



**Port Elgin Legion - Branch 340**

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# December 2008 Branch Line

As Editors, we would like to say thank you for your support as another year comes to a close. We hope that you have enjoyed the past editions of the Branch Line and thanks to those who were contributors this year.

One highlight of the year was the recognition our Branch received as we were presented with a Certificate for 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in "C" Category for the District Bulletin Competition. It is with this in mind that we strive to do our best with each publication.

A special thanks to Cde Helen Holk for overseeing the "Care Packages" which are being sent to our troops in Afghanistan. The Branch will also be sending a cheque to Dominion Command in the amount raised for the "Support Our Troops' Morale Fund. Thanks to everyone who contributed in any way they could.

There was quite an assortment of gifts for the Annual Toy Drive. Thank you to all and know that each gift will be appreciated.

For those of you who may not know, Tara Branch offers an all you can eat Branch Brunch on the last Sunday of each month for a nominal amount. Breakfast starts at 10:30 am until 1:30 pm. Enjoy!

Merry Christmas to all, enjoy your loved ones and may the New Year be the best to each and everyone one of you.

*The Editors*



**MESSAGE FROM THE L/A PRESIDENT**

The Ladies Auxiliary have been busy with our yard sale, a bake sale, preparing and serving dinners, assisting with the Poppy Campaign as well as attending our biannual convention in Windsor. The money we raise allows us to help others in need.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season filled with friends, family and good times. But please don't forget the less fortunate. So, if it is possible, please make a donation to our food box and make someone's Christmas a little brighter.

Thank you,  
Cheryl Lawson  
President  
Ladies Auxiliary

**The Royal Canadian Legion – Port Elgin Branch 340  
General Meeting Minutes & Annual Zone Cde Visitation  
November 04, 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. Mary Alexander, Ruth Clemmer, Kathy Eastwood, Celeste Eickholdt, Rhonda Harrison, Robert Harrison, Dan Kelly, Gord Kelly

Guests: Acting Zone CDR Gary Gaeler and Cde Norma Dudgeon, Zone Secretary

**INITIATION OF CANDIDATES:**

The following individuals were initiated: Brian Riehl (AFF) and Bruce Schoettler (O)

2. **Treasurer's Report:**

Cde Joanne Commeau reviewed the Report as distributed.

**MOTION by Cde Fred Knibb, seconded by Cde Arleita Harron that the Treasurer's Report for the month ending September 30, 2008 be adopted as read.**

Revenue	\$ 25,020.56
Expense	<u>\$ 22,909.05</u>
Net Income	\$ 2,111.51

**Total Liabilities & Equity as at August 31, 2008 \$ 353,158.20**

**CARRIED**

3. **Adoption of Minutes:**

**MOTION by Cde Gord Kelly, seconded by Cde Dan Kelly that the General Meeting Minutes of October 07, 2008 be adopted as read.**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION by Cde Bev Wakeling, seconded by Cde Kathy Eastwood that the Executive Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2008 be adopted as read.**

**CARRIED**

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

4.1 **MOTION by Cde Dan Kelly, seconded by Cde Alexina Atkinson that in lieu of a gift for the Remembrance Day speakers, a donation of \$500. be given to the Military Family Resource Centre.**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION by Cde Ruth Clemmer, seconded by Cde Arleita Harron that the Branch donate \$300. to the Port Elgin Air Cadets 340 Squadron for their Annual Mess Dinner and waive the fees for the upstairs hall. The dinner will be held on December 16, 2008.**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION Cde Dan Kelly, seconded by Cde Jack Chapman that the Branch donate \$5,500. to the Port Elgin Air Cadets 340 Squadron to offset training expenses. The first payment of \$3,000. to be paid in November and the second payment of \$2,500. be paid in February 2009.**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION by Cde Dan Kelly, seconded by Cde Arleita Harron that the sum of \$120.00 be made available for registrations for 6 teams to participate in the Zone Euchre at Port Elgin Branch on Sunday, November 16, 2008.**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION by Cde Kathryn Eastwood, seconded by Cde Ruth Clemmer that Branch 340 purchase a new Heavy Duty vacuum cleaner in the amount of \$129. + applicable tax.**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION by Cde Ruth Clemmer, seconded by Cde Dan Kelly that two gifts be purchased not to exceed \$70. for the Pumpkinfest Breakfast Conveners'.**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION by Cde Dan Kelly, seconded by Cde Bob Maas that Cde Mike Atkinson be accepted as Chairman for Veterans Services and Service Officer for the remainder of the term.**

**CARRIED**

5. **Unfinished Business:**

Nil

6. **Correspondence:**

6.1 Dominion Command re: Amendments to General By-laws

6.3 Dominion Command re: Amendments to Ritual & Insignia Manual

6.4 Thank You Letter from Brant Central School re: Continued support of the Bob Atkinson Memorial BESC Cross Country Championship. Posted

6.5 Invitation to attend St. Joseph's Health Care Foundation "Season of Celebration" on Monday, November 17, 5:30 – 7:00 pm at Parkwood Hospital. Posted.

6.6 Thank You Card from Joyce Wettlaufer, Amalgamation Committee – Hepworth/Shallow Lake Branch. Posted

6.7 Thank You Card from Virginia and Charles Bailey for Bartenders who were working at the Bailey/Wanner wedding. Posted.

