



**Port Elgin Legion  
Branch 340**

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# *JUNE 2013*

# *BRANCH LINE*

**Inside this issue you will find.... what is happening this month... Committee Reports.... general information. 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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Reminder 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 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm and on September 10<sup>th</sup> for the Ladies Auxiliary also at 7:30 pm.

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Don't forget the give an extra hug to those great guys who are fathers and grandfathers and father figures. You enjoy your day too. Happy Father's Day!

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*The Editor*



**LEST WE FORGET**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Consider the humble penny. It can be found just about everywhere and each one is unique; different from the rest. Some are fairly new and still bright and shiny, while others are a little older, worn and a bit rough around the edges.

Whether they are relatively new or have been around a long time really doesn't matter as they all have worth. On their own they are limited in what they can do, but put them all together and it is amazing what they can achieve for a common cause. It was decided that we don't need the penny any more, but, instead of becoming irrelevant, there has been an upsurge of interest in it and it is being sought after by many groups to help fund projects and initiate change in the community.

New members are just like pennies; each has something unique to offer and they are needed now more than ever. If we can stimulate and renew an interest in our Branch and encourage them to join and bring them all together, great things can be accomplished for the good of the Branch, our community and our Veterans.

### IT JUST MAKES GOOD "CENTS"

Congratulations to those elected or appointed to their new positions. To those who are not returning, thank you for giving your time and your talents on behalf of the Branch; it was really appreciated. Your hard work made a huge difference.

Yours in Comradeship,

Kathryn Eastwood, President  
Port Elgin Branch 340

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## LADIES AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been my privilege to preside as President of the Ladies Auxiliary to Port Elgin Branch 340. Our Auxiliary consists of 50 Comrades including 8 Life members. I would like to thank my Comrades for the trust and support they have given me over the past three years.

We've had some extremely busy times with Christmas dinners during the months of November and December. Weddings, anniversaries, birthdays and other parties also kept us active during the year as well as funeral luncheons, PROBUS coffee mornings, and assisting the Branch with many of their functions such as Pumpkinfest, Public Speaking, Sports, Remembrance Day and VE Luncheon.

The Ladies Auxiliary also delivers for the Meals on Wheels Program, have a great afternoon at Tuesday Cards, and once a month participate in Sports Night throughout the Zone.

This Auxiliary is a truly dedicated group of ladies that I am proud to call my friends. Sadly we have lost six Comrades this year; three of them were Life Members. Fortunately, we installed 6 new members this year. I guess word is spreading as to how much fun we have!

Our Auxiliary is proud to financially support many charitable organizations including our local hospitals, Cenotaph Fund, Bursary, 4 local school Breakfast Programs, Salvation Army, Women's House and Parkwood Hospital, plus sponsor 3 veterans of the Branch.

We meet the second Tuesday of every month from September to June where business is discussed and decisions are approved.

I want to thank my Comrades of the Ladies Auxiliary as I relax in my role as Past President, and remember **"I am only as strong as the wine I drink, the hairspray I use and the friends I have. To the cool women that have touched my life... here's to you!"**

Diane Mills, Past President of the Ladies Auxiliary  
Port Elgin Branch 340

**RCL BRANCH 340 - ANNUAL DONATIONS – May 7, 2013**



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

L–R: L/A 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Joyce Chapman, Cde Mary Alexander, Poppy Chairman and Cde Gord Kelly, Charity Chairman presented Erin Zorzi, SMHF with the following donations.

\$ 4,000. – Poppy Trust Fund  
\$ 1,500. – Branch 340  
\$ 2,000. – Ladies Auxiliary

Proceeds are earmarked towards the purchase of Operating Room Equipment.



**DONATION TO THE  
GREY BRUCE REGIONAL HEALTH  
CENTRE – OWEN SOUND**

L–R: L/A 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Joyce Chapman, Cde Mary Alexander, Poppy Chairman and Cde Gord Kelly, Charity Chairman presented Paul Weitendorf, GBRHS with the following donations.

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

Proceeds are earmarked towards the purchase of equipment – ICU – Stepdown and Emergency items.



