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President's Message

May this Christmas bring you much joy and happiness, and may your New Year be merry and bright. Thanks for being such great comrades in this past eventful year.

Brian Goss



Club 55



Our next meeting will be February 6 2020 at 11 am.. Hot soup and sandwiches will be served - price \$10. Please notify Joanne if you are attending the lunch.

I understand the Christmas dinner went well. Thank you to Eileen and all the ladies.

Due to a family crisis, I will be away for many more weeks. Thank you to all for your prayers.



Joanne Heinbuch

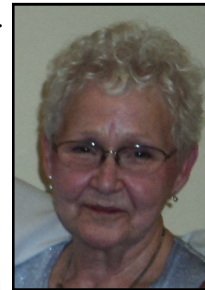
Membership Report



In October, there was a draw and two of our members won their dues back. I would like to let everyone know that both ladies, Elizabeth Douville and Wendy Ryan donated the money back to the Legion. Elizabeth to the Poppy Fund and Wendy to the Legion. Thank you ladies this was very generous of you and certainly appreciated.

A reminder to those members who have not paid this year's dues. Dues have not changed and are still \$48.00. Please send your cheque to RCL Branch #625, Box 625, Richmond, ON K0A 2Z0. The Legion magazine is paid from the dues and it will not be mailed to members who have not paid their dues by the end of the year.

If you have decided not to renew, please let me know so I can update our records. Also, if you have changed your phone number, address or email address, let me know. You may send notification of this to smorris1@bell.net or call 613-838-3721.



Shirley Morris

Merry Christmas & A Happy, Healthy New Year to All!

Ways & Means

The ladies have had a very busy 2 months with Remembrance and catering. We have cooked so many turkeys that I hope we have the strength to cook the turkeys for our families!

We were very lucky to have the assistance of the gentlemen from St Philip for the annual Seniors' Christmas dinner once again - they cooked 4 turkeys, did the potatoes and turnips and helped with the serving. Thanks guys, you are on my calendar for next year!

The ladies from the United Church also helped out with the Seniors' Christmas dinner by making the Christmas pudding again. Thanks to all of them as well.

I hope that everyone who attended our annual Pot Luck dinner on December 14th had a good time.

We will not be having any dinners from January to March in 2020 but please mark April 25 2020 on your calendar and plan to attend the Spring Fling.

Tom and I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Jane Louks



Pictured left: the hall set up for the Senior's Christmas Dinner December 1, 2019.

Thank you to Club 55 for decorating once again this year. You always do a great job.

Thanks to everyone who helped on Saturday morning to set up for the dinner.

Thank you to the Richmond Nursery for once again donating 15 or more poinsettias for the tables and again they were given out as door prizes to our guests.

Thank you to Bill Flynn, Ray Huet & Bernie Roosen, three of the St Philip Church Knights of Columbus for all the cooking and serving they did! We couldn't do it without them now! Bill and Ray are also members of our branch.

Thank you to those who helped on that day as well and to Jane Louks who once again did an excellent job organizing the entire day!

Remembrance Contest Update

On December 3rd, I took our ten first place winning entries to Montgomery Legion. They now enter the Zone Level of competition - this includes the 10 Branches of Ottawa.



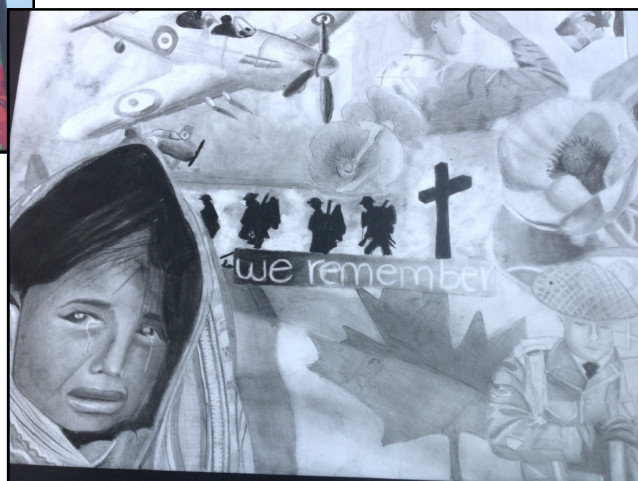
Our 3 schools, that is, Richmond Public, St. Philip's Catholic and South Carleton High School, submitted 264 entries this year. It was a successful year with many great entries from Grade 1 to Grade 12.

