



**Port Elgin Legion - Branch 340**

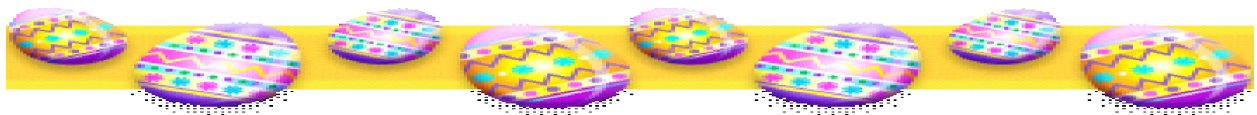
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# April 2009 Branch Line

One more reminder, that the Annual General Meeting and Elections will be taking place on Tuesday, April 07<sup>th</sup>. Please consider becoming a member of the Executive. All members are encouraged to attend this very important meeting. You will be voting for the 2009 – 2010 Executive.

*The Branch will be OPEN FOR REGULAR HOURS on Good Friday – April 10<sup>th</sup> and CLOSED on Easter Sunday – April 11<sup>th</sup>.  
Have a wonderful Easter Weekend.*

## The Editors



**The Royal Canadian Legion – Port Elgin Branch 340  
General Meeting Minutes  
March 03, 2009**

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 Norma Dudgeon, Mary Alexander, Mike Atkinson, Ruth Clemmer,  
Kathryn Eastwood, Rhonda Harrison, Robert Harrison, Dan Kelly and Gord  
Kelly.

Absent: Cde Celeste Eickholdt, with Notice

2. **Treasurer's Report:**

**MOTION by Cde Kathryn Eastwood, seconded by Cde Bob Maas that the Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2009 be adopted as read.**

Revenue: \$ 26,670.72

Expense: \$ 20,439.20

Net Income: \$ 6,231.52

**Total Liabilities & Equity as of January 31, 2009 \$ 385,942.17**

**CARRIED**

Cde Don Dudgeon referred to the inventory of the pop. Cde Norma Dudgeon explained that the amount indicated on the Report was the beginning inventory for the fiscal year and the numbers don't change as we don't input the inventory throughout the year.

3. **Adoption of Minutes:**

**MOTION by Cde Ruth Clemmer, seconded by Cde Murray Thede that the General Meeting Minutes of February 03, 2009 be adopted as read.**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION by Cde Robert Harrison, seconded by Cde Bob Maas that the Executive Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2009 be adopted as read.**

**CARRIED**

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

**February 03, 2009**

4.1 President Ord reported on the profits from the Pumpkinfest Breakfasts for October 2008.

Receipts: \$4,143.96 Expenses: \$ 2,179.88 Profit: \$ 1,964.08

**February 24, 2009**

Bursary & Charity: Gord Kelly

The wording should be "Women's Centre (Grey Bruce)"

4.1 **MOTION by Cde Kathryn Eastwood, seconded by Cde Mike Atkinson that the Port Elgin Legion Branch 340 support the "Students Crossing Borders" Program with a donation of \$200.00.**

**CARRIED**

4.2 Sam Raven: Kerri Clean and Streak Free – Quote for Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning

Cde Don Dudgeon questioned the quote to get the carpets cleaned and as this is a large amount of money to be spent, it should be put out for Tenders and not to accept a quote from one company; he also asked what the background was on this company; he also suggested that the cleaning be done in the Spring when the winter snow and salt is over.

**MOTION by Cde Kathryn Eastwood, seconded by Cde Ruth Clemmer that the quote by Kerri Clean to clean and scotch guard all the carpeted areas, as well as the soft furniture**

be accepted to a maximum of \$5,600. including taxes. Boardroom and office to be included.

DEFEATED

A discussion ensued regarding obtaining quotes and advertising. This matter will be deferred to the next Executive Meeting.

