

# Branch Line

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Inside this issue you will find what is happening this month with Committee Reports, general information and a wee bit of humour 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. Anyone wishing to contribute to the Branch Line please submit your articles to [Branch340newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:Branch340newsletter@gmail.com).

To all of our readers ... International Women's Day is on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Remember to set your clock ahead on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> and Happy St. Patrick's Day to all on Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup> and welcome Spring on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Our Annual General Meeting & Elections will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. We encourage all members to attend this very important meeting. If nominated, please consider letting your name stand for an Executive position. The Nomination Board will be situated in the Club Room closer to the date. If you have any questions regarding a position please contact any present Executive member. If you have any questions please contact Dan Kelly, Elections Chair, at [dankelly@bmts.com](mailto:dankelly@bmts.com).

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

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# Notice to Branch Membership

The next General Meeting will be Tuesday, March 4, 2025. We look forward to seeing you and thank you for supporting your Branch.

Reminder, that without a quorum at the General Meetings the Executive is unable to ratify any of the Motions that need approval.

*Executive Committee*



## President's Report



As the snow fell so did the number of members who came to the Branch to support us. We appreciate the weather has been very inclement with the many snowstorms and closures. Our profits are also down considering Branch 340 donates over \$25,000 per year to our veterans, hospitals, school and our community. We cannot keep this up without your help.

I know it's great to say let's have events such as a Trivia Night, a dance or maybe a dinner but someone needs to step up and organize the event. Events don't just happen by themselves. We need you.

If you have any ideas to enable us to raise funds for our veterans and our community please let the Executive know.

Spring elections are next month. We have resource material to help you with what is necessary for an executive position. If we are to continue as a viable Legion we need to recruit new members with new ideas to get more people into our Branch.

Please consider letting your name stand for a position on the Branch Executive. We need your help.

President Robert Harrison  
[bnrshow@eastlink.ca](mailto:bnrshow@eastlink.ca)





## Bursary



It's sad that our members have not taken advantage of our bursary program this year for their post-secondary students. I know I could have used \$1,250 per year when I was in college. Post-secondary students still have until the end of March to get their application submitted to Ontario Command.

The successful applicant will receive a bursary award of \$1,250. The most up to date form can be downloaded from the Legion website. The link to the website is [www.on.legion.ca/remembrance/youth-programs/bursaries](http://www.on.legion.ca/remembrance/youth-programs/bursaries)

Contact me at 519-389-4806 if you have any questions.

Cde Robert Harrison  
Bursary Chair  
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519-389-4806



## Hall Rental



The Branch had a considerable amount of hall rentals over the holiday season. I thank the volunteers who helped with all the needs to make each event as successful as it was. We look forward to you booking our facility for your future social events.

Special consideration is given to the fee schedule when renting to non-profit organizations.

Family and group events/meetings welcome.

Please contact me for more information when considering a venue for your event.

Cde Bernice Ribey, Hall Rental Chair  
[1bernie@bmts.com](mailto:1bernie@bmts.com) or call the Branch at 519-389-9917 to leave a message





## Honours & Awards



Recognizing valued members for their contributions at our Legion is an important part of the Honours & Awards Chair.

When you nominate volunteer members, based on their efforts of ensuring our Branch functions continue, we build strong and continuous relationships, and we build a stronger Branch.

If you know anyone whom you feel should be shown appreciation, please contact me with this members particulars and the Honours & Awards Committee will evaluate the nomination.