The 2 posters below are Senior Level Winners. Eve Mulligan (colour), and Liv Rodger (Black& White). Ms. Barbier, SCHS, gives her students the option to work on a Remembrance Poster in her Art Class. Those that commit produce stunning art work that makes us as a Legion very proud.

Thank you to all Legion Members who took part in the Dot Game last month. As always, the best entries rise to the top- what you choose has been, and are the best entries. I count on your judgement and critical eye to send our best forward.

Now, we wait until the Zone Assembly in February. Will any of our entries make it through to the District Level of Competition? I will keep you posted.

Elizabeth Douville



In Silence

Thick, wet mud.
Cold, red blood.
The trickle of crimson running between my eyes, the essence of life, a tear-like cry.
And there I lie in the thick, wet mud.
A bullet buried deep inside my head,
The solid piece of gunpowder and lead that forces me to lie here dead.
For I am dead, here where I lie, unable to speak my last goodbye, to friends who fight bravely
On, as the sun breaks into early dawn.
These men fall like lumps of stone and so many seem to die alone.
They lie around me like empty husks as the war rages on till dusk.
They hang over wire laced with barbs, and some of them the trenches guard.
But all around the land they lay, these comrades, friends and foes each day.
We watch as men we've naught seen before lay down their lives to lie with us, to die with us, oh
How I wish they would deny me thus.
Let me not see another fall, another name for Death to call. On his great list, he observes it all.
With gravitas and great romance, and barely even a second glance, he strikes us down with
Burning lance,
And yet we see, with empty eyes. We see nothing that does surprise.
Then we rise. Taken up by many hands back across the hard-fought lands.
They place us in a simple grave. Us who were the true, the brave. But then with shock and
Disbelief, we see a nation warmed by grief. The children's children of the ones we knew, the
Ones who stand in silence.
You.
I see that you remember us. And being dead I make no fuss, but if there was something I could say, from
here in darkness wherein I lay
Seize each and every single day, and never throw your life away. Sing every song and each
Refrain, feel greatest joy and sweetest pain. Know that when life is done and blown away, you'll
Join us here where flowers sway. Live a life of work and strife, then hear the call of Death. And
Join us, with your sweetest, dearest, final breath

By Clark Pigeau

Clark was a grade 12 student at South Carleton High School last year.

"Best in Branch 625" 2018.

Winner at Zone Level of Competition -Sr Category

Winner of the Eastern Ontario Division

Senior's Christmas Dinner servers/workers: thanks to Jane Louks, Shirley Morris, Marg Banks, Debbie & Brian McSheffrey, Brenda Goss, Judy McKenzie, Irwin McCaffrey, Maureen McAulay, Mary Lou Thurrott, Elizabeth Vickers, Pat McGrath, Sharon Murphy, Wendy Virtue, Eunice Lemyre and Wendy Ryan and anyone I may have missed.

MERCI, OTTAWA

This letter to Ottawa was posted on Ottawa/Reddit earlier by a U.S. soldier (u/919Firefighter) who was in the Capital to attend a Senators/Hurricanes hockey game . On Monday, November 11th, he attended the Remembrance Day ceremony at the National War Memorial and had this to say...

Many saw my post last weekend about visiting Ottawa from the US for the Sens/Hurricanes game. While there, I had the honor of attending your Remembrance Day ceremony. My wife and I waited an hour and a half to get a good view and to say it was life changing would be an understatement.

I have served in the US military for 10.5 years now and my unit is gearing up for another deployment to the Middle East next month. The amount of respect that has been instilled in Canadians for their great military and the ones that have given the ultimate sacrifice is beyond words.

While we do have a day to remember our fallen, where I live in North Carolina has nothing like it. Our Memorial Day has turned into businesses marketing sales for their products and average citizens using it as a day off work to go to the beach or barbecue. The true meaning has been lost. But not in Canada. No. You all understand the sacrifice these men and women have made and choose to stand outside in the freezing cold for hours honoring their memory. Tears streamed down my face as I watched the pride in your eyes as different branches of your armed forces marched past, the applause for the veterans, some in wheelchairs and some barely able to stand as they put their age and pain aside and marched past in formation. It was beautiful.

I will be wearing a poppy every year from now on. I told you it was life changing and I meant it. Your fallen will never be forgotten by this American, no matter what happens. Thank you for being such hospitable hosts and showing me there still is hope and pride in the greats who have walked before us.

