



Port Elgin Legion - Branch 340

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April 2008

Branch Line

The Annual General Meeting and Elections were held on Tuesday, April 1st. Congratulations to the newly appointed Executive and thank you to those who let their name stand for positions. There will be listing available of the new members and their respective Chairman positions in a later edition. The display board with the names is on view in the Canteen for your convenience. The new Executive will begin their duties on June 01st.

A huge thank-you for the previous members of the Executive. Job well done!

The annual VE Day Dinner will be held on Saturday, May 10th. Mark your calendar. Posters with the details will be displayed soon.

If you have any articles that you would like to share with your fellow Comrades, please leave a copy with the Bar Steward.

The Editors

**The Royal Canadian Legion
Port Elgin Branch 340
General Meeting Minutes
March 04, 2008**

1. Call to Order:

Acting President Terry Mills called the Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and opened in the usual manner.

Present: Cdes. Dan Kelly, Norma Dudgeon, Mike Atkinson, Robert Harrison, Gord Kelly, Charlie Roopnaraine and Rhonda Harrison

Absent: Cdes Nigel Ord and Kevin Smallwood absent with notice

2. Membership – Initiation Ceremony

The following members were initiated by Cde Rhonda Harrison and Cde Dan Kelly: Dallas Brown (AV); James Brohman (AV); Jesse Grass (AV) and Lorne Lazenby (A).

3. A delegation from the Saugeen Shores Accessibility Committee were present to speak. Members included Libby Thaw, Corry Solomway and Maureen Crawford. The Committee is planning to build an integrated playground that can be used by children and adults with disabilities. The project is in the planning stages and background information such as equipment, cost, location and fundraising were discussed. Options for the types of equipments were also shown. The Committee will be sending a proposal to the Trillium Foundation for grant money. The Committee is hoping to start building in September 2009 and ask the Legion's support in this endeavor. Contact information has been received.

4. Adoption of Minutes:

Motion by Cde Rhonda Harrison, seconded by Cde Robert Harrison that the General Meeting Minutes of February 05th, 2008 be adopted as read.

CARRIED

The Minutes to reflect the change in the amount of the donation to the GBRHC Owen Sound and Southampton to read \$3,000.00 each.

Motion by Cde Rhonda Harrison, seconded by Cde Ruth Clemmer that the Executive Minutes of February 26th, 2008 be adopted as read.

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- 5.1 Cde Ron Laflamme enquired as to the amount donated to the Fallen Fighters Association. Cde Dan replied that this was the amount invoiced to the Branch.

- 5.2 **MOTION by Cde Dan Kelly, seconded by Cde Gord Kelly that Branch 340 send up to 6 delegates to District "C" Spring Convention with expenses of accommodation, mileage and registration with receipts.**

CARRIED

- 5.3 Cde Dan Kelly reviewed the 2008 Charity Donations to the various groups and organizations. **MOTION by Cde Dan Kelly, seconded by Cde Bob Maas that Branch 340 and Ladies Auxiliary donate the sum of \$9,800. to the various charities. The split will be \$5,300. coming from the Branch and 4,500. coming from the Ladies Auxiliary Fund.**

CARRIED

5.4 **MOTION by Cde Norma Dudgeon, seconded by Cde Ruth Clemmer that we donate \$150. to the Girl Guides towards their annual trip.**

CARRIED

5.5 **MOTION by Cde Mike Atkinson, seconded by Cde Bob Maas that we send Cde Norma Dudgeon to the Dominion Convention – June 21 to June 26, 2008 in Ottawa and that she be given \$1,000. for expenses. And upon return any monies left over be returned to the Branch with receipts and approval of the General Membership.**

CARRIED

6. **Correspondence:**
Nil

7. **Committee Reports:**

President's Report: Cde Dan Kelly

7.1 Cde Dan Kelly attended the Zone C-4 Spring Convention in Tara on March 02nd, 2008. Highlights of the meeting are:

- Zone BBQ at Chatsworth Branch on June 07th, 2008
- Shallow Lake and Hepworth Branch will be amalgamating
- Zone will be donating \$250. for Provincial Public Speaking
- Family Resource Support Centre made a presentation on their mandate. They help support the families of the soldiers in our armed forces i.e. soldier returning from duty; families while their soldier is on tour and families moving to another base.
- The Family Resource Support Centre will be hosting a golf tournament on May 23rd in Meaford.
- Tara Branch will be hosting a BBQ on August 09th in support of the Family Resource Support Centre. Donations to this event would be appreciated. Contact Norma Dudgeon at Branch 340 or Brenda Funston at Tara Branch.

MOTION by Cde Dan Kelly, seconded by Cde Ruth Clemmer that we donate the total of \$50.00 towards the Military Family Resource Support Centre Charitable Golf Tournament which will go towards sponsoring Hole #6.

CARRIED

Cde Harry Thede enquired if the Bruce County Cattleman's Association will be contacted to donate the beef this year. Cde Brenda Funston to be contacted for this information.