Cde Tom Jacques  
Honours & Awards Chair  
[thjacques@bmts.com](mailto:thjacques@bmts.com)



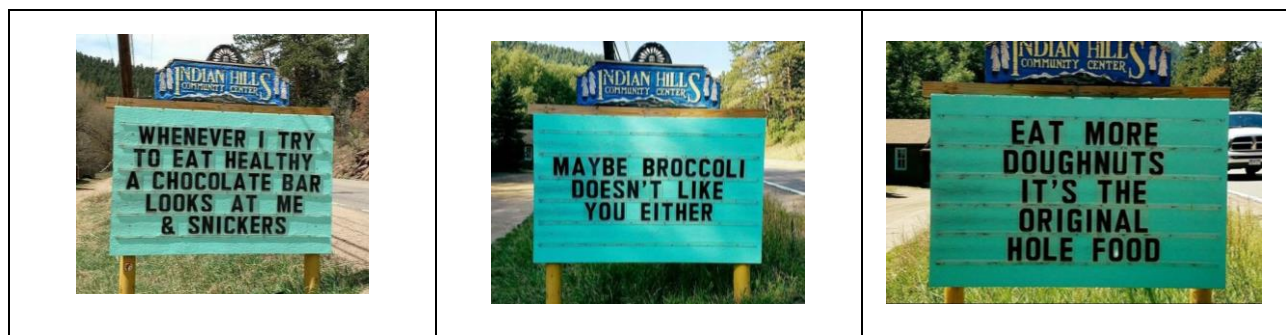
## Membership Report



Please use one of the options below and get your 2025 membership dues taken care of:

1. On-line by going to **Legion.ca** on the computer
2. Come into the Branch when we are open (3 – 8 pm Monday to Saturday)
3. Contact me at [bellcr@bmts.com](mailto:bellcr@bmts.com) to make other arrangements.

Cde Craig Bell  
Membership Chair  
[bellcr@bmts.com](mailto:bellcr@bmts.com)





## Sergeant-at-Arms



Our Branch Colour Party on parade is one of the most visible things that we do. We could use a few new flag bearers. It is not difficult to learn and I would be more than glad to train new volunteers.

You would be needed for Remembrance Day, the Santa Claus parade and General Meetings if possible. We support other Branches for special events when requested. We have even been invited to the Saugeen Shores Winterhawks game for the dropping of the puck on the Friday closest to November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Please consider joining our Flag Family Team. You can meet some new friends and have some fun doing it. If you are interested please contact me.

Cde Mike Hobson  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
[hobson@bmts.com](mailto:hobson@bmts.com)



An Englishman, a Scot, and an Irishman walk into a pub with their wives and all order tea. The Englishman sweetly asks his wife, "Pass the honey, honey." Inspired, the Scotsman turns to his wife saying, "Pass the sugar, sugar." Not to be outdone, the Irishman glances at his wife and barks, "Pass the milk, you bloody cow!"





## Veterans Services



As always, if any member is aware of any veteran, whether a Legion member or not, who may need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me and I can contact the veteran directly to assess any support that may be required. I can be contacted via the Branch at 519-389-9917.

Cde Janice Pepe  
Veterans Services Officer  
[Branch340@eastlink.ca](mailto:Branch340@eastlink.ca)

	<p><b>PRELIMINARY EVENT DETAILS – HOLD THE DATE!</b></p> <p><b>LEGION BRANCH 340 – GOLF ‘Fun Day with Veterans’</b>  <i>Sunday, June 22 – SouthPort Golf Course (Rain Date TBD)</i>  <i>Start Time: 10am</i></p> <p>GOLF PACKAGE INCLUDES: 9-HOLES OF GOLF IN GROUPS OF 4 + CART + LUNCH</p>	
<p><b>REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 1</b>          MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vets &amp; Caregiver (May 1-30)</li> <li>• Legion Members (Jun 1-15)</li> <li>• Registration Closes: June 16</li> <li>• Numbers (min-max) 36-72</li> </ul>	<p><b>COST (ALL IN)</b></p> <p>VETS &amp; CAREGIVER: \$40PP          LEGION MEMBERS (NON-VET): \$55PP          LUNCH ONLY: \$15PP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VETS DO NOT NEED TO BE AFFILIATED WITH A LEGION.</li> <li>• LEGION POPPY FUND REGULATIONS PERMIT FOR MEALS ONLY TO BE COVERED FOR VETERANS &amp; THEIR CAREGIVER.</li> </ul>



## Ways & Means



The next Meat Draws are Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> and starts at 4:00 pm.

