

## Brechin Mara Br. 488 Royal Canadian Legion

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Spring 2025

**Executive Meeting:** Sat. April 19th 1:30 p.m., Sun. May 25th 1pm, June 22nd 1pm

**General Meeting:** Sat. April 19th 2:30 p.m, Sun. May 25th and June 22nd 2:30 pm

**Ladies Auxiliary Meeting :** Tuesday, April 8th, May 13th (elections) June 10th 7pm

**Lion's Meeting:** Thurs. April 3rd, and 17th, May 1st and June 5th at 7pm

**Meat Rolls:** Every Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

**Monthly Friday Lunch:** Friday, April 4th, May 2nd, June 6th 11:30-1:30 p.m.

**Euchre:** Saturday, April 12th, May 2nd, and June 7th at 7 p.m.

**Easter Bunny Breakfast:** Sunday April 13th 10:00 a.m.– 1:30 p.m.

**LCCA Fundraiser Dance:** Friday May 2nd– tickets available from LCCA

**Families in Need Fundraiser:** Eat, Laugh and Dance Fri. May 23rd

**District F Convention:** April 26th-28th in Trenton



The Ontario Command Royal Canadian Legion and Ontario Command Ladies Auxiliary Charitable Foundation provides The Ramara Fire Fighters Assoc. with a grant for \$6,500.00 to purchase navigation equipment for the marine unit. Pictured to the left is Fire Chief Tony Strong, Zone F4 Commander and Ladies Aux. Br. 488 member, Beth Spence past Charitable Foundation Br 488 Chair and President of Br. 488 Len Shier

**President's Report: Len Shier 705-309-7793**

We are nearing the end of Winter, and Mother Nature has pulled a cruel trick on everyone. We hope that everyone made it through the ice storm without too much damage.

We had a few branches come down at the Legion, but very little damage, however, the community was hit pretty hard.

I would like to remind everyone, that in these occasions, we will do our best to provide shelter for those that need it. During the Power outage, we kept our doors open for anyone that needed to come to charge the phones, or tablets, or to warm up, or just for comradeship. We did have several visitors over the few days, but because we did not have access to internet, and our cell phones were not working, we were unable to let many people know. We will have to work on a plan that we can implement in these occasions.

The generator kept our building dry, warm and our food refrigerated.

The past few weeks our Treasurer, Marilyn Clough has been in the ICU at Soldier's Memorial Hospital. She has now been moved out of ICU and into a room and seems to be doing much better. However, with her health deteriorating, she must concentrate on getting better and has resigned from the Treasurer's position. We have several members that are helping to finish off the year end and we hope to have a new treasurer for the coming year.

We wish her well and hope to have her at the branch very soon.

I would like to thank everyone that has stepped up to help our branch with beer deliveries, shopping, deposits, inventory control, building renovations, and fund raising. Our members are a great hard working group of people and we are lucky, many legions do not have the support we have at our branch.

The renovations are moving along and we hope that we can complete it enough for occupancy sometime this summer. We are beginning to drain our accounts, and will need to ask for donations from the community, and we hope to also apply for some grants this summer. If anyone has any ideas, of how we can raise some much needed funds to complete the work, please come to see one of our executives, or join us at a meeting. Everyone's help is greatly appreciated.

We would love to use our backyard more this summer with barbeques, and Corn Hole tournaments, possibly even musical entertainment. Anyone wishing to help with any of these events, please let us know. We welcome everyone's help.

See you around the branch.



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## Ladies' Auxiliary Report: Jane Ste Marie

Congratulations to our ladies dart players who will be competing in the provincials in Iroquois Falls on April 26th Best of luck to Ashley, Kristen, Lauren and Zoe!

We will be hosting the team darts on April 5th so our Ladies auxiliary will be very busy hosting all day!

Thank you to all that have supported our lunches each month.

We have three more lunches before we take a break for the summer.

