



Port Elgin Legion Branch 340

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APRIL 2014 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.

The Annual Elections were held at the General Meeting on April 1, 2014. The names of your incoming Executive are inside this issue. Their duties will begin on June 1st for a one year term.

The District "C" Spring Convention will be hosted by Port Elgin Branch from April 11th – 13th. The Committee has been working hard over the past year planning this weekend. There will be lots of events for the membership to enjoy while the delegates are attending the business of the Convention.

We look forward to seeing you at our first Seniors Fair on Thursday, May 15th at the Branch. There will be various service providers for you to speak with.

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

The Editor



LEST WE FORGET



MEMBERSHIP

If you have not paid your 2014 Dues, I encourage you to do so at your earliest convenience. We value your continued support as you renew your membership. If you have already paid, I thank you.

If you have recently had a change of address or your contact information, please leave the particulars with the Bar Steward and the Membership Register can be updated; or, contact the undersigned.

We are always looking for people to join this great organization and application forms are available at the Bar. Bring a friend and sign up today.

Sharen Maas
Membership Chairman
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LAST POST
Robert Percival



SENIORS REPORT

It sure is nice to see spring finally coming around. I hope the winter was good to you all.

Branch 340 has been receiving many opportunities for Seniors in this area. We have been displaying the information on the bulletin boards at the Branch. I know that most of you do not go into the Branch so we have decided to have a Seniors Fair at the Branch. The date will be Thursday May 15, 2014. There will be many displays for you to look peruse along with representatives available to talk to if you are interested in further information. Come along and see what is available in our neighborhood in the way of programs, services and product discounts. Some of the items are to name a few:

Travel opportunities by Hampton Travel

Healthy Food Choices by Epicure Selection

Aesthetics products and services by Elizabeth Eby Aesthetics

There are many more programs and we don't have room to name them all. I am looking forward to participating in this first Seniors Fair. Plan on attending and see what is available so don't forget to mark this date on your calendar.

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TOD (Training/Organizational Development)

By the time you read this the election results will be known; congratulations to those newly elected to their positions. During the next few weeks the President Elect will be busy choosing who on the new executive will become Chairs of the Standing and Non-Standing Committees as well as appointing other officers such as the Secretary, Service Officer, Sergeant-at-Arms and liaison to the Ladies Auxiliary. These positions have to be in place for approval at the June General Meeting following the beginning of the new term on June 1st. Standing Committees are mandatory and are: Membership, Poppy, Sports, TOD, Seniors, PRO, Youth Ed, T & F and Veterans' Services. Chairs of these committees are executive members. Non-Standing Committees, such as Nevada, Bar, Honours & Awards, Property and Ways & Means can be chaired by non-executive branch members. All this information can be found in the Ontario Command General By-laws or the 2012 Branch Regulations; copies of which are in the Branch Office.

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TOD Chairman
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SPORTS COMMITTEE



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Don't forget to purchase your Easter Basket tickets. The basket of goodies is now at the Branch and is valued at \$500.00 and holds a whole lot of goodies for you to enjoy.

Partial proceeds to the Saugeen Shores Summer Sports Programs – Softball and Soccer and a percentage to the Branch Building/Maintenance Fund.

Tickets are \$2.00 each or \$5.00 for three. They will be available at the Legion and will be sold by fellow Comrades. The draw will be held on Good Friday – April 18th at 5:00 pm. We appreciate your support and good luck to all!



EASTER BRANCH HOURS



Good Friday	3:00 pm to Midnight
Easter Sunday	CLOSED
Easter Monday	3:00 pm to Midnight

All I Need to Know About Life I Learned from the Easter Bunny

Don't put all of your eggs in one basket.
Walk softly and carry a big carrot.
Everyone needs a friend who is all ears.
There's no such thing as too much candy.
All work and no play can make you a basket case.
A cute little tail attracts a lot of attention.
Everyone is entitled to a bad hare day.
Let happy thoughts multiply like rabbits.
Some body parts should be floppy.
Keep your paws off other people's jellybeans.
The grass is always greener in someone else's basket.
An Easter bonnet can tame even the wildest hare.
To show your true colors you have to come out of your shell.
The best things in life are still sweet and gooey!