Join us for our weekly Wednesday Bingo. Doors open at 6:00 pm and games start at 7:00 pm in the upstairs hall.

Everyone is welcome to all events and we appreciate your support

Cde Tom Jacques  
Ways & Means Chair  
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## Notable Dates for March 2025

The following are national commemorative and notable days of relevance to The Royal Canadian Legion that raise awareness of an issue, commemorate a group or event, or celebrate something.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 <a href="#">World Hearing Day</a></li> <li>• 8 <a href="#">International Women's Day</a></li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday - <a href="#">Commonwealth Day</a> (RCEL support)</li> <li>• 12 Canada's military mission in Afghanistan <a href="#">Afghanistan</a> ends (2014)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Lapsed member reminders</a></li> </ul>
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Good news, Canada: In less than a couple of weeks it will be time to set those clocks forward, marking the beginning of [daylight saving time](#) (DST) for 2025.

Daylight saving time will begin this year on Sunday, March 9, at 2 a.m. local time. While we might lose an hour of sleep by “springing forward,” it also marks the day when we’ll begin to notice those longer daylight hours.

Daylight Saving Time always begins on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November. To remember which way to set their clocks, folks often use the expression, “spring forward, fall back.” (Note that these dates are for locations in the United States and Canada only; other countries may follow different dates!)



## Upcoming Legion Events



Come Play With Us!

Port Elgin Legion Br. 340

Wednesdays

Doors open at 6:00 pm  
Bingo starts at 7:00 pm  
Must be over 18 years of age to play

**\$700.00 Jackpot to be Won**



GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 4, 2025  
7:30 pm  
in the Main Hall

As members, your presence is appreciated for approval of Branch business

Please support your Branch



Meat Draw - 4:00 pm

Sat. March 8 & 22

Please join us

Everyone Welcome







# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & BRANCH ELECTIONS



**Tuesday, April 1, 2025  
7:30 pm in the Main Hall**

**Be prepared to show your 2025  
Membership Card or receipt of paid  
membership**

***Please support your Branch***

**Dan Kelly, Elections Chair  
dankelly@bmts.com**



## **HOURS OF OPERATION**

***Monday to Saturday 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm***

## **SUNDAY HOURS**

***CLOSED effective Sunday, March 2nd  
and re-opening on Sunday, September 7th***





## **We Will Remember Them**

### **Douglas Norman McLaughlin – WWII – Paratrooper (Boy Soldier)**

Douglas was born in Windsor, Ontario on March 17, 1923. He was the middle child of Norman and Goldie with an older brother and a younger sister.

He left school after Grade 9 and had some “mischievous” events before enlisting in the Essex Scottish Regiment on June 25, 1940. Interestingly, his father, Norman, and his brother, Edward had already enlisted in the Essex Scottish.

At 17, he was underage to go overseas but old enough to serve in the militia, limited to service in Canada. A few short weeks later, on July 17, he arrived in Camp Borden, near Barrie, and began basic training in an artillery battalion. He finished there on May 19, 1941, and was sent to Halifax as a member of the 106th Nova Scotia Rifles stationed in Bedford. Halifax was the busiest port in Canada with men and supplies being shipped from there every day. The 106th provided the necessary security for the area. His stay in Nova Scotia lasted until February 3, 1942.

During WWII, Newfoundland was not yet part of Canada. That did not happen until 1949. They were a British Colony. In Conception Bay, not far from St. Johns was Belle Island. It was being mined for iron ore to supply the necessary iron for the British War manufacturing industry. The German Navy during 1942 was aggressively attacking ships going and coming from Belle Island. The Canadian Army sent soldiers to Newfoundland to guard against invasion and to man large onshore guns should the Germans attack and provide air surveillance with bombing capabilities.

Douglas arrived at the Botwood Nfld. Military camp on February 3, 1942. The large military station was manned with 10,000 Canadian soldiers and aircrew should an invasion happen. In 1942, Belle Island was attacked twice, 4 iron ore ships were sunk nearby and 60 lives were lost. In one attack, a torpedo missed the ship it was aimed for and hit Belle Island, making it the only place on land in North America that was attacked by the Germans in WWII. Douglas was at Botwood when all this happened in November of 1942.

