



**Port Elgin Legion  
Branch 340**

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# ***JUNE 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.

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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 these months. The next General Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 06<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and on September 13<sup>th</sup> for the Ladies Auxiliary at 8:00 pm.

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

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As we start another fiscal year, we...the Editors appreciate your submissions and comments; we really enjoy the supportive comments over the months; you do remember we are doing this for you!!! If you have something you would like to be published then please let us know.

What comes to mind is: your favorite recipes, special jokes, helpful hints, announcements for birthday, anniversaries, you get the idea!! If you have something to offer, then please let us know by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of each month.

We serve again another year for YOU and hope you enjoy it!!!

*The Editors*



**LEST WE FORGET**



**MESSAGE FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY PRESIDENT**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and wonderful summer and these words are especially for the Comrades of the Ladies Auxiliary...

You're...  
My friend,  
My companion,  
Through good times and bad,  
My friend,  
My buddy,  
Through happy and sad,  
Beside me you stand,  
Beside me you walk,  
You're there to listen,  
You're there to talk,  
With happiness,  
With smiles,  
With pain and tears,  
I know you'll be there, throughout the years!

You are all good friends to me and I am grateful to you.

**Diane Mills**  
**Ladies Auxiliary President**

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
DISTRICT "C" – TRACK & FIELD MEET – JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2011  
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY**

**Please contact John Funston if you are able to volunteer:**

[jfunston@bmts.com](mailto:jfunston@bmts.com)  
Phone: 519-934-2645  
Mobile: 519-270-8198

Check in at the Volunteer Assignment Desk 18 June 2011 8am  
St James High School - Parking lot entrance off Grange Rd

<http://classic.mapquest.com/maps?city=Guelph&state=ON&address=57+Victoria+Road+N&zipcode=N1E+5G9&country=CA&latitude=43.558724&longitude=-80.23337&geocode=ADDRESS>

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:**

*Results*  
*Starter's Assistants*  
*Pole Vault*  
*Discus*  
*Lunch Persons*

*Timers*  
*Umpires*  
*Long Jump*  
*Shot Put*  
*Water Personnel*

*Starters*  
*High Jump*  
*Triple Jump*  
*Javelin*

Dress Code casual - wear your red "Support our Troops" t-shirt if you have one. Wear comfortable shoes; bring lawn chair, umbrella and sunscreen and a huge smile.  
Lunch provided for volunteers.

**MANY THANKS FOR YOUR HELP FOR THIS GREAT LEGION PROGRAM FOR OUR YOUTH**

John Funston  
Assistant District "C" Track & Field Chairman

**PORT ELGIN LEGION BRANCH 340  
EXECUTIVE 2011 – 2012**



(Standing L – R) Gord Kelly; Robert Harrison (Sgt At Arms); Rhonda Harrison (Secretary); Mary Alexander (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice); Rev Marg Greenhow and George Sicord (Past President)

(Seated L – R) Deputy Zone Commander Chris Blondin; Zone Commander Patty Sargent-Gibson, Lisa Exell, Kathryn Eastwood (President), Norma Dudgeon (Treasurer) and Ruth Clemmer.

Absent from Photo: Comrades Dan Kelly, Brian Henderson and Sharen Maas

**Cde Sharen Maas has replaced Chloe Hoskins as a member of the Executive as Chloe had to decline due to other commitments and we do appreciate your willingness to become an Executive Member. Sharen, we welcome you and hope you enjoy your term of Office.**



Cde Kathryn Eastwood is installed as the Incoming President for Branch 340 for the 2011 – 2012 Term.

**PORT ELGIN LEGION BRANCH 340  
LADIES AUXILIARY EXECUTIVE 2011 - 12**



(Standing L – R) Zone Commander Irene Surrige; Noreen Limond (Sgt At Arms); Bernice Ellis; Betty Earnshaw; Alice Kemp; Valerie Grieve; Meryl Cramp, Elaine Coltman (Sports Officer); and Deputy Zone Commander Donelda Thede  
(Seated L – R) Brenda Collins (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice); KC Lawson (Past President); Diane Mills (President); Joyce Chapman (1<sup>st</sup> Vice) and Thelma Kennedy (Secretary)  
Absent from Photo: Treasurer Marg Esplen and Executive Member Virginia Bailey



**L/A Sgt At Arms**

Noreen Limond is the newly appointed Sgt At Arms as presented by Cde Bev Wakeling.



**L/A Sports Officer**

Elaine Coltman is appointed as Sports Officer as presented by Cde Noreen Limond



**L/A EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**

(L – R) Bernice Ellis, Meryl Cramp, Valerie Grieve, Betty Earnshaw and Alice Kemp.  
Absent from photo: Virginia Bailey

**THANK  
YOU**

Thank you to Rick Collins for the donation of the checkerboard table with chess pieces and checkers included. Also thanks for the 4 extra stools for the Games Room

These additions to the Games Room are most appreciated by the members.