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

L–R: Tatiana Velickovic, Alex Morrow, Rick Carr, Cde Gord Kelly, Charity Chairman, L/A 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Joyce Chapman and Caitlynn MacMillan.

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

Proceeds used to help offset expenditures.



**DONATION TO THE  
GREY BRUCE REGIONAL HEALTH  
CENTRE – ONCOLOGY UNIT**

L–R: Paul Weitendorf, Chairman, GBRHS and Cde Robert Harrison presents a cheque from the proceeds of the Annual Cliff Seaman Memorial Chili Cook-off which was held January 26, 2013.

\$ 500. – Entry Fees and Sales  
\$ 300. – Branch 340 Donation

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**2013 – 2014 Port Elgin Legion Branch 340 Executive Committee  
Tuesday, May 7, 2013**



The Port Elgin Legion Branch 340 held their annual Installation of Officers for the 2013-2014 Executive on May 7, 2013. Their term of office will commence on June 01, 2013 to May 31, 2014.

**Back Row**

L-R: Robert Harrison, Sergeant-At-Arms & 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Dan Kelly, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice; Blair Eby, Executive; Sharen Maas, Executive; Dave Grieve, Executive; Mary Alexander, Executive, Gerry Higgins, Veterans Service Officer, George Sicord, Past President.

**Front Row**

L-R: Rhonda Harrison, Secretary, Donelda Thede, Executive, Chaplain Marg Greenhow, President Kathryn Eastwood and Norma Dudgeon, Office Manager/Treasurer.

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L – R: L/A Sergeant at Arms Elizabeth Eby presents 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Dan Kelly and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Robert Harrison for Installation of Office



Comrade Kathryn Eastwood is presented for Installation as President for Branch 340 for the 2013 – 2014 Term of Office.



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

**EUCHRE**  
 Thursday at 7:30 pm  
 Canteen

**MEAT RAFFLES**  
 Saturday – June 1, 15 and 29  
 Canteen

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

**IN-HOUSE CRIBBAGE**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month  
 Start 7:30 pm  
 Canteen

**DANCE CLUB**  
 Friday at 8:00 pm  
 Upstairs Hall



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

**EUCHRE**  
 Saturday at 1:30 pm  
 Canteen

**JAMBOREE**  
 Sunday June 9  
 2:00 – 5:00 pm  
 Upstairs Hall

## 2013-2014 LADIES AUXILIARY EXECUTIVE



The Port Elgin Legion Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary held their annual Installation of Officers for the 2013-2014 Executive on May 7, 2013. Their term of office will commence on June 01, 2013 to May 31, 2014.

### Back Row

L-R: Sergeant-At-Arms Elizabeth Eby; L/A Zone Commander Irene Surridge; K.C Lawson, Executive; Brenda Collins, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Bernice Ellis, Executive; Valerie Grieve, Sports Officer; Meryl Cramp, Executive and Diana Tripp, Executive.

### Front Row

L-R: Marg Esplen, Treasurer; Janet Steel, Executive; President Joyce Chapman; Alice Kemp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Betty Earnshaw, Executive; Elaine Esplen, Secretary and Deputy Zone Commander Donelda Thede.

Absent: Past President Diane Mills and Executive Member Virginia Bailey

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



Comrade Joyce Chapman is presented for installation as Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary President for the 2013 – 2014 Term of Office.



## AIR CADETS 340 (Griffin) Squadron, Port Elgin



### Wild and Windy Waste Work

On a blustery Tuesday April 23 the 340 Air Cadet Squadron of Port Elgin took time off from their regular activities and spent the evening at Rowland's Independent Grocer doing a clean up of the grounds for their Earth Day project. Dressed in reflective orange safety vests, 29 cadets aged 12 to 18 along with 5 staff and volunteers picked up over 30 bags of garbage. Afterward, Rowland's kindly provided pizza and pop for the "ground crew" and provided a donation to the Squadron for their efforts. Thanks go to Rowland's Independent Grocer for their generosity and to the Cadets and Staff for a job well done.



The District "C" Track and Field Meet will take place in Kincardine at the Davidson Centre on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Successful athletes at this event will be selected to the District "C" Legion Team which will compete at the Ontario Championship Meet in Sudbury on July 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. Our Club has 26 of your athletes training to compete in the District "C" Meet.