In January of 1943, Douglas took a course on Search Light operations, in preparation for any attacks that may come from the newly added German Aircraft carriers. It was on August 16, 1943, while in Botwood, that Douglas took a step forward and applied for service in the Canadian Parachute Troop. He hoped that this would give him an opportunity to get to the War’s Front in Europe. His application was put “on file”. On November 30, 1943, he again pursued the Canadian Parachute Troops. It was noted that he was “keen” to proceed as he had passed the medical and was now aware of the training conditions required.

His service in Newfoundland did not end until December 17, 1943, when he returned to Halifax and continued his service in guarding and providing security service. On March 2, 1944, he got the interview for consideration to become a member of the Parachute Troop. This involved interviews by senior officers, including a psychiatrist, seeing the commando-type requirements this role would require. He was found to be suitable “with reservations”.

On March 11, he arrived at Shilo, Manitoba to train as a Parachute Trooper. This part of the training took him through to April 5, when he was certified as a “Qualified Parachutist”. On May 3, 1944, he again took a major step in his life.

Once a soldier enlisted, he could not marry without permission from his commanding officer. Douglas prepared the necessary documents (six pages in total) requesting permission to marry his childhood sweetheart, Winnifred Lillian Ford. In the application, he stated that they had been friends since they were 15 and 14 years of age. The permission was granted as follows:





**DECISION BY THE COMMANDING OFFICER**  
**Permission is Granted to Marry On or After 3 July, 1944**  
**Signed: R. E. Roth Lt. Col. Canadian Parachute Troop Dated May 16, 1944**

Douglas was given a pass covering him from July 1 to July 9. On the 10 he was declared AWOL. He returned on the 12 and had to forfeit 12 days' pay \$18. He had a 9-day pass and was gone 11 days, 7 hours, and 51 minutes. This would have been the last time ever that Winnifred and Douglas would have been together.



He proceeded overseas as a member of the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion just 5 days later, on July 17, 1944. This group had been formed in 1942 and was the only Canadian Parachute group organized in WWII. Upon arrival in the UK, commando and survival training continued at the UK Airborne Depot and School through to August 28, 1944. Pictured is the Canadian Parachute Troop Badge.

During the Battle of Normandy, which had started that June 6, the 1st CPB, had consisted of more than 600 men and officers before being decimated in the days that followed. There were 367 casualties from their contingent of 27 officers and 516 men. Five officers and 76 men had died and close to 300 others had been wounded.

The unit had to be re-organized and re-trained to regain its strength. Over the months that followed, Douglas and the other new enlistees would prepare and train for future battles. Their future would see them embedded with the UK Parachute Battalions and not function as a part of the Canadian Military force.

It was January 2, 1945, that the 1st CPB were activated and assigned to ground operation duties in Belgium in support of the Americans, and British in the Battle of the Bulge. They were successful there doing patrols and raids while suffering few casualties before departing back to the UK on February 22. Preparations began for the most important battle that they would be involved with that would play a significant part of bringing about the end of Hitler's War.

The plan was titled "Operation Plunder" and was under the command of British Field Marshall Bernard Montgomery to cross the northern Rhine River and from there enter Northern Germany. The number of soldiers available was over one million. More than 16,000 American, British, and Canadian paratroopers were involved. The 600 members of the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion were the only Canadian paratroopers who were trained and participated in WWII.

A massive bombing operation began on March 23. On March 24, at 10 a.m. a thousand aircraft, many with gliders in tow, dropped the 16,000 parachute troops along the 10 km front. More than 1,000 large guns fired from across the river and 34,000 vehicles prepared to cross.

At day's end, there were 6,781 Allied casualties, killed or wounded. German casualties are not known but there were 3,500 prisoners taken. Allied Prisoners taken totaled 1,900.

