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Branch 625 Richmond



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President's Message

The winter is showing signs of ending. We received word on whether we are having the Zone G5 Spring Convention, which we were hosting. As of 15th March, the covid-19 virus has proved to be more of a problem than anticipated and as a result the Convention has been cancelled. The District G Convention is to be held in Smiths Falls April 17-19, 2020 and the Dominion Convention to be held in Saskatoon 22-26 August 2020 will still be held.



The Branch Executive has been consulted and the Branch has been closed from the 14th March through the 15th of April. At that time the closure will be re-evaluated and extended through to the end of the month if required. What is going on with our Legions and all other organizations, schools, etc. in Ottawa and area is a special circumstance and we will do our best to protect the members and guests who use our facilities.

The hall has been sanitized as in a general cleanup of tables, light switches, chairs and any item that can be touched. General safety standards as published by the city's Medical Office will be applied

Meanwhile, as we look forward and as so often happens when attending events outside the Legion, the topic of what the Legion is doing comes up, in this case it was the enjoyment of the entertainment presented by George Chenier. He was booked for the Branch Dart final evening and banquet which have now been cancelled but would be more than suitable for our barbeques, Club 55 Lunches and/or Christmas party. These are decisions to be made by the organizers involved.

Brian Goss

PLEASE NOTE:

The Richmond Legion will be closed until April 15, 2020 due to the corona virus.
We will re-assess the situation and send you updates via our website, email and phone.
We will re-open for our usual activities and planned events as soon as we can safely do so!

ANNUAL BRANCH ELECTIONS MAY 21 2020

All Branch elections have been cancelled by the Zone and will be held at a later date in the summer.

If you would like to run for any of the positions (executive officer, executive committee or be the chair of any of the committees please contact Brian Goss or Jane Louks .

If you are interested in helping with any of the committees, please contact Brian, Jane or the committee chair. Every committee chair is open for any and all assistance.



Club 55

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE EVENTS MENTIONED IN THIS COLUMN COULD BE POSTPONED OR CANCELLED - KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR EMAIL AND OUR WEBSITE!

Club 55 continues to meet 4 times a year. Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 7th, at 11:00a.m.

This will be our Annual General Meeting and ELECTIONS. Please attend and help to select our Executive for the following year. A light lunch will follow this meeting at the great price of \$5.00! Do plan to stay for the fun and fellowship that Club 55 is all about.

In July, on a Saturday evening, 6:30-9:30, we are planning A MUSIC TRIVIA EVENING (Date: TBD) This time it will be just for fun and entertainment. 6:30-7:30 a social hour to meet, greet and get teams together. Come as a single, a couple or a group. Teams can be 3, 4 or 5 people. Club 55 members: \$4.00, non-members: \$5.00. If you know Elvis, Ella or Eminem this trivia will be right for you.

We supported several foundations with Club donations so far in 2020. Namely: Diabetes Canada \$100.00 Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind \$200.00 Parkinson's Canada \$100.00, and The Ottawa Mission \$200.00.

Joanne Heinbuch

Membership Report

Condolences to Judy & Colin MacKenzie on the recent loss of their son.



Last Post

**Glenn Wannamaker
December 2019**

We Will Remember Them...

PLEASE NOTE:
PAPER COPIES OF THE BULLETIN WERE NOT PRODUCED THIS MONTH.

BRANCH 625 ELECTIONS

A call for nominations for Branch 625 Officers was issued on March 27th, 2020 at the monthly Branch General Meeting. Nominations will be accepted by the Immediate Past President, Jane Looks, until two weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting to be held ON A YET TO BE NAMED DATE. Based on the number of nominees, Branch Officers will then be elected or acclaimed for the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year.

It goes without saying that our Legion Branch cannot survive without the active participation of its members. Moreover, the Branch cannot exist without its core Officers: President, Secretary, Treasurer and an appointed Veteran Service Officer. To operate efficiently a Branch also needs an Executive Committee and various Chairpersons to head important and necessary committees.

Branch 625 needs you! You are encouraged to seek and propose candidates for nomination or to nominate yourself. We need new blood and new ideas. The branch cannot rely on its existing executive members to continuously recycle themselves. Many of them have consistently and repeatedly served the Branch for years. They could use a break.

Listed below are the rules and procedures for Nominations for Branch 625 Officers.

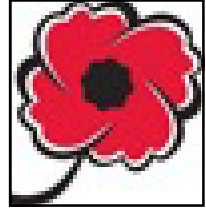
A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR BRANCH 625 OFFICERS

1. A call for nominations for Branch 625 Officers for the coming Fiscal Year shall be issued by the Immediate Past President at the Monthly General Meeting held in March of each year. Nominations will cease to be accepted fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting held in May of each year.
2. The following Offices are open to nominations:
 - President
 - Vice-President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Sgt-At-Arms
 - Executive Committee
3. No member shall be nominated for a position as a Branch Officer unless they have agreed, personally or in writing, their willingness to accept such an office. Nominees shall be members in good standing for at least one year prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.
4. A list of nominees for Branch Office shall be posted in the Branch at least seven (7) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
5. Candidates shall be elected or acclaimed to Branch Offices at the Annual General Meeting. Based on the number of nominations received for each position, the election process will be by acclamation (single nomination) or by ballot (multiple nominations).
6. The Branch President shall so inform the Zone Commander at least seven (7) days in advance of the Branch 625 Annual General Meeting to determine the type of election process required, acclamation or ballot.

