



Port Elgin Legion - Branch 340

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May 2009 Branch Line

The Annual General Meeting and Elections were held on Tuesday, April 07th. Congratulations to the newly elected President and Executive. Thanks are extended to the nominees who let their name stand for positions. Joint installation of Officers will be held on Friday May 01st at 7:30 pm. The new Executives will begin their duties on June 01st.

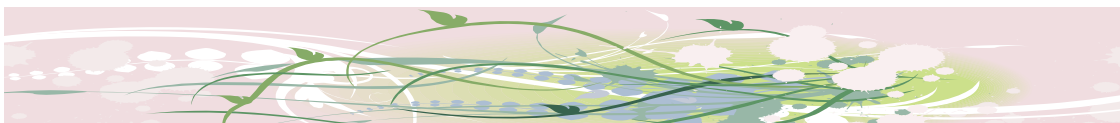
To the previous Executive, thank you for fulfilling your term of office and all your work is appreciated.

This year the Branch will be hosting D-Day Dinner on Saturday, June 06th. Mark your calendar now. See the poster included in the newsletter.

To all the special ladies, Happy Mother's Day to you. Enjoy your day with your family, friends and loved ones.

Hope you all enjoy the Victoria Day Long Weekend....Happy May 24!!!

The Editors



**The Royal Canadian Legion – Port Elgin Branch 340
Annual General Meeting Minutes
April 07, 2009**

1. **Call to Order:**

President Nigel Ord called the Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and opened in the usual manner.

Present: Cdes. Norma Dudgeon, Mary Alexander, Mike Atkinson, Ruth Clemmer, Kathy Eastwood, Celeste Eickholdt, Rhonda Harrison, Robert Harrison, Dan Kelly and Gord Kelly

1.1 **PRESENTATIONS:**

The following donations were presented:

- Mark Kraemer – Port Elgin Public Library, Fundraising Chair - \$1,000. Charity Account
- Linda McLaughlin, Board of Directors – Grey Bruce Regional Health Centre/Southampton - Poppy Trust Fund \$3,000 and Charity Account with L/A Donation \$3,500.
- Paul Weitendorf – Grey Bruce Regional Health Centre/Owen Sound - Poppy Trust Fund \$3,000. and Charity Account with L/A Donation \$2,000.
- Patty Kelly, Executive Director, Women’s Centre Grey/Bruce – Charity Account \$500
- Penny Bonin – Canadian Cancer Society/Bluewater District - Annual Cliff Seaman Chili fest Cook-off - \$ 1,384.

1.2 **INITIATION OF CANDIDATES:**

The following individuals were initiated: Joann Seaman – Associate and
James Feddema – Affiliate Voting

2. **Treasurer’s Report:**

MOTION by Cde Dan Kelly, seconded by Cde Bob Maas that the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending February 28, 2009 be adopted as read.

Revenue	\$ 22,091.63
Expense	<u>\$ 19,238.27</u>
Net Income	\$ 2,853.36

Total Liabilities & Equity as of February 28, 2009 \$ 390,925.78

CARRIED

3. **Adoption of Minutes:**

MOTION by Cde Robert Harrison, seconded by Cde Bob Maas that the General Meeting Minutes of March 03, 2009 be adopted as read.

CARRIED

MOTION by Cde Robert Harrison, seconded by Cde Celeste Eickholdt that the Executive Meeting Minutes of March 31, 2009 be adopted as read.

CARRIED

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**

5. **Unfinished Business:**

6. **Correspondence:**

7. Committee Reports:

Ladies Auxiliary: Celeste Eickholdt

- No immediate issues at this time
- Hall Rentals continuing to keep the L/A busy
- Donations of \$4,500. to hospital equipment
- Appreciation Dinner is April 23, 2009

Bingo Report:

- Wednesday Night Bingo progressed well over the past year. Intake before expenses just under \$19,000.
- Sunday Night Bingo was not a successful venture. Thanks to the L/A for their support.
- Bingo volunteers were also thanked.