**April 4th** the menu is Chicken Quesadillas with Salsa and Sour Cream or Salmon Salad Croissant with Broccoli Cheddar Soup or Chicken Noodle Vegetable Soup and Apple Crisp for dessert.

**May 2nd** the menu is Pulled Pork slider or Egg Salad Sandwiches with Beef Barley Soup or Mushroom Soup and dessert is cake with fruit salad.

**June 6th** is a First Nations theme with Pan fried fish and wild rice, or open-faced grilled cheese with bacon and tomatoes with Three Sisters Soup or Tomato Tortellini Soup and Blueberry Crumble for dessert.

Lunch is from 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. for \$12.00 for members and \$15.00 for non-members.

We have a guest speaker after the lunches.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m.

## Seniors— Jane Ste. Marie

The guest speaker for our May meeting will be Shannon Banfield speaking about “ what the heck is Reiki?” The final speaker before we break for the summer is yet to be determined but check the Legion website for updates!

### **“Create & Communicate” Ladies Auxiliary Fundraiser**

The Ladies Auxiliary are planning a new creative club. Once a month we will get together for a craft activity, refreshments and comradeship.

Our plan is to showcase a different craft project each month with a small charge of between \$25.00—\$35.00 per person. The cost will cover the supplies needed for the project, and some light refreshments. The bar will be open for anyone wishing to have a glass of wine or other refreshment. The proceeds from this event will be donated to the Brechin Legion to purchase a Glass Washer and glassware for the downstairs bar. (we hope the clubroom will open this summer)

Everyone will go home with the creation they make.

Our first date for “Create and Communicate” will be on Wednesday, April 16th at 2:00 p.m. Lynn Hodgkinson will give lessons on water colour and paint flowers on sheet music. The charge will be \$25.00 each. Future crafts will include card making with paper twill and paper punches, resin jewelry, beading, flower arranging, Cookie decorating, Christmas Centerpieces,... and perhaps some of you have a unique craft you would like to share with the group. We look forward to getting together with everyone and hearing your input on this program. (We may include a few Wednesday evenings for those of you that are still working a job during the day.

### **Zoo to You Presentation for our Family Fun Day.**

**Great turnout with many new families in attendance.**

**Pictured here is Lochlen Shier wearing one of the visitors from “Zoo To You” as well as a very big smile.**

**With the weather not cooperating, everything was indoor, but the children had fun playing games, decorating Cupcakes, doing crafts and the highlight was a visit from Zoo to you that brought in 10 different species for the children to learn about and in some cases touch.**

**As you can see they were far braver than most of the adults. \$320.00 was raised for “Families in Need” in our community. Thanks to everyone that helped with the crafts, providing hot dogs and drinks, and in general help with the event. A great success!**





Pictured above are students from Brechin Public School, Rama Central School and Foley Catholic School with Lion's Member, Dale Whalen and Legion Youth Ed Chair, Doug Gowanlock. The annual Public Speaking Contest was held on Feb.25th at the Legion. The youth all did well, these students competed at the Intermediate Level. There were also students in the Primary and Junior Level. The speeches were great!

## **Father's Day Weekend- Steak and Strawberry Supper**

**Saturday, June 14th 2025**

**Corn Hole Tournament beginning at 1:00 p.m.**

**Meat Roll at 4:00 p.m.**

**Steak and Strawberry Supper from 5:30—6:30 p.m.**

**Cost is \$25.00 for a steak dinner and \$15.00 for Hamburger or hotdog dinner**

**Includes baked potato, roll vegetables, Caesar salad and Strawberry dessert.**

**Party will take place in the back yard, weather permitting.**

**Tickets will be available later in May.**

**Bring your dad out and enjoy the day!**

## April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Lion's Dinner	4 L.A. Lunch Darts	5 Meat Roll District LA Darts Euchre
6 Jam Session 	7 Centurian Meeting	8 VON L. Aux Meeting	9	10	11 Darts	12 Meat Roll
13 Easter Breakfast	14 Weight Lifting	15 VON Good Food Box	16 "Create and Communicate" 2pm	17 Lions Dinner Guest night	18 Darts	19 Meat Roll
20	21 weight lifting	22 VON	23	24	25 Darts	26 Meat Roll
27 Executive Meeting	28 Weight lifting	29 VON	30	31		

