



**Port Elgin Legion
Branch 340**

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MAY 2012

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 03rd, 2012. 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 10th, 2012.

The Branch will hold their Installation of Officers on Friday, May 04th and the new Executive will begin their duties on June 01st, 2012.

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.

The Editors



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- The past year has been very productive and financially stable. Income has increased in the Poppy Trust Fund, Bingo and Meat Raffles
- Events were hosted in Sports, Zone C4 Spring Convention and again Senior Games
- Building improvements will continue on the inside and out
- The Ladies Auxiliary have been busy and their hard work is appreciated as well as their input with the Brainstorming Session
- Our Late Comrades are remembered always
- This past term of office has been enjoyable and thanks are extended to the Executive, Volunteers, members and family for all the support.
- The incoming Executive is wished every success for the term of office.
- We have one of the best Branches in our District so may we continue to strive for excellence

ANNUAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORTS

L/A Liaison & Bursary: Ruth Clemmer

- A lengthy illness prevented her doing much on the Committee.
- Cde Sharen Maas was thanked for her assistance during this time.

Seniors: Ruth Clemmer

- Royal Manor – Branch 32 Meaford still has units available for purchase for Seniors.

By-laws: Norma Dudgeon

- Canteen Rules were addressed and updated
- Cdes Mike Atkinson, George Sicord, Bob and Rhonda Harrison were thanked as Committee Members

Hall Rentals: Norma Dudgeon

- Summer rentals are down, possibly due to more outdoor wedding receptions, etc.
- Hall updates are going to be initiated and hopefully will appeal to everyone

Honors & Awards: George Sicord

- Numerous Pins and Medals were presented in 2011 for Years of Service. Pins were mailed as requested and also given to those members who had not received their Pins the previous year
- Cde Mike Atkinson was thanked for his assistance

Service Officer: George Sicord

- 1 Veteran qualified for assistance with thanks to Randy Groundwater for his efficiency in processing the request.

Membership: Rhonda Harrison

Current Paid Membership Breakdown as of March 31, 2012 is as follows:

Life	13
Ordinary	101
Associate	321
<u>Affiliate Voting</u>	<u>92</u>
TOTALS	527

The following methods are utilized to reach our membership:

- Branch produces a monthly in-house Newsletter;
- PRO Officer publishes a Bulletin Sheet;
- Advertise in the local community newspaper every month for the Early Bird Campaign.
- Applications are always available at the Bar.

During the 2012 Early Bird Campaign we conducted 3 Draws for free membership. We continue to seek new ways to encourage membership and keeping these new members interested in our Branch and we welcome any ideas that you may have.

PRO: Robert Harrison

- Same formats used again this year for advertising the different events happening within the Branch
- Congratulations to Rhonda for receiving 1st Place in District "C", Category "C" for the 2011 Monthly Bulletin Competition

Poppy: Mary Alexander

- Seminars were attended
- Volunteers were thanked for their help with the Campaign
- The Campaign receipts were approximately \$18,500.

Sports: Mary Alexander

- Branch 340 competed in Zone Euchre, Cribbage and Darts. With the Card Teams qualifying for District.
- We hosted the Zone and District Card events
- Volunteers were thanked for their help
- The Thursday and Saturday Euchres are increasing in popularity with thanks to Sharen Maas, Shirley Dadswell, Jim Mahon and Sophia Goluzd for their support

TOD: Kathryn Eastwood

- Zone Seminars were held for all the Standing Committee Chairmen
- Phase 3 Workshops and Financial Seminars were also attended
- The new Officer's Manual will be available soon
- The first Brainstorming Session was held in January and many ideas were put forward to improve the running of the Branch and upgrade the facilities

Ways & Means: Dan Kelly

Bingo Report:

- Bingo has progressed well again this year with its expected ups and downs in attendance
- The Jackpot was not given away and it as been 18 months since the last give away
- Summer attendance was good which offsets the down weeks
- Fiscal year Net income of \$19,000.
- Volunteer thanks to: Fred Knibb, Murray Thede, Howard Chappell, Eric McLeod, Sharen Maas, Bob Maas and Lisa Wilkie

Meat Draws Report: Dan Kelly

- Summertime Meat Draws were well attended and realized approximately \$3K for the time period
- Christmas Draws were the highest in the last 8 years as Dan has been on the Executive
- Highest amount of Draws was 142 for one event
- A total of approximately \$19K was realized in the fiscal year. This amount enables us to donate to the various organizations
- Thanks to: Tom Jacques, Murray Thede, Dick Coulter, Eric McLeod and Bob Maas

