

# CLUBS 2001



Ray Jobson, (second from left), has been awarded the West Elgin Volunteer of the Year award, as presented by the West Elgin Chamber of Commerce. Pictured here presenting Jobson with the award are left to right, Deputy Mayor Graham Warwick, Jobson, and Rosalie Krebsz and Tom Jones of the West Elgin Chamber of Commerce. Jobson has volunteered many hours with the local Kiwanis, Masons, Royal Canadian Legion and many other organizations in the area.

JULY 2001



New board of directors for Optimist Club of West Lorne. Pictured front row (l-r): Don Boos (sec/treasurer), Bill Trask (2 year director), Ken Neil (2 year director), Nancy Coburn (past president and Lt. Gov.). Back row (l-r) Julie Lawrence White (V.P.), Ric Whyte (2 year director), Doug Staddon (V.P.), John Eagleson (Pres.) Karen Goncalves (Pres Elect). Missing from photo Shirley Lorch (1 year director), and Brad Reive (1 year director). OCT 2001



### Anything grows!

The West Lorne and Community Horticultural Society hosted a Spring Fair recently where people were able to pick a few new plants for their gardens, as well as tempting their sweet teeth with scrumptious baked goods. Pictured, society member Liz Clark, left, talks about this unique planting in a boot with Rose McMurchy.

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West Lorne Rebekah Lodge President Lorraine Tunks presents member Jean McRae with a commemorative charm for 35 years of Humanitarian service.

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West Lorne Rebekah Lodge District 17 and Oddfellows District 15 commemorated their 50 year members last week. Left to right is Jean Ross, Madeline and Art Ross, Jean McRae and Lorraine Tunks.

**Legion-Aires**

Royal Canadian Legion  
Branch 221 West Elgin



your bus ticket on a luxury bus, tour of Colasanti's and hot buffet lunch in their dining room. Then a visit to the Leamington Legion Br. 84 then heading on to

Just a reminder that now is the time to book the Legion Banquet Hall for your Christmas parties or any other function you have coming up.

Building Chair, Joe Luenissen would again like to thank all members who helped with the cleaning and repainting the legion hall. It is very much appreciated. A reminder to all members that the new membership cards are in. Be an Early Bird! Next general meeting will be held on Monday, October 15 at 8:00pm.

Our thoughts and our prayers are with our neighbours in the USA. 'Lest we forget'.

Members of the West Elgin Legion have welcomed the fall season with anticipation of great things to come for our community.

Members of branch 221 would like to extend a big thank you to members and friends of the legion for items donated to the very successful yard sale held during Labour Day weekend. It is events such as these that help us to help our communities, and it is planned to make this an annual event.

We have recently celebrated Legion Week (Sept. 16-Sept. 22) with the grand finale being a Pig Roast and Dance held on Saturday, Sept. 22. A great time was had by all and we thank all members and friends for making this an exceptionally successful event.

Tuesday evening euchre and Wednesday evening darts are in full swing. Everyone is welcome to join in these weekly games. Don't be shy! Euchre at 7:30pm and Darts at 8:00pm.

The Seniors Committee is planning a bus tour to Colasanti's Tropical Gardens in Leamington on Saturday, October 27. The cost is \$30.00 which includes

visit Br. 185 in Blenheim for their weekly meat draw. We will be meeting at the West Elgin Legion at approx. 8:00am and expect to be arriving back at approx. 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us on this trip so if you are interested, tickets are going fast, so please contact Seniors Chair, Jim Carmichael at 768-2697 or call the Legion at 768-1890.



The West Legion honoured and awarded some of its members recently. They are left to right, Judy DeWilde, Ray Jobson, Walter Podebry, George Bell, Robert White, Jim Orchard, Joe Luenissen and Dave Varga. *July 2001*



West Elgin Legion Branch 221 recently handed out 75 year anniversary pins to, in front, l-r- Irene McGregor, Adam Becht and Ric Whyte who also received an Appreciation Award for the Convention held in St. Thomas. Presenting the pins were Com. President Robert White (left) and Com. Ray Jobson (Past Pres., Veteran Serv. Off., Honours & Awards Chair) at right. The pins honour the 75th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion.

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Ralph Cadotte of Ridgetown was the winner of the West Lorne Optimist BBQ raffled off recently. Pictured is Cadotte at left with his prize BBQ with Doug Staddon of the West Lorne Optimists. All proceeds from the raffle went to the youth of the community. *Aug 2001*



**Receive Memorial Award**

The West Lorne Scouting family held their annual banquet recently where a number of awards were handed out. Lena Dewulf, back left, presented the Andy Dewulf Scouting Spirit Award to scout Breanne Podebry, back left, and beavers Evan Ross and Morgan Ross. Unavailable for photo was cub Nikita Van Beers.