The table is in the Games Room for anyone wishing to play.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING



### ENTERTAINMENT

June 04 Rudy & Jean  
8:00 pm to Midnight

June 18 Lindsay Morgan  
7:00 – 11:00 pm

### MEAT ROLLS at 4 PM

Saturday – June 04 & 18

### 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

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### SPANISH COMPUTER

A Spanish Teacher was explaining to her class that in Spanish, unlike English, nouns are designated as either masculine or feminine. "House" for instance, is feminine: 'la Casa'. "Pencil", however, is masculine: 'el lapiz.'

A student asked, "What gender is 'computer'?"

Instead of giving the answer, the Teacher split the class into two groups, male and female, and asked them to decide for themselves whether 'computer' should be masculine or a feminine noun. Each group was asked to give four reasons for its recommendation.

The men's group decided that 'computer' should definitely be of the feminine gender (la computadora), because:

1. No one but their Creator understands their internal logic;
2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else;
3. Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long term memory for possible later retrieval; and
4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.

(This gets better!)

The women's group, however, concluded that computers should be masculine ('el computador'), because:

1. In order to do anything with them, you have to turn them on;
2. They have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves;
3. They are supposed to help solve problems, but half the time they ARE the problem; and
4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have gotten a better model

THE WOMEN WON

## “Support Local Hometown Heroes”

Tie a Yellow Ribbon around your Maple tree, rural mailbox, fence row or affix one to your outside light on your apartment balcony, decorate your storefront or business. Please help spread the word and show a sign of appreciation and support for our returning Canadian Forces from now through July.

That is when our combat forces will be returning from their tours in Afghanistan, where they have been on the ground each and everyday since 2003, defending those that cannot defend or protect themselves, fighting tyranny and oppression. They have done this Nation proud answering the call as thousands have done before them, when called upon. Some that have gone and served have made the supreme ultimate sacrifice as others have serving this country, protecting our rights and freedoms as in the past, 153 of our sons and daughters to date. This time it was to stand shoulder to shoulder with the other nations of NATO, fighting the “War on Terror”, attempting to bring stabilization and opportunities to a people and a country that has been torn apart by civil war, oppression and controlled by vicious warlords and terrorists.

Yes, there will be further rotations of Canadian Forces personal, but not in a combat role, the real humanitarian work and training is about to begin.

From time to time as you have traveled you may have seen the odd Yellow Ribbon on a tree or rural mailbox in the country or in suburban neighborhoods across the province. Occasionally whole communities have banded together to display and show support for a local area serviceman or woman serving and returning. Showing support by displaying a Yellow Ribbon is nothing new, but I can tell you it has an impact on those that have been away from their loved ones in harm's way and when they see them on their return. It is a sign of affection, admiration, support and respect for a job well done. When the west was being settled south of the border and on occasion here as well a wife or sweetheart often would wear a Yellow Ribbon in her hair or a yellow dress as a sign of support for a loved one, awaiting their safe return home to those that love them. That is how we ended up with Yellow Ribbons as a sign of love and support. We have all heard Tony Orlando & Dawn's 1970's version of the song “Tie a Yellow Ribbon 'round an old Oak Tree.”

We at the Royal Canadian Legion fully support such programs as these because that is what we do each and everyday and have for 90 years, support our veteran's, their families, our communities and those in need. This is our latest attempt to show support for our new returning veteran's, their families and the communities in which they live across this part of the province. It started off in Zone C4 of the Legion, which is 12 Branches from Tobermory, Wiarton down to Chesley across to Port Elgin, and then back to Chatsworth, Owen Sound and Meaford. The Campaign was mentioned on the floor of the Spring Convention for District “C” and was endorsed and embraced by the other 38 Legion Branches in attendance. This now covers Branches from Guelph, Preston, and Kitchener up to Goderich, back across to Durham, down to Arthur, Mt. Forest and every Legion Branch in between. It would be nice to see local and area businesses and their Chamber of Commerce and BIA's, get involved and support this effort. Most Legion Branches have access to the Yellow Ribbons and Bows, they can be purchased from your local Branches; most of these Branches have them available and they are making and supplying these ribbons for a small donation. Any and all of the funds raised are used by your local Legion Branch to support various programs of care for their veterans, the youth and the communities they serve each and every day. Drop into your local Legion Branch and ask do you have any Yellow Ribbons or Bows, so I can support our local hometown heroes and our returning veterans, like you do?

Thanking you in Advance,

Respectfully Dean Weir  
Zone C4 Public Relation Officer  
Royal Canadian Legion

**COMRADES: Your Legion is spearheading this worthwhile project and urges you to participate and decorate with the Yellow Ribbon to welcome our Troops home starting in July. Please contact President Eastwood if you have any questions at 519-832-5805.**



**Ladies Auxiliary to Branch 340  
Royal Canadian Legion - Port Elgin**



# **Yard and Bake Sale**

**Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> at 8 am  
Upstairs in the Legion Hall**

**Don't miss our famous home made pies,  
squares and cookies**

**A room full of treasures like  
no other yard sale.**


**For more information contact:**

**Diane Mills, President  
519-832-2748**





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5	6	7 GEN. MTG. 7:00 PM	8 <i>BINGO</i> 7:30 PM	9 <i>EUCHRE</i> 7:30 PM	10 <i>BALLROOM DANCING</i> 8:30 PM	11
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26	27	28 EXEC. MTG 7:30 PM	29 <i>BINGO</i> 7:30 PM	30		

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

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