



THE TORCH

Newsletter of Royal Canadian Legion Kingsway Branch # 175

July 2026 Edition

BRANCH HOURS

Sun - Mon Closed

Tue - Thu 11:00 am - 11:00 pm

Fri & Sat 11:00 am - 11:30 pm

BRANCH OFFICE

Sun - Mon Closed

Tue - Thu 11:00 am - 10:00 pm

Fri & Sat 11:00 am - 11:30 pm

JUNO ROOM

Sun - Mon Closed

Tue - Thu 11:00 am - 10:00 pm

Fri & Sat 11:00 am - 11:30 pm

KITCHEN

Mon Closed

Tue - Thu 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

Fri & Sat 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

Branch General Meetings

The next General Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 29, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Please attend the General Meetings and help to keep the Legion running.

Branch General Meetings take place on the last Tuesday of each month, from September to June (except for December), in the Maple Room, starting at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING

as of Jun 23, 2026

Affiliate	209
Associate	359
Life Members	23
Ordinary	366
Centenary	506
Total	1463

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Fallen Comrades

It is with deep regret that we announce the following members have passed on since we last gathered together.



Name	Age	Date	Service
William (Bill) McPherson	92	13 Mar	
James Danielson	84	1 Apr	
Leslie Sumka	81	17 Dec, 2024	
Nora Rigelhof	90	15 May	

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning. We will remember them.

NEWEST BRANCH MEMBERS

Georgina Brink	Graham Bolton	Jeannie Chow	Stan Turbiarz
Thomas Brink	Betty Dubord	Lily Welsh	Virginia Bentley
Reta Thompson	Sylvia Sheppard	Cheryl Johner	Jessica Trautmann
Sandra Shwaykosky	Maria Hatalay	Todd Shulba	Donald Wall
Susan Davis	Stan Ozytko	Franklin Rizo	Brenda Evelyn Duhaime
Noel Chartrand	Stan Wesolowsky	Shawn Silva	Susan Naughton
Mike Wojcik	Albert Regimbald	Nadine Koe	Adrian Berry
Fred Albert	Margaret Regimbald	Leroy Wilkinson	Berneice Brauer
Sharon Baptiste	June Anderson	Denis Roy	Michael Sweeney
John Skoglund	Mae Mak	Bernie Skoglund	Graham Smith

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1926 · 2026

Working together to serve Canada's Veterans

CONGRATULATION TO OUR BIG WINNER



Presenting the Cheque of \$30,722.50 to Audrey M, winner of the 50/50 Raffle

The final total raised was **\$61,445.00**

VETERAN SUPPORT PROGRAM



The Royal Canadian Legion is strengthening its partnership with the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) to improve access to disability benefits, services, and programs for Veterans, serving CAF members, and their families.

Government security-cleared Legion Command Service Officers can now meet clients at CAF Transition Centres across Canada, providing convenient access to expert guidance and support while reinforcing the Legion's role as a trusted advocate.



Veterans should never have to pay for help accessing benefits. The Legion is aware of organizations that charge fees, take a percentage of awards, or profit in hidden ways. Legion Command Service Officer assistance is professional, ethical — and always free.

You do not have to be a member of the Legion to obtain support or assistance in receiving benefits or allowances from Veteran Affairs.

If you or a family member need support, contact a Legion Command Service Officer. The Edmonton Service Bureau is located at:

#102 – 10471 – 178 Street NW Edmonton, AB T5S 1R5

Phone: (780) 448-4982

Email: info@abnwtlegion.com

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION BURSARY

A Bursary is awarded to students who are Veterans, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, spouses or surviving spouses of Veterans; who are in need of financial assistance. Bursaries up to \$2,000 may be awarded at any stage of a college or university program.

Just download the latest application from: <https://kingswaylegion.ca/bursary-application-form>

Once completed, drop the application off at the Branch office or email it to: office@kingswaylegion.ca



LEGION BUDDY CHECK COFFEE

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month

Veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces, RCMP and Allied Forces are welcome. You do not need to be a Legion member to attend.

