



**Port Elgin Legion
Branch 340**



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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.

Special thanks to Cde Norma Dudgeon and her excellent co-ordination of the annual Remembrance Day activities and dinner. To everyone who helped in any way, we thank you too. Well done!

Our highlight this year was being awarded a wall plaque for achieving 3rd Place in "C" Category for the District Bulletin Competition. This is certainly another great honour and a very pleasant surprise. We are very grateful and we will continue to do our best for your Branch bulletin.

Another year is coming to close. We take this opportunity to thank our readers for your continued support and submissions to the Branch Line.

On behalf of our family to yours we wish you a very Merry Christmas, the happiest holidays and a prosperous New Year.

The Editors



President's Message

As the New Year approaches, it gives members an opportunity to reflect upon the year that is just ending and the changes that have occurred in everyone's lives. To those who have experienced sadness this year we offer our deepest sympathies and to those who have achieved success our congratulations. To the many volunteers and hardworking staff who have dedicated their time to this Branch we extend our sincerest gratitude and to all we offer Season's Greetings and a wish for Health and Peace in 2011. As you celebrate this time of year, please keep in your thoughts our brave men and women serving this country and all those whose line of work protects us and administers to us.

Kathryn Eastwood
President

Ladies Auxiliary President's Message

On behalf of the 63 members of the Ladies Auxiliary to Branch 340, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and safe and happy holidays.

We have been extremely busy serving seven Christmas Banquets and two funerals during November and five more banquets to do in December. Due to the fact that several of our ladies are struggling with injury and illness right now, we have called on Branch ladies to help prepare and serve meals. A sincere thank you to all who have volunteered their time. It was a wonderful Remembrance Day service followed by the Banquet where the Ladies Auxiliary presented the Branch with a cheque for \$5,000. and the Cenotaph Fund with \$1,000. The Tuesday Cards group of ladies gave the Branch a cheque for \$500. and donated \$1,000. to the Hospital Foundation.

Our Ladies Auxiliary would not function without the comradeship, loyalty and dedication of our very special women who commit to the Auxiliary, the Branch, the Veterans and each other. These words express what we're all about:

***Time passes, life happens, distance separates, children grow up, jobs come and go
Love waxes and wanes. Hearts break
Parents die.***

Colleagues forget favors. Careers end.

But, sisters are there, no matter how much time and how many miles are between you.

A girlfriend is never farther away than needing her can reach.

***When you have to walk that lonesome valley and you have to walk it by yourself, the women in your life
will be on the valley's rim, cheering you on, praying for you, pulling for you, intervening on your behalf,
and waiting with open arms at the valley's end.***

Sometimes they will even break the rules and walk beside you, or come in and carry you out.

The world wouldn't be the same without women.

***When we began this adventure called womanhood,
we had no idea of the incredible joys or sorrows that lay ahead.***

Nor did we know how much we would need each other.

Everyday, we need each other still.

Wishing you all the true meaning of Christmas, Love Peace and Happiness.

Diane Mills, President
Ladies Auxiliary
Port Elgin Legion Branch 340

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to David Higgins who was initiated at the November General Meeting.

I am pleased to announce that Cde Robert McCourt is the winner of the November Early Bird Draw. Congratulations!

Another Campaign is complete and I would like to say a big thank you to all of you who renewed within this period. I am hopeful that our Early Bird Award will be an even higher percentage than last year. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours in Comradeship,
Rhonda Harrison
Membership Chair
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WHAT'S HAPPENING



NEW YEAR'S DANCE

December 31 – Dance to “Crippled Ducks”
See Poster for details

TURKEY AND MEAT RAFFLES

Friday, Dec. 03 at 8:00 pm
Saturday, Dec 4, 11 & 18 at 4:00 pm

BINGO

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

NEW YEARS LEVEE

The Branch will be open from 12 noon to 6:00 pm
Join us for Entertainment
Ring in the New Year with your friends
Join us – it's gonna be fun!!

JUST THINK ABOUT IT

- ❖ The smallest of actions is better than the best of intentions
- ❖ When it comes to giving some people stop at nothing
- ❖ A borrower is someone who wants to live within your means
- ❖ Nothing is impossible to the man who doesn't have to it by himself
 - ❖ You can't get much done by starting tomorrow
- ❖ Instead of putting others in their place, put yourself in their place
 - ❖ A man who rolls up his sleeves, seldom loses his shirt
- ❖ You'll never lead the band if you're unwilling to face the music
 - ❖ Something you get for nothing is usually worth it
- ❖ Only the weak wish to live without obligation and penalties

Till Next Time!