- 4.3 **MOTION by Cde Mike Atkinson, seconded by Cde Don Dudgeon that \$600. be allotted to the 3 representatives attending the Provincial Convention in Burlington on May 09-13, 2009. And, \$200. for one rep for mileage for a total cost of \$2,000. Any surplus money to be returned and if there is any extra costs, they will be reimbursed with presentation of receipts.**

CARRIED

- 4.4 **MOTION by Cde Gord Kelly, seconded by Cde Robert Harrison that Port Elgin Branch 340 donate \$500. to the Women's Centre (Grey Bruce) for fire alarm upgrades i.e. strobe lights for the hearing impaired.**

CARRIED

- 4.5 **MOTION by Cde Gord Kelly, seconded by Cde Robert Harrison that the 2009 Charity Donations be accepted as presented.**

CARRIED

Donations to note the Ladies Auxiliary as contributors also.

Cde Len Tackaberry had concerns that the hospital donations may go to the general operating funds. Cde Dan Kelly explained that our donations are earmarked for specific needs as informed by the hospital. The hospital equipment has been earmarked as follows:

- a) Saugeen Memorial Hospital: Vital Signs Monitor
- b) Grey Bruce Regional Health Centre: Stress Ecocardiogram Machine

- 4.6 **MOTION moved that a total of \$9,500. be distributed from the Poppy Trust Funds, subject to approval from Ontario Command. Each donation is a separate Motion.**

**MOVED by Cde Mike Atkinson, seconded by Cde Bob Craig  
Grey Bruce Regional Health Services (Owen Sound) \$ 3,000.**

**MOVED by Cde Mike Atkinson, seconded by Arleita Harron  
Grey Bruce Regional Health Services (Southampton) \$ 3,000.**

**MOVED by Cde Mike Atkinson, seconded by Cde Don Dudgeon  
Royal Canadian Legion Charitable Foundation \$ 1,000.**

**MOVED by Cde Mike Atkinson, seconded by Cde Gord Kelly  
Royal Canadian Legion Charitable Foundation Bursary Fund \$ 1,000.**

**MOVED by Cde Mike Atkinson, seconded by Cde Arleita Harron  
District "C" Hospital Fund \$ 1,000.**

**MOVED by Cde Mike Atkinson, seconded by Cde Alexina Atkinson  
Royal Commonwealth Ex-Services League \$ 500.**

CARRIED

- 4.7 **MOTION by Cde Kathryn Eastwood, seconded by Cde Ruth Clemmer that the Port Elgin Legion Branch 340 supports the application from Chris Stoner for funds to assist with the "FORUM for Young Canadians" in the amount of \$100.**

CARRIED

- 4.8 **MOTION by Cde Norma Dudgeon, seconded by Cde Ruth Clemmer that Port Elgin Branch 340 purchase a new computer for the lower office, up to \$1,000. including taxes, from Dot Net Computers.**

**CARRIED**

5. **Unfinished Business:**

Nil

6. **Correspondence:**

- 6.1 VON re: Thank You for continued support of their VON Smart Fitness Programs. Posted

7. **Committee Reports:**

Honors & Awards: Mike Atkinson

Still working on distributing Years of Service Pins

Service Officer: Mike Atkinson

Randy Groundwater will be available the week of April 19. If you require an interview please sign the Notice on the Bulletin Board in the Canteen or contact Cde Mike Atkinson.

Hall Rentals: Nigel Ord

Booking enquiries have been steady.

Property: Nigel Ord

Repairs have been made to the ceiling tiles in the upstairs hall.

Membership: Rhonda Harrison

**MOTION by Cde Rhonda Harrison, seconded by Cde Dan Kelly that we accept the application for membership from Philip Charles Weller as Affiliate Voting.**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION by Cde Rhonda Harrison, seconded by Cde Alexina Atkinson that we accept the application for membership from James Fraser Feddema as Affiliate Voting.**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION by Cde Rhonda Harrison, seconded by Cde Dan Kelly that we accept the application for membership from Lindsey Karpewicz as Affiliate Voting.**

**CARRIED**

PRO: Robert Harrison

Cde Harrison thanked everyone for their involvement with the "Support Our Troops" Campaign. Total monies raised in the various events was \$2,136.99.