Canteen Report: Dan Kelly

- New Year Levy Day was another huge success. Thanks to Brenda Collins and Les Virtue for organizing
- Accessibility training for the Bar Staff was completed in January
- Christmas Turkey Draws were well attended
- Bar Staff continue to work tirelessly for the Branch – Thanks to Pam, Al, Les, Fred, Brenda as well as various support along the way

Youth & Education: Lisa Exell (Kathryn Eastwood)

- The Poster/Essay & Poem contest was held in November. Three entries qualified for Provincial Level

- The Public Speaking Contest was held in February with students going onto Zone and District Levels. A very high standard of speeches were delivered
- Thanks to the Judges and volunteers who help make these programs such a success

Hospital: Eric Eastwood

- Everything is going well

ANNUAL DONATIONS – April 03, 2012

	<p style="text-align: center;">DONATION TO GREY BRUCE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE – SOUTHAMPTON</p> <p>Cde Gord Kelly and L/A Member Bev Wakeling present our donations to Mary Ann Weickert, Chair</p> <p>\$ 3,000 – Poppy Trust Fund \$ 1,500 – Branch 340 \$ 2,000 – Ladies Auxiliary</p> <p>Proceeds are earmarked towards the purchase of a Blood Bank Refrigerator.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">DONATION TO THE GREY BRUCE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE – OWEN SOUND</p> <p>L-R Ladies Auxiliary Bev Wakeling, Cde Mary Alexander, Poppy Chairman; Williard VanderPloeg, Development Coordinator and Cde Gord Kelly, Charity Chairman present our donations to the Foundation.</p> <p>\$ 3,000 – Poppy Trust Fund \$ 1,000 – Branch 340 \$ 1,000 – Ladies Auxiliary</p> <p>Proceeds are earmarked towards the purchase of an Echocardiogram and a Digital Mammography machine from the Poppy Trust Fund donation</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">DONATION TO THE SAUGEEN TRACK & FIELD CLUB</p> <p>Cde Gord Kelly and L/A Member Bev Wakeling present our donations to Laurel MacMillan, representing the Saugeen Track & Field Club.</p> <p>\$ 1,000 – Branch 340 \$ 30 – Ladies Auxiliary</p>



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

L – R Cde Rhonda Harrison, PRA;
Angela Low, Daffodil Volunteer and
Cde Robert Harrison present a cheque
from the proceeds of the Annual Cliff
Seaman Memorial Chili Cook-off which
was held January 2012.

\$ 475 – Entry Fees and Sales
\$ 300 – Branch 340 Donation

2012 SENIOR'S FAIR

**Tuesday, June 12, 2012 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Harry Lumley Bayshore Community Centre, Owen Sound**

FREE ADMISSION

**65 Exhibitors offering services and information to enhance your life
*special displays, welcome bags & flower for the first 300!***

FREE SEMINARS

10:30 a.m.
O.P.P. Safe Driving

1:00 p.m.
Finding Balance, Preventing a
fall before it happens: Grey
Bruce Falls Prevention and
Intervention

2:00 p.m.
“Food for Thought” with Meals on
Wheels and The Good Food Box

A special room with Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre and Grey Roots Museum & Archives

All day entertainment including:

Yoga Demonstrations, Taoist Tai Chi Society, OSSIA: Owen Sound Singers in Accord,
The Bluewater Chorus of the Sweet Adelines, Salvation Army Golden Ager Line Dancers,
Murray Smith and Friends/sponsored by La Pastorale

**The Seniors Advocacy and Awareness Network promotes safe environments and seniors rights.
We assist in the prevention of abuse through advocacy and awareness in our communities.
We'd like to ensure that seniors, caregivers, relatives, friends and anyone that has an interest in
enhancing the lives of seniors attends the event. Please share this information with others.**

**Groups are encouraged and seating for seminars is limited so please let us know in advance for
reserved seating arrangements.**

The United Way of Bruce Grey
380 9th Street East, Owen Sound, Ontario N4K 1P1
Phone: 519-376-1560 Fax: 519-376-5458
seniorsfair@gmail.com