## May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Lions Dinner 	2 LCCA Dance	3 Meat Roll Euchre
4 Jam Session 	5 Weight lifting Centurian	6 VON	7	8	9 Darts	10 Meat Roll
11	12 Weight lifting	13 VON L.Aux. Elections	14 "Create and Communicate"	15	16 Darts	17 Meat Roll
18	19 Weight Lifting	20 VON Good Food Box	21	22	23 Families in Need- Eat, Laugh, Dance	24 Meat Roll
25 Exec/General Elections!	26 weight lifting	27 VON	28 Library Program 7-9	29	30 Darts	31 COL Terry Pierce /Meat Roll

## June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Jam 	2 Weight lifting Centurian	3	4	5 Lions Dinner 	6 L.Aux Lunch Darts	7 Meat roll Euchre 7pm
8	9 weight lifting	10 VON L. Aux. Meeting	11 "Create and Communicate" 2p.m	12	13 Darts	14 Meat Roll Steak & Straw- berry Supper
15 Zone F4 Con.	16 weight lifting	17 VON	18 Library Program 7-9 pm	19	20 Darts	21 Meat Roll
22 Exec./Gen. Meeting	23 Weight lifting Centurian	24 VON Good Food Box	25	26	27 Darts	28 Meat Roll
29	30					

### **Charitable Foundation: Gary Hetherington**

Congratulations to the Ramara Fire and Rescue Services on receiving a Charitable Foundation Grant from Ontario Command Charitable Foundation and Ontario Command Ladies Auxiliary Charitable Foundation. The grant will provide the fire services the money to enhance their navigation equipment on their marine unit.

“The support of our local legion is greatly appreciated for not only the first responders heading out on the waters in typically adverse conditions, but also for the people who may be in peril. These funds allow us to upgrade our navigational equipment, making us more effective in search of people that are in trouble. Every second counts in an emergency and this equipment promises to assist with shaving the time needed to affect a rescue” said Chief Strong.

### **Building Chair: Ed Ste. Marie**

As I reported at the General Meeting, and renos are well underway downstairs. The siding on the back part of the annex has also been finished. Drywall is completed and taping has been completed. Once mudding is finished, painting will begin.

Light installation and plumbing fixtures will soon follow. Many members have had the opportunity to see the progress downstairs (with accompaniment) and so far all are impressed. Anyone wishing for a tour please contact me or any executive member.

Once again we are indebted to Steve McIsaac and company who repaired the eavestroughs that were torn off during the extremely inclement weather by the snow and ice build up.

Thanks to everyone for their hard work and patience.

### **Curling Bonspiel**

I would like to thank everyone that helped with the Curling Bonspiel, especially, Rob Stewart. We had a smaller turnout this year because the date happened to conflict with a large group travelling south for a cruise. Everyone that participated had a good time and the Legion made a little money, so all is good.

### Father's Day Steak and Strawberry Supper

On Saturday, June 14th 2025, we will have our Steak and Strawberry Supper.

The day will begin at 1:00 p.m. with a Corn Hole Tournament followed by our Meat Roll, and then the Steak Dinner with a Strawberry Dessert.

The cost is \$25.00 per adult for steak dinner with a barbeque steak, baked potato, roll, vegetables, and Caesar salad. Strawberries, cake and whipped cream will be served for dessert. For children or adult meals with a hamburger or hot dogs instead of steaks the cost will be \$15.00.

Preschoolers are free.

### Zone F4 Sports– Helen Shier :Golf Tournament

Our Branch is hosting the Zone F4 Golf Tournament, this year. The tournament will take place at Cedarhurst Golf Course and the tournament is on Saturday, June 21st. More information will be available at the Legion on the Sports Board. Only members in good standing are eligible to play.