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success. (Henry Ford)

Prepared By Jack Lemyre

Poppy



The “wrap up” meeting was held January 28, 2020 and the committee thanks everyone who participated in the campaign in 2019.

The total funds raised was \$15,920.75, which is \$1535.15 less than last year.

The door to door campaign has 22 routes in Richmond and four did not get covered and \$1705.45 was raised. Munster has 4 routes and \$1018.85 was raised. Just seven of our members participated in the actual canvass this year.

The committee has decided that the Richmond canvass will not take place in 2020 and will increase efforts in other areas to try to make up the shortfall.

The Munster canvass will continue to be done.

(writer’s note: perhaps we could just do the newer developments in Richmond where the houses are closer together. With the greater density more contact can be made in a shorter or same amount of time and effort as the older sparser streets in Richmond?)

Proposed donations to Perley Rideau Veterans Hospital, Ottawa Hospital Foundation; Queensway Carleton Hospital Foundation, Snowy Owl Cadets, Bursaries and Youth Education were all approved by the committee and will go to the next general meeting of the Branch for final approval.

Total donations and expenses for 2020 are \$15,850.

The next committee meeting will be in September 2020 with the exact date to be decided.

If you have any ideas, suggestions or proposals please contact Poppy Chair Jane Louks. Contact information is in the front of this bulletin.

Wendy Ryan

It seems a little ridiculous to me that people are so afraid that their children are going to miss a whole month of learning at school.

How about using the month to teach them how to cook, check the oil in a car, do laundry, treat others with respect, sew a button on, deep clean, balance a check book, etc.

Not all learning is done in a classroom.

From Jack Lemyre

ANNUAL NATIONAL REMEMBRANCE CONTEST

Five of our students were awarded at the Zone Remembrance Contest Ceremony on February 9, 2020, at the Bells Corners Branch.

- Khloe Kilabuk, grade 3, came 2nd with her Black& White Poster in the Primary Division. Khloe is at St. Philip School.
- Abbie Brett, grade 5, came 3rd with her Essay in the Junior Division. Abbie is also from St. Philip's.
- Dasha Papkov, grade 10, came 1st with her Essay at the Senior Level of Competition. Dasha is at South Carleton High School.
- Liv Rodger, grade 11, came 2nd with her Black & White Poster in the Senior Division. Liv is at South Carleton High School.
- Eve Mulligan, grade 12, came 1st with her Colour Poster in the Senior Category. Eve is also a South Carleton student.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS. They each took home a plaque and some money. Lots of smiles!

Our winning path went on to the District Level of Competition. This District covers Eastern Ontario. And, we had 2 winners!

- Dasha's essay placed second.
 - Eve's colour poster placed first. Eve's poster went on to compete at the Provincial Level. Eve's work is BEST in BRANCH this year. She has won a second place at the Provincial Level!
- An amazing talent. Look for her poster to hang on our Front Wall when all is settled and done.

Elizabeth Douville



Eve Mulligan and Liv Rodger, South Carleton students, receive their Zone Awards at the Remembrance Ceremony on Feb. 9th, 2020.

Honours & Awards/Charter Night Dinner

We plan on having the bi-annual Honours & Awards Night on Saturday, June 6 , 2020 if the current world corona virus situation improves and we are once more able to congregate.

Details are still in the planning stages but as you know, this is the night when we say thanks to ourselves for all the hard work we have put in over the past year and also acknowledge some individuals who have gone above and beyond. Certificates of Appreciation, Certificates of Merit and Lifetime Memberships are awarded by the branch and please note that you can only be the recipient of each of these once, meaning many of those who have been active members for many years have previously received these awards.

Years of Service pins are also given out based on number of years you have been a member and I believe they are given in increments of 5 years - so 5, 10, 15, 20 years and so on.

If you would like to nominate someone for an award please contact Immediate Past President Jane Louks who is responsible for organizing this event.

We also celebrate the fact that the Branch was given its "Charter" meaning it came into existence in 1973 and 2020 marks 47 years since the beginning of it all, which is something to celebrate for sure.

Since the next bulletin will be out at end of June, further details will be on the website and passed on to members via email or by phone if we do not have an email address for you, so keep an eye out and hope to see you there.

Ways & Means

The Spring Fling is on the calendar for Saturday, April 25, 2020 with music by Pam & Doug Champagne. The usual buffet will be served with a variety of hot and cold dishes. Here's hoping it doesn't get cancelled but it doesn't look promising. Watch the website and your email for updates!

The barbeques will return on Friday, May 29, 2020 (we sincerely hope!!) with the steak, hamburger and hot dog platters returning as well. They run from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm and please be considerate and not show up at 6:25!

