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Fall 2025

Special Meeting: Wednesday Sept. 24th at 7:00 p.m.

Joint Executive Meeting: Sept 28th 12:00 p.m.

Executive Meeting: Saturday, Oct. 18th, Saturday, Nov. 9th, Sun. Dec. 28th 2 p.m.

General Meeting: Sun. Sept 28th , Sat. Oct. 18th p.m., November 9th 3:00p.m.

No General Meetings in December or January

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting: Tues. October 14th, Nov. 11th 7:00 p.m.

No meeting January or February

Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Luncheon Meeting: Sunday December 14th 12 noon

Lion's Meeting: October 2nd, November 6th and December 11th at 7:00 p.m.

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

Music Jams: Sun., Sept. 21st, Oct. 5th, Nov. 2nd & 16th, Dec. 7th(Donation)1-5pm

Create and Communicate: Wed., Sept. 17th, Oct. 15th and Nov. 19th at 1:30 pm

Octoberfest Dinner and Dance: Saturday, October 25th

Brew Ha Ha- Witches High Tea: Sunday, October 26th (Joyland Beach Hall)



Centurion- "Ride for the Cause" at the Brechin Mara Legion in August

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

We are nearing the end of summer, the children are back in school and the Legion is getting even busier than we were in the summer. We have the auction this weekend and I want to thank everyone in the community that has donated to our sale. Big thanks go out to Ed Ste Marie, John Brown, and their helpers who assisted in picking up many of these items. We hope to see everyone at the sale so that everything sells. All proceeds from this event will go to the renovations downstairs. Thank you to Mariyn Wilson, Jane Ste Marie, Heather Shier and Sam Martino for all the hours they spent in staging the items for sale and pricing or tagging everything.

Our branch inspection will take place next month, thank you to Sam Martino, Nick Andreoff and my wife Heather for all the hours they have spent in getting the financials in order so that we can have them audited before our inspection.

Thank you to Jane Ste Marie and Janet Banfield for their hours working on Grant Applications to help with our programs and hopefully upstairs renovations.

Soon we will begin our Zone and District Sports events. Once they have the dates set we will have them posted. If you play sports and benefit from the Legion paying for overnight accommodations, and gas expenses you should be assisting us at the legion with our fundraising, do some fund raising of your own or at least participate by coming to our events and meetings.

We have a special meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 24th at 7:00 p.m. At this meeting we will be voting on applying for a loan to complete the downstairs renovations. If approved we then submit it all to Ontario Command for approval. Hopefully, that will allow us to start the finishing work the beginning of October. We are hoping to have an occupancy permit in time for the Christmas Parties we have booked for December. Please try to make it to the meeting for the vote, we need everyone's support.

Save the Date: Octoberfest- Saturday, October 25th Dinner and Dance 6 p.m.

Brew Ha Ha Witches High Tea- (at Joyland Beach) High Tea, Entertainment, auction/raffles with a fashion show. Sunday, October 26th 11:30 to 3 p.m.

Remembrance Service: November 11th 10:45 p.m. Service and lunch

Craft Sale: November 30th 9 a.m.—3 p.m.

Santa Breakfast : Saturday, December 13th Pancake Breakfast/crafts with Santa

New Years Eve Dance: Wednesday, December 31st 8:00 p.m. Music by Lonestar Oasis

Presidents Levee: Thursday January 1st 2 p.m.—5:00 p.m.



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September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 VON Centurion Meet	3	4 Lions Dinner Dance Fit	5 Darts	6 Meat Roll
7 Jam Session	8 YOGA Weightlifting	9 VON L.A. Meeting	10	11 Dance Fit	12 Darts	13 Meat Roll
14 Auction	15 YOGA Weightlifting	16 VON Good Food Box Centurions	17 Create and Communicate	18 Dance Fit	19 Darts Condo 51 meeting	20 Meat Roll (COL-private)
21 Jam Session	22 YOGA Weightlifting	23 VON	24 SPECIAL MEETING 7PM	25 Dance Fit Foot Clinic Haircuts	26 Darts	27 Meat Roll
28 Exec / Gen. Meeting 12/2:00	29 YOGA Weightlifting	30 VON	October 2025			

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			1	2 Dance Fit Lions Dinner	3 Darts L. Aux Lunch	4 Meat Roll LA Darts
5 Jam Session ZONE F4 Con.	6 YOGA Weightlifting	7 VON Centurions	8 Crockpot cooking	9 Dance Fit	10 Darts	11 Meat Roll
12 GOLD Coin rental	13 YOGA Weightlifting	14 VON L.A. Meeting	15 Create & Communicate	16 Dance Fit	17 Darts	18 Meat Roll EXEC/Gen. Meet
19 EODA 1st shoot	20 YOGA Weightlifting	21 VON Good Food Box Centurions	22	23 Dance Fit GIP Meeting	24 Darts	25 Meat Roll OCTOBERFEST
26 BREW HA HA 11:30-3 p.m.	27 YOGA Weightlifting	28 VON	29	30	31 Darts Poppy begin	