Open to all Veterans, come meet fellow Veterans in a safe, non-judgmental atmosphere of comradeship.

There will be free coffee, tea and soft drinks.

For more information contact Louise Abdou at

Edm175buddycheckcoffee@hotmail.com or call 780-868-8917



WHAT'S YOUR IRRATIONAL FEAR?

Vehophobia

This is the fear of driving, often triggered by a past accident or anxiety about being in control.

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BSO OSI

OP VETBUILD

Operation VetBuild is a Royal Canadian Legion initiative run by the RCL's OSI Special Section (BSO Legion OSI). This is a peer to peer program by veterans, for veterans and includes RCMP and allied veterans. The objective is to help improve mental health through hobby and in this case, model building. 100% free to veteran's.

Will be held every 3rd Saturday of the month.

**Contact: Anthony Swards
teutonicknights@shaw.ca**



OUR CENTENARY YEAR

Explore 100 Years of Legion History

2026 marks the Legion's Centenary year and we've created a beautiful, interactive website that chronicles major events and achievements of the Legion over the past century. From our founding and early advocacy for Veterans, through rehabilitation and national growth after the Second World War, to the modern era and new Veterans – the site is a treasure trove of history – and a great reminder to us all of the proud legacy we all share as Legion members.



Queen Elizabeth II attends
a Canadian Legion
Ceremony



2025
Winning B/W Poster



Mounties marching in ceremonial
uniform in Edmonton, 2012

Click on any image or scan the QR Code
to visit the site and learn more





Rockin'

Ronnie's

Music Bingo

Friday July 17, 2026

Country Artists

*Come Early for Dinner &
Stay for the Fun*

Doors open at 5:00 pm

Games start at 7:00 pm

Cards: \$4.00 or two for \$7.00

Register on Eventbrite for \$5.00

(plus gst and service fee) and receive 2 cards free



*Bring a friend new to Music
Bingo and have your name
entered in a draw*

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THE CANADIAN WALK *for* VETERANS



SPRUCE GROVE
SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2026

CALGARY
SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2026



Contact us

Calgary: cdnwalk4vets.cgy@gmail.com

Spruce Grove: cwfv.sg@gmail.com

CANADIANS WALKING SHOULDER TO SHOULDER

WWW.CANADIANWALKFORVETERANS.COM





Scott Gregor Productions

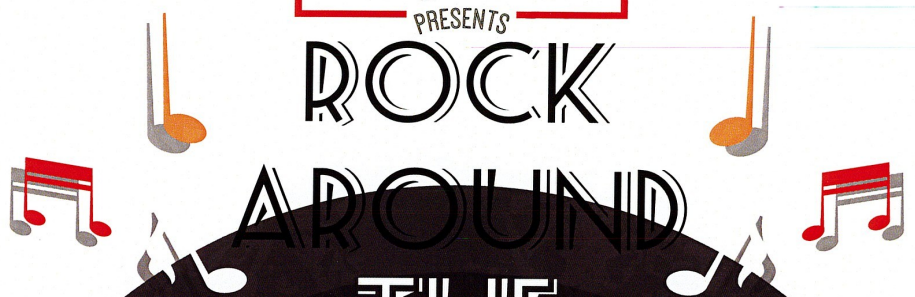
PRESENTS

ROCK

AROUND

THE

CLOCK



\$400

TABLE FOR 6

DOORS OPEN

AT

5:30pm

\$80

INDIVIDUALLY

ONLY 150

TICKETS

AVAILABLE

OCT
24

IN SUPPORT OF

Vaxour
PLACE



SILENT AUCTION

Dinner, fun CASINO,

door prize **\$3000**

travel **VOUCHER**

AT

KINGSWAY LEGION BRANCH #175

14339-50TH ST NW

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

Questions? Please contact
Scott Gregor at gregorscott86@gmail.com





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Upcoming

Music Bingo's Dates

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Stay for the Fun*

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Cards: \$4.00 or two for \$7.00

