



Port Elgin Legion - Branch 340

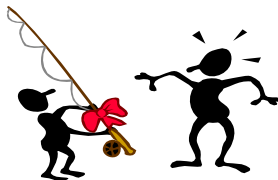
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June 2008 Branch Line

Congratulations to the new Executive for the Branch and to the Ladies Auxiliary and best wishes as you begin your term of office. Thanks are extended to the previous Executive members for a job well done.

As Editors, we also say "Thank you"....for the submissions and the words of encouragement.

Happy Father's Day



The Editors

**The Royal Canadian Legion
Port Elgin Branch 340
General Meeting Minutes
May 06, 2008**

1. Call to Order:

President Nigel Ord called the Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and opened in the usual manner.

2. Present: Cdes. Kevin Smallwood, Norma Dudgeon, Mike Atkinson, Gord Kelly, Robert Harrison and Rhonda Harrison.

Absent: Cdes Dan Kelly, Terry Mills, and Charlie Roopnaraine

INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS:

The following members were initiated by Cde Rhonda Harrison and Cde Norma Dudgeon: Donna Faue McKenzie, Daniel Lazenby and William Lazenby.

3. Treasurer's Report:

MOTION by Cde Arleita Harron, seconded by Cde Bob Maas that the Treasurer's Report as of March 31st, 2008 be adopted as read.

Revenue	\$ 17,030.03
Expense	<u>\$ 18,248.53</u>
Net Income	(\$ 1,218.51)

Total Liabilities & Equity as at March 31, 2008 **\$ 387,863.29**

CARRIED

4. Adoption of Minutes:

MOTION by Cde Ruth Clemmer, seconded by Cde Robert Harrison that the General Minutes of April 01st, 2008 be adopted as read.

CARRIED

MOTION by Cde Kevin Smallwood, seconded by Cde Gord Kelly that the Executive Minutes of April 29th, 2008 be adopted as read.

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from the Minutes:

5.1 MOTION by Cde Norma Dudgeon and seconded by Cde Mike Atkinson that Branch 340 donate \$50.00 to the Fundraising Team for the Women's House of Grey and Bruce .

CARRIED

6. Correspondence:

- Thank you letter was received from the Saugeen Track and Field Club for sponsoring an Award Trophy for 2007.
- Thank you card was received from the 2nd Port Elgin Girl Guides for our recent donation.

7. Committee Reports:

Membership: Rhonda Harrison

The following applications were received for membership:

Ordinary	Kevin Scribbons	Motion by Rhonda Harrison, seconded by Bev Wakeling
Associate	Donna Legge	Motion by Rhonda Harrison, seconded by Alexina Atkinson
Associate	Sally Middleton	Motion by Rhonda Harrison, seconded by Bob Harrison
Affiliate Voting	Paul Dennison	Motion by Rhonda Harrison, seconded by Kevin Smallwood
Affiliate Voting	Shirley Woods	Motion by Rhonda Harrison, seconded by Alexina Atkinson

CARRIED

Poppy: Mike Atkinson

The BECL Donation will be made at the Dominion Convention.
Thanks were extended to Cde Ruth Clemmer for her past assistance.
Cde Mike will be available to help the new Poppy Chairman in the next term of office.

Seniors: Mike Atkinson

Congratulations to all the seniors who participated in the Senior Games and to the winners.
Seniors are reminded that the Games Room is available during the week.
Cde Mike will also be available to help the new Senior Chairman in the next term of office.

Honors & Awards: Norma Dudgeon

The following Past Officer Medals & Bar Awards were handed out:

Kevin Smallwood – Canteen Chairman	Past Officer Medal & Executive Bar
Robert Harrison – Public Relations Chairman	Past Officer Medal & PRO Bar
Gord Kelly – Sports Officer	Past Officer Medal & Sports Bar
Terry Mills – 1 st Vice President	1 st Vice President Bar
Dan Kelly – 2 nd Vice President	2 nd Vice President Bar
Rhonda Harrison – Membership Chairman	Membership Bar
Mike Atkinson – Legion Seniors & Poppy Chairman	Seniors & Poppy Bar
Norma Dudgeon – Branch Service Officer	Service Officer Bar
Nigel Ord – President	Past President Medal and Bar and Pin

8. New Business

8.1 Cde Daniel Lazenby has offered his services to help the Legion with any matter.

9. Motion of Adjournment:

MOTION by Cde Bev Wakeling that this Meeting now adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

CARRIED

10. Closing Ceremony:

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

President Nigel Ord

Acting Secretary Rhonda Harrison



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



As we move into a new term of office with some and new executive members I feel confident the Legion will have another successful period of comrade participation.