The remaining dates are June 12 & 26, July 10 & 24, August 7 & 21, September 4 & 18, 2020 so mark your calendars and come on out.

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO THE CORONA VIRUS!

DID YOU KNOW...

Did you know that one of the best ways to improve and maintain flexibility is by stretching? Flexibility is something that becomes extra important in our later years and can be most affected by age. Maintaining good flexibility helps promote healthy muscle and joints. If you want to maintain an active lifestyle, you will need to stay on top of your flexibility.

Aging can affect the elasticity of joints and muscles, so stretching should be incorporated into all workouts, before, during and after each session. But stretching should be done on its own, in many ways and in any place. Check out exercises that are recommended for seniors There is an infinite source of suggestions at your local library or on the internet. Ask your physiotherapist or consult a personal trainer, if need be.

It's important to stretch regularly the various areas of your body to ensure that you cover the entire body over a regular period, like a one-week span. Do stretches for the upper body including the neck, shoulders, upper back and chest. Don't forget to flex and stretch your arms, elbows, wrists and fingers. Pay attention to your lower body too: your waist, lower back, thighs, calves, knees, hamstrings, hips and ankles.

Certain activities, such as walking and swimming, can help with overall flexibility. Walking gets your heart rate up and warms up joints and muscles. Swimming is great, since it works out your whole body from head to toe. There are lots of different classes available locally that would help improve your flexibility. If you haven't already done so, check out our own Legion for free exercise classes conducted several times a week. The City of Ottawa also has a variety of exercise programs designed for all age groups. Not all classes sponsored by the City are free of charge, but costs are reasonable and worth every penny.

If you want to stay healthy and be active, good flexibility is essential. Without it, you will be extremely limited in the activities that you can undertake. Moreover, if your flexibility is limited you could be more prone to injury. Make sure your daily routine includes exercise and workouts that emphasise flexibility and good things will result from that.

Now you know!

Jack Lemyre

(With thanks to CSA Magazine)

He who has good health is (stays) young.

(H.G Bohn, British Publisher)





Rerunning the Reflections

Fr Michel retired in 2016 and graciously granted permission to reuse his reflections so the content may not “reflect” the time or place that we are at in the calendar or church year but the lessons are still there for the learning.

March 2015

Reflection #84

Mark 1:14-20

Two hundred months at St. John’s as Parish Priest, forty-eight plus seasonal letters, well over seven hundred and twenty Sunday reflections – it should be fairly obvious to those that know me that according to theological standards I lean very much towards a progressive Christianity. I come by it naturally and honestly. I was raised in a household that was very strict regarding religious Christian observances and yet at the same time open to and unquestionably believing in the legitimate God experience in other faith traditions as well. We were either all children of God or none of us were. I have found great comfort knowing that I am one among many Christians who share a similar point of view.

Among the many Christian teachers who have inspired me over the years and who have had a great deal of influence on my faith journey thus far, two in particular stand out - one by the name of Bishop Jack Spong, a man who is in his early eighties. Bishop Spong is above all controversial and polarizing. You either love him or hate him. He dares to say what many Christians are simply afraid of saying out loud for fear of being ostracized and considered unchristian. I find him honest, refreshing and a phenomenal speaker. The other is a Biblical Scholar by the name of Marcus Borg. Marcus is by far a “gentler” version of Bishop Spong. In fact I used to consider them bad cop / good cop. Marcus taught that one should take the bible seriously but not literally and taught a historical-metaphorical approach instead. The titles of two of his most popular books, “Reading The Bible Again For The First Time” and “Meeting Jesus Again For The First Time” suggests that it might be a good thing for many of us to revisit what we were once taught and begin to see things through a different lens. I recently received an email from a member of our parish informing me that Marcus Borg had died at the age of seventy-three after a lengthy illness.

The news caught me completely off guard – it was totally unexpected - an unexpected pregnancy, an unexpected job promotion, an unexpected windfall, an unexpected guest...an unexpected whatever. I find it rather fascinating how on the First Sunday of Advent – the first day of the Christian calendar, typically the last Sunday of November, that one of the hymns of choice is usually, “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” and then ironically everything that transpires after that with regards to the assigned Gospel readings in the lectionary falls in the realm of the “unexpected” – every story, every parable, every healing, every miracle has some element of the “unexpected”. For example: Mary’s elderly cousin Elizabeth is found to be “unexpectedly” with child, the smallest of seeds, the mustard seed has “unexpectedly” the inner potential to become much greater than it already is because the power of God is in the seed, the much despised Samaritan “unexpectedly” becomes the role model for true compassion, a few loaves of bread and fishes “unexpectedly” are enough to feed a multitude - from scarcity to abundance.

