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# ***OCTOBER 2013***

# ***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.

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Please read the report from our Membership Chairman – your help is needed today!

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**Pumpkinfest Breakfast is being served at the Legion Hall  
Saturday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 am to Noon  
Sunday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 am to Noon**

**Please support the Branch and join us.... Thank you**

**Wishing everyone a safe and happy time at Pumpkinfest.**

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## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**Effective immediately - The Branch has a new fax number so please update your listing now. The new number is 226-453-3005.**

*The Editor*



LEST WE FORGET



## MEMBERSHIP

The 2014 Early Bird Campaign began on September 01<sup>st</sup> and ends November 30<sup>th</sup>. Pay for your membership within this time frame and you will receive your Early Bird Sticker on your new card and only pay \$45.00. **Dues will be \$50.00 starting December 01<sup>st</sup>.**

In order for our Branch to win a higher percentage for the 2014 Early Bird Award everyone must pay their renewal dues by November 30<sup>th</sup>. We are counting on you to renew early. When you submit your payment it will ensure that your membership is paid up until the end of next year and that you will continue to receive the Legion Magazine without interruption.

We value your support and encourage you to continue your membership. Remember, the Early Bird gets the Reward!!

**Annual dues remain at \$45.00 during the Campaign Period** please see the Bar Steward to assist with your payment and receipt.

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Membership Chairman  
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**ONTARIO PROVINCIAL COMMAND  
LADIES' AUXILIARY**  
[www.legion.ca](http://www.legion.ca)



The Legion was founded in November 1925 in Winnipeg and chartered in July 1926 by special Act of Parliament. However, veteran's welfare and assistance had been carried on since 1916. During the 1914 -1918 war years as wounded veterans returned home, women were asked to help with their recovery by visiting hospitals, sending parcels to the hospitalized and to needy families. These ladies served the veterans and their dependants. Thus, our Ladies' Auxiliary unofficially became a reality! Ontario Command has 292 Auxiliaries with 13,731 members.

### **LADIES' AUXILIARY OBJECTIVES**

The members of the Ladies' Auxiliary shall be available to assist the Branch in its activities. As the individual Branches are the most important element in the structure of the Royal Canadian Legion, thus the Ladies' Auxiliary becomes a very integral part of the work of the Legion at all levels. Becoming an Auxiliary member can be a very rewarding experience. Our Auxiliary goals are important to us, but so are our members! Therefore, they ensure that activities are planned for you to enjoy as well. It is recognized that not everyone wants to or can give the same time commitment to the Auxiliary, but we are grateful for whatever time you can spare to assist with the work of this great national organization.

### **MEMBERS NEEDED**

Port Elgin Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary have been looking for new members to join the Ladies Auxiliary. If you are interested, please contact the under-signed.

L/A President Joyce Chapman will be more than happy to provide an application form for you. Application forms are also available with the Bar Steward.

Joyce Chapman, L/A President  
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## POPPY

The Annual Poppy Campaign will commence on the last Friday of October.

Volunteers will be needed to canvas poppies in different locations through-out Port Elgin. There will be a sign-up sheet for you to select your time and location. Remember your oath when you joined the Legion and sign-up.

Volunteers for various other aspects that make up the Campaign will also be needed and another sheet will be available for this in the Canteen.

Your time is appreciated in helping make our Campaign a great success.

Cde Blair Eby  
Poppy Chairman  
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## HONOURS & AWARDS

At the September General Meeting – Cde Robert Harrison was presented with his Executive Committee and Bursary Bar; and Cde Rhonda Harrison was presented with her Secretary Bar.

At the October General Meeting – President Kathryn Eastwood was presented with her Executive Committee and Leadership Bar.

Blair Eby  
Honours & Awards  
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### **SPORTS COMMITTEE**



The following information has been posted on the Games Board.  
Please sign up on the respective Sport Sheet.  
Membership Card is required to be shown at registration.

