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# JUNE 2015 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.

There will be no General Meetings for the Branch and Ladies Auxiliary for the months of July and August. The Branch Executive will continue with business at their monthly meetings.

The Tuesday Night Cribbage and the Sunday Jamboree is cancelled for July and August.

All the events happening at the Branch are open to the public so please bring your friends and join in the camaraderie.

To the Fathers, Grandfathers, and Father figures we celebrate you on your day – Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup>.



## The Editor



LEST WE FORGET



Happy  
*Father's*  
Day





## PRESIDENTS REPORT



Good day Comrades, I hope this report finds all healthy and happy. We at Branch 340 look forward to a sunny and warm summer. There are many activities at Branch 340 that you could enjoy:

Bingo every Wednesday night starting at 7:30 PM  
Thursday night Euchre  
Meat Draws every two weeks  
Branch 340 Legion golf tournament in August  
Meet and Greet BBQ's throughout the summer

We are very blessed to have people step up to the plate time and again to organize these events so all can enjoy. Thanks for all those who make our Legion what it is. We are proud of our Legion. Please partake in any of the events that interest you.

As most of you know this is the last Branch Line that Bob and Rhonda (especially Rhonda) will be doing for us. Rhonda has retired and they are taking some well-deserved time for themselves. They have been a huge part of our Legion and even though they will continue to support the BBQ's they are stepping out of the lime light. I would like to personally thank both Bob and Rhonda for their years of service and support. I really appreciate it and will miss them at the meetings. Thanks Bob and Rhonda

I am looking forward to see you all at the Branch to participate in some of our events.

President Dan Kelly  
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## YOUTH EDUCATION



The countdown is on for summer holidays from school. The Youth Chair is quiet just now but I am looking at some creative ideas for next term and perhaps some fun things to offer to the younger children utilizing our hall.

I'm always looking for volunteers to assist with our Youth projects, so if you have some spare time, please contact me!

In Comradeship,  
Elizabeth Eby  
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### Poster & Literary Winners

L-R – Cde Blair Eby - Poppy Chairman  
C. Morris - Primary Division of Public Speaking, took at first place at Branch, Zone, District level and then 3rd place at the Area Division. (Port Elgin Saugeen Central School)  
Cde. Elizabeth Eby - Youth Education Chairman  
Cde. Robert Harrison - 1st Vice President  
B. MacLachlan Intermediate Division of colour poster, District Level 4th place. (Northport School)  
H. Rana Primary Division of Colour Poster, District Level 4th place. (Port Elgin Saugeen Central School)  
Cde. Donelda Thede - Executive

It doesn't seem that long ago since we put the BBQ to bed for the winter! This year we are delighted to have a double natural gas line installed at the back doors, a hearty thank you Mr. Dudgeon for organizing this for us!!

This summer we intend to have a Friday night 'Meet & Eat' on a regular basis. In an attempt to please everyone we will offer both sausage and hamburgers from the grill. Occasionally we will have beef or turkey on a bun if the weather looks inclement for outdoor cooking. Donations of a salad or dessert are wonderful; please let me know ahead of time if you are bringing something. My private stock of homemade relish seems to be depleted, so if you have a bottle to spare we thank you!! Our French fry guy goes through gallons of vegetable oil, so I'll bet Blair would be happy if a jug came his way!!

We are working very hard this summer to assist in offsetting the expense of a new stainless kitchen hood and fire suppression system for our Legion Kitchen. This project is of great necessity for Fire Code. We have a lot of things happening in our kitchen, our Ladies Auxiliary are busy year round with dinners, the BBQ team and Pumpkinfest breakfast team are busy also with their venues. With your assistance we can make this project a reality to keep our volunteers safe, our building safe and satisfy our Fire Prevention Officer.

**Next BBQ IS FRIDAY JUNE 12.**

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	<b>WHAT'S HAPPENING In June</b>	
<b>LADIES CARD CLUB</b> Tuesday Afternoons Upstairs Hall Start 1:30 pm	<b>IN-HOUSE CRIBBAGE</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. each month Start 7:30 pm <b>CANCELLED FOR JULY &amp; AUGUST</b>	<b>BINGO every Wednesday</b> Doors open at 6:30 pm Bingo at 7:30 pm \$700. Jackpot
<b>EUCHRE</b> Thursday at 7:30 pm Canteen	<b>DANCE CLUB</b> Friday at 8:00 – 11:00 pm Upstairs Hall	<b>EUCHRE</b> Saturday at 1:30 pm Canteen
	<b>JAMBOREE</b> Sunday, June 7 at 2:00 pm Upstairs Hall <b>CANCELLED FOR JUNE – OCTOBER</b>	

Four men are in the hospital waiting room because their wives are having babies. A nurse goes up to the first guy and says, "Congratulations! You're the father of twins."

"That's odd," answers the man. "I work for the Minnesota Twins!"

A nurse says to the second guy, "Congratulations! You're the father of triplets!"

"That's weird," answers the second man. "I work for the 3M Company!"

A nurse tells the third man, "Congratulations! You're the father of quadruplets!"

"That's strange," he answers. "I work for the Four Seasons hotel!"

The last man is groaning and banging his head against the wall. "What's wrong?" the others ask.

"I work for 7 Up!"