Even our Gospel narrative, Mark 1:14-20 alludes to many instances of the “unexpected” - an invitation to follow a new path that will offer a life of fulfillment is “unexpectedly” offered. A motley crew of fishermen are “unexpectedly” invited to become Jesus’ inner circle. No arguments, no ifs, and or buts, Jesus asks and “unexpectedly” the fishermen drop everything that they are doing and immediately they follow him. Perhaps that might explain why the Kingdom of God can be so elusive at times and why it is so important to have the “eyes” to see and the “ears” to hear. It is the Kingdom of the “unexpected” – it turns our world both inside out and upside down – there is always more to discover and always more to surrender.

You will have noticed I'm sure that Mark's calling of the first disciples is quite different than the account that you will read in the Gospel of John. In John's Gospel, Philip had been with Jesus long enough to be able to conclude that he was legit – that he and a few others had encountered the Messiah. Excitedly, Philip invites Nathanael to come and see for himself and what follows is a conversation between Jesus and Nathanael.

In Mark's Gospel the initial encounter is based entirely on Jesus' initiative. "As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake-for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. In John's Gospel, the Messiah-ship of Jesus is revealed from the get go, in chapter 1. In Mark's Gospel it is left hidden until what is known as "Peter's declaration", later on in Chapter 8. In both John and Mark the response to Jesus' invitation is immediate although in John's Gospel it isn't as overt. In John's Gospel Jesus doesn't utter the word "repent". In Mark's Gospel the call to repentance was the first step forward – the intention was to come to a new understanding of life's purpose and direction and acting upon it appropriately and promptly. Which of course means "changing your life" in the broadest sense imaginable in order to live a Christ-like, Christ-centered, Christ filled existence.

It would be a grave mistake if we thought that Jesus' call to us is a once and forever event, that takes place only at our baptism. In fact the call is continuous because the nature of the call is a journey – our journey, with its blessings, and its tragedies. With its moments of feeling really close to God to moments of feeling abandoned. With its moments when you feel you have it all together to moments where you feel you are coming totally unravelled. "Follow Me" says Jesus, through the pain and sorrow of your marriage breakup. "Follow Me" says Jesus, as you tearfully say good bye to your life companion who has been diagnosed with a terminal illness. "Follow Me" says Jesus, as you dote over and take delight at your first-born child. "Follow Me" says Jesus, as you leave family and friends behind in order to accept a job offer far away, in your particular field of expertise.

Follow me through your day...Follow me through your decisions...Follow me through your conversations... Follow me in your waking and in your sleeping...Follow me...and be prepared for the unexpected! Amen

Fr Michel

*Feel free to enter the
Peacefulness of the
Quiet Garden at
St John The Baptist Anglican Church
Fowler & York Sts. Richmond.
Walk the path of the Labyrinth.
Join us for worship on Sundays
838-6075 or 838-9643*





SOME THOUGHTS ON Ed U Kay Shun (this was unused from 2012!! Is it still valid?)

How serious is our educational malaise? Can we cure it? These thoughts come from one who, after an RCAF career full of challenges and achievements, earned his university degree at age 50 then entered the world of public education back in the 1970s, full time and substituting over 20 years, in ten schools including two parochial schools. My earlier teaching in Air Force schools was a different world: high entrance requirements, top motivation, and limited to the few.

How best do we mould, world wide, the younger generation that is well documented as being lazy, disrespectful, indolent, resentful, radical, and a deep disappointment to their elders? Sumerians, Egyptians, Greeks, Romans, Romanized Britons, and others have all left writings that tell us so. Written by the elite they describe their own children, born into sheltered lives but who failed to leave the shelter at puberty. When noble youths thought it no longer necessary to accept the burdens of their parents they set in motion a theme, too often repeated. Wealthy Egyptians hired Scythians, Romans hired Germans, Britons hired Saxons, and Byzantians hired Turks to fight their wars. In each case the mercenaries eventually took over. Is this any different from us today hiring the Japanese, Chinese, and others to build the products we desire or in hiring immigrants, illegal or otherwise, to do the work we despise?

Why worry? Our high standard of living is still getting better! But, are we different from Nature? The day is hottest some two hours after the sun passes our meridian but night is closer; the year is hottest a month after the summer solstice but winter is closer. We are still basking in the afterglow of the protestant work ethic and the industrial revolution. We can not yet alter the movements of the solar system, but we can and must improve our social priorities. Ignorance, wars and other woes have plagued us for much too long.

Today, in wealthier countries, schools are palaces compared to those of long ago. We have excellent libraries, films, and computers. Our woodworking, automotive, music, sports, electronic, and home economics rooms are filled with up-to-date equipment. In the near past our learning was mostly from textbooks -much reading and writing, and homework averaging three hours per night. We had many students from nearby farms, unable to engage in after-school activities as they had to be bussed home to numerous chores to share with homework. Nor could they enjoy their summer holidays free of work. How come so many of them got better grades when town dwellers had so much more time for study? Why are many immigrants with little knowledge of English soon leading their classes? Can we make this high motivation contagious? Example: a new Korean student heard my world history course was one of the toughest the school offered so she applied for it. Her advisors and I told her that her ability in English was well below that needed for all the research, role playing, and essay writing required. Her insistence and enthusiasm were so infectious that I accepted the challenge and daily gave her extra help after school for months. She amazed me at how rapidly she learned the language to engage in class discussions, submit good essays, and remain among the class leaders. She then gave me two lovely Korean carvings which I still treasure. Is such motivation prompted by Parents, Self, Siblings, or inputs from all?