**ZONE C- 4 CRIBBAGE** will be held on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at Tara Branch 383

**ZONE C- 4 EUCHRE** will be held on Sunday, December 01<sup>st</sup> at Tara Branch 383

**ZONE C- 4 DARTS – TEAMS** will be held on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at Port Elgin Branch 340

Please sign up with the knowledge that if you win you should plan on going onto the District competition in the respective event.

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Sports Officer  
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## If you are a Snow Bird Why not an Early Bird?

Before you fly south for a winter's relaxation, become an Early Bird by paying next year's dues between September 1<sup>st</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup>. Then you can preen in the sun, knowing you've ensured there'll be no loss of Legion service or membership privileges. Remember, if you wait it may be your feathers that are ruffled later.

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### **BURSARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**



**\$500.00**  
**BURSARY IS AVAILABLE**



The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command Charitable Foundation and the Royal Canadian Legion Ladies' Auxiliary Ontario Command:

#### **ELIGIBILITY:**

- War Veterans and their children and grandchildren
- Ordinary and Life Members of the Royal Canadian Legion and their children and grandchildren
- Associate Members of the Royal Canadian Legion and their children
- Ladies' Auxiliary members and their children and grandchildren

**APPLICATION:** Application Forms are available from the following:

- Secondary School Guidance Offices
- Awards Offices of Colleges and Universities
- Provincial Service Bureau Offices of the Royal Canadian Legion
- Your Royal Canadian Legion Branch and Ladies' Auxiliary

For more information please contact:

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Bursary Chairman  
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[harrisonconst@bmts.com](mailto:harrisonconst@bmts.com)

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#### **Something to think about...**

(This teacher mustn't have a sense of humour!)

1. In which battle did Napoleon die? *His last battle*
2. Where was the Declaration of Independence signed? *At the bottom of the page*
3. River Ravi flows in which state? *Liquid*
4. What is the reason for divorce? *Marriage*
5. What is the reason for failure? *Exams*
6. What can you never eat for breakfast? *Lunch & dinner*
7. What looks like half an apple? *The other half*
8. If you throw a red stone into the blue sea what will it become? *Become wet*
9. How can a man go eight days without sleeping? *He sleeps at night.*
10. How can you lift an elephant with one hand? *You will never find an elephant with one hand.*
11. If you had 3 apples and 4 oranges in one hand and 4 apples and 3 oranges in the other hand, what would you have? *Very large hands.*
12. If it took 8 men 10 hours to build a wall, how long would it take 4 men to build it? *No time at all, the wall is already built.*
13. How can you drop a raw egg onto a concrete floor without cracking it? *Any way you want, concrete floors are very hard to crack*

- Author Unknown -



Athletics Ontario announced the 2013 Award winner this past weekend.

There was a lot to celebrate at this year's "Celebrating Excellence in Athletics, Awards Banquet & Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony" this past weekend. The banquet, held at the Toronto Don Valley Hotel & Suites, on Saturday September 28, was attended by nearly 250 guests, many of whom are considered some of the best athletes in the country.

**Each year the top athletes in their respective age division are recognized for their accomplishment. This year Alex Morrow and Kelly Gribbons from Saugeen Shores were the top athletes in their events. Alex was the top athlete in the Youth Girls Combined Events and Kelly was the top athlete in the Junior Woman's Throws.**

**These athletes had outstanding years, they both won the Ontario Championships in their events, won medals at the National Championships and went on to represent Canada at International competitions. Alex competed at the World Youth Championships and Kelly at the Pan American Junior Championship.**

Special Awards of the evening, included the Athlete of the Year Award which was won by Derek Drouin were presented.

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Track & Field Chairman  
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### PROPERTY COMMITTEE

- The roof work has been completed. There is still some ductwork ongoing and should be done very soon.
- The security cameras and screen have all been replaced. Thanks to Marshall Dolbeck for his assistance.
- Work will begin in the freezer room as the drywall has to be replaced.
- It is recommended that a Committee be formed to organize the renovations for the downstairs lounge. Cde Nelson will give us a quote on the carpet.
- The kitchen will be painted and George and the L/A will get together on what has to be done.
- Still waiting for the installation of the new eaves troughs on the west side and redoing the drain from the east side of the roof.