Meat Draw Report:

- Meat Draw campaign was another success this year and the Draws have been well attended.
- Turkey Raffle program at Thanksgiving and Christmas was another success.
- Volunteers were thanked for all their help. Special Thanks to Tom Jacques for arranging and overseeing each and every meat draw.

Bursary & Charity: Gord Kelly

Thank you Letter from St. Joseph's Health Care Foundation for our recent donation of \$500. in support of Parkwood Veterans Care & Comfort Fund.

Poppy: Kathryn Eastwood

- Bank Balance as of October 01, 2008 - \$4,304.71. Poppy Campaign realized \$17,127.
- Total expenses of approximately \$16,235. leaving a balance of approximately \$4,445.
- Thanks to all the volunteers for all their help during the Campaign

Youth Education: Kathryn Eastwood

Posters, Essays & Poems:

Total of 340 entries from 4 schools. Total prize money awarded was \$1,350.

1 entry advanced to District Level and was awarded 3rd Place in the Poem Category – Cilka Ovettni

Public Speaking Competition:

27 students from 3 schools entered the competition. Total prize money awarded was \$250.

1 entry advanced to District Level and was awarded 4th Place – Kendra Fortin

Thanks to all the Judges and volunteers for all their help

Canteen: Mary Alexander

- A Bar Committee has been formed. Members have helped Bar Staff when they are over-run.
- Chief Bar Stewart Karen Smith tendered her resignation
- A successful year for the Bar

Honors & Awards: Mike Atkinson

All Honors & Awards are up to date. Previous Service Pin Awards are handed out as when Mike sees them

Awards will be handed out at the D-Day Dinner

Service Officer: Mike Atkinson

The Service Officer Workshop in Harriston was attended

Randy Groundwater will be available for interviews on April 24. Please see Cde Mike if you or anyone you know would benefit by seeing Mr. Groundwater.

Building: Nigel Ord

- Busy year with constant maintenance and general upkeep of the building
- Two Companies will be giving quotes for the carpet and upholstery cleaning
- Canopy and notice board at the front of the building need to be re-furbished and he is awaiting quotes
- Another pool table has been installed
- Hall Rentals are going steady
- Thanks to all those who have assisted with the general amenities

TOD: Norma Dudgeon

Report at the May General Meeting

Membership: Rhonda Harrison

MOTION by Cde Rhonda Harrison, seconded by Cde Ruth Clemmer that we accept the application from Laverne Misch for Affiliate Voting Membership.

CARRIED

MOTION by Cde Rhonda Harrison, seconded by Cde Wayne MacKinnon that we accept the application from Brian Henderson for Affiliate Voting Membership.

CARRIED

A summary of events and attendance for various functions and meetings was read.

PRO: Robert Harrison

- Attendance at meetings and Color Party seminars
- Reference was made to the recent membership mailing, which included annual events and general information about our Branch and another mailing is expected to be sent in the fall. Many compliments and positive feedback has been received.
- Thanks to other members of the Executive for their assistance with the various ads for the newspaper
- Thanks to Rhonda for her assistance with the Branch newsletter and other work

Sports: Ruth Clemmer

Upcoming Events include:

- 1) Three teams will be advancing to District 8 Ball Pool on Saturday, May 09, and is hosted by Port Elgin Branch
- 2) District Golf will be hosted by Owen Sound Branch 06 on July 04 at Scenic City Golf Course
- 3) District Horseshoes will be hosted by Chatsworth Branch 464 on July 11
- 4) No winners at District Shuffleboard

Thank you for the privilege of being Sports Chair this year.

President's Report: Nigel Ord

- More members are enjoying the facilities and what our Branch has to offer and consequently our revenues have increased.
- Thanks to the members who convened the various functions which the Branch provided this year i.e. Pumpkifest, Chili Fest, Golfing, Trivia, Curling, etc.
- Keep up the good work.

