

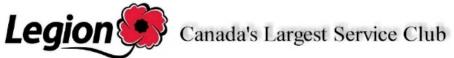
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Branch 625 Richmond





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June 2020

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President's Message

Here we are, going into our third month with all Branches in Zone G5 (Ottawa area) still closed. The pandemic has been part of the reasons for the closing of Branch 595 Strathcona, for whom no income and the expense of renting their facilities proved to be too much. Years of excellent financial management plus the fact we own our property and have no salaried employees is saving our Branch.



What have we been doing during the closure? Thanks to our Property Chair (Johnny Villeneuve), Executive Member Tom Louks and my cheering and help, we have managed to update various areas of the Branch.

Our first Executive task was to determine how we could help in our Community. Phone calls were made with our offers but we were told there is sufficient help, volunteers, and donations in the local area.

Club 55 made donations to the Shepherds of Good Hope and the Ottawa Mission and we decided any updates to the Branch would be by local tradesmen.

Calls to Zone, District and Provincial confirmed we were not in conflict with the new regulations which allowed us to proceed.

The first problem was vandalism. Someone pried off concrete blocks from the retaining wall and attempted to break in the trailers. A picnic table was moved to the rear of the building and used to climb to the roof. All this resulted in the hiring of our first local tradesman to replace the blocks, glue them to the top of the wall and repair the wall of the furnace room. Just this past week another attempt was tried to enter the trailers. The concrete blocks, although glued together were pried up and used to smash the trailer doors. Police were called.

During our closure, the Property Chair has been checking the interior daily during the week and a volunteer member (Boyd Dulmage) does a drive-by in the evening and on weekends. I go out to the Branch an average of twice weekly to check on the emails and phone messages. We maintain social distancing as most times we are alone.

The next tasks took us inside where we had the tile floor cleaned, waxed, and polished. Following this all walls inside the hall were painted.

Once completed, we brought in the company that installed our lighting system 10 years ago. Reset Electronics replaced all lights on both sides of the ceiling and added double lights down the centre. They also replaced all the dart board lights. I was not aware that lights will dim after time. The company wanted to do something for the Legion and charged approximately 25% of what the actual costs would be. The next to last task was to shampoo the carpets and that is complete.

Our last task was to replace the toilets in the Branch. Some were quite old and some leaked so an upgrade was needed. This was completed in early June and with the cleaning of the ceiling fans this completed all tasks for the inside.

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We have contracted to upgrade the entry, i.e.: paint and a new sign. This work should begin in mid-June. Another possibility will be to improve the look of the outside patio area by using half-barrels as planters and partially enclose the patio area on the west side of the branch. All these jobs are listed in our Long-Range Planning committee reports. Taking advantage of an empty hall, we can now say all tasks for now and in the near future are complete.

As you can see, business goes on.

One last event took place on the anniversary of Victory in Europe Day (VE Day) on May 8, 2020. Executive Member Eric Booth, his friend Dan Moreau and I performed a brief ceremony at the cenotaph with Eric piping, Dan as sentry and I, as the Legion representative, laid a wreath. Eric and Dan were in WWII uniforms. This took place after attendance in parks was allowed.

Where we are heading is anyone's guess currently. Hopefully, we will be able to have some of our barbeques this summer, open for exercises and morning coffee. Social interaction is an important part of our lives and we are missing it. I hope everyone can keep contact with family and friends and stay safe and healthy.

Brian Goss

To see a video of the VE Day wreath laying copy and paste this https://youtu.be/rfnqZ14G1fw in the search line of your web browser

To see the photos, copy and past this <u>https://photos.app.goo.gl/S3Pny98WHMX3AY3z9</u> in the search line of your web browser





Membership Report

Last Post

Joyce Lavoie March 31 2020

We Will Remember Them...



Club 55



In this time of safe distancing, etc., I have no idea when we shall meet. This will depend on the region opening. Meantime, everyone stay well, enjoy each other and summer.

May see you in September.