Douglas Norman McLaughlin jumped near the town of Hammenkeln Germany. A fellow paratrooper reported that his feet did not touch the ground. He was hanging in a tree attempting to free himself from his parachute when he was shot and killed by a German soldier. Initially, he was buried in the Hammenkeln Small Bay Cemetery. After the war he was moved to the beautiful Groesbeek Canadian Military Cemetery near the German border where he lies at rest with 2,791 Canadians who gave their lives in battles close to there.

Winnifred, the wife of Douglas remarried a few years later. Her daughter to her second husband contacted me to learn more about her mom's first husband. She is planning a visit to the Groesbeek Cemetery. Winnifred passed away May 4, 2013, never having had the opportunity to visit Douglas's grave.



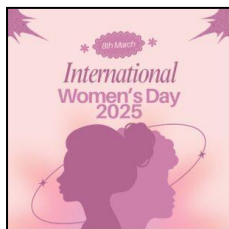
Also interred there is John James Currie from our town who has many descendant relatives in our community.

The locals in the surrounding community in Holland have a society where they collect and publish the stories of the soldiers on their website. I submitted John James Currie a few years ago and his story is seen at [www.geschiedenisgroesbeek.nl](http://www.geschiedenisgroesbeek.nl)

I plan to ask them to include the story of Douglas Norman McLaughlin story on their website.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Researched and written by: G. William Streeter January 14, 2025.



## International Women's Day March 8<sup>th</sup>

March 8<sup>th</sup> is International Women's Day (IWD) a global day to recognize and celebrate women's and girls' social, economic, cultural achievements. It is also a time to highlight the progress made in advancing women's rights and ongoing efforts needed to ensure full participation in all aspects of society.

### International Women's Day 2025 theme

The Government of Canada's theme for International Women's Day 2025 is **Strength in every story.**

This year's theme highlights the importance of amplifying the voices of all women, particularly those who continue to face barriers to success. Creating opportunities for women and girls unlocks their potential and drives innovation, supports Canada's economy, and helps ensure a sustainable future for all.

Every woman's story is a testament to resilience, determination, and the power of opportunity. This International Women's Day, celebrate the women and girls in your life and share their stories.

### Ways to get involved

- **Share stories of women making a difference in your community or workplace. Learn about inspiring Canadian women and gender equality in Canada:**
  - Get to know the [Women of Impact in Canada online gallery](#) featuring profiles of courageous women who have made an impact in politics, the arts and sciences, and countless other fields
  - Explore the [Women in Canadian History: A Timeline](#) showcasing the achievements of Canadian women in various fields such as politics, sciences, and the arts
  - Consult the [Gender equality timeline](#) for an overview of gender equality milestones in Canada



- Watch [Heritage Minutes videos](#) on notable Canadian women #IWD202

As cited on the Government of Canada website [www.canada.ca/women-gender-equality/commemorations/international-womens-day](http://www.canada.ca/women-gender-equality/commemorations/international-womens-day)



## **Chaplain's Corner**

### **An Encouragement from the Chaplain**

Dear friends,

In these times of immense challenges, we are reminded of the unyielding faithfulness of God. As countless issues threaten to divide communities and individuals alike, our Creator remains constant—an unwavering source of strength and hope. Understanding and embracing God's faithfulness is essential as we navigate life's complexities and the dilemmas confronting our communities.

Scripture offers us reassurance in God's enduring nature. Lamentations 3:22-23 reveals, "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness." How comforting it is to hold onto this promise! Despite the numerous challenges we face, God's love and mercy are renewed daily, providing a firm foundation upon which we can rely.

In the midst of external pressures, it is crucial to maintain a pure heart focused on our relationship with God. Jesus articulates in Matthew 5:8, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." By continuously striving for purity and righteousness, we align our hearts with God's will, allowing His peace to permeate our being and influence our actions positively.

Today's world often encourages division, but the Gospel calls us to a different way of life. Ephesians 4:2-3 urges us to "be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." God's love compels us to support one another by reaching across divides and building bridges that foster community and connection.