8. New and General Business:

- 8.1 Cde Ruth Clemmer was awarded her plaque for years of service as Zone Youth Education Chair from 2005 – 2009.
- 8.2 Cde Wayne MacKinnon was awarded his 10 Year Associate Pin
- 8.3 Cde Gord Kelly was awarded his 5 Year Associate Pin

- 8.4 Election of Officers: President: Nigel Ord
 1st Vice President: Kathryn Eastwood
 2nd Vice President: Dan Kelly
 Executive: 2 Year Term: Gord Kelly , Celeste Eickholdt
 President Ord to appoint the 3rd member
 1 Year Term: Mary Alexander, Faue Mackenzie
 Robert Harrison
9. **Motion of Adjournment:**
MOTION by Cde Bev Wakeling that this Meeting now adjourn at 9:30 p.m. **CARRIED**
10. **Closing Ceremony**

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

Nigel Ord, President

Rhonda Harrison, Secretary

MESSAGE FROM THE L/A PRESIDENT

I would like to thank the Ladies Auxiliary membership for re-electing me for a second term and to remind all of the Executive that installation of officers is May 1st at 7:30 pm in the upstairs hall. See you there!
 Thank you,

Cheryl Lawson
 L/A President

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**DONATIONS**

**BRANCH, LADIES AUXILIARY AND POPPY TRUST FUND**



**DONATION TO  
 PORT ELGIN PUBLIC  
 LIBRARY RESTORATION  
 CAMPAIGN**

Port Elgin Legion President  
 Nigel Ord presents a  
 cheque to Mark Kraemer,  
 Fundraising Chair of the  
 Port Elgin Public Library  
 Restoration Campaign, in  
 the amount of \$1,000.

### **DONATION OF GREY BRUCE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE – SOUTHAMPTON**

President Nigel Ord presents a cheque to Linda MacLaughlin in the amount of \$3,500. and a donation from Cde Kathryn Eastwood for \$3,000. from the Poppy Trust Fund. The funds will be used for equipment upgrades.



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### **DONATION TO WOMEN'S CENTRE (GREY BRUCE)**

President Nigel Ord presents a cheque for \$500. to Patty Kelly for fire alarm upgrades



## DONATION TO GREY BRUCE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE – OWEN SOUND

President Nigel Ord presents a cheque for \$3,000. to Paul Weitendorf, Executive Director of the Grey Bruce Regional Health Centre Foundation. The foundation also received \$3,000 from Cde Kathryn Eastwood from the Poppy Trust Fund. Funds will be used for equipment needs.



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## DONATION TO CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY

President Nigel Ord presents a cheque for \$1,384. to Penny Bonin, Chairperson of the Daffodil Campaign, Port Elgin & Southampton Bluewater Unit, Canadian Cancer Society. The money is the proceeds from the Annual Cliff Seaman Memorial Chili Cook-Off.

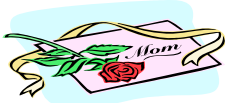


## THURSDAY NIGHT CARDS

Shirley Dadswell and Dorothy Dewbury presenting President Nigel Ord with a donation of \$500 from the Thursday Night Cards.



Picture was received on April 16, 2009 from Cde Hilda Ord



## WHAT'S HAPPENING



### PUB NIGHT ~ 8 TO MIDNIGHT

May 09 – Jim Beech  
May 16 – Crippled Ducks  
May 23 – John Heaman

### MEAT ROLLS at 4:00 p.m.

Saturday ~ May 16 & 23

### BINGO EVERY WEDNESDAY

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.  
Bingo at 7:30 p.m. \$700.00 Jackpot

## MEMBERSHIP

I announce our 2 two new members: Joann Seaman and James Feddema.

I attended the District Zone Convention on April 17 & 18 in Owen Sound. During the Sunday program, Shirley Chalmers, District Membership, awarded our Branch the following Certificate:

*Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command District "C" – 2008  
Membership Appreciation Certificate - In recognition of achieving over 100% total membership*

It was a privilege to accept this Award and I am grateful to all of you for making this possible. It is with your support and commitment as you renew your membership each year that our Branch is a recipient of this Certificate. Thank you!