The recent VE Day Dinner was well attended by veterans, spouses and members alike. The guest speaker, Major Alex Ruff, gave a presentation on Canada's operation in Afganistan. He also personally gave Armistice Pins to each and every veteran.

So, looking forward to a really good summer, the Executive wish you well.

Your President,
Nigel Ord

MEMBERSHIP

I would like to take this moment to say a heartfelt thanks to the membership of Branch 340. On Saturday, May 10th during the VE Dinner I was awarded the following certificates as Membership Chair.

- Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command District "C" – 2007 Membership Appreciation Certificate - In recognition of achieving over 100% total membership
- Royal Canadian Legion Dominion Command Membership Committee – Early Bird Award. In recognition of achieving 50% renewal for 2008.

I am very pleased to accept these Certificates. I thank you for your continued support in renewing your annual dues and supporting Branch 340.

I have enjoyed serving as Membership Chair for the past year and if you have any concerns please feel free to contact me.

Membership Totals as of May 31, 2008

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>
Life	15
Ordinary	107
Associate	355
Affiliate Voting	111
Affiliate Non-Voting	0
TOTALS	588

Yours in Comradeship,
Rhonda Harrison
Membership Chair
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WHAT'S HAPPENING



PUB NIGHT - 8 p.m. to MIDNIGHT

June 14th Dance to "Late Night Radio"
June 28th Dance to "Roger & Kim"

MEAT ROLLS at 4:00 p.m.

June 14th & 28th

GENERAL MEETING

The next meeting will be the
1st Tuesday in September

L/A GENERAL MEETING

The next meeting will be the
2nd Tuesday in September

BINGO EVERY WEDNESDAY

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

British newspaper salutes Canada . . . this is a good read. It is funny how it took someone in England to put it into words...

Sunday Telegraph Article From today's UK wires:

Salute to a brave and modest nation - Kevin Myers, "The Sunday Telegraph" LONDON:

Until the deaths of Canadian soldiers killed in Afghanistan, probably almost no one outside their home country had been aware that Canadian troops are deployed in the region.

And as always, Canada will bury its dead, just as the rest of the world, as always will forget its sacrifice, just as it always forgets nearly everything Canada ever does. It seems that Canada's historic mission is to come to the selfless aid both of its friends and of complete strangers, and then, once the crisis is over, to be well and truly ignored.

Canada is the perpetual wallflower that stands on the edge of the hall, waiting for someone to come and ask her for a dance. A fire breaks out; she risks life and limb to rescue her fellow dance-goers, and suffers serious injuries. But when the hall is repaired and the dancing resumes, there is Canada, the wallflower still, while those she once helped glamorously cavort across the floor, blithely neglecting her yet again.

That is the price Canada pays for sharing the North American continent with the United States, and for being a selfless friend of Britain in two global conflicts.

For much of the 20th century, Canada was torn in two different directions: It seemed to be a part of the old world, yet had an address in the new one, and that divided identity ensured that it never fully got the gratitude it deserved.

Yet it's purely voluntary contribution to the cause of freedom in two world wars was perhaps the greatest of any democracy. Almost 10% of Canada's entire population of seven million people served in the armed forces during the First World War, and nearly 60,000 died. The great Allied victories of 1918 were spearheaded by Canadian troops, perhaps the most capable soldiers in the entire British order of battle.

Canada was repaid for its enormous sacrifice by downright neglect, its unique contribution to victory being absorbed into the popular memory as somehow or other the work of the 'British'.

The Second World War provided a re-run. The Canadian navy began the war with a half dozen vessels, and ended up policing nearly half of the Atlantic against U-boat attack. More than 120 Canadian warships participated in the Normandy landings, during which 15,000 Canadian soldiers went ashore on D-Day alone.

Canada finished the war with the third-largest navy and the fourth largest air force in the world. The world thanked Canada with the same sublime indifference as it had the previous time.

Canadian participation in the war was acknowledged in film only if it was necessary to give an American actor a part in a campaign in which the United States had clearly not participated - a touching scrupulousness which, of course, Hollywood has since abandoned, as it has any notion of a separate Canadian identity.

So it is a general rule that actors and filmmakers arriving in Hollywood keep their nationality - unless, that is, they are Canadian. Thus Mary Pickford, Walter Huston, Donald Sutherland, Michael J. Fox, William Shatner, Norman Jewison, David Cronenberg, Alex Trebek, Art Linkletter, Dan Aykroyd & countless others, have in the popular perception become American, and Christopher Plummer, British.