**DISTRICT "C" – TRACK & FIELD MEET  
SATURDAY, JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2015  
Davidson Centre in Kincardine**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

*Results Personnel  
Photo Timer Assistant  
Starter's Assistants  
First Aid  
Hurdles Crew/Block Crew  
Discus/Hammer  
Lunch Persons*

*Timers  
Set-up/Runners  
Announcers  
Awards Notification  
Long Jump  
Shot Put  
Food/Water Personnel*

*Starters  
Track referee  
High Jump  
Extras  
Triple Jump  
Javelin  
Field Referee*

Dress Code casual. 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**

Crystal Taylor, Chairman      [jctaylor@tcc.on.ca](mailto:jctaylor@tcc.on.ca)  
Brenda Funston, Assistant      [jfunston@bmts.com](mailto:jfunston@bmts.com)  
Pat Smith, Assistant



PORT ELGIN BRANCH 340



The Branch has recently installed brand new glass doors at the front entrance thanks to the generous donation from Veteran Bob Maas; the glass is tempered and thermal pane so that the doors will no longer frost up in the winter months

Thank you Comrade Bob for your ongoing support - we certainly appreciate it and our Branch looks so much better for our members and visitors coming in to our Legion.

In recognition of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Liberation of Holland a wreath was laid at the Port Elgin Cenotaph by Cde Elizabeth Eby and accompanied by Cde Donelda Thede.

*In the final months of the Second World War, Canadian forces were given the important and deadly task of liberating the Netherlands from Nazi occupation. From September 1944 to April 1945, the First Canadian Army fought German forces on the Scheldt estuary — opening the port of Antwerp for Allied use — and then cleared northern and western Netherlands of Germans, allowing food and other relief to reach millions of desperate people. Today, Canada is fondly remembered by the Dutch for ending their oppression under the Nazis.*



### **BRANCH 340 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION**

We held a Volunteer Appreciation Day on Sunday May 24, 2015. It was so nice to see so many people come out and enjoy the Comradship as well as burgers and salads. It is important that we recognize our volunteers as you are the people that keep our Legion strong. Without you we would not be able to provide the services we do. Many hours are spent supporting bingo, meat draws, euchre, cribbage darts, pool leagues as well as are bbq's which are gaining popularity. To all those people that give of their time to support Branch 340 I can only say thank you and am very glad to serve alongside with you. Thanks for your support and look forward to working with you in the future.

L-R Blair Eby, Gord Kelly and Elizabeth Eby.



Provincial Convention was held on May 10 -13, 2015. Bob and I were extremely pleased to be given the opportunity to attend.

As this was an election year for our Provincial Officers, it is my pleasure to announce that Cde Derek Moore was elected as one of the 3 Vice President positions for Provincial Command. We wish him well in this new position.

Cde Moore was our District C Commander for the last 2 year term.



Zone C4 Sergeant-at-Arms Colin Hodson (with sash) awaiting orders to proceed District C in the parade.

Veterans are given a ride and in an amphibious vehicle for land and water, they call it a "DUCK"

### The Beer Prayer

Our lager,  
Which art in barrels,  
Hollowed be thy drink.  
I will be drunk,  
At home as in the tavern.  
Give us this day our foamy head,  
And forgive us our spillages,  
As we forgive those who spill against us.  
And lead us not into incarceration,  
But deliver us from hangovers.  
For thine is the beer. The bitter and the lager  
Forever and ever,

Barmen



Comrades,

Volunteers are needed for the weekly Bingo events. Bingo is each Wednesday and doors open at 6:30 and the games begin at 7:30 p.m.

Please contact Cde Sharen Maas if you spare a couple of hours.

Sharen Maas

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# Branch BBQ

Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>  
Start 6:00 pm

**Burgers & Sausage  
On a Bun**

**Fries, Salad & Dessert**


Adult - \$9.00  
Child 12 and under - \$5.00

**You are welcome to join us**





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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2 <b>LADIES CARD GROUP</b> 1:30 PM <b>GEN. MTG</b> 7:30 PM	3 <b>BINGO</b> 7:30 PM	4 <b>EUCHRE</b> 7:30 PM	5 <b>DANCE CLUB</b> 8:00 PM	6 <b>EUCHRE</b> 1:30 PM
7	8	9 <b>LADIES CARD GROUP</b> 1:30 PM <b>L/A GEN. MTG</b> 7:30 PM <b>IN HOUSE CRIBBAGE</b> 7:30 PM	10 <b>BINGO</b> 7:30 PM	11 <b>EUCHRE</b> 7:30 PM	12 <b>DANCE CLUB</b> 8:00 PM <b>BRANCH BBQ</b> 6:00 PM	13 <b>EUCHRE</b> 1:30 PM <b>MEAT RAFFLE</b> 4:00 PM
14	15	16 <b>LADIES CARD GROUP</b> 1:30 PM	17 <b>BINGO</b> 7:30 PM	18 <b>EUCHRE</b> 7:30 PM	19 <b>DANCE CLUB</b> 8:00 PM	20 <b>EUCHRE</b> 1:30 PM
21 	22	23 <b>LADIES CARD GROUP</b> 1:30 PM	24 <b>BINGO</b> 7:30 PM	25 <b>EUCHRE</b> 7:30 PM	26 <b>DANCE CLUB</b> 8:00 PM	27 <b>EUCHRE</b> 1:30 PM
28	29	30 <b>LADIES CARD GROUP</b> 1:30 PM <b>EXEC. MTG</b> 7:30 PM				

**Please join us for our various events**

**Event Times and Dates Subject to Change**