



**Port Elgin Legion - Branch 340**

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# September 2008 Branch Line

*Thank you to everyone who participated in the Annual Don Caloren Memorial Golf Tournament. Special thanks to the organizers and those who donated prizes. A great time was had by all. Hope to see you again next year.*

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*The Early Bird Campaign begins this month. Renew your membership during the Campaign and have a chance to win it free for 2009 and you can help the Branch receive a higher Early Bird Award.*

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*The Ladies Auxiliary will be travelling to Windsor for their Bi-Annual Convention from September 12 – 17<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for representing our Branch.*

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*The Zone C4 Convention will be hosted by Port Elgin Branch on Sunday, September 07<sup>th</sup>.*

*Please join the parade. It will form up at 12:15 pm at the Branch and parade at 12:30 pm to Cenotaph Park for a short service. The Convention will convene at 1:30 pm.*

*If you have any questions please contact: Cde Norma Dudgeon  
[norma@bmts.com](mailto:norma@bmts.com)  
519-389-2876*

*The Editors*

**The Royal Canadian Legion – Port Elgin Branch 340  
General Meeting Minutes  
June 03, 2008**

1. **Call to Order:**

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

Present: Cdes. Michael Pepe, Ruth Clemmer, Norma Dudgeon, Dan Kelly, Mary Alexander, Kathy Eastwood, Gord Kelly, Robert and Rhonda Harrison

**INSTALLATION OF MEMBERS:**

The following members were installed by President Nigel Ord: Michael Pepe as Service Officer / Veterans Services and Cde Mary Alexander as Executive Member

2. **Treasurer's Report:**

**MOTION by Cde Dan Kelly, seconded by Cde Arleita Harron that the Treasurer's Report for the month of April 30, 2008 be adopted as read.**

Revenue	\$ 46,672.42
Expense	<u>\$ 23,628.78</u>
Net Income	\$ 23,043.64

Total Liabilities & Equity as at April 30, 2008	\$ 422,802.82
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**CARRIED**

Extra revenue due to increase in bar activity, social events, and a private donation from our late Cde Robert Currie.

3. **Adoption of Minutes:**

**MOTION by Cde Gord Kelly, seconded by Cde Ruth Clemmer that the General Minutes of May 06, 2008 be adopted as read.**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION by Cde Robert Harrison, seconded by Cde Gord Kelly that the Executive Minutes of May 22, 2008 be adopted as read.**

**CARRIED**

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**

Nil

5. **Unfinished Business:**

Nil

6. **Correspondence:**

- Thank you card from Cde Arleita Harron for our donation and support
- Thank you from the VON SMART seniors and volunteers for use of our facility
- Programmed Insurance Brokers Inc. re Provincial Command Insurance Program. If anyone is interested in receiving more information the notice will be placed on the bulletin board
- Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration re: Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship. Nominations are now being accepted with a deadline of August 17, 2008. Letter will be posted if anyone is wishing to nominate an individual.
- Earl Farrell sent an Email indicating that he is interested in remaining as the Track and Field Chair.

7. **Committee Reports:**

**Membership: Rhonda Harrison**

From October to May – 9 individuals were initiated for membership in a private ceremony:

Associate: Patricia Kelly      Pamela Smith      Ryan Minke      Curtis Minke  
                  Garry Winnitoy      Devin Roote

Affiliate Voting: Victor Kravchenko      Vivian Walton      Wesley Walton

**MOTION moved by Cde Rhonda Harrison, seconded by Cde Dan Kelly that Branch 340 accept The application for membership from Judith Irene Hennessey for Associate Membership.**

**CARRIED**

Membership Register: As of May 31, 2008 Branch 340 has the following:

Life	15
Ordinary	107
Associate	355
<u>Affiliate Voting</u>	<u>111</u>
Total	588

It is my pleasure to announce that I was presented with the following Certificates at the VE Day Dinner:

- Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command District "C" – 2007 Membership Appreciation Award - 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 thank the membership for their continued support in renewing their 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.

**T.O.D: Norma Dudgeon**

Report was given at the May Executive Meeting

**P.R.O: Robert Harrison**

Information booklet was received from the Legion Magazine entitled Snapshots - Guidelines for submitting photos and news. Copy will be available in the office.

**Sports: Ruth Clemmer**

- Zone Euchre will be held in the upstairs hall on Sunday, November 16, 2008.
- District Golf Tournament 2009 will be held at Saugeen Golf Course. Cde Don Clemmer and Charlie Roopnaraine will be assisting with this event.
- Cde Fred Knibb will be starting Cribbage Tournaments on Sundays, beginning in the fall.
- Cde Ruth would like to have Shuffleboard starting again in the fall, and will convene if necessary.
- She is hoping that there will be events for the dart and pool players also.

