



Port Elgin Legion - Branch 340

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June 2009 Branch Line

There will be no General Meetings for the Branch and the Ladies Auxiliary for the months of July and August. However, the Branch Executive will continue to meet on the last Tuesday of each month. The next General Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 01st at 8:00 p.m.

June is also the month we celebrate those great guys who are fathers and grand-fathers and father figures. You enjoy your day too. Happy Father's Day!

We have included the listing of the Committee Chairmen who will be serving for the next term of office. Please keep for handy reference and if you have any concerns, you will know who to contact.

The Editors



**The Royal Canadian Legion – Port Elgin Branch 340
Annual General Meeting Minutes
May 05, 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, Kathy Eastwood, Rhonda Harrison, Robert Harrison, Dan Kelly and Gord Kelly
Absent: Cde Celeste Eickholdt, with notice

1.1 **INITIATION OF CANDIDATES:**

The following individuals were initiated: Jerry Durand – Associate
Leverne Misch and Brian Henderson – Affiliate Voting

1.2 **DEPUTATION:**

Chris Stoner, student at SDSS, attended the FORUM for Young Canadians in Ottawa and gave a brief speech of his daily activities. It was quite enjoyable and very educational. He thanked the Branch for the donation which enabled him to attend.

2. **Treasurer's Report:**

MOTION by Cde Bob Maas, seconded by Cde Bob Harrison that the Treasurer's Report for the month ending March 31, 2009 be adopted as read.

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| Revenue | \$ 23,272.36 |
| Expense | <u>\$ 20,264.04</u> |
| Net Income | <u>\$ 3,008.32</u> |

Total Liabilities & Equity as of March 31, 2009 \$ 392,129.33

CARRIED

Cde Gerry Higgins enquired about the Miscellaneous Expense Item. It was determined that the Zone District Per Capita Tax will now have its own entry line.

3. **Adoption of Minutes:**

MOTION by Cde Ruth Clemmer, seconded by Cde Bob Maas that the General Meeting Minutes of April 07, 2009 be adopted as read.

CARRIED

MOTION by Cde Mary Alexander, seconded by Cde Robert Harrison that the Executive Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2009 be adopted as read.

CARRIED

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

Correct spelling of Leverne Misch was noted.

5. **Unfinished Business:**

6. **Correspondence:**

7. **Committee Reports:**

Building: Nigel Ord

- Upstairs washroom has been repaired.

TOD: Norma Dudgeon

- Annual Report was presented
- She encourages more volunteers for events
- Branch By-laws will have to be reviewed. More information will be collected at the Provincial District Convention

Membership: Rhonda Harrison

Cde Rhonda displayed the Membership Appreciation Certificate for 2008

Sports: Ruth Clemmer

Cde Ruth reminded the membership of dates of upcoming District events. Postings are on the bulletin board.

Cde Ruth also thanked the Branch for being Chairman of the various committees in her years of service.

Air Cadets: Gerry Higgins

Cde Gerry spoke briefly of the amalgamation of the Air and Sea Cadets and thanked the Branch for their continued support.

8. **New and General Business:**

8.1 Cde Dan Kelly suggested that a Thank You note be sent to Chris Stoner for his presentation.

9. **Motion of Adjournment:**

MOTION by Cde Gord Kelly that this Meeting now adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

CARRIED

10. **Closing Ceremony**

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

Nigel Ord, President

Rhonda Harrison, Secretary

**BRANCH 340
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L-R (Back Row) Rhonda Harrison, Mary Alexander, Robert Harrison, Rev. Margaret Greenhow, Celeste Eickholdt, Dan Kelly, Faye McKenzie, Gord Kelly, Mike Atkinson
L-R (Front Row) Kathryn Eastwood, Zone Cdr Les Highfield, Alexina Atkinson, President Nigel Ord, Past President Norma Dudgeon and Deputy Zone Cdr Gary Gaeler



**BRANCH 340
LADIES AUXILIARY EXECUTIVE 2009 – 2010**

L-R (BACK ROW) Marg Esplen, Treasurer, Ginny Chappell, Betty Earnshaw, Alexina Atkinson, Sgt. at Arms, Joyce Chapman, Meryl Cramp, Bernice Ellis, Betty Fraser, secretary

L – R (Front Row): Barb Kennedy, 2nd Vice, Irene Surrige, Zone Commander, Cheryl Lawson, President, Donelda Thede, Deputy Zone Commander, Diane Mills, 1st Vice

Missing: Elaine Coltman, Sports Officer, Brenda Collins, Past President and Virginia Bailey





WHAT'S HAPPENING



PUB NIGHT ~ 8 TO MIDNIGHT

June 06 - Country Motion
June 20 - Late Nite Radio

MEAT ROLLS at 4:00 p.m.