Today we should have much brighter and more learned students than ever, if only for the easy availability of information. Yet we hear many teachers lament that parents insist on top grades for work at best mediocre, that administrators surrender, that standards have been lowered dramatically, and that a high school diploma is now meaningless?

In the days when a handful of administrators went out from the tiny United Kingdom and ruled 25% of the world, we said it was all due to the playing fields of Eton. Perhaps we should examine the generalized education of these top British schools because they did produce able administrators plus good engineers.

Yet, then, only 4% of scholars attained university degrees; and it was believed that number was enough. The beautiful craftsmanship of cathedrals, sailing ships, woollen mills, railways, and the like were due to an apprentice system in which it took some seven years for one to learn a trade. Today we need a high school diploma to get a job and a university degree to have any status at all. This state of affairs dictates lowering standards as the percentage of people motivated to benefit from a school environment has not increased.

The front line is the home, soon shared by the classroom where frustration is the great killer of teachers. We have always had excellent parents, students, and teachers, but too many others are apathetic. I have seen far too many teachers who were superb a decade earlier gradually lose their exuberance and simply put in time for the pension because the students are simply putting in time for the diploma that will get them a job but not an education.

THIS IS A NON-PARTISAN JOKE THAT CAN BE ENJOYED BY ALL PARTIES!
NOT ONLY THAT-- it is POLITICALLY CORRECT!!

While walking down the street one day a "Member of Parliament" is tragically hit by a truck and dies. His soul arrives in heaven and is met by St. Peter at the entrance. 'Welcome to heaven,' says St. Peter. 'Before you settle in, it seems there is a problem. We seldom see a high official around these parts, you see, so we're not sure what to do with you.' 'No problem, just let me in,' says the man. 'Well, I'd like to, but I have orders from higher up. What we'll do is have you spend one day in hell and one in heaven. Then you can choose where to spend eternity'. 'Really, I've made up my mind. I want to be in heaven,' says the MP. 'I'm sorry, but we have our rules.' And with that, St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to hell. The doors open and he finds himself in the middle of a green golf course. In the distance is a clubhouse and standing in front of it are all his friends and other politicians who had worked with him.

Everyone is very happy and in evening dress. They run to greet him, shake his hand, and reminisce about the good times they had while getting rich at the expense of the people. They play a friendly game of golf and then dine on lobster, caviar and champagne. Also present is the devil, who really is a very friendly & nice guy who has a good time dancing and telling jokes. They are having such a good time that before he realizes it, it is time to go. Everyone gives him a hearty farewell and waves while the elevator rises ... The elevator goes up, up, up and the door reopens on heaven where St. Peter is waiting for him. 'Now it's time to visit heaven.'

So, 24 hours pass with the MP joining a group of contented souls moving from cloud to cloud, playing the harp and singing. They have a good time and, before he realizes it, the 24 hours have gone by and St. Peter returns. 'Well, then, you've spent a day in hell and another in heaven. Now choose your eternity'. The MP reflects for a minute, then he answers: 'Well, I would never have said it before, I mean heaven has been delightful, but I think I would be better off in hell. 'So St. Peter escorts him to the lift and he goes down, down, down to hell.

Now the doors of the lift open and he's in the middle of a barren land covered with waste and rubbish. He sees all his friends, dressed in rags, picking up the trash and putting it in black bags as more rubbish falls from above. The devil comes over to him and puts his arm around his shoulder. 'I don't understand,' stammers the MP. 'Yesterday I was here and there was a golf course and clubhouse, and we ate lobster and caviar, drank champagne, and danced and had a great time. Now there's just a wasteland full of rubbish and my friends look miserable. What happened?' The devil looks at him, smiles and says, 'Yesterday we were campaigning ... Today you voted.'

BANKING WITH THE ELDERLY

Shown below, is an actual letter that was sent to a bank by an 86-year-old woman. The bank manager thought it amusing enough to have it published in the New York Times

Dear Sir:

I am writing to thank you for bouncing my check with which I endeavored to pay my plumber last month. By my calculations, three nanoseconds must have elapsed between his presenting the check and the arrival in my account of the funds needed to honor it. I refer, of course, to the automatic monthly deposit of my entire pension, an arrangement which, I admit, has been in place for only eight years.

You are to be commended for seizing that brief window of opportunity, and also for debiting my account \$30 by way of penalty for the inconvenience caused to your bank. My thankfulness springs from the manner in which this incident has caused me to rethink my errant financial ways. I noticed that whereas I personally answer your telephone calls and letters, --- when I try to contact you, I am confronted by the impersonal, overcharging, pre-recorded, faceless entity which your bank has become.

