 pm

Monday, **June 19**, 7:30 pm

HOW OUR BRANCH FITS INTO THE
ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION



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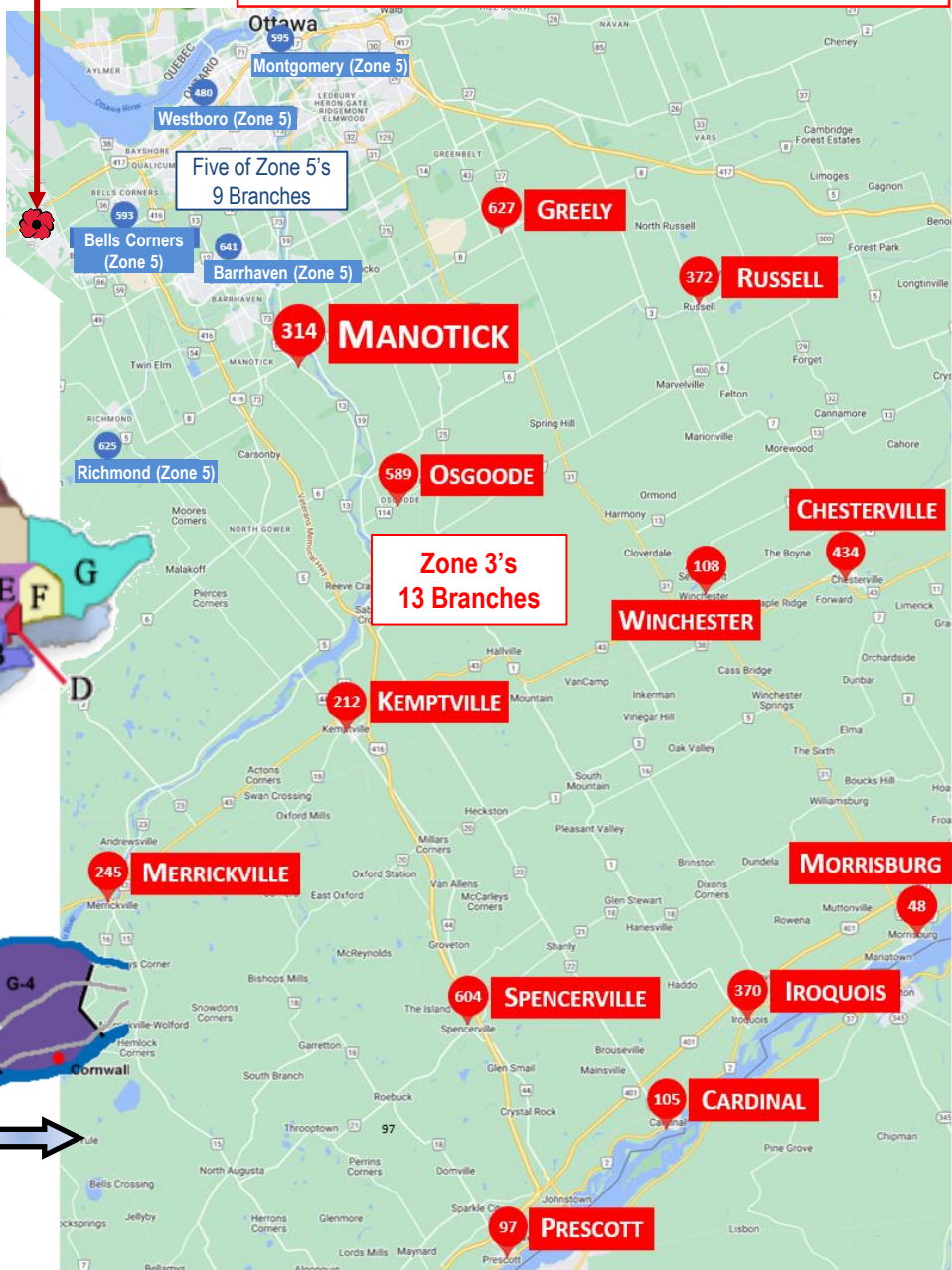
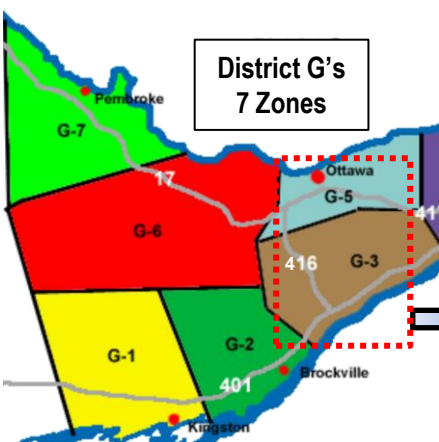
DISTRICT G — ZONE 3 BRANCHES

