



MEMORIES: These were the members of the Branch 197 Legion Ladies Auxiliary at the time of the group's 25th anniversary. Front row, from left: Alice Coles, Lois Gordon, former Acton Mayor Les Duby, Mary McHugh, Maude Chisholm and Peg Loutett. Back row: Joyce Buchanan, Phyllis Angell, Kay James, Max Storey, Janet Rogers, Bob Angell, Fern Shultis and Ruth Finley. On Sept. 22, they will celebrate 50 years, with the other 10 auxiliaries from Zone B-7 in attendance. (Submitted photo)

'Legion Ladies' are celebrating 50 years

BY DOUG HARRISON
The Acton Tanner

It's been hard work, but it's all about helping people and that makes everything worthwhile.

Those thoughts will be with Fern Shultis when she joins the 93 members of the Legion Branch 197 Ladies Auxiliary and eight other lifetime members Sept. 22 for the group's 50th anniversary.

"I think it will be an exciting night. We've worked hard to give everything to the community," the 48-year member said recently. "I hope it never ends. I would like to see more members, though."

While membership once was restricted to those whose husbands, fathers or grandfathers were serving as soldiers overseas in the First World War, that's no longer the case. Anyone is free to join.

On anniversary night, the other 10 auxiliaries from Zone B-7 will be in attendance, as will special guests Zone Commander Ethel Eastwood and Deputy Zone Commander Sheila Hicks.

As well, Trillium pins will be presented to all past-presidents and another to Acton's Elsie Halladay,

who is a 50-year member. And each member will receive a pen and new loonie.

"My most proud moment was when I received my life membership pin," reveals Shultis, who has spent 40 years on the executive.

Over the years, the Ladies Auxiliary has supported local charities such as the Red Cross and the Acton Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society. In addition, they have supported ASSIC, Sunnybrook and Westminster hospitals and awarded bursaries to local school graduates.

During the Branch celebrations in 1976, Comrade Ruth Finley was awarded the Legion service medal for her auxiliary contributions over many years as zone commander.

Comrades Finley, Shultis, Lois Gordon, Joan McKnight and Janet Rogers received their lifetime membership pins at that time.

"We now have nine lifetime members, most of whom are still working hard to keep the new Legion a great place to come to for banquets, weddings, parties, sporting events or just to socialize with old friends," explained Shultis.

It was Sept. 11, 1945 when the Ladies Auxiliary to Branch 197 held its charter night with a surprise venison dinner supplied by the Zone Commander J.M. McDonald and served by the members of the Branch executive.

A catering service was undertaken on a small scale with banquets held in either the YMCA or the St. Alban's Parish Hall, where people enjoyed food that was prepared in members' homes.

In 1957, when the kitchen and auditorium were completed in the old Legion building, the banquets became larger, in terms of turnout.

Following is the current Branch 197 Ladies Auxiliary executive: Lucie Synott - past-president; Eva Cutting - president; Fern Shultis - 1st vice-president; Helen Van Opstal - 2nd vice-president; Gloria Dunne - secretary; Joyce Buchanan - treasurer; and Helen Fowler - Sergeant of Arms.

Meeting

LEGION LADIES NEWS

BY OLIVE ELLERBY

The Legion Ladies Auxiliary to Branch 197 meeting took place Thursday with 23 present and Eva Cutting, president, in the chair.

The charter was draped in memory of Lois Gordon and a two-minute silence held.

Paul Kerins won the St. Joe's bursary and sent a note of thanks to the Auxiliary.

There will be a Fair breakfast at the Branch from 7 to 10:30 am for \$3 on Saturday. It's always super!

All are welcome to parade on Fall Fair day.

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IN THE ESTATE OF MARY ISABEL HIGGINS, late of 40 Maria Street, Apt. 106, Acton, Ontario, L7J 2C7, Homemaker, deceased.

All persons having claims against the aforementioned Estate of Mary Isabel Higgins, who died on or about the 21st day of June, 1995, are required to file proof thereof with the undersigned solicitor for the Executors on or before October 6th, 1995, after which date the estate will be distributed having regard to the claims then filed.

DATED at Halton Hills (Acton), Ontario, this 1st day of September, 1995.

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