District Commander Brian Smith noted that the Membership goal was to reach 140,000 and this was attained. Thanks to all the Membership Chairs in the Zone.

Cde Dan Kelly suggested that we invite the Family Resource Support Centre to speak to our Branch.

7.2 **Treasurer's Report:**

MOTION by Cde Dan Kelly, seconded by Cde Robert Harrison that the Treasurer's Report as of January 31st, 2008 be adopted as read.

CARRIED

Cde Fred Knibb stated that he would like to have a copy of the financial report to review. Copies to be made available at the General Meeting.

Poppy: Mike Atkinson

Bank account to date is: \$15,489.

Presentation of donations will be conducted at the April 01st General Meeting.

Cde Ruth is overseeing the "Easter Baskets" for the Veterans and their Spouses.

Report of other donations will be done at another meeting.

Seniors: Mike Atkinson

Materials from Dominion Command: Phillips Life Line and Members Benefit Package. Please see Mike for details.

Service Officer: Norma Dudgeon

The situation regarding a veteran in Southampton has been taken care of.

Membership: Rhonda Harrison

MOTION by Cde Rhonda Harrison that the following applications for membership be adopted:

Associate	Mr. Sean Cory Robinson	Seconded by Fred Knibb
Associate	Mr. Devin Herman Roote	Seconded by Robert Harrison
Affiliate Voting	Mrs. Victoria Irene Atwell	Seconded by Dan Kelly

CARRIED

Youth Education: Cde Terry Mills

The list of the winners for the Zone Public Speaking was read. Port Elgin placed 1st in the Primary Category, 3rd in the Junior Category; and 1st in the Intermediate Category. Well done by all the students.

Cde Norma Dudgeon enquired if there were any entrants in the Story Telling Category. Cde Ruth Clemmer said there were not.

Sports: Gord Kelly

District Shuffleboard will be hosted by Mt. Forest Branch on April 05th, 2008.

MOTION by Cde Gord Kelly, seconded by Cde Charlie Roopnaraine that we send up to 8 teams @ \$30. per team and \$5.00 each for meals, for a total of \$320.

CARRIED

PRO: Robert Harrison

Cde Bob Harrison will post the flyer for the Zone BBQ in Chatsworth.

Property: Charlie Roopnaraine

Cde Charlie Roopnaraine noted that the flag will be changed as soon as the Town bucket truck is repaired.

Ways & Means: Dan Kelly

Beach Carnivals: Dates are August 02nd & 03rd at the Port Elgin Beach.

Bingo: Going well. Cde Fred Knibb and his team were thanked for doing a great job. If you would like to volunteer at the Bingo please see Fred.

A yearly report will be given in April.

8. New Business

- 8.1 Cde Ruth Clemmer thanked Cde Gord for bidding on the Zone Euchre and reminded the membership that the Euchre players who utilize the halls have always donated to the Branch.
- 8.2 Cde Terry Mills thanked Cde Tom Steele for filling in for Sgt At Arms Alexine Atkinson.
- 8.3 Executive Members are reminded to report on their yearly activities at the next General Meeting.
- 8.4 Cde Mike Atkinson will conduct the Annual Elections.

9. Motion of Adjournment:

MOTION by Cde Norma Dudgeon that this Meeting now adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

CARRIED

10. Closing Ceremony:

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

Acting President, Terry Mills

Rhonda Harrison, Acting Secretary

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2007 – 2008

Comrades,

This past year has been a rather turbulent period. Because of some unfortunate incidents that transpired in early 2007, I was bumped from 1st Vice up to President.

With the help of the Executive and our Branch members we have managed to weather the storm and stayed afloat. I must say though that it has been a most hectic time and without the understanding of my wife it could have been much worse for me.

Everyone wants your time, and the phone never stops. Whether its Executive calling, or members wanting advise or just someone to bitch to, or the firemen or police being summoned for many different reasons.

In the latter part of 2007, our Office Manager was unfortunate to be hurt in a car accident. This resulted in many weeks of treatment and led to requests – from the beer deliveries to servicemen wanting access at all times of the day and night as no one else was available. But, I guess this goes with the position.

Bob Maas has been a Godsend as he has kept our coolers going when they went on the blink, which saved us major expense, rather than calling a serviceman in or God forbid the expense of replacing. Many thanks, Bob.

On the financial side, things are improving slowly but surely, with various members dreaming up all sorts of ideas to help. These members should be applauded as they are doing a fine job.

Comrades, this is what we are all about. CAMARADERIE

Yours in Comradeship,

President Nigel Ord

65th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE AT ORTONA, ITALY

Canada played a key role in the Allied invasion of mainland Italy during WW11. In late December 1943, Canadian Forces fought fiercely in the rubble-filled streets of Ortona, overlooking the Adriatic Sea. They were victorious and the Battle of Ortona was considered among Canada's greatest achievements during the war.

This year, Veterans of the Italian Campaign along with Canadian dignitaries will be attending the 65th Anniversary Ceremony of Remembrance at the Moro River War Cemetery in Ortona, where 1,375 Canadians are buried.