Merci, Ottawa.



How uplifting and encouraging to read such a positive and complimentary view from an outsider. Makes up for the negative comments issued by some of our own fellow citizens.

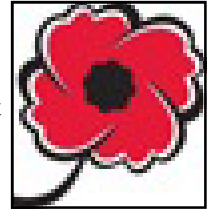
*Submitted by
Jack Lemyre,
Branch Service Officer*

*Pictured Left : Irwin McCaffrey does Poppy duty
November 2019*

*Pictured right: Felix Wooltorton with Edna
Monahan at the YIG table, November 2019
Submitted by Eric Booth*



Remembrance Report



The Poppy Campaign kicked off on Friday October 25th, 2019 and we had manned tables at various locations in the village - the post office, LCBO, YIG etc. Thank you to Eric Booth for taking over the organizing of this area from Jack Lemyre. Thank you Jack for the years you did it.

The Door to Door canvas took place on Saturday October 26, 2019 and it was a sunny, mild day for those who did the foot work. Thanks to everyone who took part and to Jane Louks and Shirley Morris for organizing the routes and boxes again. Thanks to the money counters, the ladies who prepared and served the lunch and cleaned up.

Thanks to Keith Thurrott, Bob Leighton and Gerry Blair for doing the business wreaths and Jane & Tom Louks for doing the counter boxes. Thanks to Brian Goss, Keith Thurrott and Edna Monahan for placing the crosses in the cemeteries and to everyone and anyone else who helped in any way.

Funds are still coming in so a final tally should be ready in the new year!

Our annual Remembrance Dinner was on Saturday, November 2, 2019 and we were a little concerned with ticket sales being very low but another reminder was sent out and this seemed to wake everyone up and we ended up with about 65 people in attendance. Thanks to the St Philip CWL for another delicious meal.

The guest speaker was Major Scott Roach (son-in-law of Marg Banks) and husband of Kelly - very interesting oration and they were both tons of fun during dinner. Most fun I have had at the head table ever!!

Thanks to everyone who helped set up the hall for the dinner that morning and to those who helped take it all down that night!



Pictured: Brenda & Brian Goss,
Kelly & Scott Roach, Jane
Louks and Eric Booth.

On November 3, 2019 the Legion did the annual service for the Munster Orange Lodge. Thank you to Roger Bourgeois for coming "out of retirement" and serving as emcee for the occasion.

November 11th was cold and a bit windy but the snow storm held off, so we were able to complete the ceremony and get everything taken out of the park before the storm hit, thanks to many hands making light work. Thanks to Oscar, Johnny, Keith and his son-in-law for the set up on Sunday.

Thank you to Keith Thurrott for once again taking the lead with the 33 Service Battalion to get the park set up organized and ensure that we had all the help we needed and thanks to the 33 guys, we did. Escorts, colour party, "crowd control", sentinels and providing and setting up the tents, chairs and blankets.

Thanks to everyone who helped take everything down and back to the Legion as well.

Thanks to the Legion ladies for the wonderful lunch after the ceremony and making sure everyone had their fill as well as for the food for open house that night. Thank you to Nicole Lahey for providing musical entertainment - unfortunately she had to sing while dinner was on due to a previous commitment at St Philip Church, where she is the main vocalist, but here's hoping she knows that we were listening!

Tom Louks was unable to participate as much this year due to his surgery but he is back in fine form now and being his usual annoyingly entertaining agitating self! Thank goodness!

Thanks also to Jane Louks who as Poppy chair, is responsible for ALL areas of the Remembrance and Poppy campaign and has been for many years.



"The Twelve Days of Christmas" (or "12 Days of Christmas")

is a holiday classic — and while it may not be as catchy as some of our other favorite Christmas songs, ask anyone what their true love gave them on the first day of Christmas, and they'd probably be able to sing right back, "A partridge in a pear tree!" Plus, a song would never factor heavily into the plot of a Hallmark movie if it didn't fully capture the Christmas spirit. After hearing the song all season while decorating your Christmas tree, planning your most original holiday party, and baking the most delicious Christmas cookies — you may start to wonder, what does this mean? Truthfully, not much of the song makes sense from a modern perspective. Why are there so many gifts? What do they mean? Who wants eight maids-a-milking, and what would you even do with them? Like many old stories, we have to understand the time it was first written to understand what it means. Let's take a look at the true story.

