



Port Elgin Legion
Branch 340



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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.

Hope everyone enjoyed the events for Legion Week. We were very pleased to co-host “Red Shirt Friday and Barbecue” – there was an excellent turn-out and thanks to all of you who supported this event.

Pumpkinfest has come and gone for another year. The Branch was busy with the 2-Day Breakfasts, Meat Raffle in the upstairs hall and entertainment in the evening. Thanks to the volunteers who gave their time over the weekend – much appreciated. Special shout-out for Eva Stoddart and her crew for coordinating the breakfasts.

Thanksgiving Day is Monday, October 10th and we hope you enjoy your time with family and friends. **The Branch will be closed on Sunday, October 09th.**

The Editors



LEST WE FORGET



MEMBERSHIP

The winner of the September Early Bird Draw is Cde Kevin Smallwood and he will win his 2012 membership free. Congratulations, Kevin!

The 2012 Early Bird Campaign began September 01st and ends November 30th. Get your Early Bird Sticker and you could win your membership free for 2012.

In order for our Branch to win an Early Bird Award, next year's dues must be paid by November 30th. This cannot be done without your help. When you submit your payment it will ensure that your membership is paid up until the end of next year and that you will continue to receive the Legion Magazine without interruption.

We value your support and encourage you to continue your membership. Remember, the Early Bird gets the Reward!!

Annual dues remain at \$45.00, please see the Bar Steward to assist with your payment and receipt.

We would appreciate being notified if there are any changes in your contact information. Several mailings have been returned to us and we would like to get this information out to everyone. If you have changes please let us know at your earliest convenience.

The PRO Fall/Winter Branch Mailing will be sent soon. I have enclosed information about the Early Bird Campaign, if you have already submitted your renewal fees, kindly disregard the information sheet and thanks for being an Early Bird.

Rhonda Harrison
Membership Chair
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SPORTS COMMITTEE



CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT on Tuesday, October 18th at 7:30 pm. Sign-up pairs - \$5.00. Contact Mary Alexander at 519-832-9053 or George Walker at 519-832-5925.

ZONE C-4 EUHRE will be held on Sunday, October 23rd at Port Elgin Branch. Entry deadline is October 09th. Registration from 10:00 – 10:30 am. Fee is \$10.00 per person.

The sign-up sheets are located on the Sports Bulletin Board.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help with various items on Sunday, October 23rd as Port Elgin Branch is hosting the Zone C-4 Euchre. We would really appreciate your help - if only for an hour or two.

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Sports Officer
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If you are a Snow Bird Why not an Early Bird?

Before you fly south for a winter's relaxation, become an Early Bird by paying next year's dues between September 1 and November 30. Then you can preen in the sun, knowing you've ensured there'll be no loss of Legion service or membership privileges. Remember, if you wait it may be your feathers that are ruffled later.



BURSARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



\$500.00
BURSARY IS AVAILABLE



The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command Charitable Foundation and the Royal Canadian Legion Ladies' Auxiliary Ontario Command:

ELIGIBILITY:

- War Veterans and their children and grandchildren
- Ordinary and Life Members of the Royal Canadian Legion and their children and grandchildren
- Associate Members of the Royal Canadian Legion and their children
- Ladies' Auxiliary members and their children and grandchildren

APPLICATION:

- Application Forms are available from the following:
- Secondary School Guidance Offices
- Awards Offices of Colleges and Universities
- Provincial Service Bureau Offices of the Royal Canadian Legion
- Your Royal Canadian Legion Branch and Ladies' Auxiliary

For more information please contact:

Cde Gord Kelly
Bursary Chairman

HALLOWEEN DANCE

Saturday, October 29th
"Scott Almond"

EVERYONE WELCOME



RED SHIRT FRIDAY – LEGION WEEK
Friday, September 23, 2011



RED SHIRT FRIDAY

Despite the inclement weather, the event was very well attended and some very positive remarks were received.

Pictured L-R are Sheila Roopnaraine who helped with the preparation of the food table, Rob Dunlop on behalf of Dunlop Fuels and coordinator in selling the red shirts and sweaters. Cde Bob Harrison, PRO Chairman and Cde Charlie Roopnaraine who was the Chief Cook for the day. The burgers were awesome.



The Red Shirt Friday event was in association with Dunlop Fuels and Dunblane & Turner. Their promotional apparel was for sale and many took the opportunity to purchase.

We like to thank the guys for joining us and to everyone who supported this worthwhile event.

L- R: Barry Dunlop, Andy Dunlop and Rob Dunlop.

The Barbecue proceeds were by donation only and will be forwarded to the Military Family Resource Centre in Meaford, Ontario. A hearty thank-you to everyone as you were all very generous in your contributions. We do not have the exact figures at time of this Edition, but I will let you know in the November issue.

Thanks to those who helped with the set-up and clean-up, always appreciated.

Li'L Boy

A little boy got on the bus, sat next to a man reading a book, and noticed he had his collar on backwards. The little boy asked why he wore his collar that way. The man, who was a priest, said, "I am a Father." The little boy replied, "My Daddy doesn't wear his collar like that." The priest looked up from his book and answered "I am the Father of many." The boy said, "My Dad has 4 boys, 4 girls and two grandchildren and he doesn't wear his collar that way." The priest, getting impatient, said, "I am the Father of hundreds" and went back to reading his book. The little boy sat quietly thinking for a while, then leaned over and said, "Maybe you should wear your pants backwards instead of your collar."

HONORS & AWARDS

These are the names of Comrades that are entitled to their Years of Service Pins. I will be presenting these at the Legion on Remembrance Day, **ONLY** if you have contacted me and told me that you will be present. If you cannot be present and still want your pin, I will hand them out to you on an individual basis when you have contacted me. No action is required by you if you are not interested in receiving your Years of Service Pin.