Saturday ~ June 06 & 20

BINGO EVERY WEDNESDAY

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

MEMBERSHIP

Three new members were initiated at the May General Meeting. Welcome to Leverne Misch, Brian Henderson and Jerry Durand.



PROVINCIAL CONVENTION – 2009

I would like to thank the membership for allowing me to represent them at our Provincial Convention in May in Burlington. The information obtained at these conventions is very useful as the Training & Organizational Development Chairman for the Branch. Some of the results of Convention are as follows:

- Constitution & Laws was one of the main focuses of the Convention with the “Branch Regulations” in place of “Branch By-laws” that were reviewed and adopted by the floor – 15 pages
- If approved by Dominion Command, these regulations will come into effect October 01, 2009
- Our By-laws have been extended until our Committee submits the new regulations for approval along with our Canteen Club rules that need to be reviewed; hope to work on these over the summer

These Monies were donations accepted on the floor:

1. RCEL - \$25,413
2. Central Poppy Fund - \$32,500
3. Troop Morale Fund:
 - Branches - \$130,515.56
 - Ladies Auxiliary - \$61635.54
 - Total: \$192,151.10
4. Bursary - \$11,800
5. Charitable Foundation - \$33,400

Respectfully submitted
Norma Dudgeon

CHOCOLATE CALCULATOR (Your age by Chocolate Math)

It takes less than a minute.

Work this out as you read.

Be sure you don't read the bottom until you've worked it out!

This is not one of those waste of time things, its fun.

1. First of all, pick the number of times a week that you would like to have chocolate (more than once but less than 10)
2. Multiply this number by 2 (just to be bold)
3. Add 5
4. Multiply it by 50 -- I'll wait while you get the calculator
5. If you have already had your birthday this year add 1759 - If you haven't, add 1758.
6. Now subtract the four digit year that you were born.

You should have a three digit number

The first digit of this was your original number

(i.e., how many times you want to have chocolate each week).

The next two numbers are **YOUR AGE!** (Oh YES, it is!!!!)

THIS IS THE ONLY YEAR (2009) IT WILL EVER

WORK, SO SPREAD IT AROUND WHILE IT LASTS.



Fifty-one years ago, Herman James, a North Carolina mountain man, was drafted by the Army. On his first day in basic training, the Army issued him a comb. That afternoon the Army barber sheared off all his hair. On his second day, the Army issued Herman a toothbrush. That afternoon the Army dentist yanked seven of his teeth. On the third day, the Army issued him a jock strap. The Army has been looking for Herman for 51 years.

[Amazing Story - how wonderful to find each other after all those years and what a blessing this is!~](#)

Look carefully at the B-17 and note how shot up it is - one engine dead, tail, horizontal stabilizer and nose shot up. It was ready to fall out of the sky. (This is a painting done by an artist from the description of both pilots many years later.) Then realize that there is a German ME-109 fighter flying next to it. Now read the story below. I think you'll be surprised.....



Charlie Brown was a B-17 Flying Fortress pilot with the 379th Bomber Group at Kimbolton, England. His B-17 was called 'Ye Old Pub' and was in a terrible state, having been hit by flak and fighters. The compass was damaged and they were flying deeper over enemy territory instead of heading home to Kimbolton.

After flying the B-17 over an enemy airfield, a German pilot named Franz Steigler was ordered to take off and shoot down the B-17. When he got near the B-17, he could not believe his eyes. In his words, he 'had never seen a plane in such a bad state'. The tail and rear section was severely damaged, and the tail gunner wounded. The top gunner was all over the top of the fuselage. The nose was smashed and there were holes everywhere.

Despite having ammunition, Franz flew to the side of the B-17 and looked at Charlie Brown, the pilot. Brown was scared and struggling to control his damaged and blood-stained plane.

BF – 109 Pilot Franz Stigler



B 17 Pilot Charlie Brown



Aware that they had no idea where they were going, Franz waved at Charlie to turn 180 degrees. Franz escorted and guided the stricken plane to, and slightly over, the North Sea towards England. He then saluted

Charlie Brown and turned away, back to Europe. When Franz landed he told the CO that the plane had been shot down over the sea, and never told the truth to anybody. Charlie Brown and the remains of his crew told all at their briefing, but were ordered never to talk about it.

More than 40 years later, Charlie Brown wanted to find the Luftwaffe pilot who saved the crew. After years of research, Franz was found. He had never talked about the incident, not even at post-war reunions.