The lyrics we know are not the originals. Though some scholars believe that the song is French in origin, the first print appearance of the song was in the English children's book *Mirth With-out Mischief*. If you haven't heard of it, that's probably because it was published in 1780. You can ask the person who shelled out \$23,750 at a Sotheby's auction for a first edition to borrow their copy, but you may not recognize the lyrics. In this version, the "four calling birds" were actually "four colly birds." The term "colly" is Old English slang meaning birds dark as coal, a.k.a. blackbirds. In other old versions of the song, the partridge we know and loved is replaced with a "very pretty peacock upon a pear tree." If you think that's weird, consider a Scottish version that gifts "an Arabian baboon." In 1909, British composer Frederic Austin penned the version we are all familiar with today.

The song started out as a game. Most historians believe that the song started out as a "memory-and-forfeit" game in 1800s England. These types of games were played by British school children, and the rules were simple. When it's your turn, you repeat all the previously sung lyrics, and add the next one. If you can't remember a verse, you owe your opponent a "forfeit," which was usually a kiss or piece of candy.

The song doesn't contain a secret code about Christianity... You may have seen this theory floating around via chain emails and message boards. In a nutshell, the theory claims that during a time when Christians were punished for worshiping openly, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" song was used to secretly pass on the ideology of Christianity. In this theory, each gift symbolizes a different aspect of the faith:

The Partridge in the Pear Tree is Jesus Christ.

The 2 Turtle Doves are The Old and New Testaments.

The 3 French hens are Faith, Hope, and Charity, the theological virtues.

The 4 Calling Birds are the four gospels and/or the four evangelists.

The 5 Golden Rings are the first five books of the Old Testament.

The 6 Geese A-laying are the six days of creation.

The 7 Swans A-swimming are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven sacraments.

The 8 Maids A-milking are the eight beatitudes.

The 9 Ladies Dancing are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit.

The 10 Lords A-leaping are the ten commandments.

The 11 Pipers Piping are the eleven faithful apostles.

The 12 Drummers Drumming are the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed.

Snopes breaks down the many historical and logistical errors in this theory. But the biggest flaw in this claim is that if Christians lived in fear of even mentioning the basic tenants of Christianity, how were they able to sing a song that mentions the word "Christmas" in every lyric?

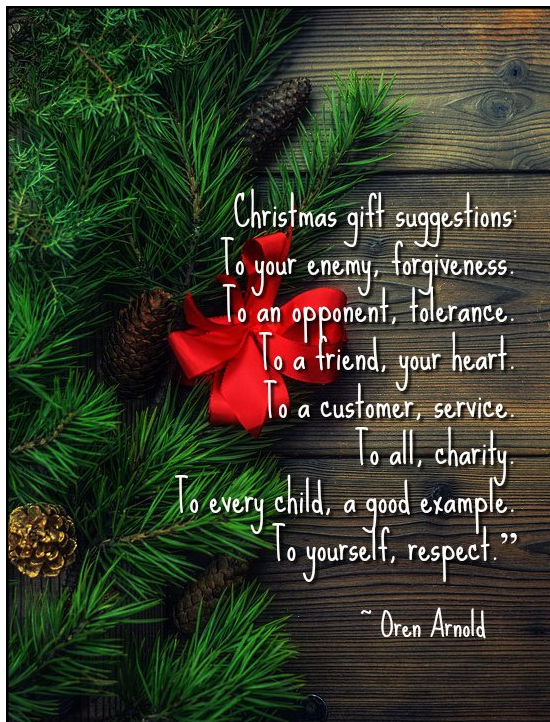
...but it does have one big reference to Christianity.

That being said, one thing historians can agree on is that the twelve days over which the song takes place *is* a reference to Christianity. "The Twelve Days of Christmas" historically did not reference the days leading up to Christmas, but the twelve days following it. The period begins with birth of Christ on December 25th, Christmas Day, and ends with the coming of the Three Wise Men on January 6th, the Epiphany or Three Kings Day.

Giving someone all the gifts mentioned would be pretty pricey.