This year in November, the students of Chesley Highschool will be making a pilgrimage to Germany & Italy & before they leave, each student would like to interview a Veteran who served in Italy.

If there are any Veterans or Veterans' families that served or were killed in Italy that anyone is aware of, please contact Norma Dudgeon at 389-2876.

BURSARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



UP TO A
\$500.00
BURSARY IS AVAILABLE



The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command Charitable Foundation and the Royal Canadian Legion Ladies' Auxiliary Ontario Command:

ELIGIBILITY:

War Veterans and their children and grandchildren
Ordinary and Life Members of the Royal Canadian Legion and their children and grandchildren
Associate Members of the Royal Canadian Legion and their children
Ladies' Auxiliary members and their children and grandchildren

APPLICATION:

Application Forms are available from the following:
Secondary School Guidance Offices
Awards Offices of Colleges and Universities
Provincial Service Bureau Offices of the Royal Canadian Legion
Your Royal Canadian Legion Branch and Ladies' Auxiliary

For more information please contact:

Cde Dan Kelly
Bursary Chair
Port Elgin Legion Branch 340



WHAT'S HAPPENING



PUB NIGHT ~ 8 to MIDNIGHT
April 05th Dance to "Rudy & Jean"
April 19th Dance to "John Heaman"

MEAT ROLLS at 4:00 p.m.
April 05th and 19th

TRIVIA NIGHT
Friday, April 18th at 8:00 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING
1st Tuesday of the Month

L/A GENERAL MEETING
2nd Tuesday of each month

BINGO EVERY WEDNESDAY
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Bingo at 7:30 p.m. \$700.00 Jackpot

Photos from the Indoor Meet at York University. Our local athletes did a great job!!!
Pictures courtesy of Earle Farrell – Saugeen Track and Field Club



Zone C4 Indoor Meet at York University
F 17 – Under / High Jump
2nd Place Rita Rudell



Zone C4 Indoor Meet at York University
M 15 – Under / Shot Put
Kevin Bowman



Zone C4 Indoor Meet at York University
M 15 – Under / Shot Put
1st Place – Kevin Bauman



Zone C4 Indoor Meet at York University
M 17 – Under / Shot Put
2nd Place – Alex Pilar

The **Neil Diamond** Tribute Show
Featuring Joey Purpura

Saturday, June 7th ~ 8:00 p.m.

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**** Doors open at 7p.m. ****
\$15 in advance
\$20 at the door

Pick up tickets at the Legion Club Room

Phone (519) 389-9917

America ~ I'm a Believer ~ Sweet Caroline
I am I said ~ Cracklin Rosie ~ Love on the Rocks
& many more Neil Diamond Hits.



WOW, WHAT A COINCIDENCE

Have a history teacher explain this----- if they can.

Abraham Lincoln was elected to Congress in 1846.
John F. Kennedy was elected to Congress in 1946.

Abraham Lincoln was elected President in 1860.
John F. Kennedy was elected President in 1960.

Both were particularly concerned with civil rights.
Both wives lost their children while living in the White House.

Both Presidents were shot on a Friday.
Both Presidents were shot in the head

Now it gets really weird.

Lincoln 'S secretary was named Kennedy.
Kennedy's Secretary was named Lincoln.

Both were assassinated by Southerners.
Both were succeeded by Southerners named Johnson.

Andrew Johnson, who succeeded Lincoln, was born in 1808.
Lyndon Johnson, who succeeded Kennedy, was born in 1908.

John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated Lincoln, was born in 1839.
Lee Harvey Oswald, who assassinated Kennedy, was born in 1939.

Both assassins were known by their three names.
Both names are composed of fifteen letters.

Now hang on to your seat.

Lincoln was shot at the theater named 'Ford.'
Kennedy was shot in a car called ' Lincoln ' made by 'Ford.'

Lincoln was shot in a theater and his assassin ran and hid in a warehouse.
Kennedy was shot from a warehouse and his assassin ran and hid in a theater.

Booth and Oswald were assassinated before their trials.

And here's the kicker...

A week before Lincoln was shot, he was in Monroe, Maryland
A week before Kennedy was shot, he was with Marilyn Monroe

Creepy huh? Hey, this is one history lesson most people probably will not mind reading



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6	7	8 L/A GEN. MTG. 8:00 PM	9 BINGO 7:30 PM	10 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	11 BALLROOM DANCING 8:30 PM	12
13	14	15	16 BINGO 7:30 PM	17 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	18 BALLROOM DANCING 8:30 PM <hr/> TRIVIA NIGHT 8:00 PM	19 MEAT ROLL 4:00 PM <hr/> PUB NITE 8:00 PM
20	21	22	23 BINGO 7:30 PM	24 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	25 BALLROOM DANCING 8:30 PM	26
27	28	29 EXECUTIVE 7:30 PM	30 BINGO 7:30 PM			

~ Please join us for our various events and help support your Branch ~