



**Port Elgin Legion - Branch 340**

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# May 2010 Branch Line

The Annual General Meeting and Elections were held on Tuesday, April 06. Congratulations to the newly elected Officers. We hope your term of service will be both enjoyable and fulfilling. Thanks are extended to the nominees who let their name stand for positions. Joint installation of Officers will be held on Friday May 14, at 7:30 pm. The new Executives will begin their duties on June 01.

To the previous Executive, thank you for fulfilling your term of office and all your work is appreciated.

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At this time, we the Editors would like to say "Thank You" to our readers. We appreciate your comments and submissions for the monthly editions. It has been our privilege to keep you up to date on what has been and what will be happening in our Branch. We know that we can't make it to all the events with our other commitments, but to those who do attend the functions a hearty thank you and hope you enjoyed yourselves.

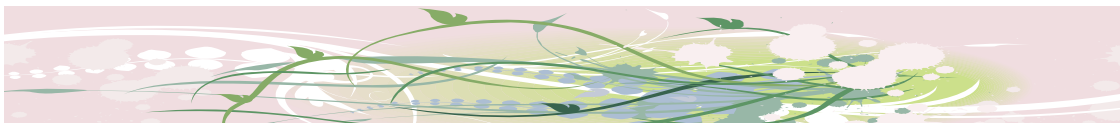
A special thanks to all the volunteers who have helped in the past year – no job is too small – and by your efforts you have made your Legion Branch a better place. Give yourselves a well-deserved pat on the back.

If you have any submissions, please feel free to email us and we'll see that it is included in one of the Editions.

We continue as your Editors and will be here next month.

Yours in Comradeship,

*The Editors*



## ANNUAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORTS

### President's Report: Nigel Ord

- This year has been a very productive year for our Branch with the numerous Meat Draws and the weekly Bingo sessions. Thanks are extended to all the many volunteers that help with these events
- From donations received by the weekly Card Players we have replaced the Canopy at the front entrance and renewed the outside Notice Board
- Thanks to Cde Bob Maas who was instrumental in the Branch acquiring a new cooler in the upstairs kitchen
- The monthly Jamboree is mainly for the senior's members of our community, but is open to anyone who wishes to attend
- Cde Judy McKinnon is our new Office Manager/Treasurer and replaces Arleita Harron who has retired
- We had very successful Poster/Essay and Public Speaking Contests which was enjoyed by parents and students alike
- I look forward to another successful year and we are very fortunate to have such great support from all our members

### Ladies Auxiliary: Celeste Eickholdt

- The L/A are an integral part of the Legion and are deserving of our gratitude
- They are very supportive to cater to so many functions throughout the year
- Highlights this year includes: a new freezer, training for the sound system and a yearly contribution of \$4,500.
- We remember and pay tribute to Cde Hilda Ord, who was a very active member with the L/A

### Seniors: Celeste Eickholdt

- Many of our seniors are very active helpers at the Branch
- Seniors activities include card playing, bingo and any function at the Legion
- Highlight of the year will be the VE Dinner on May 08.
- There are many services offered in our local community to assist seniors
- A Seniors Fair will be held in Owen Sound on May 04 from 3 – 4 pm at the Bayshore Community Centre

### Nevada: Kathryn Eastwood

- Ticket sales have been excellent this year. Four licences for 11 boxes each were applied for. The total cost for the tickets were \$16,236.28 and total profits \$13,243.72. A copy of the revenue report is attached for reference.
- Next licence period will see separate licences for the Canteen and upstairs hall.

### Youth Education: Kathryn Eastwood

#### Poster/Literacy Contest:

- The contest was held on Sunday, November 01, 2009 and had 267 entries from 4 schools
- \$1,140 was awarded in prizes and 8 winners advanced to Zone level and congratulations to the winners

#### Public Speaking Competition:

- Contest was held on February 20, 2010 and had 24 entries from 3 schools
- \$255.00 was awarded in prizes along with awards and gift certificates
- 3 winners advanced to Zone level and one winner eventually advanced to District level
- Speeches were excellent and congratulations to the winners

### Poppy: Kathryn Eastwood

- 2009 was a very successful Poppy Campaign

- \$2,370 was received in donations, \$2,416 received from the sale of wreaths and \$11,781.81 was received from poppy canvassing – total revenue of \$16,567.81
- Total expenses of \$4,592.60 leaving a bank balance of \$15,009.16
- Poppy Trust Balance as of April 06, 2010 is \$5,309.37
- Thanks are extended to all who participated with the Campaign
- Charitable Donations will remain at \$9,500.
- Easter Hams have been distributed to our veterans.
- New members are reminded of their pledge to take an active part in the Poppy Campaign

Sports: Mary Alexander

- Attended the Color Party Seminar in Owen Sound and the Zone Sports Meeting in Paisley and will be attending the District Meeting in Mount Forest
- Friday Cribbage was initiated in the Fall with limited success and was cancelled
- Branch 340 hosted Zone Cribbage and 2 teams advanced to District with no advancement to Provincials
- 5 teams participated in Zone Euchre and 2 teams advanced to District with no advancement to Provincials
- Zone 8 Ball was changed from Chesley to Tara and 2 teams participated. One team advanced to District and will play on April 24, 2010
- There was no interest in Shuffleboard this year
- Another pool table has been installed and we will start Friday Night Pool for Meat – volunteers are needed to help run this event

TOD: Norma Dudgeon

Remembrance Day/ VE Day Chairman:

- Highlight of the November 11<sup>th</sup> Cenotaph Service was the laying of 133 red carnations by the Northport Elementary School students to pay tribute to the men and women who have lost their lives or are serving in Afghanistan
- Speaker for the Dinner was Major General Ivan Fenton (Ret'd)
- Thank you again for the painting, which I received at the banquet
- Cde Kathryn Eastwood will be the Convenor for the VE Day Dinner on May 08 as I will be in Holland for the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ceremony celebrating the end of WWII in Europe and the liberation of the Netherlands
- Work is progressing on the Branch By-laws and until completed we will comply with our present By-laws
- Work is also being completed on the new Canteen Rules and the General Membership will ratify these regulations
- I have assisted the Executive with procedures regarding Motions, protocol, etc and advice when necessary

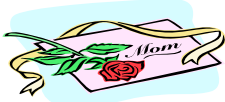
Membership: Rhonda Harrison

- The Membership Breakdown as of April 01, 2010 was given with a total membership of 540 members
- Welcome to all the new members who joined in the past year
- The annual Early Bird Campaign was held from September 01<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup> and congratulations to the 3 winners for the Early Bird Draws
- Our Branch received a 60+% award for paid memberships during the Early Bird Campaign. All members are encouraged to pay their dues during the Campaign so our Branch can receive an even higher Early Bird Award percentage.
- Please encourage your friends and family to join our Branch. Membership is open to the public and applications forms are available in the Canteen
- Summary of events and attendance at meetings and seminars was noted and is attached to the Report
- I will be attending the District Convention on April 10-11 in Kincardine
- Assisted the PRO with Branch advertising and Branch Line newsletter.

- Hold the position of Branch Secretary

**PRO:** Robert Harrison

- Attended the 2009 Spring Zone Convention and will attend the District Convention in Kincardine on April 10-11
- Attended the PRO Seminar in Kincardine on August 25, 2009
- A table was set up at Pumpkinfest with information about our Branch
- A Spring and Fall Newsletter was compiled and mailed to the entire membership
- Each month the Branch Line Newsletter, table tents and various posters were produced
- Highlight of 2009 was winning 1<sup>st</sup> Place in "C" Category for the District "C" Bulletin Contest
- Thanks were extended to Rhonda for all her help during the year and all the other work she does as a member of the Branch and on the Executive



## WHAT'S HAPPENING



### ENTERTAINMENT 8 PM TO MIDNIGHT

May 08 – Second Line  
8:30 – 12:30 am

May 22 – Crippled Ducks

### MEAT ROLLS at 4 PM

Saturday – May 08 & 22

### BINGO EVERY WEDNESDAY

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

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## MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our new members: Vern Johnson, Kevin Andrew, Andrew Evans, Chantel Primeau, Don Turner and Lisa Excell.

