



Royal Canadian Legion Branch 61

Newsletter – March 2025

President's Report

I want to thank all the volunteers who have given their time and talents to keep this Legion open.

We are planning our Fashion Show and Spring Tea at this time. The Ladies Auxiliary is in charge of the silent auction items for the Spring Tea.

I am working with the Public Health inspectors and reviewing all the new rules. All the food must be prepared here at the Legion.

I know we will continue collaborating with the Ladies Auxiliary, Lions Club and the Town on things we can do to help each other and work together on events, rentals, and food sales. This will help to keep our Legion financially strong.

The Vice President, Velma Darroux and I attended the Branch District meeting on March 08, and the LA District meeting on March 09. They are always informative and hearing what other Branches do is good for us to hear and maybe get some ideas!

We have some wonderful volunteers in this Legion. Please appreciate each other's skills; everyone brings something to the table, which is why we are so successful at what we do.

Let us have a good term and some fun and laughter too. We need that now.

Your President,
Cde Lorraine Andrushuk

Executive 2025

President: *Cde Lorraine Andrushuk*

Past President: *Cde Clinton Kennedy*

1st Vice-President: *Cde Velma Darroux*

2nd Vice-President: *Cde Doug Jarvis*

Treasurer: *Cde Helen Frovich*

Secretary: *Cde Teresa Beauregard*

Service Officer: *Cde Len Kisiloski*

Sick & Visiting: *Cde Teresa Beauregard & Cde Bev Self*

Sergeant-at-Arms: *Cde David Edge*

Finance Chair: *Cde Helen Frovich*

Entertainment, Ways & Means:

Cde Lorraine Andrushuk

Newsletter & PR Chair: *Cde Velma Darroux*

Memberships: *Cde Cindy Stewart*

Honours & Awards Chair: *Cde Cindy Stewart*

Bar / Nevada Chair: *Cde Olga Mackay*

Maintenance Chair: *Cde Alain Beauregard*

Poppy Chair: *Cde Don Sul*

Website /IT Support: *Cde Chris Mulroy*

Sports Chairs: *Cde Olga McKay (Darts),*

Cde Cindy Stewart (Floor Curling),

Cde Greg Onofreychuk (Cribbage)

Lotteries Chair: *Cde Helen Frovich*

Rentals Chair: *Office*

Centennial Events Chair: *Cde Teresa Beauregard*

Centennial Cookbook Chair: *Cde. Stephen Troubridge*

Branch Chaplain: *Cde Beth McLean*

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Ways and Means

We are busy preparing for 2025 events now. Thanks for all your ideas, let's make them happen if we can.

We had a very successful Wonderful Winter Weekend Social working with the town.

Our perogy bee was well attended by the Legion volunteers, some Seniors and Ladies Auxiliary members. THANK YOU to the potato peelers and cooks, the perogy cook, the dough rollers the ones that helped to set up, put on the lunch, pinch perogies, and package them. We cannot do this without all of you!

We have the Fashion Show tickets available at the Legion and at the Red Apple Store in Gimli. Cde Velma Darroux is hard at work getting models, finding music and organizing the show. This is always a fun event, please sponsor it.

I am working on setting dates for everything, then I can move onto the volunteers and food purchasing. We will be having a few pancake breakfasts, two craft sales, fall supper, Lunch with Santa, two teas, and the Legion Christmas Dinner, plus there are two memorials we have been hired to cater, plus two Christmas dinners, Boardwalk Days, Honours and Awards and Remembrance Day. This will be another very busy year.

We also want to set up a final Joker night and start selling Grey Cup tickets, SO A LOT OF WORK WILL GO INTO ARRANGING ALL OF THAT. Please remember how much work from creating posters, ticket making, food preparation and the work that goes into every event.

Thank you to all those volunteers who have stepped up. It is always greatly appreciated. We need all of you AND WE TRULY APPRECIATE OUR WONDERFUL Ladies Auxiliary, Lions Club, Firefighters, Seniors Club and community volunteers, and of course our hardworking Legion Members. Thanks, thanks, thanks!

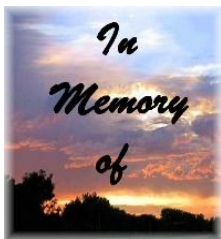
Ways and Means Chair, Lorraine Andrushuk

Sick and Visiting Chair's Report:

I visited with two members in Gimli Hospital in early March. Both are doing well.

A get well fruit basket was delivered to a member by Cde Beverley Self and Cde Teresa Beauregard. If anyone knows of a Branch 61 Legion member who is sick please inform the Legion so we can arrange for a visit.

Cde Teresa Beauregard & Cde Bev Self



Al Hudlin



In December, we host a Lunch with Santa for the students and staff of Winnipeg Beach School and the kids at the Tiny Tots. These are a few of our wonderful Volunteers!

**We have a new email address
effective immediately!**
rclbr61@gmail.com

Newsletter & Public Relations Report

Thank you everyone for your submissions to the newsletter!