Jesus's mission was to offer us an abundant life, as He stated in John 10:10, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." This abundant life is characterized by meaningful relationships and a deep connection with God and others. By living out the Gospel, we are called to embody love, peace, and unity—inviting others to experience the fullness of life in Christ.

In a time when lines are drawn and divisions amplified, Jesus's message of peace resonates more than ever. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9). As followers of Christ, we are tasked with being agents of peace. This means actively bridging gaps, listening, empathizing, and loving beyond our differences.

As we seek daily to see each other through God's eyes—with love, grace, and mercy—may we become beacons of hope and unity. Let us commit to keeping our hearts pure while standing steadfast in God's faithfulness. Through our actions and commitment to being peacemakers, we can transform our communities into places reflecting Christ's love and peace.

Together, let us work towards a community and world where connections are strengthened, differences are reconciled, and lives are filled with the hope and fullness offered through Jesus. Jesus Changes Everything!

In Christ's love and peace,

David Baker, Chaplain



## Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre

March events at the BCM&CC include:

For the Birds Artist Talk: Finding Joy in Making  
March 1 | 1-2 PM

[For the Birds Artist Talk: Finding Joy in Making - Bruce Museum CA](#)

March Break Family Fun Days  
March 8-15

[March Break Family Fun Days - Bruce Museum CA](#)

Muse-Talks: Highlights from the 2024 Elora Adventure Film Festival with Ian Evans  
March 21 | 7-10 PM

[Muse-Talk: Highlights from the 2024 Elora Adventure Film Festival with Ian Evans - Bruce Museum CA](#)

Museum Munchkins: Pete Moss in Concert  
March 22 | 10 AM (Doors at 9:45 AM)

[Museum Munchkins: Pete Moss in Concert - Bruce Museum CA](#)

Thank you!

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**Celebrating 70 Years of History, Culture, and Community**  
Be part of our story as we celebrate our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Stay connected with us on social media throughout the year as we commemorate this incredible milestone by sharing stories and memories that honour our past, celebrate the present, and imagine our future. #BCMCC70 [Learn more >>](#)

Stay up -to-date on all things BCM&CC by [following us on Facebook and Instagram](#).



### Port Elgin Dance Club News



Events are held in the main hall of the Port Elgin Legion.

**We are looking forward to dancing on the newly refinished Legion Upstairs Hall dance floor!**  
***Please bring indoor shoes to dance in, so that the lovely refinished floor stays safely dry and unmarked.***

#### Going forward:

March 7	Regular Dance Program 7:30-9:30 \$5 per couple
March 14	St. Patrick's Day Dance Program 7:30-9:30 \$5 per couple
March 21	Regular Dance Program 7:30-9:30 \$5 per couple
March 28	Regular Dance Program 7:30-9:30 \$5 per couple

#### LESSONS:

We are planning for lessons in the future, once the weather and driving conditions improve. To that end we are taking a survey of what dances people would like to learn. If you have not already replied, please take a minute to answer.



If you would like to take lessons (1 hour from 6:30-7:30 at \$10 per person) and you have not yet completed our survey, please send me the 5 dances you would like to learn from the list below, in order of preference.

Also, input next to the dance style, whether you would prefer beginner or intermediate (Which will include a quick review before adding new moves or turns).

The dance that gets the most votes will be taught first, and the others by order of popularity.

**Ballroom:** Foxtrot, Waltz, Jive/Swing (East Coast or West Coast)

**Latin:** Rhumba, Cha Cha, Mambo, Salsa, Tango

**Line Dance:**

One lesson will cover "Sherry Baby", "Wagon Wheel", and a "Couples Line Waltz"

Thank You for your input. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again!

Jackie & Don  
 "The Best Things Happen While You're Dancing"  
 519-368-7377



**PORT ELGIN LEGION – BRANCH 340**  
**2025 - MONTHLY EVENTS**  
 (Event Dates subject to change)

Statutory Holidays  Meat Draws  Bingo

JANUARY 2025							FEBRUARY 2025							MARCH 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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