WHAT'S HAPPENING



General Meeting at 7:30 pm
1st Tuesday of the Month

L/A Meeting at 8:00 pm
2nd Tuesday of the Month

LADIES CARD CLUB
Tuesday Afternoons
Upstairs Hall
Start 1:30 pm

IN-HOUSE CRIBBAGE
2nd Tuesday of each month
Start 7:30 pm

BINGO every Wednesday
Doors open at 6:30 pm
Bingo at 7:30 pm –
\$700. Jackpot

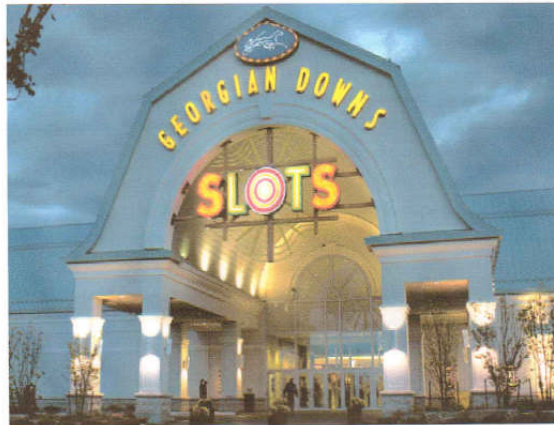
EUCHRE
Thursday at 7:30 pm
Canteen

DANCE CLUB
Friday at 8:00 pm
Upstairs Hall

EUCHRE
Saturday at 1:30 pm
Canteen

JAMBOREE – May 06th at 2:00 pm
Upstairs Hall

BUS TRIP TO GEORGIAN DOWNS CASINO Saturday, JUNE 23rd



COST : \$15. PERSON

DEPARTING FROM THE PORT ELGIN PLEX AT 10:00 AM
RETURNING FROM BARRIE TO PORT ELGIN APPROX. 8:00 PM

RECEIVE \$10. IN CASINO BONUS

Stop at Collingwood Legion on Return
where Pizza will be made available to purchase

Purchase your tickets in person at
Port Elgin Legion Canteen daily between 4-8 pm

Things I Owe My Mother.....

1. My mother taught me **TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE....**"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
 2. My mother taught me **RELIGION....**"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
 3. My mother taught me about **TIME TRAVEL....**"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
 4. My mother taught me **LOGIC....**"Because I said so, that's why."
 5. My mother taught me **MORE LOGIC....**"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
 6. My mother taught me **FORESIGHT....**"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
 7. My mother taught me **IRONY....**"Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry about."
 8. My mother taught me about the science of **OSMOSIS....**"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
 9. My mother taught me about **CONTORTION-ISM....**"Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
 10. My mother taught me about **STAMINA....**"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."
 11. My mother taught me about **WEATHER....**"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."
 12. My mother taught me about **HYPOCRISY....**"If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"
 13. My mother taught me the **CIRCLE OF LIFE....**"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."
 14. My mother taught me about **BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION....**"Stop acting like your father!"
 15. My mother taught me about **ENVY....**"There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."
 16. My mother taught me about **ANTICIPATION....**"Just wait until we get home."
 17. My mother taught me about **RECEIVING....**"You are going to get it when you get home!"
 18. My mother taught me **MEDICAL SCIENCE....**"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."
 19. My mother taught me **ESP....**"Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"
 20. My mother taught me **HUMOR....**"When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
 21. My mother taught me **HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT....**"If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."
 22. My mother taught me **GENETICS....**"You're just like your father."
 23. My mother taught me about my **ROOTS....**"Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"
 24. My mother taught me **WISDOM....**"When you get to be my age, you'll understand."
 25. My mother taught me about **JUSTICE....**"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"
- But, there is one missing from this list – My personal all-time favorite!!
- My mother taught me about **CHOICE....**"Do you want me to stop this car?"



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6 JAMBOREE 2:00 PM	7	8 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 <hr/> IN-HOUSE CRIBBAGE 7:30 PM <hr/> L/A GEN MTG 8:00 PM	9 BINGO 7:30 PM	10 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	11 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM	12 EUCHRE 1:30 PM
13  MOTHER'S DAY	14	15 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30	16 BINGO 7:30 PM	17 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	18 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM <hr/> TRIVIA NITE 8:00 PM	19 EUCHRE 1:30 PM <hr/> MEAT ROLL 4:00 PM
20	21 	22 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30	23 BINGO 7:30 PM	24 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	25 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM	26 EUCHRE 1:30 PM
27	28	29 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 <hr/> EXEC MTG 7:30 PM	30 BINGO 7:30 PM	31 EUCHRE 7:30 PM		

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