This is the first step on the road to the National Legion Championship in Langley, BC this August.

Any members who wish to help run the Meet can contact me and I will forward the names to the Meet Director.

Earl Farrell  
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BRANCH EXECUTIVE 2013 - 2014		LADIES AUXILIARY 2013 - 2014	
President	Kathryn Eastwood	President	Joyce Chapman
Past President	George Sicord	Past President	Diane Mills
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Dan Kelly	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Brenda Collins
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Robert Harrison	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Alice Kemp
Office Manager / Treasurer	Norma Dudgeon	Treasurer	Marg Esplen
Secretary	Rhonda Harrison	Secretary	Elaine Esplen
Sergeant-at-Arms	Robert Harrison	Sergeant-at-Arms	Elizabeth Eby
Sports Officer	Mary Alexander	Sports Officer	Valerie Grieve
Chaplain	Margaret Greenhow	Chaplain	Margaret Greenhow
Executive:	Mary Alexander	Executive:	Virginia Bailey
	Rhonda Harrison		Meryl Cramp
	Sharen Maas		Betty Earnshaw
	Donelda Thede		Bernice Ellis
	Blair Eby		KC Lawson
	Dave Grieve		Janet Steele
			Diana Tripp
L/A Liaison	Sharen Maas		
Bar Chairman	Dave Grieve		
Bursary	Robert Harrison		
By-laws	Norma Dudgeon		
Charity	Donelda Thede		
Hall Rental	Norma Dudgeon		
Honors & Awards	Blair Eby		
Membership	Sharen Maas		
Poppy	Blair Eby		
Property	George Sicord		
Public Relations Officer	Robert Harrison		
Seniors	Dan Kelly		
Service Officer	Gerry Higgins		
Training & Development	Kathryn Eastwood		
Veteran's Services	Dave Grieve		
Ways & Means	Dan Kelly		
Youth Education	Donelda Thede		
Air Cadets	Steve Pellow		
Entertainment	Dave Kinsman		
Hospital	Donelda Thede		
Nevada	Kathryn Eastwood		
Track & Field	Earl Farrell		





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# Entertainment

**8:00 pm - Midnight**

**“Late Nite Radio”**

**Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**


**“Slight Return”**

**Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**





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						1 <b>EUCHRE</b> 1:30 PM <hr/> <b>MEAT ROLL</b> 4:00 PM
2	3	4	5 <b>BINGO</b> 7:30 PM	6 <b>GEN. MTG.</b> 7:30 PM <hr/> <b>EUCHRE</b> 7:30 PM	7 <b>DANCE CLUB</b> 8:00 PM	8 <b>EUCHRE</b> 1:30 PM
9 <b>JAMBOREE</b> 2 PM – 5 PM	10	11 L/A GEN. MTG. 7:30 PM <hr/> <b>IN-HOUSE CRIBBAGE</b> 7:30 PM	12 <b>BINGO</b> 7:30 PM	13 <b>EUCHRE</b> 7:30 PM	14 <b>DANCE CLUB</b> 8:00 PM	15 <b>EUCHRE</b> 1:30 PM <hr/> <b>MEAT ROLL</b> 4:00 PM <hr/> <b>ENTERTAINMENT</b> 8PM - MIDNIGHT
16 <b>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY</b> 	17	18	19 <b>BINGO</b> 7:30 PM	20 <b>EUCHRE</b> 7:30 PM	21 <b>DANCE CLUB</b> 8:00 PM	22 <b>EUCHRE</b> 1:30 PM
23 <hr/> 30	24	25 <b>EXEC. MTG</b> 7:30 PM	26 <b>BINGO</b> 7:30 PM	27 <b>EUCHRE</b> 7:30 PM	28 <b>DANCE CLUB</b> 8:00 PM	29 <b>EUCHRE</b> 1:30 PM <hr/> <b>MEAT ROLL</b> 4:00 PM <hr/> <b>ENTERTAINMENT</b> 8 PM - MIDNIGHT

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

**\*\* The General Meetings for the Branch and Ladies Auxiliary have been cancelled for the months of July and August \*\***