Yours in Comradeship,  
Rhonda Harrison  
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For those of you who are great moms, those of you who plan to be great moms and those who have great moms...

### **REAL MOTHERS**

Real Mothers don't eat quiche; they don't have time to make it.

Real Mothers know that their kitchen utensils are probably in the sandbox.

Real Mothers often have sticky floors, filthy ovens and happy kids.

Real Mothers know that dried play dough doesn't come out of shag carpets.

Real Mothers don't want to know what the vacuum just sucked up.

Real Mothers sometimes ask "Why me?" and get their answer when a little voice says, "Because I love you best."

Real Mothers know that a child's growth is not measured by height or years or grade...It is marked by the progression of Mama to Mom to Mother...

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### **Never Argue with a Woman**

One morning, the husband returns the boat to their lakeside cottage after several hours of fishing and decides to take a nap.

Although not familiar with the lake, the wife decides to take the boat out.

She motors out a short distance, anchors, puts her feet up and begins to read her book.

The peace and solitude are magnificent.

Along come a Fish and Game Warden in his boat.

He pulls up alongside the woman and says, "Good morning, Ma'am. What are you doing?"

"Reading a book", she replies, thinking, "Isn't that obvious?"

"You're in a Restricted Fishing Area", he informs her.

"I'm sorry, Officer, but I'm not fishing, I'm reading."

Yes, but I see you have all the equipment.

For all I know you could start at any moment.

I'll have to take you in and write you up.

"If you do that, I'll have to charge you with sexual assault", says the woman.

"But I haven't even touched you", says the Game Warden.

"That's true, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment."

"Have a nice day Ma'am", and he left.

***MORAL: Never argue with a woman who reads. It's likely she can also think.***



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| 3                         | 4  | 5<br>GEN. MTG.<br>8:00 PM         | 6<br><i>BINGO</i><br>7:30 PM  | 7<br><i>EUCHRE</i><br>7:30 PM  | 8<br><i>BALLROOM DANCING</i><br>8:30 PM  | 9<br>PUB NITE<br>8:00 PM                          |
| 10<br><i>Mother's Day</i> | 11 | 12<br>L/A<br>GEN. MTG.<br>8:00 PM | 13<br><i>BINGO</i><br>7:30 PM | 14<br><i>EUCHRE</i><br>7:30 PM | 15<br><i>BALLROOM DANCING</i><br>8:30 PM | 16<br>MEAT ROLL<br>4:00 PM<br>PUB NITE<br>8:00 PM |
| 17                        | 18 | 19                                | 20<br><i>BINGO</i><br>7:30 PM | 21<br><i>EUCHRE</i><br>7:30 PM | 22<br><i>BALLROOM DANCING</i><br>8:30 PM | 23<br>MEAT ROLL<br>4:00 PM<br>PUB NITE<br>8:00 PM |
| 24<br><i>Victoria Day</i> | 25 | 26<br>EXEC. MTG.<br>7:30 PM       | 27<br><i>BINGO</i><br>7:30 PM | 28<br><i>EUCHRE</i><br>7:30 PM | 29<br><i>BALLROOM DANCING</i><br>8:30 PM | 30                                                |
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~ Please join us for our various events and help support your Branch ~



PORT ELGIN LEGION BRANCH 340

# **D-DAY DINNER**

***GUEST SPEAKER***

***Don Matheson***

***Chesley High School celebrates the:  
"65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Ortona"***

**Saturday, June 06, 2009**

**Social Time – 5:00 p.m.**

**Dinner – 6:00 p.m.**

**Veterans of Branch 340 and their  
Spouse/Escort are invited guests**

**Anyone wishing to attend may leave their  
name with the Bar Steward**

**Dinner \$10.00 per Person**

***Hope to see you there!***