Since 1984, PNC Bank has been tracking the price of giving each gift mention in the song with the PNC Christmas Price Index. The index uses current market rates to calculate how much each gift cost on average to the modern consumer. I hate to break it to you, but giving someone every gift mentioned in the song would cost you a small fortune — something along the lines of \$39,094.93, according to the current Christmas price index. Part of this is because swans are *really* expensive (\$1,875 each!). But part of the equation is also because the gifts are cumulative — you give each previous gift mention with each subsequent gift, which brings your total number of gifts to 364. So like Erin learned on *The Office*, "The 12 Days of Christmas" is much better as a song than an actual gift.

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DID YOU EVER WONDER WHY?

1 ... WHY do men's clothes have buttons on the right, while women's clothes have buttons on the left? **BECAUSE** When buttons were invented, they were very expensive and worn primarily by the rich. Since most people are right-handed, it is easier to push buttons on the right through holes on the left. Because wealthy women were dressed by maids, dressmakers put the buttons on the maid's right! And that's where women's buttons have remained since.

2 ... WHY do ships and aircraft use 'May Day' as their call for help? **BECAUSE** This comes from the French word *m'aidez* - meaning 'help me' - and is pronounced, approximately, 'mayday.'

3 ... WHY are zero scores in tennis called 'love'? **BECAUSE** In France, where tennis became popular, the round zero on the scoreboard looked like an egg and was called 'l'oeuf,' which is French for 'the egg.' When tennis was introduced in the US, Americans (naturally), mispronounced it 'love.'

4 ... WHY do X's at the end of a letter signify kisses? **BECAUSE** In the Middle Ages, when many people were unable to read or write, documents were often signed using an X. Kissing the X represented an oath to fulfil obligations specified in the document. The X and the kiss eventually became synonymous.

5 ... WHY is shifting responsibility to someone else called passing the buck'? **BECAUSE** In card games, it was once customary to pass an item, called a buck, from player to player to indicate whose turn it was to deal. If a player did not wish to assume the responsibility of dealing, he would 'pass the buck' to the next player.

6 ... WHY do people clink their glasses before drinking a toast? **BECAUSE** In earlier times it used to be common for someone to try to kill an enemy by offering him a poisoned drink. To prove to a guest that a drink was safe, it became customary for a guest to pour a small amount of his drink into the glass of the host. Both men would drink it simultaneously. When a guest trusted his host, he would only touch or clink the host's glass with his own.

7... WHY are people in the public eye said to be 'in the limelight'? **BECAUSE** Invented in 1825, limelight was used in lighthouses and theatres by burning a cylinder of lime which produced a brilliant light. In the theatre, a performer 'in the limelight' was the Centre of attention.

8 ... WHY is someone who is feeling great 'on cloud nine'? **BECAUSE** Types of clouds are numbered according to the altitudes they attain, with nine being the highest cloud. If someone is said to be on cloud nine, that person is floating well above worldly cares.

9 ... WHY, in golf, did the term 'Caddie' come from? **BECAUSE** When Mary Queen of Scots went to France as a young girl, Louis, King of France, learned that she loved the Scots game 'golf.' He had the first course outside of Scotland built for her enjoyment. To make sure she was properly chaperoned (and guarded) while she played, Louis hired cadets from a military school to accompany her. Mary liked this a lot and when she returned to Scotland (not a very good idea in the long run), she took the practice with her. In French, the word cadet is pronounced 'ca-day' and the Scots changed it into caddie.

10 ... WHY are many coin collection jar banks shaped like pigs? **BECAUSE** Long ago, dishes and cookware in Europe were made of dense orange clay called 'pygg'. When people saved coins in jars made of this clay, the jars became known as 'pygg banks.' When an English potter misunderstood the word, he made a container that resembled a pig. And it caught on.

Submitted by Brian Beyer

Death takes the
body. God takes the
soul. Our mind holds
the memories. Our
hearts keep the love.
Our faith let's us know
we will meet again.

Kelly's Trehouse



LEARN FROM
YESTERDAY,
LIVE FOR
TODAY,
HOPE FOR
TOMORROW.

Albert Einstein

Life is like a camera...
Focus on what's important
Capture the good times,
develop from the negatives,
and if things don't work out,
take another shot

"The irony of grief is
that the person that you
need to talk to about
how you feel is the
person who is no
longer here."

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Points to Ponder

GOOD NEWS: It was well beyond time for a certain alleged sports commentator to crawl back under the rock from which he came. Too bad it took this long.