Joanne Heinbuch





Joanne Heinbuch	02-Jul
Heather Murphy	05-Jul
Robert Leighton	10-Jul
Truman Lewis	11-Jul
George Skinner	11-Jul
Don Wakerell	16-Jul
Barb Lecompte	18-Jul
Joanne Hepton	20-Jul
Lana Muldoon	23-Jul
David Vickers	03-Aug
Peter Murphy	16-Aug
Josephine Wrona	17-Aug
Pat Sullivan	19-Aug
A. A. McRae	21-Aug
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Eileen Kavanagh	23-Aug
Brian Goss	28-Aug
Lis Olsen	29-Aug
Ray Huet	20-Sep
Shirley Morris	21-Sep
Eunice Lemyre	23-Sep
Luc St. Jean	24-Sep
Diane McCooeye	25-Sep
Donald MacLeod	26-Sep
Joan Milne	26-Sep
Alexis Milne	29-Sep

Tom Platt	03-Oct
Judy MacKenzie	04-Oct
Maurice Lavoie	05-Oct
Robert Ciraco	09-Oct
Debbie McSheffrey	13-Oct
Joyce Treboutat	13-Oct
Brian McSheffrey	15-Oct
Sharon St. Jean	17-Oct
Nancy Timpson	22-Oct
Oscar Clench	24-Oct
Mary Brule	25-Oct
Joyce Clench	26-Oct
Victor Hepton	28-Oct
Bob Marler	29-Oct
Jane Louks	03-Nov
Dr Rod Rabb	11-Nov
Alfred Kavanagh	11-Nov
Peter Moore	14-Nov
Kerry Lee Cook	19-Nov
Earle Payne	26-Nov
John Andrew	27-Nov
Dini Cameron	04-Dec
Kay Lawless	05-Dec
Nancy Brown	08-Dec
Tom Louks	08-Dec
Alfred Burns	09-Dec
Mike Muldoon	11-Dec
Mark Rabb	12-Dec
Henry Mains	15-Dec
Joyce Cook	17-Dec
Anthony McGrath	22-Dec
Marina Leullier	24-Dec
Boyd Dulmage	25-Dec
Lynne Owen	25-Dec
Louis Seward	27-Dec

The Washington Post Neologism Contest

Once again The Washington Post has published the winning submissions to its yearly neologism contest, in which readers are asked to supply alternative meanings for common words

The winners are:

- 1. Coffee (n.), the person upon whom one coughs.
- 2. Flabbergasted (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.
- 3. Abdicate (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
- 4. Esplanade (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.
- 5. Willy-nilly (adj.), impotent.
- 6. Negligent (adj.), describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your_nightgown.
- 7. Lymph (v.), to walk with a lisp.
- 8. Gargoyle, olive-flavoured mouthwash.
- 9. Flatulence (n.), emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.
- 10. Balderdash (n.), a rapidly receding hairline.
- 11. Testicle (n.), a humorous question on an exam.
- 12. Rectitude (n.), the formal, dignified bearing adopted by proctologists.
- 13. Pokemon, a Rastafarian proctologist.
- 14. Oyster (n.), a person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddishisms.
- 15. Frisbeetarianism (n.), (back by popular demand): The belief that, when you die, your soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.
- 16. Circumvent (n.), an opening in the front of boxer shorts worn by Jewish men.

The Washington Post's Style Invitational also asked readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition.

The winners are:

Bozone (n.): The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.

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Castration (n.): The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period.

Sarchasm (n): The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it

Inoculatte (v): To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.

Osteopornosis (n): A degenerate disease. (This one got extra credit.)

Karmageddon (n): It's like, when everybody is sending off all these Really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer.

Glibido (v): All talk and no action.

Arachnoleptic fit (n.): The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through

a spider web.

Caterpallor (n.): The color you turn after finding half a grub in the fruit you're eating.

And the pick of the literature:

Ignoranus (n): A person who's both stupid and an asshole.

From Jack Lemyre

April Fools Day

is cancelled this year as no made up prank could match the unbelievable shit happening in the real world right now.

i've spent 2 weeks hanging out with myself and i am so sorry to every person i have ever spent time with I'm so over being part of a major historical event right about now.

Points to Ponder...

STRANGE TIMES, INDEED:

If you enjoy studying human behaviour, these bizarre and stressful times offer an ideal opportunity.

A friend recently posited an interesting theory: Many of our citizens who are classified as "seniors" have some experience of deprivation, limitations on their civil rights, etc., having lived through the Second World War. They have also endured the loss of loved ones who vanished from their lives.

Their offspring (of which I am one, also labelled "senior") have heard their stories and are, to some degree, more prepared to deal with pandemic restrictions. We at least have an awareness of a worldwide crisis.

Our offspring have never experienced anything remotely similar. They, and their children, are likely the ones having the most difficulty coping – and are also more inclined to take risks, without thinking of the danger they pose to others.

ANOTHER LESSON:

It's amazing to learn (the hard way) how much we take for granted in our lives. We would usually give little thought to a trip or two to the store every day. Now it's a major production, often accomplished at warp speed.

There's no longer any joy in wandering the aisles of your favourite shopping destinations.

Your monthly hair appointment is no more – and now you're on a list to get those flowing locks trimmed.