*July 2001* **West Elgin Legion elects officers and commemorates soldier**

West Elgin Legion recently held their elections and came up with a strong committee of officers.

They are Robert White, President; Dennis Joyce 1st vice; Jim Orchard 2nd vice; Joe Santos 3rd vice; and three elected executive positions were filled by Mary Jane Lemon, Bill Goncalves and Karen Cormier.

George Bell received a commemorative ex-POW Medal International Prisoner of War and received 3rd vice president bar.

Other honours and medals went to:

Judy DeWilde, past officer and executive committee.

Ray Jobson, 2nd vice President, Bar.

Walter Podebry, past officer medal, member, bar, executive committee.

Robert White, sergeant at arms, bar.

Jim Orchard, 3rd vice pres bar.

Joe Luenissen past officer bar, executive committee bar.

Dave Varga, chairman bar.



George Bell at right, receives a commemorative ex-POW Medal International Prisoner of War medal from Legion branch president Robert White.

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## Learn about history of West Lorne

If any of the West Elgin Adult club members who attended the April 23rd meeting at the West Lorne Complex wasn't interested in history or genealogy prior to the gathering he or she would be before they returned home. Nancy and Harley Lashbrook, our local historians, gave a very interesting and educational talk on these subjects to the afternoon gathering of the club.

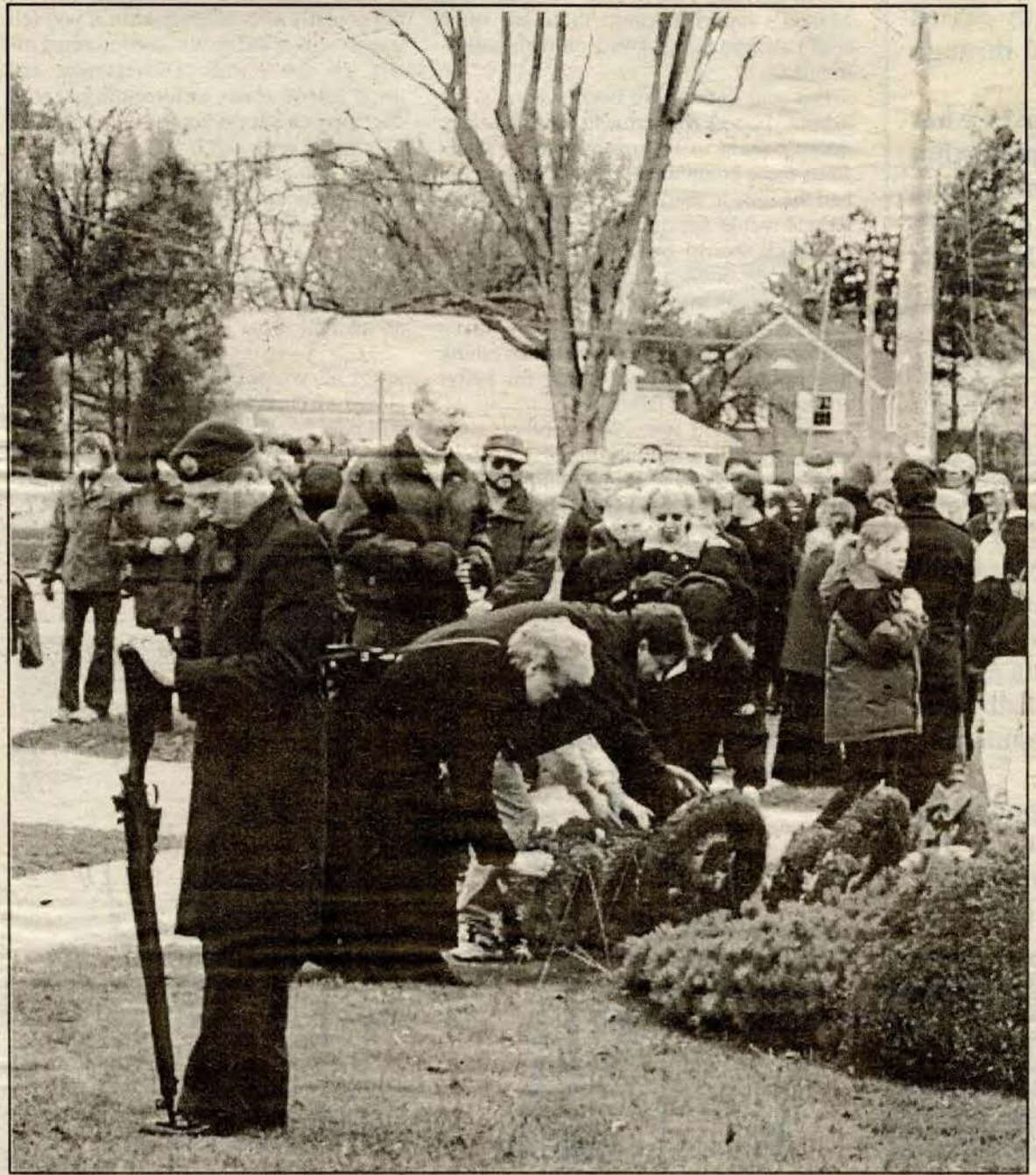
Nancy's part of the presentation emphasized the importance of keeping a diary and searching out your family tree. The diary becomes not only a reference tool but tells future generations what type of person you were, what your interests were and what your activities were within the community.