SWELL IDEA: While heads were still being scratched about how to fix the LRT mess, in stepped the province with a suggestion to throw more money at the problem. Whose money would that be? Oh, yes, ours. The same taxpayers who are already tossing good cash after bad at the problem. The province initially gave Ottawa \$600 million for this project. Frankly, I've been expecting Doug Ford to ask for a refund. But maybe the province could pay the subcontractors that are owed millions of dollars by RTG.

In another desperation move, the city started begging other cities in mid-November for buses "to buy or borrow." They managed to get some already-ordered buses delivered early, but of course there aren't any drivers available, and training will take months. What was presumably a plan to avoid double-dipping by retirees came back to bite OC when none of them were willing to lose their seniority to get behind the wheel again.

And then there's the question of stability straps on the trains. There aren't any. Who didn't think these might be important? Oh yeah, the same people who didn't make the platforms big enough, didn't protect them from the weather, didn't think the floors would get slippery when wet, etc., etc., etc.



But, relax people, OC Transpo's big boss is "very very proud of everything that my team and I have done." I guess the rest of us are just overreacting.

To add insult to injury, on November 13, the mayor decided it was OK to make a joke of the whole thing...."Sorry I'm late, folks, I was waiting for the LRT." He later apologized. He needs to apologize for a lot more than that. Who, exactly, is being thrown under the bus here?

NO SLAM DUNK: Oh great....we're getting a professional basketball team. Another expensive franchise for us not to support. As long as not one thin dime of taxpayers' money is spent, fill your sneakers, but I have to ask: Did nobody notice that this city doesn't have a spectacular record of rallying behind hockey, football, baseball and soccer teams?

ARE THEY RELATED? A less cynical person probably wouldn't ask this question..., but did the designers of the LRT platforms and DND's new headquarters both flunk their math finals? Commuters are packed like sardines onto platforms that are way too small and there's space for only half of the folks who will eventually work at DND to park their cars, which they have to use because there's no other way to get there.



Lynne Owen

Editor's note: Ever wonder why Ottawa's teams are named what they are? I have the answer's on the next two pages.

Ottawa RedBlacks president Jeff Hunt writes why the name was chosen for the CFL team



When we announced we were looking for a team name, we heard from the universe. We had lots of suggestions. At an event we had at the Grey Cup, at Real Sports in Toronto, a guy said: 'What about Red and Blacks?' I said Red and Blacks is a bit wordy, how about just RedBlacks? It was one of those casual conversations that was relatively unremarkable. I went from that right to dinner with some of my partners. I happened to be sitting right across from Bill Shenkman. I said, 'Hey, what do you think of the name RedBlacks?' We call him Blunt Bill because he's not afraid to speak his mind. He immediately said he liked it. He kind of took more ownership in that name than I did. We hired Downstream. We started with a wall of names. We had some very specific criteria that we wanted to achieve. We wanted a name that was authentic to Ottawa. I didn't want to take the name Bears or Nationals — or any other prominent existing sports names. We wanted something distinctive, unique and authentic to Ottawa. And obviously translation was a factor, a big factor.

Any name that started with R gave us the possibility of preserving that iconic R on the helmet. When I called Russ Jackson, Tony Gabriel as well, to share the name, I wanted them to buy in ... I told them, 'It keeps that R on the helmet.' That immediately struck a chord with those guys and I started to feel like we were onto something. We still had this wall of names. We started to pick them off one at a time. We put out five names for focus groups. It wasn't five names just for the sake of it. Every one of those names we were seriously considering. Let's just say going into it, if we had thought one of the choices was the fifth-most popular and the focus groups were overwhelming to that name, we would have had to take that seriously. We started to narrow in on RedBlacks. Red stands for desire, black stands for power.

One of the things I did not know, in the mid- to late-1870s, when the Rough Riders started, one of the thoughts is they were named after the Roosevelt Rough Riders. They took the red and black colours from this regiment. I believe those colours influenced the colours of every Ottawa sports team since. I thought, what a tribute to Ottawa sports history — even if you think about the guards on the Hill with their red and black colouring. It's just so synonymous with Ottawa history. There was a realization within our partnership group that the name only worked if we could come up with a logo that was appropriate. We had the name RedBlacks. And when we saw the saw blade, it was like, 'Aha, this is it.' The saw blade is a tribute to Ottawa's heritage as a logging town. The saw blade is menacing, scary. Wait until you see the image on a huge jumbotron, the logo sawing through the opposition logo. When we got down to five names and conducted the focus groups. I remember our ad agency saying RedBlacks is the most courageous choice — there are easier ones. It's unique, it's not a name like Voyageurs or Gladiators or something. There's no obvious logo. But they thought long-term there was a lot we could do with that name. I don't want to get overly philosophical, but when they said it was the more courageous choice, I said maybe that's our first move as a football team is to do something courageous. I like that. We could have picked a name that wouldn't garner the same extremes of reaction. I've heard people say it's a made-up word. I put that in the asset column. I didn't want a me-too name. We knew it was going to have a little more extreme reaction than if we picked something a little more vanilla. It's unorthodox, without precedent. I know we'll take flak no matter what name we picked. It has inspired emotion. We've seen that already. I hope that's something we stand for as a team.