Hopping in the car for a run to Merrickville or Perth is no longer a pleasant option.

Pity the parents who can't send their kids off to the local park to join a mob of their friends.

Unless you're in agony, you can't see your dentist – or I guess you can opt to go through hoops to get your choppers cleaned. I'll pass, thanks.

Even going to the bank is a stressful experience, with dour-faced tellers asking people to "step back" at every opportunity. And that only applies if your bank is actually open.

It's practically illegal to use cash for anything – isn't that, in itself, illegal? I fear my pot full of change will be sitting around for a very long time before I have the nerve to take it to the bank. How many times would I have to wash my hands when I decided to tackle wrapping the coins?

RING THE BELLS:

Many people found it disturbing that protesters (including Jim Watson and M. Trudeau) were willing to take the risk of gathering in large numbers recently. Principle beat out common sense, I guess. On the day of the protest, I heard the church bells ringing in Richmond and was initially puzzled. I investigated and found out that this was a very sensible effort to show support in the fight against racism.

How spectacular would it have been if all the churches in Ottawa had rung their bells at the same time that day in a display of solidarity. Everyone could have remained safely at home while taking a pause to reflect in their own personal way, while the city made a very public (and noisy) statement. The masked Mr. Watson could also have stayed in his office, or his living room, figuring out how our economy is going to survive.

STILL MY FAVOURITE:

There are plenty of funny videos and jokes flooding social media, but my favourite is still this one: I've had 14 meals and 6 naps and it's still today.

STAY SAFE, EVERYONE!

Lynne Owen

There's nothing like a little tomato soup to soothe the soul. Even if it's cold. Over ice. With a celery stalk. And vodka..



It's like being 16
again
Gas is cheap and I'm
Grounded.

This quarantine made me realize I have no real hobbies besides going out to eat and spending money.

If you thought
Toilet Paper
was
crazy....Just
wait until 300
million people
all want a
haircut
appointment

In 8 weeks 88% of blondes will disappear from the earth.





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HOPE IS NOT CANCELLED



Gwladys & Ron Reynolds, long time members of Branch 625, celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary in May 2020!! Congrats to them!

All Legions in Ottawa remain closed. Ergo - nothing going on at the Richmond Legion. Keep an eye on your email for updates.



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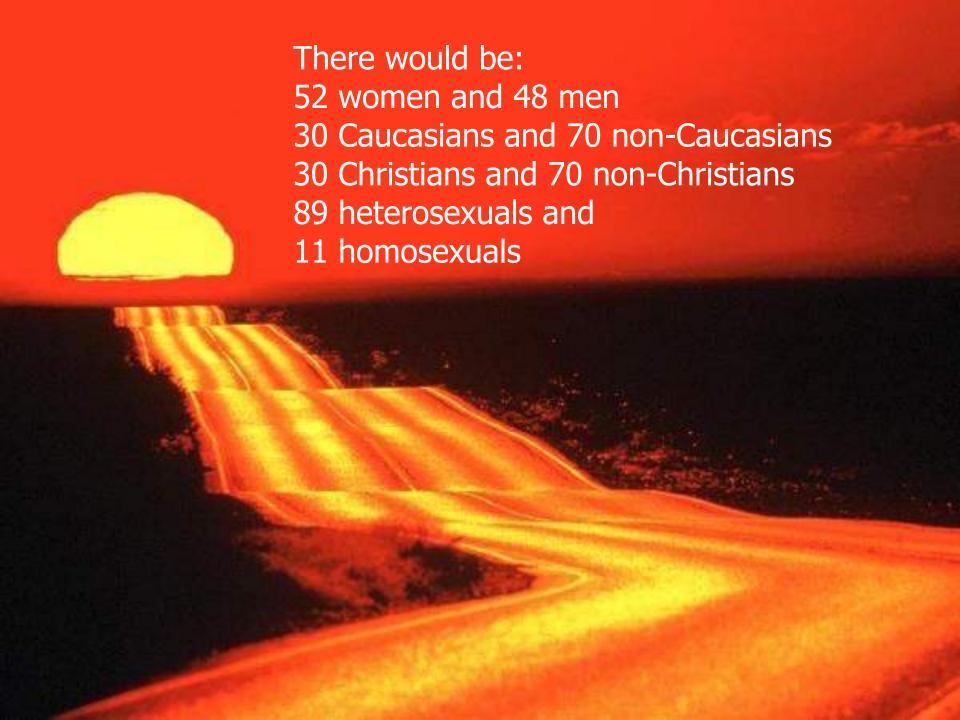
If you could fit the entire population of the world into a village consisting of 100 people, maintaining the proportions of all the people living on Earth, that village would consist of

