

an improvement in the month of September. The Club Room hosts karaoke & wine draws on Saturdays, which brings the members into the branch. Our shuffleboard league has started.

On monthly bases we do a theme special event in the Club Room and these parties are well attended by the members and this brings added revenue to our branch.

With lots of luck and no snow, our Easter Parade will be moving off the parade square on April 11, 2009. Watch for our flyers which will be sent to all branches in early 2009.

As all branches are, we are now preparing for our Poppy Campaign, Remembrance Day services and dinner.

Each year along with the Ladies Auxiliary we host the Seniors Christmas Party, Our Children's Christmas party, New Years Bash, President's Levee.

Comrade Bill Pearsall has been organizing the color party for the repatriation of our troop for the past year. Our members form up on the bridge over Liverpool Road, due to his care and passion for our troop we have appointed him Chairman of our Highway of Hero's project. We sell Red Ribbons and collect money from our members to be sent to our troop around the world at Christmas.

As President of Branch 606 I was very fortunate to be invited to sail aboard the HMCS Charlottetown from the Toronto harbour to the Hamilton harbour. It was an experience that I will remember for the rest of my life.

Sir William Stephenson - BR. 637

Donna Bunting

On behalf of Branch 637, welcome back to what we trust was a relaxing and enjoyable summer.

Branch 637 faired quite well this past summer due to inter branch comradeship. Thanks to Ajax Branch Bruce Sharpe for hosting Karaoke challenge. The best Branch won. We hope for a repeat when we host the rematch.

Thanks to Fenelon Falls for a wonderful day of cruising – To our Cruise Directors Belinda & Ian – It was a wonderful day!

Thanks to Brooklin Jack & Doug – For a Great Zone Karaoke Challenge.

Our monthly Sunday Buffets will commence Oct 12 with a Turkey Dinner.

Visit our web site www.rclbr637.com It's great. On average we have 40 visits weekly – 10 new visits from all over the world.

In closing I want to wish you all a successful Poppy campaign and let's hope all our men & women overseas fighting for us come home soon.

District F Convention

Haliburton Branch 129 - April 24 - 26, 2009

Name tags must be worn
For entrance to all convention activities

Friday April 24

Registration: Schofield Room - 3:00 - 8:00 PM
Wine & Cheese: Mountbatten Room - 7:30 - 8:30 PM
Meat Draw: 4:00 - 6:30 PM
Entertainment: 7:00 - 10:00 pm

Saturday April 25

Breakfast: 7:00 AM
Registration: Schofield Room - 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
Business Sessions Commence: 8:30 AM

Lunch: 12:00 Noon

Convention Reconvenes: 1:00 PM
District Hospitality: Mountbatten Room - 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Dinner: Auditorium - 7:00 PM
Entertainment: Club Room

Sunday April 26

Breakfast: 7:00 AM
Registration: Schofield Room - 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM
Business Sessions Commence: 8:30 AM

ELECTIONS

Parade moves off at 12:00 Noon
Lunch: Club Room after parade

**Bus Transportation will be available
Between the Hotels and Branch 129**

Gather Ye On the Bridges!!

The day was very cold but also very sunny
As we stood on Waverley Bridge today
Wearing red and our flags flying proudly
Another of Canada's young soldiers has passed our way

Young and old, from near and far they come
All gathered together, a mourning body of one
Showing in the best way that we know
Our pride and love for a young Canadian son.

As the traffic flash their lights and blow their horns
To show their support for those of us who grieve
Your feelings rush wildly through your body
It's just so very hard for us to believe!

That in the oncoming hearse
Led by police cars with sirens blaring
Is another young man, his life cut short
While a Canadian army uniform he was wearing.

None of us can ever pretend to even know
The horrible pain that his family has to bear
All we can do is gather on the bridges
To let them know we are present and that we care!!

**A proud daughter of a W.W. 2 Canadian Soldier
Cecile D. Bowers - BR. 178 Bowmanville**

The Coalition