- Author Unknown -



ANNUAL ELECTIONS
Tuesday, April 1, 2014



Results of the Election are as follows for your Branch Executive
Term of Office is June 1, 2014 to May 31, 2015

President	Dan Kelly
Immediate Past President	Kathryn Eastwood
1 st Vice President	Robert Harrison
2 nd Vice President	Sharen Maas
Executive Officers	Brenda Collins
	Elizabeth Eby
	Rhonda Harrison
	Donelda Thede
	Blair Eby
	Gord Kelly

Thank you to the past Executive for doing an excellent job this term. Congratulations to the in-coming Executive. Special thanks to President Kathryn for all her work and dedication as President.

Mike Atkinson
Elections Chairman

SPRING ZONE C-4 CONVENTION
Port Elgin Branch 340

Port Elgin Legion Branch 340 was host to the Zone C-4 Spring Convention on March 23, 2014. There was an excellent turn-out and 11 out of 12 Branches were represented. Representatives from the District "C" Officers were in attendance. District "C" Commander Derek Moore complimented Branch 340 for the arrangements and a good Convention.

The President's Meeting commenced at 10:00 am and the Convention at 1:00 pm. There was good discussion and reports from the Branch Presidents and Zone Chairmen.

Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary for preparing refreshments and goodies in the morning and an excellent lunch.

Sgt-at-Arms Robert Harrison did an excellent job in presenting the Color Party.

Branch 340 will also be host to the District "C" Spring Convention on April 11, 12, and 13, 2014.





WHAT'S HAPPENING In April



LADIES CARD CLUB
Tuesday Afternoons
Upstairs Hall
Start 1:30 pm

IN-HOUSE CRIBBAGE
2nd Tuesday of each month
Start 7:30 pm
Canteen

BINGO every Wednesday
Doors open at 6:30 pm
Bingo at 7:30 pm –
\$700. Jackpot

EUCHRE
Thursday at 7:30 pm
Canteen

DANCE CLUB
Friday at 8:00 pm
Upstairs Hall

EUCHRE
Saturday at 1:30 pm
Canteen

JAMBOREE
Sunday, March 2
2:00 – 5:00 pm
Upstairs Hall

MEAT RAFFLE
Saturday, March 1, 15, 29
4:00 pm
Canteen

TRIVIA
Friday, March 21
8:00 pm
Canteen

All Legion events are open to the public. Bring your friends for an enjoyable time out.



AIR CADETS 340 (Griffin) Squadron, Port Elgin



The 340 (Griffin) Squadron were presented with their annual donation of \$5,500.

L-R Blair Eby, Steve Pellow, Chair of the 340 Squadron Sponsoring Committee, and President Kathy Eastwood.

The donation provides for the regular functioning of the Cadets. These funds cover the basic costs such as rent, utilities, phone, and internet. The Squadron raises additional funds for the extra events and trips.

Three vampires walk into a bar. The first one says, "I'll have a pint of blood."

The second one says, "I'll have one, too."

The third one says, "I'll have a pint of plasma."

The bartender says, "So, that'll be two Bloods and a Blood Lite?"

TRIBUTE TO The Wednesday Night Bingo Crew



Back Row L-R: Louise Coulter, Connie Grieve, Annemarie Kinsman, Howard Chappell, Fred Knibb, Betty Fraser, Sharen Maas
Center Row: Shirley Dadswell
Front Row L-R: Don Dudgeon, Bob Maas, Eric McLeod, Murray Thede and Dan Kelly
Missing: Jerry Durand

Hats off to this month's recipients of the Volunteers' Tribute; the dedicated individuals who bring you the Wednesday Night Bingo every week.

By the looks of it they obviously believe in "safety in numbers".

