

DECEMBER NEWS

PRESIDENT: Fast away 2020 is passing and what a year it has been. Our Branch was able to complete a wonderful renovation in the upper hall and the work of this project's volunteers is much appreciated by all using this space. We have so far managed to remain open during COVID and thank you to all who are supporting our dart leagues and Meat Draw Saturdays. Our bookkeeper has returned and we are most thankful for her work keeping our books up to date. Poppy and Remembrance activities, although scaled down, were as successful as possible, thanks to Comrade Bill Barber and his crew. New members continue to join our Legion which is a hopeful sign for the continuance of our Branch. Thank you to all members for your continuing support. May everyone enjoy this Xmas season and continue to keep safe and healthy.

MEMBERSHIP: To date, we have 250 renewed members and 12 new ones. The Office is open daily from 9-11 am, so if you need to renew, please drop in. Membership may also be renewed on line at legion.ca. Membership fees remain at \$55.00—cheque or cash appreciated.

YOUTH EDUCATION: A scaled down "Remembrance-Literacy and Art" contest was completed Nov. 22 at our Legion. Thank you to all participants. First Place winners will be continuing to the Zone judging event to be held at our Branch on Dec. 13.

WAYS AND MEANS: Comrade Woodcox and her group continue fundraising with a "Take Away Shepherd's Pie Dinner" offering, pick up in early Dec. Well done Kathie. We all miss the monthly dinner/dances and look forward to the day we can meet safely again to dance the night away.

POPPY : The 2020 Poppy Campaign is over and the donations are now held in trust. There was a total of \$7,404 donated, about 1/3 of last year's total. The Remembrance Service went well and the weather was kind to us this year. The Virtual Candlelight Vigil produced by Brighton Digital Archives was excellent. A big shoutout to Ted Cook for making this production happen. You can watch the video from the link [on rcl100.ca](http://on.rcl100.ca) or our Brighton Legion facebook page. Sincere thanks to everyone who helped out with the Poppy Campaign and the Remembrance Day ceremony, especially Comrades Linda Reckenberg and Roy Flieger, both always there to lend a helping hand.