They met in the USA at a 379th Bomber Group reunion, together with 25 people who are alive now - all because Franz never fired his guns that day.

(L-R) German Ace Franz Stigler, artist Ernie Boyett, and B-17 pilot Charlie Brown



When asked why he didn't shoot them down, Stigler later said, "I didn't have the heart to finish those brave men. I flew beside them for a long time. They were trying desperately to get home and I was going to let them do that. I could not have shot at them. It would have been the same as shooting at a man in a parachute."

Both men died in 2008.

This is a true story <http://www.snopes.com/military/charliebrown.asp>

THIS WAS BACK IN THE DAYS WHEN THERE WAS HONOR IN BEING A WARRIOR...THEY PROUDLY WORE UNIFORMS, AND THEY DIDN'T HIDE IN AMBUSH INSIDE A MOSQUE, OR BEHIND WOMEN AND CHILDREN, NOR DID THEY USE MENTALLY RETARDED WOMEN AS SUICIDE BOMBERS TO TARGET AND KILL INNOCENT CIVILIANS...HOW TIMES HAVE CHANGED.....



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

TRACK & FIELD MEET



The District Track & Field Meet will be held at the Davidson Centre in Kincardine on Saturday, June 20th.

If you are available to help, please contact Earl Farrell at 519-832-6886.

Volunteers are requested to be on site at 9:30 a.m. No experience needed, just your time.




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LADIES AUXILIARY 2009 – 2010

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| President | Nigel Ord | President | Cheryl Lawson |
| Past President | Norma Dudgeon | Past President | Brenda Collins |
| 1 st Vice President | Kathryn Eastwood | 1 st Vice President | Diane Mills |
| 2 nd Vice President | Dan Kelly | 2 nd Vice President | Barb Kennedy |
| Treasurer | Judy McKinnon | Treasurer | Marg Esplen |
| Secretary | Rhonda Harrison | Secretary | Betty Fraser |
| Chaplain | Marg Greenhow | Sgt At Arms | Alexina Atkinson |
| Sgt At Arms | Alexina Atkinson | Sports | Elaine Coltman |
| Executive: | | Executive: | Virginia Bailey |
| 1 Year Term | Mary Alexander | | Joyce Chapman |
| | Faue McKenzie | | Ginny Chappell |
| | Robert Harrison | | Merle Cramp |
| | | | Betty Earnshaw |
| 2 Year Term | Celeste Eickholdt | | Bernice Ellis |
| | Gord Kelly | | |
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| L/A Liaison | Celeste Eickholdt | | |
| Bursary & Charity | Gord Kelly | | |
| By-laws | Norma Dudgeon | | |
| Canteen | Tom Jacques | | |
| Hall Rental | Nigel Ord | | |
| Honors & Awards | Mike Atkinson | | |
| Membership | Rhonda Harrison | | |
| Poppy | Kathryn Eastwood | | |
| | Celeste Eickholdt | | |
| Property | Nigel Ord | | |
| Public Relations | Robert Harrison | | |
| Seniors | Celeste Eickholdt | | |
| Service Officer | Mike Atkinson | | |
| Sports | Mary Alexander | | |
| Training & Development | Norma Dudgeon | | |
| Veterans Services | Mike Atkinson | | |
| Ways & Means | Dan Kelly | | |
| Youth Education | Kathryn Eastwood | | |
| | Celeste Eickholdt | | |
| Air Cadets | Gerry Higgins | | |
| Entertainment | Linda Dougherty | | |
| Hospital | Bob Maas | | |
| | Arleita Harron | | |
| Nevada | Faue McKenzie | | |
| Track & Field | Earle Farrell | | |
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| 7 | 8 | 9 GEN. MTG. 8:00 PM | 10 <i>BINGO</i> 7:30 PM | 11 <i>EUCHRE</i> 7:30 PM | 12 <i>BALLROOM DANCING</i> 8:30 PM | 13 |
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| 21  | 22 | 23 | 24 <i>BINGO</i> 7:30 PM | 25 <i>EUCHRE</i> 7:30 PM | 26 | 27 |
| 28 RETIREMENT PARTY ARLEITA 4:00 PM | 29 | 30 EXECUTIVE 7:30 PM | | | | |

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



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RETIREMENT PARTY

*This is your invitation to join us as we celebrate
the retirement of
Cde Arleita Harron*

*Cde Arleita has served as Office Manager for the last 18 years.
We hope you can join us as we celebrate on*

Sunday, June 28

Legion Canteen at 4:00 pm



Everyone Welcome