It is as if, in the very act of becoming famous, a Canadian ceases to be Canadian, unless she is Margaret Atwood, who is as unshakably Canadian as a moose, or Celine Dion, for whom Canada has proved quite unable to find any takers.

Moreover, Canada is every bit as querulously alert to the achievements of its sons and daughters as the rest of the world is completely unaware of them. The Canadians proudly say of themselves - and are unheard by anyone else - that 1% of the world's population has provided 10% of the world's peacekeeping forces.

Canadian soldiers in the past half century have been the greatest peacekeepers on Earth - in 39 missions on UN mandates, and six on non-UN peacekeeping duties, from Vietnam to East Timor, from Sinai to Bosnia.

Yet the only foreign engagement that has entered the popular non-Canadian imagination was the sorry affair in Somalia, in which out-of-control paratroopers murdered two Somali infiltrators. Their regiment was then disbanded in disgrace - a uniquely Canadian act of self-abasement for which, naturally, the Canadians received no international credit.

So who today in the United States knows about the stoic and selfless friendship its northern neighbour has given it in Afghanistan?

Rather like Cyrano de Bergerac, Canada repeatedly does honourable things for honourable motives, but instead of being thanked for it, it remains something of a figure of fun. It is the Canadian way, for which Canadians should be proud, yet such honour comes at a high cost. This past year more grieving Canadian families knew that cost all too tragically well.

Lest We Forget

Please pass this on to any of your friends or relatives who served in the Canadian Forces or anyone who is proud to be Canadian; it is a wonderful tribute to those who choose to serve their country and the world in our quiet Canadian way.



SCHOOL'S OUT



Please be extra careful driving as school is over at the end of this month. Our children will be excited and may forget to check for oncoming traffic.



We are about to enter the summer soon and BBQ season.

Therefore it is important to refresh your memory on the etiquette of this sublime outdoor cooking activity, as it's the only type of cooking a 'real' man will do, probably because there is an element of danger involved.

When a man volunteers to do the BBQ the following chain of events are put into motion:

Routine...

- (1) The woman buys the food.
- (2) The woman makes the salad, prepares the vegetables, and makes dessert.
- (3) The woman prepares the meat for cooking, places it on a tray along with the necessary cooking utensils and sauces, and takes it to the man who is lounging beside the grill - beer in hand.

Here comes the important part:

- (4) THE MAN PLACES THE MEAT ON THE GRILL.

More routine....

- (5) The woman goes inside to organize the plates and cutlery.
- (6) The woman comes out to tell the man that the meat is burning.

He thanks her and asks if she will bring another beer while he deals with the situation.

Important again:

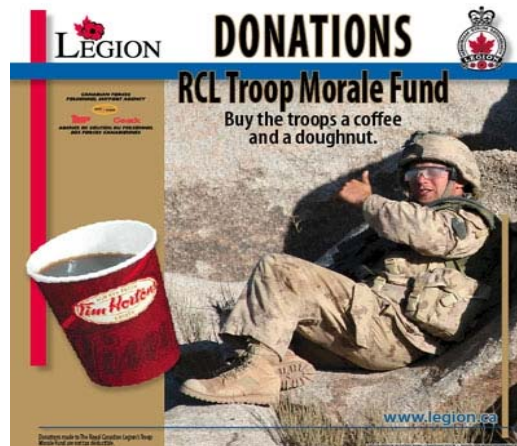
- (7) THE MAN TAKES THE MEAT OFF THE GRILL AND HANDS IT TO THE WOMAN.

More routine....

- (8) The woman prepares the plates, salad, bread, utensils, napkins, sauces, and brings them to the table.
- (9) After eating, the woman clears the table and does the dishes.

And most important of all:

- (10) Everyone **PRAISES** the **MAN** and **THANKS HIM** for his cooking efforts.
- (11) The man asks the woman how she enjoyed 'her night off.' And, upon seeing her annoyed reaction, concludes that there's just no pleasing some women....





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1	2	3 GEN. MTG. 8:00 PM	4 BINGO 7:30 PM	5 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	6 BALLROOM DANCING 8:30 PM	7 NEIL DIAMOND TRIBUTE SHOW 8:00 PM
8	9	10 L/A GEN. MTG. 8:00 PM	11 BINGO 7:30 PM	12 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	13 BALLROOM DANCING 8:30 PM	14 MEAT ROLL 4:00 PM PUB NITE 8:00 PM
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22	23	24 EXECUTIVE 7:30 PM	25 BINGO 7:30 PM	26 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	27 BALLROOM DANCING 8:30 PM	28 MEAT ROLL 4:00 PM PUB NITE 8:00 PM
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~ Please join us for our various events and help support your Branch ~