Zone F4 Washer Toss Tournament will take place on Saturday, May 24th and is hosted by the Lindsay Legion and will take place at Victoria Park.

The District Mixed Darts that was scheduled for March 29th was cancelled due to the ice storm and is yet to be rescheduled.

Zone F4 Horseshoes to be determined.

If you plan on playing any of these events you must sign up 3 weeks before the date of the event. Sign up is on the wall just outside the kitchen. Posters for the events will be up for more information.

### Euchre

We will have Euchre for the next few months and take July and August off. The dates will be on Saturday, April 13th, as well as May 3rd and June 7th at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 per person and includes a late lunch. Prize money is determined by the number of players playing.

### Monthly Jam Sessions

The monthly Jam sessions are back on the first Sunday of each month. All are welcome with music from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. If you are musically inclined, you are welcome to share your talents with the group to back you up. Cost is a food or cash donation for local families in need or items suitable to help youth living on the streets in our communities.



## Membership– Catherine Stewart

Thank you to all members for their continued support of our legion. Our legion membership is still growing strong every month with 233 members renewing their memberships for 2025. We are also thrilled to welcome the following new members to our branch: Patrick Bass, Jackie Bryer, Charles Sherwood, Ken Johnston, and transfers Doug Rowles, Bob Crawford and Deb Gunn-Crawford.

### **IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO RENEW FOR 2025!**

There are several ways to renew your membership:

**In-Person.** Please visit your local Branch to renew your membership in person.

**By Mail.** Please mail a cheque, made payable to the **Brechin Branch 488**, to 2146 Concession Rd 4, BOX 59, Brechin ON L0K 1B0.

**On-line.** Please visit the Royal Canadian Legion website at: <https://legion.ca/> to renew your membership in the comfort of your home using your credit card.

A legion membership comes with many benefits. A member in good standing will be able to participate in competitive member sports, receive a copy of the Legion Magazine, be able to enrol in MemberPerks for many online and in-store savings; receive special deals from our member benefit partners; and much, much more.

Please visit the Brechin Mara Legion website <https://brechinlegion.ca/> to view all the benefits available to members and the upcoming events that your local branch will be hosting.



## **Brechin & District Lion's Club & Brechin-Mara Royal Canadian Legion**

Invite you to our

### **Easter Party and Pancake Breakfast.**

Pancake Breakfast, Treats, and Crafts for the Children.

Date: Sunday, April 13th, 2025

Location: Brechin Legion

Breakfast from 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Event is 10:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.

Cost: Donation at the Door—

all proceeds will go to local families in need

## Conventions

District F Convention Saturday, April 26th and 27th in Trenton.

This is an election year and we will be electing our District F Commander and Deputy District F Commander.

This is also the year for the Ontario Provincial Command Convention scheduled for May 10th—13th in London. We will be electing the Provincial Executive at this Convention.

## Elections

In May we will have our Branch elections on Sunday, May 25th at 2:30 p.m. All members wishing to vote should make sure they are members in good standing (paid for 2025) and are in attendance with their membership card before 2:30 p.m. If you are interested in joining the executive, make sure that you let someone know, so that you can be nominated.

Ladies Auxiliary Elections will take place on Tuesday, May 13th at 7:00 p.m.

## Lagoon City Community Association Fundraiser

On Friday, May 2nd the LCCA will be hosting a dance fundraiser at the Brechin Legion with music by “The Orangemen” See their flyers for more information and to get tickets.

There will be no Friday Night Darts on May 2nd.

## Families in Need Fundraiser—Eat, Laugh and Dance

The event will be on Friday, May 23rd and will be dinner, and Ventriloquist show followed by a dance with Dj– Large and in Charge.

Tickets are available from Sue Potilevo.

There will be no Friday Night Darts this evening as well.