Copied from the Ottawa Sun on line

Why the Name BlackJacks?

Professional basketball is returning to the capital. The Ottawa BlackJacks will begin play at TD Place next May as the newest team in the Canadian Elite Basketball League. The name and logo were unveiled at a news conference on Wednesday. "People here are familiar with really, really good quality basketball," CEBL CEO and commissioner Mike Morreale told reporters. "The CEBL and the players and the coaches in this league...this is the best basketball outside of the Toronto Raptors played in Canada." The BlackJacks are the CEBL's seventh franchise. The league began play last May, with teams in Abbotsford, B.C., Edmonton, Guelph, Hamilton, St. Catharines and Saskatoon. Morreale said along with the high talent level, the team is focused on delivering an entertaining fan experience. "The fan engagement and fan experience is equally as important to us as the basketball on the court," he said. The team launched a season ticket deposit drive on Wednesday. Single-game tickets will go on sale early next year. The news release said the team is named after "the most elusive jackrabbit on the planet." "Tremendous leapers, the BlackJacks have very strong legs and can jump more than 10 feet, which is the same height as a basketball net." Ottawa's previous pro basketball team, the SkyHawks, played one season in the National Basketball League of Canada in 2013-14.



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**During labor,
the pain is so
great that a
woman...
can almost
imagine what a
man feels like
when he has a cold.**



A fifty-ish woman was at home happily jumping on her bed and squealing with delight. Her husband watches her for a while and asks, "Do you have any idea how ridiculous you look? _What's the matter with you?" The woman continues to bounce on the bed and says, "I don't care, I just came from having a mammogram and the doctor says I have the breasts of an 18 year-old." The husband said, "What did he say about your 56 year old ass ?" "Your name never came up." she replied. (Men just never know when to shut up, do they?)

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February 2020						1
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Found: Reliable Appliance Repairmen!



Kane & Mike were employed for years by Sears but layoffs and the end of Sears led them to start up their own appliance repair business several years ago. They come highly recommended (by me and my sister) they are local (not in Richmond itself but close enough to say local), they have worked hard to get their business going and have been very successful. Their professionalism and honesty saved several hundred dollars in various repair options and thousands in replacement costs, so if you, or anyone you know, has a problem with any sort of appliance, why not give them a try! Call 613-804-0414 or email at info@kmappliancerepair.ca. I am very glad that I did!!

Merry Christmas & A Happy, Healthy New Year to All!

There will be no dinners in January, February or March 2020.

Spring Fling is back on Saturday, April 25 2020 and Pam & Doug Champaign will be back!

Charter Night/Honours & Awards Dinner in June 2020

Branch Executive & General and Club 55 Meetings are at: 11 am

Coffee: Monday to Friday at 10 am

Darts Fridays 7:30 pm

Euchre: Fridays at 1 pm

Exercise: Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 9 am

Richmond's Got Spirit - the new book by John Curry is now available at the Independent Grocer in Richmond and at the Goulbourn Museum if anyone is interested. It is a very good history of Richmond including how the various business, churches service clubs and families ended up here. Great pictures too. A perfect Christmas present for those who have everything!

WALKING INTO 2020

With a clear heart and mind.

If you owe me, don't worry about it—you're welcome.

If you wronged me, it's all good—lesson learned.

If you're angry with me, you won—I let it go. If we're not speaking, it's cool—I wish you well.

If I've wronged you, I'm sorry—it wasn't intentional.

I'm grateful for every experience that I have received.

Life is too short for pent-up anger, holding of grudges, extra stress or pain.

Remember forgiving someone is for you so don't block your blessings.

Make 2020 a year of forgiveness and a season of positivity. (Author unknown)

Submitted by Jack Lemyre



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