From now on I, like you, choose only to deal with a flesh-and-blood person. My mortgage and loan repayments will therefore and hereafter no longer be automatic, but will arrive at your bank, by check, addressed personally and confidentially to an employee at your bank whom you must nominate. Be aware that it is an OFFENSE under the Postal Act for any other person to open such an envelope. Please find attached an Application Contact form which I require your chosen employee to complete.

I am sorry it runs to eight pages, but in order that I know as much about him or her as your bank knows about me, there is no alternative. Please note that all copies of his or her medical history must be countersigned by a Notary Public, and the mandatory details of his/her financial situation (income, debts, assets and liabilities) must be accompanied by documented proof.

In due course, at MY convenience, I will issue your employee with a PIN number which he/she must quote in dealings with me. I regret that it cannot be shorter than 28 digits but, again, I have modeled it on the number of button presses required of me to access my account balance on your phone bank service. As they say, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.

Let me level the playing field even further. When you call me, press buttons as follows:

IMMEDIATELY AFTER DIALLING, PRESS THE STAR (*) BUTTON FOR ENGLISH

- #1. To make an appointment to see me
- #2. To query a missing payment.
- #3. To transfer the call to my living room in case I am there.
- #4 To transfer the call to my bedroom in case I am sleeping.
- #5. To transfer the call to my toilet in case I am attending to nature.
- #6. To transfer the call to my mobile phone if I am not at home.
- #7. To leave a message on my computer, a password to access my computer is required. NOTE: A password will be communicated to you at a later date to that Authorized Contact mentioned earlier.
- #8. To return to the main menu and to listen to options 1 through 10.
- #9. To make a general complaint or inquiry. The contact will then be put on hold, pending the attention of my automated answering service.
- #10. This is a second reminder to press* for English.

While this may, on occasion, involve a lengthy wait, uplifting music will play for the duration of the call. Regrettably, but again following your example, I must also levy an establishment fee to cover the setting up of this new arrangement. And remember: Don't make old people mad. We don't like being old in the first place, so it doesn't take much to p*** us off.

From Jack Lemyre

PONDER OR WONDER

1. If a poison expires, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?
2. Which letter is silent in the word "Scent," the S or the C?
3. Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?
4. The letter W, in English, called double U? Shouldn't it be called double V?
5. If oxygen is slowly killing you and It just takes 75-100 years to fully work.
6. Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.
7. The word "swims" upside-down is still "swims" ?
8. 100 years ago everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses.
9. Replace "W" with "T" in "What, Where and When", and get the answer.

Four great confusions still unresolved...

1. At a movie theater, which arm rest is yours?
2. If people evolve from monkeys, why are monkeys still around?
3. Why is there a 'D' in fridge, but not in refrigerator?
4. Who knew what time it was when the first clock was made?

And now Vagaries of English Language!

- Wonder why the word funeral starts with FUN?
 - Why isn't a Fireman called a Water-man? - How come Lipstick doesn't do what it says?
 - If money doesn't grow on trees, how come Banks have Branches?
 - If a Vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a Humanitarian eat?
 - How do you get off a non-stop Flight?
 - Why are goods sent by ship CARGO, but those sent by truck SHIPMENT?
 - Why do we put cups in the dishwasher and the dishes in the Cupboard?
 - Why do doctors 'practice' medicine? Do they still need practice?
 - Why is it called 'Rush Hour' when traffic moves at its slowest pace?
 - How come Noses run and Feet smell?
 - Why do they call it a TV 'set' when there is only one?
 - What are you vacating when you go on a vacation?
- (Author Unknown)

From Jack Lemyre



**THIS IS A NON-PARTISAN JOKE THAT CAN BE ENJOYED BY ALL PARTIES!
NOT ONLY THAT-- it is POLITICALLY CORRECT!!**

While walking down the street one day a "Member of Parliament" is tragically hit by a truck and dies. His soul arrives in heaven and is met by St. Peter at the entrance. 'Welcome to heaven,' says St. Peter. 'Before you settle in, it seems there is a problem. We seldom see a high official around these parts, you see, so we're not sure what to do with you.' 'No problem, just let me in,' says the man. 'Well, I'd like to, but I have orders from higher up. What we'll do is have you spend one day in hell and one in heaven. Then you can choose where to spend eternity'. 'Really, I've made up my mind. I want to be in heaven,' says the MP. 'I'm sorry, but we have our rules.' And with that, St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to hell. The doors open and he finds himself in the middle of a green golf course. In the distance is a clubhouse and standing in front of it are all his friends and other politicians who had worked with him.

Everyone is very happy and in evening dress. They run to greet him, shake his hand, and reminisce about the good times they had while getting rich at the expense of the people. They play a friendly game of golf and then dine on lobster, caviar and champagne. Also present is the devil, who really is a very friendly & nice guy who has a good time dancing and telling jokes. They are having such a good time that before he realizes it, it is time to go. Everyone gives him a hearty farewell and waves while the elevator rises ... The elevator goes up, up, up and the door reopens on heaven where St. Peter is waiting for him. 'Now it's time to visit heaven.'