Harley told the members of his and Nancy's efforts while completing the book on West Lorne which they had published a few years ago. When amalgamation of the local municipalities was first being discussed they felt that a history of the village had to be preserved and they undertook the task. Considerable time was spent collecting articles that had been written and searching for pictures that had been taken. Then there was the final task of finding a publisher who would do the job they wanted at a reasonable price.

Numerous questions followed their presentation which, in turn, was followed with a luncheon. The next meeting of the Adult Club will be on May 14th when Lyle Mann will be showing pictures of his trip to Alaska.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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A member of the Honour Guard concentrates as the public begins to place their poppies during the West Lorne Remembrance Day Service held last week. *Nov. 2001*

**West Lorne Optimists hosts Oratorical Contest**



These are the contestants who participated in West Lorne Optimist Club's Oratorical Contest held March 19. Front row left to right are Michelle Ward, Mary Jane Peternell, Andrea Goos, Vanessa DeCosta and Emma Wilkins. Back row left to right is West Lorne Optimist Julie Lawrence, Aaron Ford, Chris Oliveira, Stephanie Gash Shobha Sharma and West Lorne Optimist Doug Staddon. Winners from the contest were Michelle Ward, Shobha Sharma, Aaron Ford, and Chris Oliveira. The contest was open to anyone in West Elgin under the age of 16. The Optimist's are also holding their annual Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday March 30 at 1 pm. The hunt will be held in the yard of St. Mary's School.

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Branch 221 Speech competition winners. Front row left to right, Malcolm McWilliam, Karlie Willcocks and Rishi Sharma. Back row: Michelle Ward, Brittany Jewel, Richa Sharma and Shoba Sharma. These speakers were to move onto the Zone finals held last Sunday at the Port Burwell Legion.



Some members of the West Lorne and Community Horticultural Society had one last moment to enjoy their bench that was raffled off at their Garden Fair which was held May 11. The members who took part in the Garden Fair are, seated: Liz Clark, Veronica Lane and Betty McKillop. Back row is DiAnne Dowling, Nancy Baillie, Kay Cowan, Mary Lippold and Susan Lilley. The winner of the bench was Tammy Oliveira of West Lorne.

MAY 2002

*Trillium foundation helps Optimists*



The Ontario Trillium Foundation has recently donated \$20,000 to the Optimist Club of West Lorne to help pay for the two skating parks in West Lorne and Rodney. Also helping out in the funding of the parks was the Municipality of West Elgin. Seen here, Elaine Brown, of the local Grant Review Team for Trillium hands the \$20,000 to John Eagleson, President of the Optimist Club of West Lorne.

MAY 2002

*Berdan receives Jubilee medal*



George Berdan, (front and centre) has received a Queen's Jubilee medal for his years of dedication and contributions to the community. Members of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 221 were proud to be on hand to see the presentation. Presenting Berdan with the pins and plaque are John Barnes (District A Commander) at front left and George Parry (front right). At back, are Branch 221 Legion members Ric Whyte, Julie Lawrence, Ian Watson (Zone commander), Jackie Watson, Robert White (Deputy Zone Commander) and Dennis Joyce (President Br. 221).

DEC. 23, 2002



Stefan Agbaba was the winner of the bike from the Optimist Club of West Lorne's Bike Rodeo at Aldborough Public School. Congratulating Stefan is West Lorne Optimist Vice President Doug Staddon.

JUNE 2002



*2nd Annual Valentine Cabaret*

Members of the West Elgin Choral Society and West Lorne Kiwanis along with the West Elgin Dramatic Society brought their second annual Valentine Cabaret featuring local talent. Here singers Suzette Wilcox and Martin Joldersma sing All I Ask of You, a song found in The Phantom of the Opera Musical.

FEB. 25 2002

# Local talent showcased at Kiwanis Talent Show

The 52nd Annual Kiwanis Club Talent Show was held April 19, and 20. Organizers were very pleased with the turnout of young talent that is from this region.

The adjudicator for the weekend was Mary Lou Pheonix-Sheler.

Participants and finishes for the classes were:

**Friday April 19**

Choirs: Mrs Sandra Van Gaanen presents Chamber Choir (1); Ms. Lynn Gracey presents WESES (2).