November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Meat Roll
2 Jam Session	3 YOGA Weightlifting	4 VON	5	6 Dance Fit Lions Dinner	7 Darts L. AUX Lunch	8 Meat Roll Honours & Awards 2 pm
9 Exec/Gen Meeting 1-2 p.m	10 YOGA Weightlifting	11 VON L.A. Meeting	12 Crock pot cooking 1:30	13 Dance Fit	14 Darts	15 Meat Roll
16 Jam Session Grey Cup Party	17 YOGA Weightlifting	18 VON	19 Create & Communicate	20 Dance Fit	21 Darts	22 Meat Roll
23 Craft Show	24 YOGA Weightlifting	25 VON	26	27 Dance Fit	28 Darts	29 Meat Roll
30 EODA						

Ladies' Auxiliary President's Report: Jane Ste. Marie

Many thanks to the dedicated members of the Ladies Auxiliary who have stepped up and assisted in the many celebrations of life and events these past few months. We are working on a web-based sign up sheet (many thanks to Marilyn Wilson and Sam Martino) that will hopefully help to streamline our volunteer roster. A big welcome to new members: Alannah Ellis, Patricia Levesque, Patricia Burns, Sherry Gifford, and Agnes Voros.

Our Ladies continue to represent at sports events with 2 teams for Euchre in Coboconk this weekend, and 8 ladies playing in the Zone Dart Doubles and Singles the beginning of October.

Our Ladies Auxiliary Provincial Convention will be in May 2026 in Bracebridge. We hope to send a full delegation.

Our Ladies Auxiliary Lunches will be October 5th, with a choice of Shepherds Pie or Egg Salad Sandwich with Beef Barley Soup, or Potato Leek Soup, tossed salad and dessert. In November the Lunch will be on November 7th with chicken quesadillas, or tuna salad croissant with Turkey Vegetable Soup or Squash Soup and dessert.

Our Christmas luncheon for the Ladies Auxiliary Members will be on Sunday, December 14th, at 12 noon. Please save the date.

We have three Christmas Dinner parties booked so far that will require workers to assist with. On Thursday, December 4th we have the Miller Christmas Party, on December 6th we have the Lakepoint Community Association Christmas Party and on Saturday, November 29th we have the Ramara Fire Fighters Association Christmas party (To be confirmed yet). Please sign up if you are available to help.

We have a Celebration of Life on Saturday, Sept. 20th from 11-3:30 p.m., and if anyone is available to help with the Octoberfest, or the Witches Brew Ha Ha please sign up.

Seniors— Jane Ste Marie

We had our first L. Aux. luncheon on September 5th with Rebecca Taylor from the Ramara Public Library. Speaking about the plethora of programs and resources available at the Public Library. The Library not only has books and web based resources but now has a library of things to loan. Should you wish to sign out a projector screen, dvd player, puzzles, slow cooker, for absolutely no cost.

Check out the library for exciting new programs, new things, and new ideas!

Please contact me if you are interested in having an event (Cards, sewing circle, workshop, tea and cookies, whatever) and we'll see what we can help to provide.

Friday Night Darts

We play darts on Friday Nights from 7:45 p.m. (sign up) to close. We just make up teams with those that come to play and play a round robin tournament. Cost is \$2.00 per person with the winners getting bragging rights for the night. All are welcome.

Auction: Heather Shier

We held our Auction on Sunday, September 14th, 2025. We were able to raise about \$4,600.00 during the sale. Again I would like to thank the guys for picking up and delivering the items for the sale. Thankyou to the many generous community members that donated items for our sale. Special thankyou to Irene Turnbull for all the very generous donations of collectibles, valuable rugs, as well as the hours of help in staging the items. Thank you to Marilyn Wilson, and Sam Martino for looking after the registration and cash, thanks to Gary Shier, Jane Ste Marie, Lynn Hodgekinson and Heidi Stanley for assisting with lunch in the kitchen. Thank you also to Emily Smith for volunteering on the bar.

We had a number of items left over, we are going to try to sell the antique items on consignment at a store in Orillia, some items will be donated to a thrift store in Orillia, Habitat for Humanity will take some of the couches and home décor items for their Restore and the legion is keeping some of the items to use downstairs once the club room is completed. We also have numerous items we are keeping for raffle prizes at Christmas time and for the Brew Ha Ha. Hopefully, that will take care of everything donated.