Date		Theme
17 Jul	Fri	Country Artist
15 Aug	Sat	Elvis
20 Sep	Sun	50's, 60's, & 70's
19 Oct	Sat	Beatles
21 Nov	Sat	80's & 90's
11 Dec	Fri	Christmas Hits

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LADIES AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary does not meet June, July or August but continue to run the Saturday draw and 50/50. It has been a little quieter in the canteen the past few weeks but we expect that with people out doing summer activities. The switch to Sobeys for the meat appears to be a good move and the regulars have been enthusiastic when looking over the choices.

We did plant the flower containers in the front but they are having a slow start due to all the rain. June 2026 has now officially declared the most rain in Edmonton since records have been kept. Unfortunately we continue to find both cigarette butts and gum in the planters despite our request to not do this. It is a fire hazard as there peat moss added to the pots.

A big thank you to Anita at Kuhlmann's Greenhouse for the advice on planting and caring for our planters. Also thank you for the lovely discount on the Petunias.

Pictures from our Honours and Awards in May:



Susan Ziegler Certificate of Appreciation. For several years Susan has decorated the bags used to hold the Christmas Gifts for the Kipnes residents. A monumental job decorating approximately 120 bags each year.



Lisa Sagriff Certificate of Appreciation for her assistance on the Kipnes Christmas Project, Meat Draw and 50/50, and the delicious baking for our bake sales.



Lorraine Knudsen receives recognition for 45 years of serving in the L.A.

Silent Auction

The auction raised a total of

\$6,898.50

A sincere thank you go out to all the volunteers and donors that made it successful. Without the volunteers we wouldn't be able to post monitors in the room to help encourage people to bid. Without the donations we wouldn't have any items to bid on!

And a special shout-out to Trese Biddiscombe, the coordinator, who put in countless hours ensuring that not only did we meet our goal, but we exceeded it.

Quote of the Month

“ I love summertime more than anything else in the world.
That is the only thing that gets me through the winter, knowing that summer is going to be there.

Jack McBrayer
American actor & comedian

KINGSWAY LEGION
CEREMONIAL FLAG RASING
FRIDAY JULY 17, 2026

On Friday July 17, 2026, the Royal Canadian will mark its 100 anniversary - a historic milestone honoring a century of service to Veterans and their families, preserving Remembrance, and supporting communities across Canada.

As part of this celebration Kingsway Legion take part in a shared National Day of Recognition and Remembrance by hosting a symbolic flag raising and a moment of silence to honour the occasion. This event will take place at the flag poles located in front of the Kingsway Legion Branch, 14339 50th Street NW Edmonton.

Timing:

- 11:30 Assemble the dignitaries (Wild Rose Room)
- 11:45 Arrival of dignitaries at the Teardrop
- 12:00 Last Post
- 12:02 Two (2) Minute Silence
- 12:04 Lament
- 12:06 Rouse (Reveille)
- 12:08 Act of Remembrance
- 12:10 Prayer by Padre
- 12:15 Retire to Wild Rose Room

This event is open to the general public and we strongly encourage all members of the Branch to attend (in uniform if possible)

Thank you to all the Sponsors
For Donating to Our Canada Day Celebration!