**Seniors: Ruth Clemmer**

She would like to have handrails installed in the washrooms. The Building Chair to be notified. The month of June has been designated as Seniors Month. A letter was read from Aileen Carroll, Ministry Responsible for Seniors. The goal is to encourage older adults to live life to the fullest and to continue to make their enormous contributions to their families, communities and country.

Honors & Awards: Norma Dudgeon

No report.

Bursary & Charity: Dan Kelly

Thank you letters and receipts were received from the various groups and organizations for our recent donations.

Ways & Means: Dan Kelly

No report

Service Officer / Veterans Services: Michael Pepe

Cde Michael is available to assist with your concerns

8. **New and General Business:**

- 8.1 The Zone Beef BBQ will be held at Chatsworth Branch on Saturday, June 7, 2008.
- 8.2 Cde Terry Mills has resigned from the position of 1<sup>st</sup> due to personal reasons. The position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice has been filled by Cde Ruth Clemmer. The membership will be notified once the other vacancies have been filled.
- 8.3 Cde Kathy Eastwood had a suggestion as to how the Branch can raise the funds which would have been generated by the Beach Carnivals. She suggests renting the hall to the various groups. Cde Norma informed the Branch that groups do not pay the rental fee as per our Lottery Licence Policy.
- 8.4 Another suggestion was to share an event with a group and split the proceeds. The hall is an excellent venue for events and ways to advertise the availability should be conveyed to the public.
- 8.5 Cde Dan Kelly gave a brief outline of the situation pertaining to the Beach Carnivals. It was suggested that the Branch apply for a licence for a Sunday night Bingo. This cannot be done as two licences cannot be issued to one organization.
- 8.6 Cde Mike Atkinson noted that the Legion Logo on the billboard sign at the south end of town needs to be replaced.
- 8.7 Cde Mike also noted that the benches in Cenotaph Park need to be refinished. The Town is unable to comply at this time. Volunteers are needed and all materials will be supplied. If you would like to help with this project please see Cde Mike.
- 8.8 Cde Bob Maas reports that the upstairs beer cooler is still not running properly. He has generously offered to pay for a new unit installed providing we contact a qualified company to let us know where the unit should be placed to alleviate any more problems.

9. **Motion of Adjournment:**

**MOTION by Cde Gord Kelly that this Meeting now adjourn at 9:15 p.m.**

**CARRIED**

10. **Closing Ceremony**

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

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Nigel Ord, President

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Rhonda Harrison, Secretary



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2008– 2010**

**BRANCH**



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**LADIES AUXILIARY**

President	Nigel Ord	President	Cheryl Lawson
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Ruth Clemmer	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Diane Mills
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Dan Kelly	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Barb Kennedy
Past President	Norma Dudgeon	Past President	Brenda Collins
Secretary	Rhonda Harrison	Secretary	Betty Fraser
Treasurer	Gail Christie	Treasurer	Marg Esplen
Sgt-At-Arms	Alexina Atkinson	Sgt-At-Arms	Alexina Atkinson
L/A Liaison	Ruth Clemmer	Sports	Elaine Coltman
Chaplain	Rev. Marg Greenhow	Chaplain	Rev. Marg Greenhow
Air Cadets	Gerry Higgins		
Bingo	Dan Kelly/Fred Knibb	Executive:	Virginia Bailey
Bursary & Charity	Gord Kelly		Joyce Chapman
By-laws	Norma Dudgeon		Ginny Chappell
Canteen	Mary Alexander		Meryl Cramp
Entertainment	Linda Dougherty		Betty Earnshaw
Hall Rentals	Nigel Ord		Bernice Ellis
Honors & Awards	Mike Atkinson		
Hospital Visitation	Bob Maas		
Legion Seniors	Ruth Clemmer		
Membership	Rhonda Harrison		
Nevada	Blair Eby		
Poppy	Kathy Eastwood		
Property	Nigel Ord		
Public Relations	Robert Harrison		
Service Officer	Michael Pepe		
Sports	Ruth Clemmer		
Track & Field	Earl Farrell		
Training & Development	Norma Dudgeon		
Veteran Services	Michael Pepe		
Ways & Means	Dan Kelly		
Youth Education	Kathy Eastwood		

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September 2008

Comrades,

We are bringing to your attention that Remembrance Day, November 11<sup>th</sup> is fast approaching. This year will be extra special as it is the **90th Anniversary of Armistice Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 1918**; a day that signaled an end to World War 1.

If you are a new member, welcome to the Branch. Comrades, as you are all aware when you joined the Legion, you took an oath to assist with the Poppy Campaign. The Poppy Campaign is one of the most important activities of the Legion year as it provides, among other things, funds for our veterans' needs and their dependents.

Helping with the Campaign does not necessarily mean asking for Poppy donations. It can also mean canvassing local stores, distributing to or collecting boxes from stores, counting donation monies, judging Peace Posters and Essays from the local schools, organizing the wreaths, or being a member of the organizing committee.