George Sicord
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ORDINARY				
<u>5 Years</u>	<u>10 Years</u>	<u>15 Years</u>	<u>20 Years</u>	<u>25 Years</u>
Gregory Briggs	Geoff Arnold	Margaret MacDonald	James McQuarrie	Dean Bousquet
Mike Corrigan	Ralph Zadow	Jack McDonald	Doug Stevens	Merv Brand
Derek Hamer		Carl Voelzing	Fred Knibb	Hank Toby
Jack Lambert				
Dan Rivett				
Thomas Rivett				
<u>30 Years</u>	<u>35 Years</u>	<u>40 Years</u>	<u>45 Years</u>	<u>50 Years</u>
	Alfred Boudreau	H C Horsnell	Wm Mott	Norman Kaufman
	Terry Mills	Jorgen Lassen		Clifford McTaggart
		Donald Dudgeon		Thomas Steel
		George Harris		
<u>65 Years</u>				
Grant Grieve (rec'd)				
Robert Craig				
ASSOCIATE				
<u>5 Years</u>	<u>10 Years</u>	<u>15 Years</u>	<u>15 Years - con't</u>	<u>20 Years</u>
Robert Bigelow	Colin Alcock	J Arbuckle	Keith Page	Bruce Alexander
Shirley Dadswell	Marg Davies	Steven Caloren	Jeff Shultz	Dennis Dudgeon
Mike Myatt	John Gorwill	Laverne Campbell	Karen Thompson	James Galivan
Janice Virtue	Lynn Gorwill	Derek Coulter	Billy White	Anthony Hill
Gary Winnitoy	Peter Harrington	Eldon Earle	Bradley White	Richard Przybysz
	William Inkster	Todd Eby		Margaret Schell
	Lyle Lawson	George Jacklin		Karen Smith
	Christine Schenk	Shirley Jacklin		
	Robert Sturgeon	Ron Moss		
<u>25 Years</u>	<u>30 Years</u>	<u>35 Years</u>		
Mike Conway	Gary Burla	Richard Stahlbaum		
Basil George	Wayne Eastwood			
George Walker				
Tony Weisgerber				
Noel Smith				

AFFILIATE-VOTING				
5 Years	5 Years - con't	10 Years	15 Years	
Bob Clarence	Ron McArthur	Joseph Biener		
Sally Clarence	Ernest Oliver	Christine MacKay		
Erin Fenton	Morris Schwarze	Leonard Olender		
Joanne McArthur	Douglas Virtue	Vijay Patel		

The 'LITTLE' Things

As you might remember, the head of a company survived 9/11 because his son started kindergarten.
 Another fellow was alive because it was his turn to bring donuts.
 One woman was late because her alarm clock didn't go off in time.
 One was late because of being stuck on the NJ Turnpike because of an auto accident.
 One of them missed his bus.
 One spilled food on her clothes and had to take time to change.
 One's car wouldn't start.
 One couldn't get a taxi.

The one that struck me was the man who put on a new pair of shoes that morning, took the various means to get to work but before he got there, he developed a blister on his foot. He stopped at a drugstore to buy a Band-Aid. That is why he is alive today.

Now when I am stuck in traffic...Miss an elevator... Turn back to answer a ringing telephone ... All the little things that annoy me, I think to myself, this is exactly where God wants me to be at this very moment.

Next time your morning seems to be going wrong, you can't seem to find the car keys, you hit every traffic light, don't get mad or frustrated; it may be just that God is at work watching over you.

May God continue to bless you with all those annoying little things and may you remember their possible purpose.

A M E N



WHAT'S HAPPENING



ENTERTAINMENT

October 01– Late Nite Radio
 October 15 – Double Take
 October 29 – Scott Almond

MEAT ROLLS at 4 PM

Saturday – October 01, 15 & 29
 Variety of meat prizes to be won
 Join us for an afternoon of fun

TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, October 21 at 8:00
 Sign Up Sheet at Bar – 3 Person Teams

BINGO EVERY WEDNESDAY

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

IN-HOUSE CRIBBAGE

3rd Tuesday of each month.
 Games begin at 7:30 pm

FRIDAY NIGHT TRIVIA

2011

October 21

November 18

December 23

2012

January 20

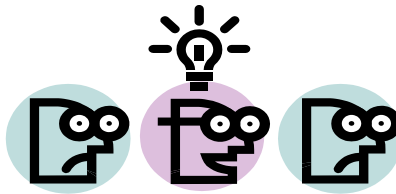
February 17

March 16

April 20

Games begin at 8:00 pm

Sign up sheet at the Bar - 3 Players per Team







The Branch is looking for a volunteer to fill the position of Air Cadet Liaison. Our Branch is a major supporter of the Port Elgin Air Cadets and we require a member to be able to report back to the Executive, on a semi-regular basis, about needs that might arise during the year. This would include a yearly Budget Report from the Cadets to the Branch. This position would be ideal for a member who might have a child or a grand-child in the Cadet League. This position is not labour intensive, so if you have a few hours of spare time, we'd like to hear from you. Please contact President Kathy Eastwood at 519-832-5805.

The Air Cadet League is always looking for new recruits, so if you know of someone who might be interested in joining an organization that teaches discipline, first-aid, flying skills, winter activities, summer camp, and best of all.....it's FREE! The Cadets meet once a week (on Tuesdays) at the High School. All instructors are bonded and are employed by DND. Adult/parent volunteers are also encouraged to get involved.

For more information contact Captain Rob Herborth @ 519-301-1237 or Diane Voisin @519-832-9780 or talk to anyone on the Legion Executive.



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30	31					 HALLOWE'EN DANCE

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