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Annual Newsletter

President's Message

Greetings Comrades:

At long last we can finally see the fruits of our labour over the past 7 years. It was a long and sometimes extremely frustrating battle for us all but victory is ours as we get to watch our new Legion Canteen/Auditorium and Seniors Supportive Housing Unit being built. It is a glorious sight to watch and I am happy to see so many of our Members taking the time to visit our site and watch it come to life. We have had exceptional weather this Spring and Summer and we have been advised that we are ahead of schedule and well under our budget.

I wish to express our sincere thanks to the Firefighters Club and staff who have provided us with a temporary home, their camaraderie, meeting areas to conduct our monthly Executive

Poppy

Thanks to all our volunteers and supporters whom helped us have another successful poppy campaign in 2008. We especially wish to thank the Firefighters Club for the use and continued use of their facilities for our poppy campaign. The Firefighters Club will assist us again with our Remembrance Day Service this year on Wednesday November 11, 2009. The dates for the Burnaby Kiosk

and Quarterly General Meetings, and for putting up with us during those sometime last minute and numerous building committee meetings that we attend. To express our thanks, the Executive presented the Firefighters Club with a plaque in January to commemorate our thanks. It is located in the entry hall of the Club for those of you that wish to view it.

To the members of RCL #83, I offer a special thank you for your continuous support and trust in your Executive body. Your attendance at our meetings is greatly appreciated and your input is valuable to us.

Additional thanks go the Executive; their ability to work successfully as a team and to go that extra mile on all of our behalf is to be commended. We are very lucky to have an Executive with that much dedication and heart. A round of

location beside Metrotown Food Court will be October 30, 31 and November 6 & 7. We will also have another location near the escalator by Superstore for November 6 & 7. Remembrance Day we will assemble at Kal Tire at 10:30 am to parade to the Cenotaph at Nelson and Imperial for 11:00 am. After the service we will gather at the Firefighters Club to remember our fallen comrades and friends. We

applause for all you have achieved.

This years' Poppy campaign will commence on Friday October 31st and November 1st and the following week Friday November 6th and Saturday November 7th.

Nominations and Elections for the 2010 Executive will be taking place on November 22, 2009 at the Firefighters Club. Further information regarding this very important day will be communicated to all within the next month or so.

Our next General Meeting will be September 27, 2009 at 11:00 am at the Firefighters Club. I hope to see you all there.

Stephanie Watts, President

Words to remember:

"Some people dream of success....while others wake up and work hard to achieve it!"

continue to contribute to the following projects: the Burnaby Hospital, St. Michael's Centre, and many more from our Poppy Fund.

We need your help and support for these 2 locations in Metrotown for the distribution of Poppies. If you can assist, or have any questions please call me at 604 437-0517 or email dpastro@shaw.ca

Dianne Pastro
Poppy Chair



The building of Branch 83 ~ Supported Seniors Housing and new canteen.

*Remember that
your membership
dues are payable
now.
Be an Early Bird
pay your dues before
November 30.*



All donations are gratefully accepted but only donations of \$20 or more will be eligible to have their name of the plaque .

Building

Construction started in March 2009 which was much later than any of us could have imagined but the building is progressing a rapid pace.

At the time of this publication, the main floor walls are being raised as you can see from the photos included.

We are currently ahead of schedule ~ thanks to the great weather and we are under budget as well.



The current schedule will have the project completed September 2010.

Marketing will begin about six months before occupancy.

Thanks to Tom Waddell for the pictures.



Get your name on a Plaque Project

Now that I've got your attention!!

Even though we are not in our own building yet, the Branch is still viable and incurs expenses. Taxes, bookkeeper, pencils, paper, stamps, to state just a few.

Our first fund raising project is to have a new, ornate

plaque with members, and/or family, and friends names on it. With a donation of \$20 or more, this is an opportune time for all of us pioneers of our new club to have our names on an eternal plaque in our brand new surroundings!

To contribute, add your

donation to your Membership fees.

We are also looking for further fundraising ideas. Please come forward with your input and ideas!

Unmarked Grave Project

The Branch has been asked to take charge of this project in the Burnaby area. This project was originally started by a high school student in Vancouver, to raise funds for Veterans' unmarked grave plaques, after first doing the research to identify them, and has since grown to cover other areas such as Burnaby.

It was suggested that we not only approach high school students in history, but also SFU history majors, possibly to help towards their degrees to assist with this project.

On our home front, any of our members, families, or friends are more than welcome to help us with this worthy project.

Dan Coyle & Mike Carpenter

Pipe & Drum

The band as usual has been kept busy playing at many Legion and community functions and parades.

As there is no Branch hall at present, the Firefighters Club has graciously allowed us to practice Monday nights; 7:30 to 9:30 P.M.
Any new members, all welcome.

Battle of Britain - ceremony and parade will be held on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 2:00 pm in Stanley Park at The Garden of Remembrance, (Near the train).

Reception to follow at the Navy Base: CFB Discovery, Coal Harbour, Stanley Park, in the Wardroom (Officers Mess). All welcome.

Mike Carpenter,
Band Pipe Major and Member of the Executive Committee



Honours & Awards

A reminder to all that while we are not at present in our own building, there are still members who are and who have done service for our Branch.

They should be recognized at the various levels of Legion awards. Please pass on your recommendations to anyone of the Executive.

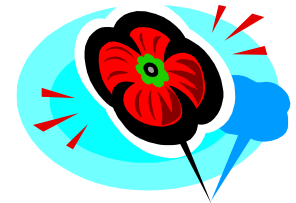
Our former committee co-chairperson, Joyce Plumridge, is sadly missed.

The good news is that our 2nd V.P. Ken Hourston has now offered to fill that position.
Thanks, Ken

Dan Coyle and Ken Hourston
Co-Chairman

Meetings

General Meeting
Sunday September 27
Sunday November 22
11:00 am
Firefighters Club



Since 1921 the Poppy has stood as a symbol of Remembrance

Our Mission is to serve Veterans and their dependants, promote remembrance and act in the service of Canada and its communities.



Recognize a volunteer!

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Membership

We value your support and encourage you to continue your membership in our great organization. As most of you are aware, at the moment we don't have a building, but we are still a Legion and we still have members. Now, more than ever we need your continued support while we build our new building which we plan to open in mid 2010. This will also include 70 units of Supportive Housing. We will have a brand new modern building which we as Branch 83 members can be proud. Your membership card is now here, so don't delay, pay your dues today. We are including a self-addressed envelope with our newsletter in which you can mail a cheque or money order and your

card will be mailed back to you. Please make sure you include your correct address. As in other years, you will also get an Early Bird Sticker on your card if you pay before November 30, 2009.

The dues remain **\$35.00** for 2010. This includes a subscription to the Legion Magazine.

If you have any **MEMBERSHIP** questions you can call me at **604-437-0517**.

Dianne Pastro

Membership Chairman

Membership form

Membership
Dues for
2009—2010

\$35.00

Your Name

Your Address

Membership Type

Your email address

Print the name you want
added to the Plaque

Amount of Donation:

Total Submitted:

(Dues plus donation)

Ordinary	Associate	Fraternal
YES ~ Add my name to the Plaque Project:		