

# President's Visit

We were lucky to have The Ontario Command President Ed Pigeau & his wife Judy along with Ladies Auxiliary Ontario Command President Joan Fenech & her husband Charles visit our Branch Nov 10th. It was a very pleasant evening and presented them with gifts.

Pictured left to right first row Emma Smith, 2nd Vice, Joan Fenech, Judy Pigeau, Laura Blyth. Back row left to right Doug Smith Treasurer, Charles Fenech, Ed Pigeau, Bruce Sharpe President and Joe Dickson MPP



# Poppies On The Ground

I stood in silence as flakes of snow gently floated down  
Watching the all night vigil in our peaceful little town  
I could see an old man walking where I had just crossed  
He looked like he was searching for something he had lost

I walked over to him and asked if anything was wrong  
With gentle voice he answered, "Could you help me walk along"  
A bunch of tattered poppies were pinned to his lapel  
He said he picked them off the ground, silent where they fell

Red poppies scattered on the ground  
In the strangest of places waiting to be found  
Some are in pieces and need a little care  
Each one reminds us of sacrifice elsewhere.

He said he liked that poppies fell from coats to the earth  
Laying there waiting until they are rescued from the dirt  
In banks of snow, down in the mud, silently they lay  
Until someone picks them up and is reminded of this day

Each poppy should remind us of a life that's gone before  
Of shattered dreams and duty to a country that's at war  
So take the time and notice the poppies you walk by  
Pick them up off the ground and honour those who've died

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This poem was sent to me by Norman Glowach who lives in Yellowknife NWT. He wrote it after talking with a Vet and observing things surrounding Remembrance Day in Yellowknife, NWT.

# 2010 Olympic Torch Relay



Joan Kahrs, daughter of Jack Gillespie ordinary member, participated in the 2010 Olympic Torch relay in Bolton on December 18, 2009.

She brought the torch into to clubroom dressed in her uniform so members could see it first hand. The white and grey, made in Canada, torch was inspired by the cool, crisp lines left in the snow and ice from winter sports.

Photo by Emma Smith

# Second Annual Fundraising Event

Many volunteers make up the organizing of this very important event. Let's start with the Bands who so graciously give up their time. We were entertained by the best such as Lorraines Davies band, Charles Street band, High 5, The Bonnevilles, Wyldfong, Mahogany Ridge, Woodaye, Draft Kings and Phoenix. Thanks to President Bruce Sharpe for arranging the band line.



Special thanks to Rob McArthur who kept the bands organized and looked after the MC duties. Rob and Lorraine are both branch members and their band opened and closed the event.

What would a fund raiser be without Claire Wylie and the Ladies Auxiliary. Thank you as always ladies. Then of course there's Cathy Taylor and her committee of Marie, Darlene and Pat. They wore green Bud shirts and very quickly became the Bud Lime Girls.

I can not forget Helen and Lynn who sat all afternoon accepting donations. They also accepted applications to both the Branch and The Ladies Auxiliary. Thanks to Chester McConnell & Ken Brown for setting up the booth.

The attendance was down this year which was very disappointing given that the event was to raise funds for the much needed work that needs to be done around the building.

Those that did attend and donated, thank you so much and I hope you enjoyed yourselves.

Our 50/50 draws raised \$297, sale of geraniums \$391 and the bar \$1,300. So all in all it wasn't too bad but of course we always hope that it could have been much better.

Thank you again to everyone that attended and those that gave up their time by volunteering.



Emma Smith  
2nd Vice President