

# Royal Canadian Legion Br. 340

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Inside this issue you will find.... what is happening this month... 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.

## President's Report

### 2015 Christmas Address

Comrades:

The holiday season is fast approaching and I would like to take some time to reflect on the past year. Many accomplishments were achieved this year and I would like to reflect on a few.

The year started with a very successful New Year's Day Levy. The band, The Danns entertained everyone for a few hours. Many thanks to Brenda Collins and Les Virtue for organizing this event.

January saw a long term lease signed for the Annex. Kidstreet moved in and for all accounts this relationship has been great and looks to be even better in the future.

This year a crew of volunteers wanted to try a Friday night BBQ program. It started out in April and was still going strong into October. There have been many comrades identifying how much they enjoyed the BBQ and can't wait till we start up again next year. Through the dedication of Blair Eby, Elizabeth Eby, Bob Harrison and Rhonda Harrison there was plenty of good food to go around for everyone. They received help from many volunteer who helped out by donating salads and desserts. I am sure Ann Eby went through many bags of potatoes making her salad for every one of the BBQs. Thanks Ann.



## Upcoming Events

### January 1

New Year's Levy 1 to 7 pm

### January 16

Meat Draw 4pm

### January 30

Meat Draw 4pm

### December 31

New Year's Dance 8pm – 1am

## Important Announcement

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Branch Line, please submit to Andrew Reinhart at [branch340newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:branch340newsletter@gmail.com)



Pumpkinfest breakfasts were a huge success this year. We had to scramble on Saturday to get more eggs for Sunday breakfast as we used all that we had on Saturday. Many volunteers spent most of their Saturday and Sunday morning serving approximately 700 people. Thanks to Elizabeth Eby and her crew.

Remembrance Day service was blessed with a beautiful day. I have been a member of this branch for 34 years and this was one of the largest crowd I have been part of on Remembrance Day. Norma Dudgeon once again coordinated the day and did a fantastic job. The parade was well organized with people were applauding as we marched by them. Parade Marshall Mike Hobson did a great job with the help of his Colour Sergeant Bob Harrison and Sgt at Arms Andrew Reinhart.

Volunteers are the life blood of our organization and we are blessed with so many people that step up to support the branch, time after time. I would like to mention a few that always step up to the plate, Brenda Collins and her Ladies Auxiliary are front and centre when it comes to support. Other people that constantly step up to support are, Tom Jacques (meat rolls), Eric McLeod (bingo), Sharen Maas (bingo), Elizabeth Eby (BBQ, Pumpkinkfest breakfast, etc), Ann Eby (BBQ, Poppy Coordinator). Andrew Reinhart has stepped up to be editor of this Branch Line. Thanks Andrew. These are but a few of the many people who step up time and again. I would like to thank all of you for making Port Elgin Branch 340 the success it is.

On a personal note, Cynthia and I would like to wish you all health and happiness over the coming festive season. May you dreams come true and cup run over with kindness.

Thank you all and have a safe and Merry Christmas

Comrade Dan



**Our Newest Life Member Rhonda Harrison! Congratulations**



## Around the Branch

**Meat Draw January 16 and 30<sup>th</sup>**

4pm on both days

**Bingo Volunteers Needed**

Wednesday evenings upper hall



## New Year's Dance

For Only \$20.00 per person

Your Entertainment Committee invites our membership and any guests of the branch to the branch's Annual New Year's Dance. This event is open to the public. So tell your friends and neighbours.

The Doors open at 8pm on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2015.

Entertainment by "John Lezder & Easy Street"

Late lunch, party favours, and Door Prizes. Tickets available at the Cantzen Bar.

Come Ring In 2016 with us!!!!

## New Year's Levy

**Come join our annual New Year's Levy January 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 from 1 pm until 7pm.**



Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
					1 Levy 1:00 pm – 7 pm	2 Euchre 1:30 pm
3	4	5 Ladies Card Group 1:30 pm General Meeting 7:30 pm	6 Bingo 7:30 pm	7 Euchre 7:30 pm	8 Dance Club 8:00 pm	9 Euchre 1:30 pm
10	11	12 Ladies Card Group 1:30 pm	13 Bingo 7:30 pm	14 Euchre 7:30 pm	15 Dance Club 8:00 pm	16 Meat Draw 4:00pm Euchre 1:30 pm
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Notes:



"Tomb of the Unknown Soldier" Lapel Pins for sale

Cost: \$7 + HST

Can be purchased at the clubroom bar

These lapel pins can be worn on the Legion uniform from 1 November 15 - 30 November 16 on the right side of the blazer. They can also be worn on your civilian jacket