Brechin Legion Ladies' Auxiliary Euchre Teams. Our ladies came in 2nd from the top and 2nd from the bottom....and they had a great time at Zone F4 Euchre in Coboconk this past weekend. Good luck at District.

Pictured from left to right back row is Karen Miller, Zoe Reid, Beryl Wilson, Catherine Stewart, Shelley Miller and Jane Ste. Marie. In the Front row is Gail Scruton and Susan Prendergast,

Monthly Jam Sessions

All are welcome to join us for our jam sessions. Those interested in singing or playing along with the band are welcome to sign up for a song or two. The Jam will take place on Sunday September 21st, October 5th, November 2nd and 16th, and December 7th from 1—5 p.m. A donation at the door towards the Brechin Legion Building fund is welcome. Come and enjoy some music and dancing.

Building Committee— Ed Ste. Marie

The Downstairs men's washroom is totally finished and looks amazing. The wood for the bar; donated by National Forest Products is in and ready to be installed. Many thanks to Eric Wyatt, John Brown, Vern Winchester, Gary Shier and Randy O'Connell for their help and Steve McIsaac for the loan of the trailer. The accessible washroom has been wired for the necessary emergency communication system and electronic locks. We are awaiting the delivery of the vanity for the ladies' washroom and when that occurs the vanity and sinks will be complete in that room too.

The fire retardant doors have been installed on all applicable doorways and the coolers have been ordered and await the completion of the bar.

We hope to have an occupancy permit in the next few months and while we will be able to get in and use the downstairs, we will be in no way finished. Decoration of the annex, construction of the showcases and various other cosmetic, yet expensive details will follow as funds permit.

We have a notice of motion for a special meeting on Wednesday, September 24th at 7 p.m. At this meeting we will be asking for the membership to approve the Legion applying for a loan to finish the renovations to the Club Room. We need the membership to attend this meeting, as it requires your approval before we ask for Ontario Commands approval and we can move forward. If you have any questions with regards to everything we are doing, this is where you come. Have your say....it is important to have our membership's support.

New Year's Eve Dance

Join us for our New Year's Eve Dance on Wednesday, December 31st. Tickets are \$30.00 each in advance and for entertainment we have Lonestar Oasis. Light refreshments and champagne at midnight.

President's Levee

On Thursday, January 1st we will have our President's Levee with snacks and specialty drink. Join us in celebrating with our executive the start of a new year. 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. All are welcome

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Centurions MC-North Toronto—Ride for the Cause

7th Annual Ride and Rally

On Saturday, August 16th, 2025 over 150 motorcyclists participated in the Centurions Ride for the Cause. They were able to raise about \$30,000 with proceeds going to Sick Kids V.S. and Jen Ashleigh Foundation. A very successful event for the Centurions, and the Legion did well on the breakfast and bar sales.

OKTOBERFEST Dinner and Dance

On Saturday, October 25th we will be having an Oktoberfest Dinner and Dance. Music by Robert & Monica. Dinner at 6 p.m. With Oktoberfest Sausages, German Potato Salad, Roasted Vegetables, and Black Forest Trifle followed by the dance. Advance tickets only. Tickets available at the Legion. \$30.00 each. Email: brechinlegion@outlook.com to reserve your tickets or pickup on Friday nights or Saturdays after 3p.m.

Brew Ha-Ha Witches High Tea

Witches High Tea at the Annual Brew Ha-Ha on Sunday, October 26th at Joyland Beach Hall. The tickets will be \$40.00 each, with a High Tea Lunch including a haunting Fashion Show, Entertainment, Raffles, Many wonderful items for the Silent Auction and more. Proceeds will be shared between the Joyland Beach Association and the Brechin Mara Legion Ladies Auxiliary (donating to the building fund) We welcome donations for our raffles....contact Heather Shier for more information. Tickets are available at the Brechin Legion or by email: joylandreceipts@gmail.com. Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance.

Poppy Campaign: Heather Shier

The Poppy Campaign begins on Friday, October 31st with poppy boxes going out to our businesses in the Ramara Township area. Anyone available to assist with the campaign especially on Saturday November 1st and 8th or Sunday November 2nd and 9th at the Tim Hortons, Foodland and LCBO. We will have a signup schedule at the Legion in the coming month and the shifts will be one hour shifts.....Remember when you join the legion you give an oath to assist with the Poppy Campaign and this is one way that everyone can contribute.

Our Remembrance Service will be on Tuesday, November 11th beginning at 10:45 a.m. All are welcome and a light lunch will be provided after the service.

Glen Shier Memorial Golf Tournament

Thank you to Sue Prendergast, Stephanie Dyck, Nancy McCallum, the Ladies Auxiliary and all of the volunteers for their time and effort on our Annual Golf Tournament. We had a full roster of golfers, many donations from our local businesses and everyone had a great time.