So, 24 hours pass with the MP joining a group of contented souls moving from cloud to cloud, playing the harp and singing. They have a good time and, before he realizes it, the 24 hours have gone by and St. Peter returns. 'Well, then, you've spent a day in hell and another in heaven. Now choose your eternity'. The MP reflects for a minute, then he answers: 'Well, I would never have said it before, I mean heaven has been delightful, but I think I would be better off in hell. 'So St. Peter escorts him to the lift and he goes down, down, down to hell.

Now the doors of the lift open and he's in the middle of a barren land covered with waste and rubbish.

He sees all his friends, dressed in rags, picking up the trash and putting it in black bags as more rubbish falls from above. The devil comes over to him and puts his arm around his shoulder. 'I don't understand,' stammers the MP. 'Yesterday I was here and there was a golf course and clubhouse, and we ate lobster and caviar, drank champagne, and danced and had a great time. Now there's just a wasteland full of rubbish and my friends look miserable. What happened? 'The devil looks at him, smiles and says, ' Yesterday we were campaigning ... Today you voted.'



GOD AND LAWN CARE

GOD: Frank, you know all about gardens and nature. What in the world is going on down there on the planet? What happened to the dandelions, violets, milkweeds and stuff I started eons ago? I had a perfect no-maintenance garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought and multiply with abandon. The nectar from the long-lasting blossoms attracts butterflies, honey bees and flocks of songbirds. I expected to see a vast garden of colors by now. But, all I see are these green rectangles.

St. FRANCIS: It's the tribes that settled there, Lord. The Suburbanites. They started calling your flowers 'weeds' and went to great lengths to kill them and replace them with grass.

GOD: Grass? But, it's so boring. It's not colorful. It doesn't attract butterflies, birds and bees; only grubs and sod worms. It's sensitive to temperatures. Do these Suburbanites really want all that grass growing there?

ST. FRANCIS: Apparently so, Lord. They go to great pains to grow it and keep it green. They begin each spring by fertilizing grass and poisoning any other plant that crops up in the lawn.

GOD: The spring rains and warm weather probably make grass grow really fast. That must make the Suburbanites happy.

ST. FRANCIS: Apparently not, Lord. As soon as it grows a little, they cut it-sometimes twice a week.

GOD: They cut it? Do they then bale it like hay?

ST. FRANCIS: Not exactly, Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it in bags.

GOD: They bag it? Why? Is it a cash crop? Do they sell it?

ST. FRANCIS: No, Sir, just the opposite. They pay to throw it away.

GOD: Now, let me get this straight. They fertilize grass so it will grow. And, when it does grow, they cut it off and pay to throw it away?

ST. FRANCIS: Yes, Sir.

GOD: These Suburbanites must be relieved in the summer when we cut back on the rain and turn up the heat. That surely slows the growth and saves them a lot of work.

ST. FRANCIS: You aren't going to believe this, Lord. When the grass stops growing so fast, they drag out hoses and pay more money to water it, so they can continue to mow it and pay to get rid of it.

GOD: What nonsense. At least they kept some of the trees. That was a sheer stroke of genius, if I do say so myself. The trees grow leaves in the spring to provide beauty and shade in the summer. In the autumn, they fall to the ground and form a natural blanket to keep moisture in the soil and protect the trees and bushes. It's a natural cycle of life.

ST. FRANCIS: You better sit down, Lord. The Suburbanites have drawn a new circle. As soon as the leaves fall, they rake them into great piles and pay to have them hauled away.

GOD: No!? What do they do to protect the shrub and tree roots in the winter to keep the soil moist and loose?

ST. FRANCIS: After throwing away the leaves, they go out and buy something which they call mulch. They haul it home and spread it around in place of the leaves.

GOD: And where do they get this mulch?

ST. FRANCIS: They cut down trees and grind them up to make the mulch.

GOD: Enough! I don't want to think about this anymore. St. Catherine, you're in charge of the arts. What movie have you scheduled for us tonight?

ST. CATHERINE: 'Dumb and Dumber', Lord. It's a story about....

GOD: Never mind, I think I just heard the whole story from St. Francis.

Think before you speak...

Here are six reasons why you should think before you speak -the last one is great! Have you ever spoken and wished that you could immediately take the words back...or that you could crawl into a hole? Here are the Testimonials of a few people who did....

FIRST TESTIMONY: I walked into a hair salon with my husband and three kids in tow and asked loudly, "How much do you charge for a shampoo and a bl*w job?" I turned around and walked back out and never went back My husband didn't say a word...he knew better.

SECOND TESTIMONY: I was at the golf store comparing different kinds of golf balls. I was unhappy with the women's type I had been using. After browsing for several minutes, I was approached by one of the good-looking gentlemen who works at the store. He asked if he could help me. Without thinking, I looked at him and said, "I think I like playing with men's balls"

THIRD TESTIMONY: My sister and I were at the mall and passed by a store that sold a variety of candy and nuts. As we were looking at the display case, the boy behind the counter asked if we needed any help. I replied, "No, I'm just looking at your nuts." My sister started to laugh hysterically. The boy grinned, and I turned beet-red and walked away. To this day, my sister has never let me forget.