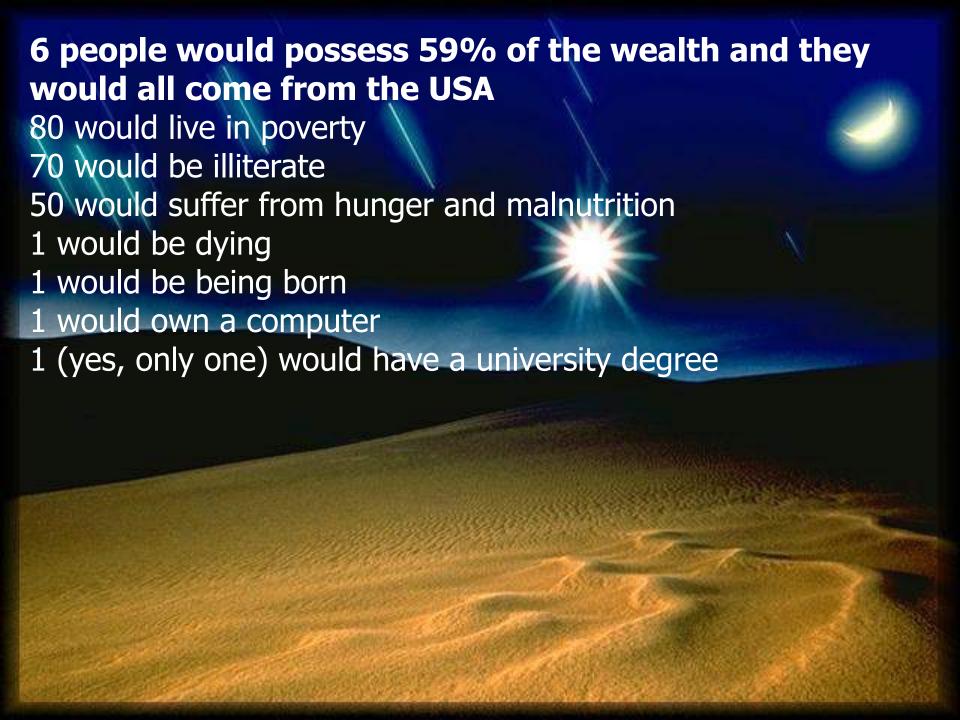
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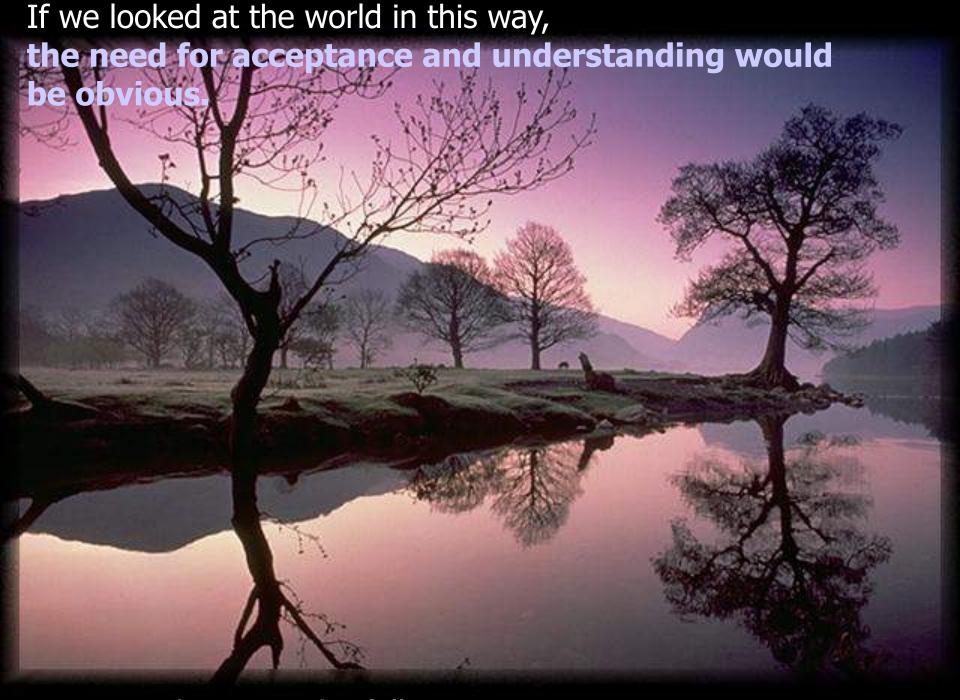
21 Europeans

14 Americans (North, Central and South)

8 Africans







But, consider again the following:

