



**Port Elgin Legion
Branch 340**

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MAY 2011

BRANCH LINE

Inside this issue you will find.... what is happening this month... Committee Reports.... general information and a wee bit of humor too. We welcome your articles and will be more than glad to insert them in future issues. Thanks to those who have submitted in the past.

The Annual General Meeting and Branch Elections were held on Tuesday, April 05. 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.

The Ladies Auxiliary held their Elections and Installations after their General Meeting on April 12h, 2011.

The Branch will hold their Installation of Officers on Friday, May 13. 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.

Another year has passed and as your Editors we have enjoyed bringing you the Branch Line each month. We appreciate your positive comments and submissions. It has been our privilege to keep you up to date on what has been and what will be happening in our Branch.

We wish to thank 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: Kathryn Eastwood

- It has been a very eventful year for Branch 340.
- Norma was welcomed as our new Office Manager and George Sicord as our Past President.
- We were saddened to lose President Nigel and Sgt-At-Arms Alexina and our veterans, too, but we welcomed a new Sgt-At-Arms, Bob Harrison.
- The Branch hosted many successful events this year, including a Volunteer Appreciation Day.
- Our Liquor Licence was renewed under the new Risk Based Licencing rules and we filled out a Branch Profile Survey for Provincial Command.
- I thank the members of the Executive for their support during my term of service and wish the incoming Executive the best for next year.

Sports: Mary Alexander

- Branch members participated in the various events at Zone Level and thanks to them.
- Two teams advanced to District Level in Euchre and Cribbage.
- One team advanced to Provincial Level in Golf.
- Thanks to George Walker for running the monthly Cribbage and to Shirley Dadswell, Sharon Maas and Jim Mahon for looking after the In-house Euchres all year.
- Please forward any ideas for a fun event to Cde Mary.
- Sadly note the passing of 2 key players – Alexina Atkinson and Nigel Ord.

Service Officer: Mike Atkinson

- Randy Groundwater, Provincial Service Officer has had 3 visits in the past year. He will be available for interviews on April 7 & 8, 2011.
- The Service Officer Seminar was held on November 27, 2010 and Cde George Sicord attended and reported that it was very informative.

Honors & Awards: Mike Atkinson

- Service Pin Awards are presented at the Spring Banquet and Remembrance Day Banquet. If you have been missed, then please contact Cde Mike to receive your service pin.
- Cde Bob Maas was presented with his Life Membership.
- Past Officer Medals and other awards will be presented at the Banquet in June 2011.
- Thanks to Cde Linda Ribey for all her work as past Entertainment Chair.

Poppy: Kathryn Eastwood

Poppy Trust Fund Report:

Beginning balance as of October 01, 2010	\$ 3,758.21
Total Income	\$18,880.41
Total Expenses	\$14,942.48
Ending Balance as of March 31, 2011	\$ 4,037.93

The 2010-11 Campaign was very successful and thanks are extended to Cde Duncan Kidd, who unfortunately had to resign due to his work commitments.

Membership: Rhonda Harrison

The Membership Breakdown as of March 25, 2011 is as follows:

Life	13
Ordinary	97
Associate	321
<u>Affiliate Voting</u>	<u>105</u>
TOTALS:	536

- Welcome to all the new members who joined in the past year.
- The annual Early Bird Campaign was held from September 01st to November 30th: Our Branch received a 65% award for paid memberships during the Campaign.

- I encourage all members to pay their dues during the Campaign so our Branch can receive an even higher Award percentage.
- Membership is open to the public and applications forms are available in the Canteen.
- Summary of events attended in the past year was noted.

Youth Education: Kathryn Eastwood

Posters, Essays and Poems:

- There were 407 entries from 4 schools. Prize money awarded was \$1,620.
- We had two 1st Place winners and four 2nd Place winners at Zone and at the District Level we had one 2nd and one 4th Place winner.

Public Speaking:

- A total of 26 students attended from 3 schools. Cash prizes totaling \$400. were awarded and trophies and medals.
- We had one 1st Place and one 2nd Place winner at Zone and one 2nd Place winner at District.

Community Support:

- There was one Branch Bursary application approved.

Property Report: Kathryn Eastwood

- There have been a number of upgrades, maintenance items and purchases this year.
- Cost measures put in place such as re-negotiated service contracts have helped to keep costs down, as has volunteer labour, which is always appreciated.
- \$6,500. has been donated from groups towards new wall lights for the hall, a baby change **table** for the family washroom, and doors for the Bingo table storage area.
- Benches and a cabinet display have also been donated.
- We have a defibrillator now, too, courtesy of the Fire Department.

TOD Report: Kathryn Eastwood

- Attended the Phase 1 and Phase 2 TOD Seminars facilitated by Provincial Command as well as the Zone Seminar in Hepworth-Shallow Lake.
- Dominion Command has developed a Mentor Program for new members. Pamphlets will be available in the Canteen and a binder of Job Descriptions for various Chairman positions will be in the Main Office.

Charity & Bursary Report: Gord Kelly

- Branch 340 donated to the same Charities as last year with the same amounts.
- One Bursary was awarded in the amount of \$400.

PRO: Robert Harrison

- We continue using the same formats in getting the information out to the membership. Our Branch was honoured to receive 3rd Place in "C" Category for District "C" for our monthly newsletter. Thanks to Rhonda for producing the monthly editions.
- Please attend the various events that we host monthly and support your Branch.
- If the membership has any more ideas on what we can do, please contact Cde Bob.

Hall Rentals: Norma Dudgeon

- Moderately busy with bookings of meetings, wedding receptions, Stag & Does and birthday parties.
- The hall is donated to the VON and other charitable organizations.
- Future updates in the hall such as lighting, cover for the bingo equipment and a baby change table. Thanks to Kathy for looking after these improvements.
- Thanks to our Card Groups for their donations to make these projects possible.

By-laws: Norma Dudgeon

- Our Branch Regulations were approved in October 2010 and can be amended once during any term of office. We submitted our Branch Regulations to Provincial Command as requested.

- Canteen Rules & Regulations were reviewed and approved at the General Meeting in October.
- Thanks to the By-law Committee: Rhonda & Bob Harrison, Mike Atkinson and Tom Jacques.

Ways & Means: Dan Kelly

Canteen:

The Bar did very well in 2010. There were many events that kept the Bar hopping and the Committee appreciates the support and participation from the membership

- Thanks to the Bar Staff: Brenda Collins, Al Ellis, Howard Chappell, Fred Knibb and Les Virtue.
- Special thanks to Pam Smith for her continued support in organizing the bar schedule, custodial support and general support when requested.

Bingo Report:

- Attendance at the Bingos were generally good as we identified a profit most nights.
- Overall, Bingo took in \$19,888.85 over the 2010 fiscal year before expenses.
- Thanks to the Bingo Callers of Fred Knibb, Kevin Smallwood, Lisa Wilkie, Virginia Bailey and Bob Maas.
- Thanks to the Support Team of Al Jones, Murray Thede, Eric McLeod, Howard Chappell and Bob Maas.

Meat Draws:

- Meat Draws are held every other week and continue to provide a steady income. The events are especially hectic around the holidays. The Christmas Draws are the biggest event as we sell over 150 turkeys as well as a variety of other meat.
- 2010 realized \$20,166.81 in our efforts and we continue to reap the benefits from these events.
- Thanks to the coordinators for supporting us all year:
 - Ann & Barrie Eby and Joe Gateman for setting up the tickets for each draw
 - Dick Coulter for his Emceeing the events
 - Eric McLeod for making sure the finances are correct
 - Murray Thede for issuing tickets regularly
 - Gord Kelly, Charlie Roopnaraine and Larry Dudgeon for their support whenever requested
 - Special thanks to Tom Jacques for his coordinating skills and making each event successful

Nevada: Kathryn Eastwood

- Sales have gone well with approximately 50 boxes sold for a profit of \$15,000.
- The percentage split has changed to 60% for Charity and 40% to Building. A variety of new ticket types will be sold.
- The ledgers are in good order thanks to past Nevada Chairman Megan Kidd.

L/A Liaison: Celeste Eickholdt

- The Auxiliary continues to support and contribute to the overall success of the Legion.
- Members are needed to volunteer to assist the Ladies with their various catering events.
- The kitchen has been receiving upgrades and a Work Order notebook has been implemented to help with repair issues.
- We pay tribute to an integral member of the Auxiliary – Cde Alexina Atkinson.

Seniors: Celeste Eickholdt

- Many seniors are involved with and participating in the various events.
- Several services are available in our area to serve our Seniors i.e. Meals on Wheels, prescription and grocery delivery.
- Entertainment and activities are offered by PARC 55 and Chantry 55.
- Various publications are available.
- D-Day Dinner is Saturday June 4th.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING



### ENTERTAINMENT – 7 to 11 pm

May 07 – Brett Butler  
May 21 – Scott Almond

### MEAT ROLLS at 4 PM

Saturday – May 07 & 21

### BINGO EVERY WEDNESDAY

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

### IN-HOUSE CRIBBAGE

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each Month  
Play begins at 7:30 pm

### MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our new members: Eunice Chennette and Elaine Harris.

Last Post: Cdes Hugh Burton and Jack Schell

Our Branch was recently awarded a 65+% membership renewal sticker for our participation in the 2011 Early Bird Campaign. As your Membership Chairman I thank each of you who participated in the Campaign and look forward to receiving an even higher percentage for 2012. This is amazing and I know that we can do even better for the 2012 Campaign. Thank you again for your renewals during this period.

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 – April 05, 2011



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

Cde Gord Kelly and L/A  
Member Bev Wakeling  
present our donations to  
Mary Ann Weickert, Chair

\$ 3,000 – Poppy Trust Fund  
\$ 1,500 – Branch 340  
\$ 2,000 – Ladies Auxiliary

Proceeds are earmarked  
towards the purchase of a  
Telemetry Monitor



**DONATION TO THE  
OWEN SOUND REGIONAL  
HOSPITAL FOUNDATION**

Cde Gord Kelly and L/A  
Member Bev Wakeling  
present our donations to  
Paul Weitendorf,  
Executive Director:

\$ 3,000 – Poppy Trust Fund  
\$ 1,000 – Branch 340  
\$ 1,000 – Ladies Auxiliary

Proceeds are earmarked  
towards the purchase of  
ECG Loop Recorders



**DONATION TO THE  
SAUGEEN TRACK & FIELD  
CLUB**

Cde Gord Kelly and L/A  
Member Bev Wakeling  
present our donations to  
Brian Hilbers, Executive and  
athletes Alex Morrow and  
Kevin Bowman

\$ 1,000 – Branch 340  
\$ 30 – Ladies Auxiliary



**DONATION TO THE  
BLUE WATER UNIT –  
CANADIAN CANCER  
SOCIETY**

Cde Robert Harrison  
presents Sue Galley with a  
cheque from the proceeds of  
the Annual Cliff Seaman  
Memorial Chili Cook-off.

\$ 521 – Entry Fees and  
Sales  
\$ 300 – Branch 340

# SENIOR'S FAIR

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior's Fair will be held on June 01, 2011 from 10 am – 3 pm at the Bayshore Community Centre in Owen Sound. It is hosted by United Way of Bruce Grey and by the Senior's Advocacy & Awareness Network and is a FREE EVENT.

There will be over 60 Exhibitors, Live Entertainment, Various Demonstrations and Seminars, a Bruce County Museum Exhibit and lots more.

For more information call 519-376-1560 or email at [seniorsfair@gmail.com](mailto:seniorsfair@gmail.com).

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## MOTHERS

Real Mothers don't eat quiche; they don't have time to make it.

Real Mothers know that their kitchen utensils are probably in the sandbox.

Real Mothers often have sticky floors, filthy ovens and happy kids.

Real Mothers know that dried play dough doesn't come out of carpets.

Real Mothers don't want to know what the vacuum just sucked up...

Real Mothers sometimes ask 'Why me?'  
And get their answer when a little voice says, 'Because I love you best.'

Real Mothers know that a child's growth is not measured by height or years or grade...  
It is marked by the progression of Mommy to Mom to Mother...

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## The Images of Mother

4 YEARS OF AGE - My Mommy can do anything!

8 YEARS OF AGE - My Mom knows a lot! A whole lot!

12 YEARS OF AGE - My Mother doesn't know everything!

14 YEARS OF AGE - My Mother? She wouldn't have a clue.

16 YEARS OF AGE - Mother? She's so five minutes ago.

18 YEARS OF AGE - That old woman? She's way out of date!

25 YEARS OF AGE - Well, she might know a little bit about it!

35 YEARS OF AGE - Before we decide, let's get Mom's opinion.

45 YEARS OF AGE - Wonder what Mom would have thought about it?

65 YEARS OF AGE - Wish I could talk it over with Mom...





3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each Month

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| 1                 | 2      | 3<br>GEN. MTG.<br>7:00 PM             | 4<br>BINGO<br>7:30 PM  | 5<br>EUCHRE<br>7:30 PM  | 6<br>BALLROOM<br>DANCING<br>8:30 PM  | 7<br>MEAT ROLL<br>4:00 PM<br>ENTERTAINMENT<br>7 – 11 PM  |
| 8<br>Mother's Day | 9      | 10<br>L/A<br>GEN. MTG.<br>8:00 PM     | 11<br>BINGO<br>7:30 PM | 12<br>EUCHRE<br>7:30 PM | 13<br>BALLROOM<br>DANCING<br>8:30 PM | 14                                                       |
| 15                | 16     | 17<br>IN-HOUSE<br>CRIBBAGE<br>7:30 PM | 18<br>BINGO<br>7:30 PM | 19<br>EUCHRE<br>7:30 PM | 20<br>BALLROOM<br>DANCING<br>8:30 PM | 21<br>MEAT ROLL<br>4:00 PM<br>ENTERTAINMENT<br>7 – 11 PM |
| 22                | 23<br> | 24<br>EXEC. MTG.<br>7:30 PM           | 25<br>BINGO<br>7:30 PM | 26<br>EUCHRE<br>7:30 PM | 27<br>BALLROOM<br>DANCING<br>8:30 PM | 28                                                       |
| 29                | 30     | 31                                    |                        |                         |                                      |                                                          |

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