Kingsway Legion Ladies Auxiliary Cash Donation of \$1000		
Ladies Knitting Club	\$500	in Prizes
Colton's NO FRILLS	\$250	Gift Certificate
Janet Hazen	\$250	Gift Certificates & Prizes
Cheryl Taylor	\$250	in Prizes
Boston Pizza Manning	\$250	Gift Certificate
Real & Carolyn's NO FRILLS	\$250	Gift Certificate
Pegasus Foods Inc	\$200	Paper Products
Tim Hortons Hollick Kenyon	\$200	in Products
Trese Biddiscombe	\$200	in Prizes
Arlene Murray	\$150	Food Products
H&W	\$150	Food Products
Medi Massage	\$105	Gift Certificate
Fran Colpitts	\$100	in Prizes
Belmont Sobeys	\$100	Gift Certificate
Joy Cardinal	\$100	in Prizes
Freshco Manning Village	\$100	Gift Certificate
Reflections Hair Studio	\$80	Gift Certificate
Manning Safeway	\$50	Gift Certificate
Jenni Stempien	\$30	in Prizes
Jennifer Matheson	\$25	Gift Certificate
Menchie	\$20	Tim Hortons Gift Certificate



Reflections Hair Studio



MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION



Carol Burkett receives her 50 year membership pin & certificate from Rick Etmanski, President and Farren Richardson, Membership Chair

We sincerely apologize to Carol. Last month Carol gender was mistakenly identified



The Royal Canadian Legion Dominion Convention

The Legion's 50th Dominion Convention will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Aug 22 through 26

This year's theme, **A Century of Service. Honouring the Past. Shaping the Future**, marks the Legion's 100 years of service to Veterans, their families, and communities across Canada. It reflects both the legacy created through service and sacrifice, and the responsibility of today's members—through the decisions and leadership of Convention—to shape the Legion's future.

Application to attend the Convention as a delegate are now closed.



Kingsway Legion invites dedicated individuals to join our vibrant volunteer teams. We're seeking enthusiastic individuals who want to make a difference while supporting Legion values.

Tuesdays 11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Wednesdays 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Thursdays 11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Fridays 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Saturdays 11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Saturdays 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Your assistance will be required for the delivery of food & cleaning of tables.

If you are available to work any of the above mentioned shifts please contact:

Norma Yerex @ 780-478-7680

JUNO ROOM WEEKEND ENTERTAINMENT FOR JULY



Jul 3 & 4
Norman & the
Counrty Jammers



Jul 10 & 11
Trick Ryder



Jul 17 & 18
The Lumberjacks



Jul 24 & 25
Dean Henry



Jul 31 & Aug 1
CC & High rider

JUNO ROOM WEEKEND ENTERTAINMENT FOR AUGUST



Jul 31 & Aug 1
CC & High Rider

Aug 7 & 8
CC & High Rider



Aug 14 & 15
Sparking Tones



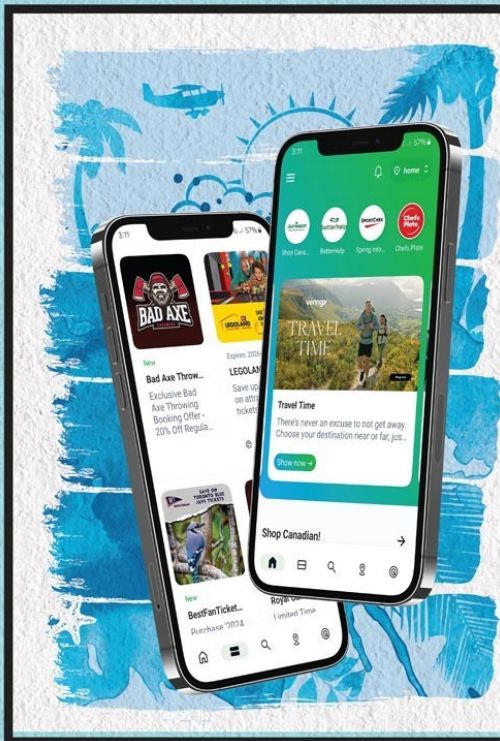
Aug 21 & 22
Trick Ryder



Aug 28 & 29
The Lumberjacks

Upcoming Notable Dates

1 Jul	Battle of Beaumont Hamel (1916)	7 - 9 Aug	Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships
1 Jul	Repatriation of Unknown Newfoundland soldier (2024)	9 Aug	Canadian Peacekeepers Day
6 Jul	Poppy adopted as symbol of Remembrance (1921)	15 Aug	Victory over Japan (1945)
7 Jul	Canada ceases combat opera- tions in Afghanistan (2011)	19 Aug	Dieppe Raid (1942)
17 Jul	Legion's 100th Anniversary	22 - 26 Aug	Legion's 50th Dominion Convention
26 Jul	Legion leads pilgrimage to Vimy unveiling (1936)	22 Aug	Warriors' Day Parade (1921)
27 Jul	Korean War Armistice (1953)		



— GET READY FOR —

SUNNY DAYS & OUTDOOR FUN!