Sports: Ruth Clemmer

- 3 Euchre Teams will be going on to District Level at Branch 412, Polish Legion, Kitchener on March 07, 2009
- 3 Teams will be going to Zone 8-Ball in Owen Sound on March 29, 2009
- District Shuffleboard will be hosted by Branch 299, Elora on April 04, 2009. We can enter three 2-Person teams.

8. **New and General Business:**

- 8.1 Cde Duncan Kidd advised the membership that Ben Lobb, MP, is on the Veterans Committee. Although he does not head the Committee, this may create an opportunity not only as a fundraiser but also as a forum for our veterans to provide feedback that Mr. Lobb can take back to Ottawa.

He suggests that a Committee be created to evaluate this opportunity. This matter will be brought forward at the next Executive Meeting.

9. **Motion of Adjournment:**  
**Motion by Cde Alexina Atkinson that this Meeting now adjourn at 9:00 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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**President's Message'**

Comrades.

Another year has come and gone, and once again we are on the verge of the General Elections. I urge you to come to the April 7<sup>th</sup> General meeting, and nominate persons, who in your opinion would maintain the standards of our Branch.

No matter what anyone tells you, "you can make a difference".

From the Executive and myself, we wish you a Happy Easter.

Yours in Comradeship

Nigel

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**MEMBERSHIP**

As of March 09, we have 576 members:

Life	13
Ordinary	104
Associate	351
Affiliate Voting	108

If you have not paid your 2009 Dues, I encourage you to do so at your earliest convenience. When you submit your payment it will ensure that your membership is paid up until the end of this year. We value your support and encourage you to continue your membership.

If you have recently had a change of address or your contact information, please leave the particulars with the Bar Steward and the Membership Register can be updated; or, contact the undersigned.

Our Branch was awarded a 50+ percentage for our paid memberships during the 2009 Early Bird Campaign; this award was received at the Zone Convention in Paisley on March 15, 2009. With your help we can achieve an even higher percentage for next year.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING



### **PUB NIGHT ~ 8 TO MIDNIGHT**

April 11 - Late Nite Radio  
April 25 - Crippled Ducks

### **TRIVIA NIGHT**

Friday, April 17 at 8:00  
Sign Up Sheet at Bar  
Easter Theme

### **MEAT ROLLS at 4:00 p.m.**

Saturday ~ April 11 & 25

### **BINGO EVERY WEDNESDAY**

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

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## ***Branch 340 Annual Curling Bonspiel Saturday, February 28, 2009***



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!!!**

*L - R: President Nigel Ord, Beth Gostick, Wayne McKinnon, Jay (Goose) Gostick and Rick Schell*

*Special Thanks to Charlie and Sheila Roopnaraine for organizing the event and taking care of the lunch, dinner and presentations.*

*8 teams participated in the Bonspiel and it was a fun-filled day. To anyone else who helped in getting things ready, it was appreciated.*

*This is an annual event; we hope to see you next year.*

# ***ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ELECTIONS***

**Tuesday, April 07th, 2009 at 8:00 p.m.**

Please be prepared to show your 2009 Membership Card at the door, or receipt of paid membership.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend and vote for your incoming Executive.

Nomination Board will be located in the Canteen. Please consider becoming a member of the Executive.

All members are encouraged to attend.

Thanking you for your consideration.