I appreciate the time, details, and pictures that you include in your reports. If there is anything else you would like to see included, please let me know and I'll try my best to include it.

We also run a weekly ad in The Express Weekly Newspaper with upcoming events at the Legion. This ad will usually appear on page 5 and occasionally on page 7.

Stay safe until we meet again!

Cde. Velma Darroux

Sports Chair's Reports

Floor Curling

This session of floor curling went very well and saw a number of new people come out for some fun. All together we had 30 people over the Fall and Winter sessions. We would like to thank Coralea at the Winnipeg Beach Curling Club for making us great lunches each week at extremely reasonable prices.



Our windup will be held March 25.
Jim and I look forward to the fall session.

Cde Cindy Stewart – Floor Curling

Darts

We have had great support from our Thursday night Fun Dart League. We will be hosting a tournament on June 14th. We would like to thank Lisa and Doug for running the league for the Legion.



Cde Olga Mackay – Darts

"You define your own life. Don't let other people write your script."

– Oprah Winfrey

"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain."

– Dolly Parton

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams"

– Eleanor Roosevelt

"Be the change that you wish to see in the world"

– Mahatma Gandhi

Community Connection

The Winnipeg Beach Food Connection will be open Tuesdays from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Thursdays from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. for those who require a little help to get by in hard times.

It is located at 23 Stitt Street in Winnipeg Beach, the entrance is located on the north side of the old Access Credit Union.

We will be servicing the town of Winnipeg Beach and surrounding areas as far as Petersfield to the South, Sandy Hook to the North, and Komarno to the West.

We welcome all donations, big or small, nonperishables and monetary donations to the Winnipeg Beach Connection.

There is a box available at the Legion to accept donations for the Food Connection.

We are just a group of People Helping People.



Donation to the Branch
from the Ladies Auxiliary!

"You are braver than you
believe, and stronger than you
seem, and smarter than you
think"

– Walt Disney

Ladies Auxiliary Report

It was a very busy year. In September we helped the Legion prepare the Fall Supper. In October we held a very successful Italian Night Dinner and Dessert. We sold 50/50 tickets.

In December the Legion members and auxiliary prepared and delivered a Christmas dinner for the Veterans and shut ins at no cost. Everyone baked cookies to go along with the dinner.

Also, in December, along with the Legion members, we held a lunch with Santa for the Winnipeg Beach School students and staff plus Tiny Tots. We served them mac and cheese, spaghetti and sauce, hot dogs, juice boxes and cookies. Each child received a pair of mitts and a toque from Santa. All the children were very happy.

We also, along with the Legion members, held bees to make pies, perogies and perishky.

January and February were quiet, so we have had a chance to rest and be ready for a very busy Spring and Summer.

Nadia Hanesiak, Ladies Auxiliary President





**BRANCH 61
WINNIPEG BEACH**

RCL BR 61 EVENTS – 2025 (dates subject to change)

Dart Tournament	Sat, 11 January
WWW Social	Sat, 15 February
General Meeting	Tue, 11 February
Fashion Show	Sun, 27 April
Mother's Day Spring Tea (Legion & LA)	Sat, 10 May
General Meeting	Tue, 27 May
Spring Craft Sale	Sun, 22 June
Catch the Joker Giveaway	(TBA)
Pancake Breakfast	Tue, 1 July
Parade Luncheon (by invitation only)	Sat, 26 July
General Meeting	Tue, 26 August
Fall Supper	Sat, 13 September
Fall Craft Sale	Sat, 20 September
Ladies Auxiliary Event (TBA)	Sat, 11 October
Remembrance Day School (by invitation only)	Mon, 10 November
Remembrance Day Legion	Tue, 11 November
Christmas Tea & Bake Sale (Legion & LA)	Sat, 15 November
Honours & Awards	Sat, 22 November
General Meeting	Tue, 25 November
Lunch With Santa (Wpg Beach School)	8 & 9 December
Christmas Dinner Pick Up	Sat, 13 December

Ladies Auxiliary District 6 Commander, Mary Lynn Thibert presented the Winnipeg Beach Ladies Auxiliary team with the "Olympic Sports Award"



Donations received from September 2024 to January 2025

We would like to thank the following people, businesses and organizations for their donations to our legion. We apologize if we have missed any donors. Please let us know if we have not acknowledged your donation to Branch 61 and we will include it in our next newsletter. Please support the businesses that support us. The list is in no specific order.