— FIND EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO —

WELCOME SUMMER WITH STYLE.

EXPLORE YOUR OFFERS NOW!

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The Best Round of His Life

A man started his round with an eagle, then a birdie, then a hole-in-one on the third. Right then his phone rang. It was the hospital telling him his wife had been in a terrible accident and was in critical condition.

He said he'd head right over, but then looked at his scorecard and thought, *I may never play like this again.*

So he played a few more holes. Then a few more. Then all eighteen. He finished with a career-best 61 and shattered the club record. When he finally got to the hospital, the doctor glared at him and said, "Your wife has been here fighting for her life while you were out there having the round of your life."

The man collapsed in guilt.

The doctor paused, smirked, and said, "Relax. I'm messing with you. She died three hours ago. So... what'd you shoot?"

The Miller Crossing Outdoor Farmers Market is now open every Sunday from June to September from 11 am to 3 pm.

Join us and see what we have to offer!

For updates on this event checkout our website: millercrossingfm or on Facebook facebook.com/millercrossingfarmersmarket

**MILLER CROSSING
FARMERS'
MARKET**
EDMONTON, AB



Our Weekly Meat Draws

Branch

Wednesday's Night

Tickets on Sale 6:30 pm

Ladies Auxiliary

Saturday Afternoons

Ticket on Sale 1:00 pm



**Minimum of 12 Regular & 1 Bonus Draw
Tickets \$1.00 each**



**Immediately Following
The Meat Draw
10 Tickets For \$5.00**

REALLY! A FISH THAT BIG?

I think it goes without saying that we have all heard stories that are well, unbelievable, and then repeated them to others. As a matter of fact, some years ago there was a comic strip entitled: "Ripley's," Believe it or not." And some of us did, and some didn't. I enjoyed reading some of these outlandish ideas that people claimed to have some truth attached to them.

And while I have not given this a whole lot of thought until recently, it came to my mind that there are all sorts of stories within the Bible that from a human perspective could not have happened. And, so, with that in mind join me on an adventure, that most of us may well have heard about. It all begins in the book of Jonah. A little back story first.

Jonah was a prophet of God, and in those days when God spoke to His Prophets they obeyed. We don't know how many times God had spoken to Jonah before this incident, but we do know God spoke.

Jonah 1:1, The word of the LORD came to Jonah, son of Amittai: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me."

It is good for us to know that Nineveh was a large city, some 120,000 people. The Ninevites were Assyrians, and they were the cruellest people known in that day. The Assyrians, showed no mercy to any of their captives. They butchered men, women and children without mercy. And while I go could go on about their cruelty, suffice it to say that the nations surrounding them were deathly afraid of them. Jonah was a prophet of Israel and therefore feared the Assyrians more than anyone else.

So, we ask the question why would God send one of His prophets to bring the good news of God's Love to this terrible group of people? Well, a simple answer is, God loves people and is looking for all to repent and come into a relationship with Him.

So, while Jonah did not tell God he wasn't going, the Bible tells us that Jonah ran in the other direction.

Jonah 1:3 But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the LORD.

While we are not told just how long Jonah was on board, we are told that a terrifying storm came up. We need to remember that these were seasoned sailors, and they were terrified.