In most instances an hour or two of your time is sufficient, and if several Comrades help then the work can be divided more effectively. Please give our campaign your consideration, as we need to make it a success, especially this year.

Included with this letter is an attachment with some suggested activities for your involvement. Please take the time to check any that you can assist in and mail it or fax it along with your name and phone number to the branch address. Or, you can drop it off to me if you wish. Someone will contact you shortly thereafter.

To those who have volunteered their services in past campaigns, I offer my sincere appreciation and hope that you will continue to do so in the future.

Yours in comradeship,  
Kathryn Eastwood  
Poppy Chair  
(519)-832-5805

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Please check your area(s) of interest: (\* especially needed)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Poppies: Distribution to stores | Wreaths/Donations: <input type="checkbox"/> Store canvassing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supervision of trays            | <input type="checkbox"/> Store deliveries                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manning of trays                |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collection of trays             | Posters/Essays: <input type="checkbox"/> Sorting             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Counting of donations           | <input type="checkbox"/> Judging- English/French             |

Name..... Phone No .....

## MEMBERSHIP

The 2009 Early Bird Campaign begins September 01<sup>st</sup> and ends November 30<sup>th</sup>. Get your Early Bird Sticker and you could win your membership free for the year. Draws will be held at the end of each month during the Campaign.

In order for our Branch to win an Early Bird Award, next year's dues must be paid by November 30<sup>th</sup>. This cannot be done without your help. When you submit your payment it will ensure that your membership is paid up until the end of next year and that you will continue to receive the Legion Magazine without interruption.

We value your support and encourage you to continue your membership. Remember, the Early Bird gets the Reward!!

Rhonda Harrison  
Membership Chair  
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If you are a Snow Bird



Why not an Early Bird?

*Before you fly south for a winter's relaxation, become an Early Bird by paying next year's dues between September 1 and November 30. Then you can preen in the sun, knowing you've ensured there'll be no loss of Legion service or membership privileges. Remember, if you wait it may be your feathers that are ruffled later.*





## WHAT'S HAPPENING



**PUB NIGHT ~ 8 to MIDNIGHT**  
September 13<sup>th</sup> Dance to "Della Fromager"  
September 27<sup>th</sup> Dance to "The Siddons"

**LEGION WEEK**  
September 21<sup>st</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>

**MEAT ROLLS at 4:00 p.m.**  
September 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

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

### *LIE DETECTOR!*

*John was a salesman's delight when it came to any kind of unusual gimmick. His wife Marsha had long ago given up trying to get him to change. One day John came home with another one of his unusual purchases. It was a robot that John claimed was actually a lie detector.*

*It was about 5:30 that afternoon when Tommy, their 11 year old son, returned home from school.*

*Tommy was over 2 hours late. 'Where have you been? Why are you over 2 hours late getting home?' asked John.*

*'Several of us went to the library to work on an extra credit project,' said Tommy. The robot then walked around the table and slapped Tommy, knocking him completely out of his chair.*

*'Son,' said John, 'this robot is a lie detector, now tell us where you really were after school.'*

*'We went to Bobby's house and watched a movie.' said Tommy. 'What did you watch?' asked Marsha. 'The Ten Commandments.' answered Tommy. The robot went around to Tommy and once again slapped him, knocking him off his chair once more. With his lip quivering, Tommy got up, sat down and said, 'I am sorry I lied. We really watched a tape called 'Sex Queen.'*

*'I am ashamed of you son,' said John. 'When I was your age, I never lied to my parents.' The robot then walked around to John and delivered a whack that nearly knocked him out of his chair.*

*Marsha doubled over in laughter, almost in tears and said, 'Boy, did you ever ask for that one! You can't be too mad with Tommy. After all, he is your son!'*

*With that the robot immediately walked around to Marsha and knocked her out of her chair.*





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	1	2 GEN. MTG. 8:00 PM	3 BINGO 7:30 PM	4 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	5 BALLROOM DANCING 8:30 PM	6
7 ZONE "C" CONVENTION	8	9 L/A GEN. MTG. 8:00 PM	10 BINGO 7:30 PM	11 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	12 BALLROOM DANCING 8:30 PM	13 MEAT ROLL 4:00 PM PUB NITE 8:00 PM
14	15	16	17 BINGO 7:30 PM	18 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	19 BALLROOM DANCING 8:30 PM	20
21	22	23	24 BINGO 7:30 PM	25 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	26 BALLROOM DANCING 8:30 PM TRIVIA NIGHT 8:00 PM	27 MEAT ROLL 4:00 PM PUB NITE 8:00 PM
<b>L E G I O N                      W E E K</b>						
28	29	30 EXECUTIVE 7:30 PM				
~ Please join us for our various events and help support your Branch ~						