*Mike Atkinson*

*Elections Chairman*

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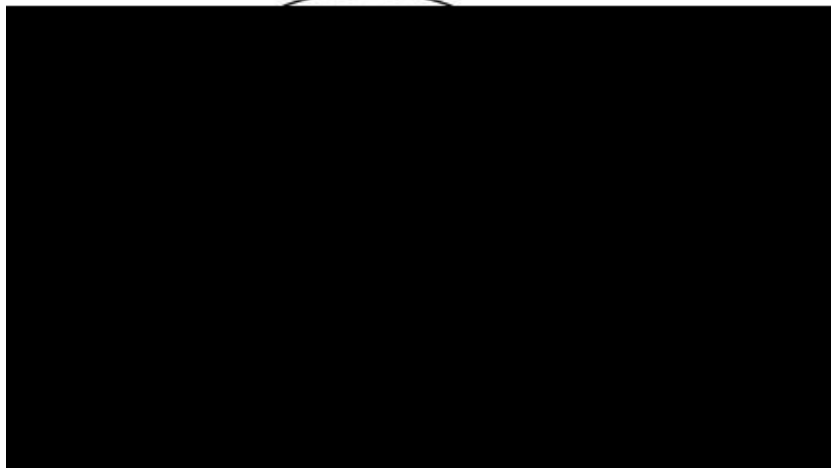
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## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

There has been very positive comments received from our recent mailing regarding the Branch and our Annual Events listing. Please keep it handy for easy reference and we hope that you will be able to attend the events in the coming months.

If you wish to submit an article for the Newsletter, please leave it with the Bar Steward or email at the address provided below.

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## TWENTY NINE LINES TO MAKE YOU SMILE

1. My husband and I divorced over religious differences.  
He thought he was God and I didn't.
2. I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it.
3. Some people are alive only because it's illegal to kill them.
4. I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.
5. Don't take life too seriously; No one gets out alive.
6. You're just jealous because the voices only talk to me.
7. Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.
8. Earth is the insane asylum for the universe.
9. I'm not a complete idiot -- Some parts are just missing.
10. Out of my mind. Back in five minutes.
11. NyQuil, the stuffy, sneezy, why-the-heck-is-the-room-spinning  
medicine.
12. God must love stupid people; He made so many.
13. The gene pool could use a little chlorine?
14. Consciousness: That annoying time between naps.
15. Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?
16. Being 'over the hill' is much better than being under it!
17. Wrinkled was NOT one of the things I wanted to be when I grew up!
18. Procrastinate Now!
19. I have a degree in Liberal Arts; do you want fries with that?
20. A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
21. A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance.
22. Stupidity is not a handicap. Park elsewhere!
23. They call it PMS because Mad Cow Disease was already taken.
24. He who dies with the most toys is nonetheless DEAD.
25. A picture is worth a thousand words, but it uses up three thousand  
times the memory?
26. Ham and eggs...A day's work for a chicken, a lifetime  
commitment for a pig.
27. The trouble with life is there's no background music.
28. The original point and click interface was a Smith & Wesson.
29. I smile because I don't know what the hell is going on.

Appreciate every single thing you have, especially your friends!  
Life is too short and friends are too few!!





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			1 <i>BINGO</i> 7:30 PM	2 <i>EUCHRE</i> 7:30 PM	3 <i>BALLROOM DANCING</i> 8:30 PM	4
5	6	7 GEN. MTG. 8:00 PM <hr/> ELECTION FOR EXECUTIVE	8 <i>BINGO</i> 7:30 PM	9 <i>EUCHRE</i> 7:30 PM	10 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	11 MEAT ROLL 4:00 PM <hr/> PUB NITE 8:00 PM
12 EASTER SUNDAY  <b>LEGION CLOSED</b>	13 	14 L/A GEN. MTG. 8:00 PM	15 <i>BINGO</i> 7:30 PM	16 <i>EUCHRE</i> 7:30 PM	17 <i>BALLROOM DANCING</i> 8:30 PM <hr/> TRIVIA NITE 8:00 PM	18 DISTRICT CONVENTION
19 DISTRICT CONVENTION	20	21	22 <i>BINGO</i> 7:30 PM	23 <i>EUCHRE</i> 7:30 PM	24	25 MEAT ROLL 4:00 PM <hr/> PUB NITE 8:00 PM
26	27	28 EXEC. MTG. 7:30 PM	29 <i>BINGO</i> 7:30 PM	30 <i>EUCHRE</i> 7:30 PM		

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