FOURTH TESTIMONY: While in line at the bank one afternoon, my toddler decided to release some pent-up energy and ran amok. I was finally able to grab hold of her after receiving looks of disgust and annoyance from other patrons. I told her that if she did not start behaving "right now" she would be punished. To my horror, she looked me in the eye and said in a voice just as threatening, "If you don't let me go right now, I will tell Grandma that I saw you kissing Daddy's willy last night!" The silence was deafening after this enlightening exchange. Even the tellers stopped what they were doing. I mustered up the last of my dignity and walked out of the bank with my daughter in tow. The last thing I heard when the door closed behind me, were screams of laughter.

FIFTH TESTIMONY: Have you ever asked your child a question too many times? My three-year-old son had a lot of problems with potty training and I was on him constantly. One day we stopped at McDonalds for a quick lunch, in between errands. It was very busy, with a full dining room. While enjoying my burger, I smelled something funny, so of course I checked my seven-month-old daughter, she was clean. Then I realized that Danny had not asked to go potty in a while. I asked him if he needed to go, and he said "No". I kept thinking "Oh Lord, that child has had an accident, and I don't have any clothes with me." Then I said, "Danny, are you SURE you didn't have an accident?" "No," he replied. I just KNEW that he must have had an accident, because the smell was getting worse. Soooooo, I asked one more time, "Danny did you have an accident ? This time he jumped up, yanked down his pants, bent over, spread his cheeks and yelled "SEE MOM, IT'S JUST FARTS!!" While 30 people nearly choked to death on their food laughing, he calmly pulled up his pants and sat down. An old couple made me feel better, thanking me for the best laugh they'd ever had!

Rene Douville (from 2014!!)

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Club 55 elections will be held May 7th 2020

**Branch elections will be held on Thursday ,
May 21 2020 at 8 pm NOTE DAY & TIME**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>April 2020</u>			1	2	3	4
5 rented	6	7	8	9	10 Good Friday	11
12 Easter Sunday	13\	14	15 rented pm	16 Branch Executive Meets	17	18 Rented afternoon
19	20 Yoga 7pm	21	22	23		25 Spring Fling
26	27 Yoga 7 pm	28	29	30	THE BRANCH IS CLOSED UNTIL APRIL 15 2020	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>May 2020</u> Exercise Monday Wednesday Friday 9 am Coffee weekdays 10 am					1 Euchre 1 pm	2
3	4 Yoga 7 pm	5	6	7 Club 55 Election Meeting	8 Euchre 1 pm	9
10	11 Yoga 7 pm	12 Foot & nail care	13	14	15 Euchre 1 pm	16
17	18 Victoria Day	19	20 Rented pm	21 Annual Gen- eral Meeting 8 pm	22 Euchre 1 pm	23
24	25 Yoga 7 pm	26	27	28	29 Euchre 1 pm Barbeque	30
31	NOTE: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IS MAY 21 2020 AT 8 PM ANNUAL ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>June</u> <u>2020</u>	1 Yoga 7 pm	2	3 Perley Vets Bingo	4	5 Euchre 1 pm	6 Honours & Awards Dinner
7	8 Yoga 7 pm	9	10 Rented pm	11	12 Euchre 1 pm Barbeque	13
14	15 Yoga 7 pm	16	17 Perley Vets night	18 Branch Executive Meeting	19	20 rented
21	22 Yoga 7 pm	23	24	25	26 Branch Gen- eral Meeting Barbeque	27
28	29 Yoga 7 pm	30	ALL EVENTS LIST ON THESE CALENDARS ARE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION/POSTPONEMENT			

Upcoming Events (Maybe?) 2020

**The Richmond Legion will be closed until April 15 2020
Check the website and your email for updates.**

ALL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION/POSTPONEMENT!

Spring Fling - Saturday April 25, 2020

May 21 2020 BRANCH ELECTIONS 8 PM

Perley Vets Lunch - May 2020 exact date to be decided

Barbeque Dates: May 29, June 12 & 26, July 10 & 24, August 7 & 21, September 4 & 18, 2020

Perley Vets Bingo - June 3, 2020 (at Rideau Perley)

Honours & Awards Dinner - Saturday, June 6, 2020

Perley Vets Pub Night - June 17, 2020 (at Rideau Perley)

Door to Door Canvas Poppy Campaign- Saturday, October 31, 2020

Remembrance Dinner - Saturday, November 7 2020

Munster Service - Sunday, November 8, 2020

Richmond Remembrance Service - November 11, 2020

Seniors Christmas Dinner - Sunday, December 6, 2020

Christmas Branch Pot Luck Dinner - Saturday, December 12, 2020

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

Coffee: Monday to Friday at 10 am

Darts 7:30 pm

Euchre: Fridays at 1 pm

Exercise: Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 9 am

Yoga: 7 pm –for a fee –non-Legion event

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 businesses, churches, service clubs and families ended up here. Some great pictures as well.



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