Jonah 1:4-6, Then the LORD sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up. All the sailors were afraid and each cried out to his own god. And they threw the cargo into the sea to lighten the ship. But Jonah had gone below deck, where he lay down and fell into a deep sleep. The captain went to him and said, "How can you sleep? Get up and call on your god! Maybe he will take notice of us so that we will not perish."

Then the sailors said to each other, "Come, let us cast lots to find out who is responsible for this calamity." They cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah.

After talking with Jonah, he informed them, I am running from my God and, in order to still the storm, toss me overboard, and they did. This is where the big fish comes in.

REALLY! A FISH THAT BIG? *CONT'D*

Jonah 1: 17, Now the LORD provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

If you read the entire story and I would encourage you to do that, being in the belly of this huge fish, got Jonah thinking, and taking stock of his life and the consequences of disobedience. After three days of praying and talking to God, the bible tells us that:

Jonah 2:10, ^{AND:} the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

Jonah has had a change of heart, and he must have been quite a sight, and we are told that Jonah travels from where he was spit out on dry ground, to the city of Nineveh, which was a 450 KM trek. When he arrives at his destination, he gives them the message God had for them. It's an amazing story; a very short message and people begin to repent of their evil ways and turn to God. And, God does not bring destruction on these people, as Jonah had told them He would. Why? They came to understand the evil ways in which they lived, and that the God of Creation was a God of compassion and love. The people from the King down to lowest commoner, repent and begin to seek the God of Heaven who loves them.

While this is an interesting and, in some ways, a captivating story from start to finish, the real story in all this is really about God's love for the people He created, and that includes all of us reading this article. And, while God is a Holy God, who cannot tolerate sin, He is also a loving and forgiving God, who wants nothing more than for His creation to look to Him. When God created people, and this includes you and me, all were created in His image.

Genesis 1:27, So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God created us, and each of us bears some of His Character. We are all able to love, to care for one another, and most importantly, created to be in a relationship with Him. God goes to all lengths to bring us His creation into a relationship with Him. That story is first and foremost throughout the Bible, and comes to completeness when Jesus came and gave His life for us. Our task, decision then comes down to this, will we, will I, run away from God's love as Jonah did, or will I respond to His love and receive His love into my life? I close with one of my favourite passages in the Bible. My prayer is that each of us will surrender to God's unconditional love for us.

Romans 8:34-39

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Rev. R.D. (Bob) Wiebe
Padre, RCL, Kingsway Branch

KINGSWAY LEGION LEAGUE SPORTS



Darts

Monday Nights 7 to 9:30 pm
Tue & Thu Afternoons 1 to 3 pm



Cribbage

Monday Nights 6:30 to 8:30 pm



Canasta

Tue & Thu Afternoons 1 to 2:30 pm



Drop in Pool

Tue & Thu 11:30 am to 3 pm
Sat Afternoons 11:30 to 3 pm



Euchre

Wed Nights 7 to 9:30 pm



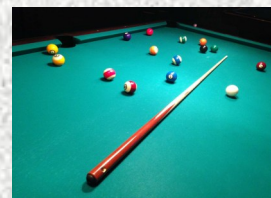
Shuffleboard

Thu 6:30 to 8:30 pm
Fri 6:30 to 8:30 pm



Mah Jongg

Wed Afternoon 12:30 to 3:30



Pool

Scotch Doubles League
Thu 6:30 to 9:00 pm

KENSINGTON BINGO DATES

Below is the list of upcoming dates we are required to support.

Location: **12538 132 Ave NW, Edmonton**

Time: **10:30 – 4:00 pm**

Tue	Jul	14
Fri	Aug	7
Fri	Aug	21
Tue	Sep	8
Tue	Sep	29
Wed	Oct	7
Mon	Oct	12
Tue	Nov	17
Wed	Nov	25
Tue	Dec	1
Mon	Dec	28



Anyone wishing to volunteer please contact:

Sharon (Blondie) or Ron Charlet at

(780) 416-6102

**or leave a message at the Branch by calling
780-425-8654**

Lunch Provided!