With the other maintenance projects that will be occurring we appreciate your patience during this time.

George Sicord  
Property Chairman  
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### **Moving Beer**

Mary was asleep in bed when her husband, Patrick, crashed through the front door at 3 AM waking her up.

He staggered through the hallway and tried to get up the stairs.

'What are you doing?' Mary shouted.

Patrick replied, 'I'm trying to get this gallon of beer up the stairs.'

'Leave it down there, Patrick', Mary bellowed.

'I can't,' Patrick replied, 'I've drunk it.'

**Saugeen Memorial Hospital Foundation  
Donor Appreciation Evening – Monday, September 30, 2013**



**RCL Port Elgin Branch 340 was well represented at the SMHF Donor Appreciation Evening**

Standing L-R: Cde Donelda Thede, L/A 1st Vice President Brenda Collins, L/A President Joyce Chapman, Branch 2nd Vice President Robert Harrison, Cde Elizabeth Eby, Cde Blair Eby  
Seated L-R: SMHF Members: Erin Zorzi, Foundation Chair, Tony Sheard, Campaign Chair and Maureen Solecki, GBHS President & CEO

The evening was quite informative as the guest speakers spoke of their role with the Foundation and the accomplishments thus far. A short presentation was viewed on some of the equipment that has been purchased with our donations. Chair Erin Zorzi thanked the numerous organizations that have donated to the Hospital Foundation, and they wish our continued support.

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**New Drink?**

A guy walks into a bar and approaches the Barman, 'Can I have a pint of Less, please?'  
'I'm sorry Sir', the Barman replies, looking slightly puzzled, 'I've not come across that one before. Is it a Spirit?'  
'I've no idea', replies the guy, 'The thing is, I went to see my Doctor last week and he told me that I should drink less.'

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**“Skip a Day” Diet Plan**

A woman was terribly overweight, so her Doctor put her on a diet. The Doctor said, "I want you to eat regularly for 2 days, then skip a day, and repeat this procedure for 2 weeks.  
When the woman returned, she shocked the doctor by losing nearly 20 pounds.  
"Why, that's amazing!" the Doctor said, "Did you follow my instructions?"  
The woman nodded Yes; "I'll tell you though, I thought I was going to drop dead that third day."  
The Doctor, looking somewhat puzzled, says, "From hunger you mean?"  
"No, from Skipping."

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**Legion Week was celebrated on September 15 – 21, 2013**

We want to say “Thank You” to everyone that participated in our events and to the organizers. Hope you had a good time and we look forward to Legion Week next year.



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## **PUMPKINFEST BREAKFAST** **Upstairs Hall**

**Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**7 a.m. – Noon**

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**Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**8 a.m. – Noon**

***Adults \$ 8.00 / Children \$5.00***

### **SATURDAY, October 5<sup>th</sup>**

**MEAT RAFFLE**

**4:00 pm**

**Upstairs Hall**

**ENTERTAINMENT**

**“Slight Return”**

**8:00 pm - Midnight**

**Canteen**





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# Entertainment

Music provided by

**“Between the Rafters”**

**Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>  
8:00 pm - Midnight**







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6 <b>PUMPKINFEST            BREAKFAST</b> 8 AM - NOON <hr/> <b>JAMBOREE</b> 2 PM – 5 PM	7	8 <b>LADIES            CARD            GROUP</b> 1:30 PM <hr/> <b>L/A GEN MTG</b> 7:30 PM <hr/> <b>CRIBBAGE</b> 7:30 PM	9 <b>BINGO</b> 7:30 PM	10 <b>EUCHRE</b> 7:30 PM	11 <b>DANCE            CLUB</b> 8:00 PM	12 <b>EUCHRE</b> 1:30 PM <hr/> <b>MEAT ROLL</b> 4:00 PM
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27	28	29 <b>LADIES            CARD            GROUP</b> 1:30 PM <hr/> <b>EXEC MTG</b> 7:30 PM	30 <b>BINGO</b> 7:30 PM	31 <b>EUCHRE</b> 7:30 PM <hr/> <b>HAPPY            HALLOWEEN</b> 		

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