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REBEL SENIOR GIRLS WIN GOLD AT HOME

The Holy Redeemer Senior Girls Rebels basketball team show their excitement after winning the gold medal in their home tournament. Front row, left to right, Cree Williams, Katrina Scherger, MAdison Rechenmacher; second row, Nicole Deschner, Tessa Wittig, Heidi Mills; back row, Coach Mike McAndrews, Nicole Tarves, Monica VonGaza, Miranda Bischke, Michelle Eastman. Story on page 13.

'Step up and lend a hand,' Legion president says

Dave Velichko calls for fresh faces, fresh ideas

by BOBBI FOULDS

Edson's Royal Canadian Legion Branch 51 has a new president, and his first message hopes to inspire action. During a regular general meeting Tuesday, February 23 President Dave Velichko reminded members present that the Legion is a membership driven organization. "The executive members do not run the Legion, they are just a guide, someone to help organize, but they are not in place to run everything. With over 900 members, you would think there are some people willing to help with events through out the year."

Velichko commended everyone involved with the New Year's Gala, and the Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance, and urged more people to step up and lend a hand. "If every member just volunteered twice per year, we would easily cover every event."

Fresh faces mean fresh ideas, because as many organizations have witnessed, volunteer burnout is a reality when the same people show up every time they are called. Maybe someone you know is interested in music; contact the entertainment chairman. If someone knows about maintenance or construction; contact the building and ground chair. If someone has a real flair for photography, contact the public relations chair.

There are committees for honors and awards, membership, poppy campaign, public relations, entertainment, bylaws, sick and visiting, sports, memorabilia, ways and means, meat draws, etc.

As Velichko so eloquently stated, "We welcome your ideas, but would welcome your hands and hearts more..."

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