**Vocal solo "The Lambs in the Field" Age 10/11:** Dawn Marie Welch (1), Rebecca Stone (2); Hilary Hodder (3); Adam Sutton (4).

**Vocal Solo open class age 10/11 Popular:** Hilary Hodder (1); Dawn Marie Welch (2); Ariel Whalen & Rebecca Stone (3).

**Vocal Duet open class "Any Dream Will Do":** Hilary Hodder and Adam Sutton (tie).

**Vocal quintet or double duet:** direction by Karen Sloetjes- Hilary Hodder, Rebecca Stone, Michelle Smith, Dawn Marie Welch and Adam Sutton.

**Violin Class:** Nicola Borowski (1); Caren Campbell (2).

**Piano solo class age 13:** Laurie Van 'Voort (1), Nicola Borowski (2), James Stone and Jackie H (3).

**Piano solo class age 14:** Mary Jo McWilliam (1), Jonathan Wright (2).

**Piano class age 15:** Candace Vanden Dries (1), Vanessa Gray (2).

**Piano class age 17:** David Westerveld (1).

**Piano class age 11 popular:** Rebecca Stone, Hilary Hodder (tie 1).

**Piano class age 13 popular:** Laurie Van't Voort (1), James Stone (2), Amanda Ford (3).

**Piano class age 14 popular:** MaryJo McWilliam (1).

**Piano class age 15 popular:** Candace Vanden (1), Vanessa Gray (2).

**Piano class age 16 popular:** Ashley Keane (1), Jennifer LeBlanc (2).

**Saturday April 20**

**Piano solo age 6:** Natalie Meuller (1), Scott VanRaes (2), Stephen Carter (3).

**Piano solo age 7:** Morgan Ross (1), Allison Kornaker, Danielle Dailman, (ties 2) Kayla Ross, (ties 3), Evan Ross, (4).

**Piano solo age 8:** Chelsey Page (1), Thomas Rowe (2), Katherine Stone, Hilary Heyboer (tie 3), Diana Vanderveen (4).

**Piano Duets class 1:**

Breanne and Stephen Carter (1), Stephen and Christine Van't Voort (2), Thomas and Jacob Rowe (3), Lydia and Nathan Westerveld (4).

**Piano Duets class 2:** James Stone and Amanda Ford (1), Hilary and Heather Heyboer (2).

**Piano solo popular age 9:** Breanne Carter (1), Chelsey Page (2).

**Piano solo popular age 10:** Sabrina Griffin (1).

**Vocal solo age 8/9 "Stay Little Blackbird":** Madison Hayes (1), Naomi S. Brown (2), Allison Kornaker (3).

**Piano solo age 9:** Janielle Timmermans (1), Breanne Carter, Christine Van't Voort (tie 2), Tyler Ross (3).

**Vocal solo age 14 "The Little Birch Tree":** Michelle

Smith (1), Erica Silva (2).  
**Vocal solo open class, age 14 own choice:** Erica Silva (1), Michelle Smith (2).

**Piano solo age 10:** Nathan Westerveld, Sabrina Griffin (1), Molly McWilliam, Carrie O'Brien, Stephen Van't Voort, Molly Schleihauf, Ariel Whalen, Tanya VanRaes, Chelsea Dent, (2), Jacob Row (3).

**Piano solo age 12:** Lydia Westerveld (1), Danielle Schneknburger, Tracy Donaldson (tie 2), Casandra Vandenbrink (3).

**Piano solo open class popular:** Lydia Westerveld (1), Rhonda Night, Tracy Donaldson (tie 2).

A cameo performance was made by Ryan Phelps of London on

Friday evening. A square dance was performed by St. Mary's School Students - instructor was

Joanne Anderson. The Van't Voort Family Brass Quartet also performed on Friday



Allison Kornaker performed in the 8/9 Vocal Solo.

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Tyler Ross performed a Piano Solo in the age 9 class.



Michelle Smith came in first in Vocal Solo age 14 and second in the open class.



## Team work sees beautification in West Lorne!!

A lot of teamwork went into the latest beautifications that are the talk of the town in West Lorne. The new garbage receptacles and benches arrived last week to accent and top off the streetlight initiative. Here Trillium Fund members and members of the West Lorne and Community Horticultural Society pose with the five new additions - the streetlights, the garbage receptacles, the hanging plants and baskets, the flags and benches. Sitting on the bench are Fran McCallum, WLCHS President Liz Clark, and George Lippold. Back row: Trillium Fund's Elaine Brown, Betty McKillop, Susan Lilley, Nancy Baillie, Mary Lippold and Trillium Fund's Shella Simpson. Noticeably absent is a representative from West Elgin council, who at the time of this photo, were discussing best options for installation of the eight new benches. In total, the municipality bought the streetlights (\$39,000), Trillium Fund gave a \$21,600 grant to cover the benches, baskets and garbage containers. WLCHS donated the flowers.