You could also say they have fulfilled their "calling". Way to go, guys and gals!

A man walks into a bar and orders three beers.

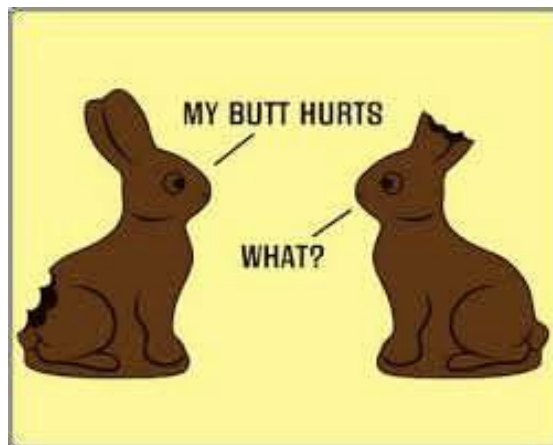
The bartender brings him the three beers, and the man proceeds to alternately sip one, then the other, then the third, until they're gone.

He then orders three more and the bartender says, "Sir, I know you like them cold, so you can start with one, and I'll bring you a fresh one as soon as you're low."

The man says, "You don't understand. I have two brothers, one in Australia and one in the Ireland. We made a vow to each other that every Saturday night, we'd still drink together. So right now, my brothers have three beers, too, and we're drinking together."

The bartender thinks it's a wonderful tradition, and every week he sets up the guy's three beers. Then one week, the man comes in and orders only two. He drinks them and then orders two more. The bartender says sadly, "Knowing your tradition, I'd just like to just say that I'm sorry you've lost a brother."

The man replies, "Oh, my brothers are fine -- I just quit drinking."





PORT ELGIN LEGION BR. 340



630 Green Street, Port Elgin
DISTRICT "C" SPRING CONVENTION

EVENTS

Friday, April 11

BEEF BBQ – 5:30 pm

"SLIGHT RETURN" – 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Saturday, April 12

MEAT RAFFLE – 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

EASY LISTENING MUSIC – 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

"HARVEST MOON" – 8:00 pm - Midnight

Events are Open to the Public

Little Johnny's teacher asks him to make a sentence using the following words: defeat, deduct, defense and detail.

Little Johnny says, "De feet of de duck went over de fence before de tail."



**Port Elgin Legion
Branch 340**

Volunteer Appreciation




**Sunday, April 27th
4:00 to 8:00 pm**

**Refreshments provided
courtesy of the
Estate of the Late John Dallas**

**All Legion Volunteers
Are welcome**



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		1 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM <hr/> GEN. MTG & ELECTIONS 7:00 PM	2 BINGO 7:30 PM	3 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	4 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM	5
6 JAMBOREE 2PM– 5PM	7	8 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM <hr/> L/A GEN. MTG 7:30 PM <hr/> IN HOUSE CRIBBAGE 7:30 PM	9 BINGO 7:30 PM	10 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	11 DISTRICT CONVENTION <hr/> BEEF BBQ 5:30 PM <hr/> “SLIGHT RETURN” 7PM – 11PM	12 DISTRICT CONVENTION <hr/> MEAT RAFFLE 4PM – 6PM <hr/> EASY LISTENING MUSIC 4PM – 7PM <hr/> “HARVEST MOON” 8PM - MIDNIGHT
13 DISTRICT CONVENTION	14	15 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM	16 BINGO 7:30 PM	17 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	18 GOOD FRIDAY EASTER BASKET DRAW 5:00 PM 	19
20 EASTER SUNDAY - CLOSED - 	21 EASTER MONDAY 	22 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM	23 BINGO 7:30 PM	24 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	25 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM <hr/> TRIVIA NITE 8:00 PM	26 MEAT ROLL 4:00 PM <hr/> “CRIPPLED DUCK” 8PM - MIDNIGHT
27 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION 4PM – 8PM	28	29 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM <hr/> EXEC. MTG 7:30 PM	30 BINGO 7:30 PM			

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