<u>Businesses:</u>	<u>Organizations:</u>	<u>Individuals:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shears of Glory Wpg Beach • Ye Olde Hobbies & Collectibles Wpg Beach • Eddie's Gravel Wpg Beach • Johnee's Restaurant Wpg Beach • Hwy 9 Roadhouse Wpg Beach • General Store Wpg Beach • Deals for Dollars Gimli • Lakeview Inn Resort Gimli • Rona Gimli • Tergesen's Gimli • Chicken Chef Gimli • Access Credit Union Gimli • Pharmasave Gimli • Canadian Tire Selkirk • Boston Pizza Selkirk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wpg Beach Legion Branch 61 • Ladies Auxiliary Branch 61 • Town of Winnipeg Beach • Town of Winnipeg Beach Fire Department • Lakeside Lions • Lakeside Seniors <p><u>Individuals:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beth Berg • Bev Gabarevic • Tom Borsa • Lucille McGillivray • Lorraine Andrushuk • Russ Andrushuk • Peter Andrushuk • Robert Andrushuk • Velma Darroux • Teresa Beauregard • Vera Ginter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim & Cindy Stewart • Olga Mackay • Judy Catton • Beverley Self • Helen & Gord Frovich • Cindy & Jim Stewart • Olga MacIntyre • Mary Hildebrandt • Laurie Russin • Evelyn Rogoski • Virginia (Sandie) Williams • Doug & Connie Jonasson • Paulette Bessette • Leah McIsaac • Angie Skoryk • Coralea Courtland • Doris Jackson • Beth McLean

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BLACK CENTER POPPY PINS NOW AVAILABLE



\$2.00 Each Center Pin (Does not include a poppy)

Please see the branch office to purchase.

Winnipeg Beach Legion Spring Fashion Show and Dinner



*Clothes and Accessories provided by
Red Apple, Gimli*

*Please bring a
donation of shampoo,
conditioner, body
wash or body lotion
for the Interlake
Women's Resource
Centre*

April 27, 2025

Cash Bar

Doors open at 2:30

Show Begins at 3:00

with Dinner to follow!

Tickets \$20 ea.

**50/50
Draw**

*Everyone in
attendance will
receive a Red
Apple Coupon
for 20% off!*

For tickets contact the Legion: 204-389-2660,
Velma: 204-642-2840 or Lorraine: 204-894-3701 or by
e-transfer rclbr61@gmail.com (name and event in subject line)

Tickets also available at the Red Apple Store in Gimli

Winnipeg Beach Legion &
Ladies Auxiliary

Spring Tea and
Bake Sale

featuring fancy sandwiches and dainties!

Monetary
Donation at
the door!



Silent
Auction

Saturday, May 10, 2025
12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

For Information call:

Legion @ 204-389-2660 or rclbr61@gmail.com

Winnipeg Beach Legion

Pancake Breakfast & Craft Sale

20 Hamilton Street, Winnipeg Beach
204-389-2660



50/50 Draw
Winners will be
contacted!

**Bake
Sale**

Sunday, May 25, 2025
8:30 am - 11:30 am

Regular Meal \$7.00

*3 pancakes, 3 sausages
Coffee or Tea*

Kids/Lighter Meal \$5.00

*2 pancakes, 2 sausages
Juice (Kids), Coffee or Tea*

All events are cash only!

Winnipeg Beach Legion

20 Hamilton Street, Winnipeg Beach

Craft Sale



Sunday, June 22, 2025

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



*Ukrainian Food, Baking,
Vegetables, Honey, Various
Crafts, Canteen and more!*



For information or tables call: 204-389-2660 and leave message.

All events are cash only!

Winnipeg Beach Legion

Pancake Breakfast

20 Hamilton Street, Winnipeg Beach

204-389-2660

50/50 Draw
Winners will be
contacted!



**Bake
Sale**

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

8:30 am - 11:30 am

Regular Meal \$7.00

3 pancakes, 3 sausages

Coffee or Tea

Kids/Lighter Meal \$5.00

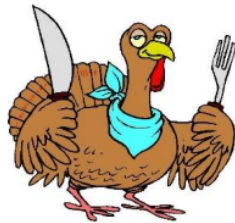
2 pancakes, 2 sausages

Juice (Kids), Coffee or Tea

All events are cash only!

Winnipeg Beach Legion Fall Supper

Saturday, September 13, 2025



Tickets only - \$25.00 ea.

ONE SITTING ONLY @ 4:00 P.M.

For tickets, please call Legion @ 204-389-2660

or Lorraine @ 1-204-894-3701

No door sales, tickets must be pre-purchased by September 8th. Can be paid by e-transfer to

rclbr61@gmail.com (put name and event in subject line)

Pre-purchased Take-Out dinners will be available for pick up after 6:00 p.m.

Winnipeg Beach Legion Br. 61

20 Hamilton Ave.



Ukrainian Food

We are continuing to have your favourite Ukrainian foods for sale:

Perogies (sold in bags of 5 dozen)

- **potato & cheddar** – \$35.00
- **Sauerkraut** – \$40.00

Cabbage rolls: \$8.00/dozen

Perishky: \$8.00/dozen

Assorted Fruit Pies: Large \$12.00 ea. Small \$7.00 ea.

- Apple
- Cherry
- Strawberry Rhubarb
- Blueberry
- Saskatoon
- Raisin (lg. \$14.00 ea.)

Carrot Cake: \$12.00

Squares: \$8.00/dozen

To order call:

Lorraine @ 1-204-894-3701

Legion @ 204-389-2660 or rclbr61@gmail.com