- 48 Morrisburg** 10 Legion Street, Morrisburg
- 97 Fort Wellington** 141 Henry Street West, Prescott
- 105 Cardinal** 105 Legion Way, Cardinal
- 108 Winchester** 482 Main Street East, Winchester
- 212 Kemptville** 100 Reuben Crescent, Kemptville
- 245 Merrickville** 229 Main Street West, Merrickville
- 314 South Carleton Branch** 5550 Anne Street, Manotick
- 370 Iroquois** 24 Dundas Street, Iroquois
- 372 Long, Twiname, Henderson (L.T.H.)** 24 Legion Lane, Russell
- 434 Chesterville** 167 Queen Street West, Chesterville
- 589 Osgoode** 3284 Sunstrum Street, Osgoode
- 604 Spencerville** 27 Bennett Street, Spencerville
- 627 Greely & District** 8021 Mitch Owens Drive, Greely

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9 Districts



District G's
7 Zones



Zone 3's
13 Branches

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Please renew your membership if you have not already done so.

If you renew online, there is an option to have auto renew. Should you choose this option, you will receive an email reminder one month prior to the annual auto renewal as well as two weeks prior. Should your credit card they have on file for your renewal be about to expire, you would receive an email to that affect also, so no worries.

When renewing your membership, however you do it, remember to check if you missed any years. You can pay for years you missed. That way there will be no lapse in your years of service.

Parents, guardians, spouses, and adult children of serving retired or passed CAF and RCMP members who have not yet joined the Legion can now receive a first free year of membership at the Legion. This must be done online through the legion.ca website.

Sincerely, Comrades **Susan Dufault & Cathy Spitzig** Membership Co-Chairs



Receive these gifts with each new membership. Promotion runs until June 3, 2023.

New Members
Congratulations and
Welcome to Branch 314!

Greg Cox, Ordinary member
Caroline Drolet, Ordinary member
Richard Czuba, Associate member

Judy Gravelle, Associate member
John Vandenberg, Associate member
Linda Pires Tolme, Affiliate member



Our Legion survives on volunteers. Please contact the office if you are able to help out in any capacity – large or small. Thank you!!



July - August 2023 Issue
Deadline to submit material:
Friday, June 23
Publish and mail out:
Friday, June 30

On the lighter side



Bickering with your spouse is like trying to read the Terms of Use for a new service. In the end, you just give up and click "I agree."



The older we get, the earlier it gets late.



Retirement is wonderful. It's doing nothing without worrying about getting caught.



Money isn't everything, but it sure keeps you in touch with your children.



I called the incontinence hotline recently. They asked if I could hold.

PONDER THIS
Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough.
Oprah Winfrey

An old woman is sitting at a bar when an older gentleman sits down beside her. "So," he says, "do I come here often?"



One benefit of old age is that your secrets are always safe with your friends ... because they can't remember them!

From <https://www.rd.com/article/old-people-jokes/>

Legionnaire co-editors: **Simone Bachelor & Mark Phillips**

If you have anything you would like published in the next newsletter, please e-mail it to nurseladybee@gmail.com

We're always looking for photos, and we welcome suggestions for "Ponder This" and "On the Lighter Side".

[Editors' note: names in bold blue are Legion members (Comrades); other names are in italic blue.]