7. **Committee Reports:**

Membership: Rhonda Harrison

**MOTION by Cde Rhonda Harrison, seconded by Cde Murray Thede that we accept the application from Marilyn May Palmer for Associate Membership under her father, John James Duck.**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION by Cde Rhonda Harrison, seconded by Cde Robert Harrison that we accept the application from Megan Kidd for Associate Membership under her grandfather, George Atkinson.**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION by Cde Rhonda Harrison, seconded by Cde Dan Kelly that we accept the application from Duncan Kidd for Associate Membership under his spouse, Megan Kidd.**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION by Cde Rhonda Harrison, seconded by Cde Dan Kelly that we accept the application from Jerry Durand for Associate Membership under his son David Kovac who is in the Canadian Regular Forces.**

**CARRIED**

Total Membership as of October 31, 2008 is 600. Approximately 185 have renewed their membership for a renewal percentage of 30.83%. Comrades are urged to pay the 2009 dues by the end of the month to ensure a higher percentage than 2008.

Poppy: Kathy Eastwood

- Approximately \$6,000. has been realized by the Poppy Campaign
- Canvassers are still needed for the Brewer's Retail and LCBO
- Welcome to the new members and please review the sign up sheet for the Campaign
- A total of 340 entries from all the schools for the Poster and Literary Contests. Two entries in the French categories.
- 12 winners will be advancing to the Zone Level. These entries will be displayed at the Remembrance Day Dinner and some of the winners will be in attendance.

PRO: Bob Harrison

- "Support Our Troops" Campaign is underway
- Donations for the Toy Drive will also be accepted
- Cde Bob was also presented with a Certificate for 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in "C" Category for the District Bulletin Competition

Sports: Ruth Clemmer

- Three out of the four teams sent to Zone Cribbage will go on to District Level in Blyth on January 24, 2009.
- Zone Euchre will be hosted by Port Elgin Branch on November 16.

8. **New and General Business:**

8.1 Zone CDR Les Highfield is not available due to health issues. Acting Zone Cde Gary Gaeler reported to the membership:

- The Ledgers and Minutes Books are in good order. He sees no problems with Branch 340.
- The Opening Ceremony was very impressive.
- It is good to see so many members with their uniforms on.
- He appreciates that more than one member is conducting the Initiation Ceremony.
- Branches will be receiving an update regarding Resolutions, please review.
- Members are reminded of the importance of medals and the legacy which they hold. Every effort should be made to preserve their memory for the future.

8.2 Cde Eric Eastwood requested that those addressing the membership ensure that they can be heard by all those present.

9. **Motion of Adjournment:**

**MOTION by Cde Bev Wakeling that this Meeting now adjourn at 9:18 p.m.**

**CARRIED**

10. **Closing Ceremony**

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

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Nigel Ord, President

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Rhonda Harrison, Secretary

## MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to James Lind, who is our November Early Bird Campaign winner. Congratulations! Another Campaign is complete and I would like to say a big thank you to all of you who renewed within this period.

Welcome to the new members who have joined us this past year. If you have any questions, or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Yours in Comradeship,  
Rhonda Harrison

Membership Chair  
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( L – R ) Past President Norma Dudgeon, Cde David Kirton and President Nigel Ord.  
Cde Kirton is receiving his 50 year medal and pin.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING



### NEW YEAR'S DANCE

December 31 – Dance to “Late Nite Radio”  
See Poster for details

### TRIVIA NITE

Friday, December 12 at 8:00  
Sign up your team

### MEAT ROLLS

Friday, Dec. 05 at 8:00 pm  
Saturday, Dec. 6, 13, 20 at 4:00 pm

### BINGO – SCHEDULE

December 03, 10, 17  
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.  
Bingo at 7:30 p.m. \$700.00 Jackpot



### **LEGION WEEK – TRIVIA NIGHT WINNERS 2008**

L-R Carol McDermid, Mary Alexander, Dan Kelly (Game Host) and Alex Rubineck



#### **FOOD BASKET:**

*Please help support the Salvation Army Food Drive with your regular contributions of non-perishable food items. This food box is located as you enter the Canteen and will be taken to the Salvation Army at the end of each month or sooner if you fill it with your generosity. Contact: Cheryl Lawson, Ladies Auxiliary President, if you require further information at 519-832-9592*

#### **GAMES FOR WHEN WE ARE OLDER:**

1. Sag, you're It.
2. Hide and go pee.
3. 20 questions shouted into your good ear.
4. Kick the bucket
- 5 Red Rover, Red Rover, the nurse says Bend Over.
6. Musical recliners.
7. Simon says something incoherent.
8. Pin the Toupee on the bald guy

#### **SIGNS OF MENOPAUSE:**

1. You sell your home heating system at a yard sale.
2. You have to write post-it notes with your kids' names on them.
3. You change your underwear after a sneeze.

#### **OLD IS WHEN:**

1. Going bra-less pulls all the wrinkles out of your face.
2. You don't care where your spouse goes, just as long as you don't have to go along.
3. Getting a little action means I don't need fiber today.
4. Getting lucky means you find your car in the parking lot.
5. An all-nighter means not getting up to pee!



# HOLIDAY HOURS

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24**

**Canteen Open 2:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25**

**CLOSED**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26**

**Canteen Open 2:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31**

**Canteen Open 2:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 01<sup>st</sup>**

**CLOSED**

**NEW YEAR'S DANCE**

**“Late Nite Radio”**

**9:00 pm – 1:00 am**

**Doors Open at 8:00 pm**

**Tickets on Sale in the Canteen**

**\$20.00/Person.....\$35.00/Couple**

*Best Wishes for a Special Christmas and a Happy New Year!*





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7	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 TRIVIA NITE 8:00 PM	13 MEAT ROLL 4:00 PM
14	15	16	17 BINGO 7:30 PM	18 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	19 BALLROOM DANCING 8:30 PM	20 MEAT ROLL 4:00 PM
21	22	23	24	25 	26 <i>MERRY CHRISTMAS</i>	27
28	29	30 EXECUTIVE 7:30 PM	31 NEW YEAR'S DANCE 			
~ Please join us for our various events and help support your Branch ~						