Last Post: Cde Reg Tucker

Our Branch was recently awarded a 60+ membership renewal sticker that will be added to our Certificate located in the Canteen. I thank you for participating in the Early Bird Campaign and look forward to receiving an even higher percentage for 2011 Campaign.

Membership is open to the public and application forms are available from the Bar Steward.

Yours in Comradeship,

Rhonda Harrison  
Membership Chair  
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# ANNUAL DONATIONS

## BRANCH, LADIES AUXILIARY AND POPPY TRUST FUND

Presentations were made at the General Meeting on May 04, 2010



### DONATION TO GREY BRUCE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE – OWEN SOUND

Cde Gord Kelly and L/A President Cheryl Lawson presents a \$2,000. cheque to Willard Van Der Ploeg from the Branch and Ladies Auxiliary.

Cde Celeste Eickholdt also presented a \$3,000. cheque to Willard Van Der Ploeg from the Poppy Fund.

Proceeds are for Electrocardiogram and Centrifuge equipment.



### DONATION TO GREY BRUCE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE – SOUTHAMPTON

Cde Gord Kelly and L/A President Cheryl Lawson presents a \$3,500. cheque to Sue De Blois from the Branch and Ladies Auxiliary.

Proceeds are earmarked for a Vital Signs Monitor.



### DONATION TO GREY BRUCE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE – SOUTHAMPTON

Cde Celeste Eickholdt presented a \$3,000. cheque to Sue DeBlois from the Poppy Fund.



**DONATION TO GREY-BRUCE ALZHEIMER ASSOCIATION**

L/A President Cheryl Lawson and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Kathy Eastwood present a cheque of \$130. to Committee Member Judy McKinnon.



**DONATION TO ROTARY ACCESSIBILITY PLAYGROUND**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Kathryn Eastwood presents a cheque to Committee Members Maureen Crawford and Corry Solomway in the amount of \$1,000.



**DONATION TO CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY (GREY-BRUCE) – RELAY FOR LIFE**

Cde Robert Harrison presents a cheque in the amount of \$1,600. to Relay for Life Committee Members Trish Bernard, Nancy McLeod and Rona Cobean. Proceeds from the Annual Cliff Seaman Memorial Chili Cook-off

Did you wonder about the Olympics (broccoli looking) bouquets?

The fascinating story you may not have heard . . .

The (odd-looking?) bouquet of flowers presented to each medallist on the podium at the Winter Olympics – 1,800 in all, were all made by 'Just Beginning Flowers,' a non-profit company in Surrey B.C. that employs women who are just out of prison, abused, fighting addiction, or with special needs and teaches them how to be florists.



The bouquets were all the same, all 1,800 were made up of green spider mums with hypericum berries surrounded by leather-leaf fern, monkey grass, and aspidistra leaves.

I wish more had been said about this worthy endeavor. I think that they should have told this story many times over the course of the Olympics!!!

As usual, it was 'low key Canadian' in such a high profile venue. This is just another reason why I am proud to be CANADIAN!

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*For the Ladies.... Enjoy a chuckle or two....*

*One day my housework-challenged husband decided to wash his sweatshirt. Seconds after he stepped into the laundry room, he shouted to me, 'What setting do I use on the washing machine?' 'It depends,' I replied. 'What does it say on your shirt?' He yelled back, 'University of Oklahoma.' And they say blondes are dumb...*

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*A couple is lying in bed. The man says, 'I am going to make you the happiest woman in the world.' The woman replies, 'I'll miss you...'*

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*'It's just too hot to wear clothes today,' Jack says as he stepped out of the shower, 'Honey, what do you think the neighbors would think if I mowed the lawn like this?' 'Probably that I married you for your money,' she replied.*

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