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NOVEMBER 11TH – PHOTOS FROM THE DAY

There will be a few more in the January edition



The SIGN GUYS

Cdes Mike Atkinson, Dan Kelly, Robert Harrison and Les Virtue are proud to pose with the new sign located at the rear of the building.

Way to go guys!!!



Cde Grant Grieve was awarded his 65th year pin and the November 11th Banquet. Honoring him were Zone Commander Gary Gaeler, Cde Mike Atkinson, Honors & Award Chairman; Major Kevin Grieve, son, Cde Norma Dudgeon, Treasurer, Gary Grieve, son and Cde Kathryn Eastwood, 1st Vice President



Ladies Auxiliary President Diane Mills and Treasurer Marg Esplen are presenting 2nd Vice President Dan Kelly with a cheque for \$5,000. and the Cenotaph Fund with \$1,000. The Tuesday Cards group of ladies gave the Branch a cheque for \$500. and donated \$1,000. to the Hospital Foundation.



Cde Robert Harrison proudly displays his recent award of winning 3rd Place in the District “C” Category for the newsletter competition.

As Editors of the Branch Line we try diligently and effectively to provide you with a good reading experience.

We are very happy with our accomplishments.



Cde Bob Maas received his Life Membership Award at the November 11th Banquet and is sharing a photo op with his friend Jack Chapman.



Our guest speaker for the November 11th Banquet was Don Matheson and he did a slide presentation on the “65th Anniversary of the Liberation of Holland”. Pictured L – R are Geoff Arnold, Squadron Director of the Air Cadets, Don Matheson, Cde Mike Atkinson, Zone Cdr Gary Gaeler, Cde Norma Dudgeon and Cde Robert Harrison.



FOOD BASKET:

Please help support the Salvation Army Food Drive with your regular contributions of non-perishable food items. This food box is located as you enter the Canteen and will be taken to the Salvation Army at the end of each month or sooner if you fill it with your generosity.

Contact: Diane Mills, Ladies Auxiliary President, if you require further information at 519-832-2748



LAST POST



PRESIDENT NIGEL ORD

Peacefully at the Grey Bruce Health Services, Southampton on Thursday, November 11th, 2010, in his 71st year Nigel Ord of Port Elgin. Husband of the late Hilda. Father of Tracey and her husband Dana Thorne, and Granddad to Jessica, Rebecca and her fiancé Jared Emmerson, all of Brantford. Also survived by his brothers David, Eric and Stephan all of England.



SGT-AT-ARMS ALEXINA ATKINSON

Peacefully with her family by her side at the Grey Bruce Health Services Southampton, on Sunday, November 21st, 2010 in her 64th year Alexina "Zine" Atkinson of Port Elgin. Beloved wife of Mike for 40 years. Loving Mom of Tony, of Port Elgin, Rob and his wife Debra of Port Elgin and Todd of Innisfil. Proud and loving Nana of Kayla and Dillon. Dear sister of Margaret Leighton of Vancouver B.C., Mima and her husband Mac McGillivray of Innisfil, Les and his wife Muriel of Port Elgin, Wallace of Hillsburg, Sherwood (Bud) and his wife Leona of Owen Sound, Shirley and her husband Carm Sweiger of Chesley, Marlene and her husband Harvey Davidson of Walkerton, and Don and his wife Eleanor of Clavering. Predeceased by her brother Orland and her sister Lenore King. Dear sister-in-law of Doug (Sharon) of Paisley, and John and his wife Beverly of London. Zine will be deeply missed by many nieces and nephews.



HOLIDAY HOURS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

Canteen Open 3:00 – 6:00 pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

CLOSED

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

Canteen Open 4:00 – 8:00 pm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

Canteen Open 3:00 – 6:00 pm

Upstairs Hall Open 8:00 pm – 1:00 am

New Years Eve Dance

SATURDAY, JANUARY 01

New Years Levee

12:00 Noon – 6:00 pm

*Wishing you and your loved ones
Peace, Health, Happiness and Prosperity*

NEW YEARS EVE DANCE

**Port Elgin Legion Br. 340
Friday, December 31**

**Entertainment by
“Crippled Ducks”**

**Doors Open at 8:00 PM
Dancing 9:00 PM – 1:00 AM**

\$20.00/Person \$35.00/Couple

Party Favours Light Lunch

∞ HAPPY NEW YEAR ∞



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26	27	28 <i>EXECUTIVE</i> 7:30 PM	29 <i>BINGO</i> 7:30 PM	30	31 <i>NEW YEAR'S DANCE</i> 	

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