



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.

The District "C" Spring Convention was hosted by Branch 340 from April 11th – 13th. There are a few pictures from the weekend inside this issue and some more will be featured next month. Thank you for helping make the weekend the success that it was.

National Day of Honour is on May 9th. Branch 340 will lay a wreath to commemorate our country's efforts in Afghanistan and the brave men and women who served.

We invite you to attend our Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for "The Annex" on Saturday, May 10th at 1:00 pm. There will be a social time to follow at the Main Branch.

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. Doors open at 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.

The April General Meeting consisted of our Annual Elections and the yearly reports from the Standing Committee Chairmen. Other Reports were presented. The Reports are inside this issue for your information.

We wish you the best as you celebrate Mother's Day and the next long weekend – Victoria Day...enjoy!

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



2013 – 2014 Annual Reports of Standing Committee Chairmen and other Chairmen

President's Report: Kathryn Eastwood

Thanks to those who have made this another successful year at the Branch – the volunteers, Staff and the District Convention Committee.

Congratulations to the newly elected Executive.

Thank you for the support over the last four years as President.

Special thanks to Eric for his patience, love and devotion.

Ladies Auxiliary Liaison: Sharen Maas

The Ladies had a very busy fall and winter.

They are very pleased with the kitchen painting.

They are always looking for help with kitchen duties.

Thanks to the Ladies for their co-operation throughout the year.

Bursary: Robert Harrison

The new application forms have been received.

Advertising in the Branch newsletter to promote this program.

PRO: Robert Harrison

We continue to use the same formats to promote the Legion.

Congratulations to Rhonda for winning 1st Place for the District C, Category C, Bulletin Competition.

I have been involved with Pumpkinfest, Remembrance Day, Santa Claus Parade, Toy Drive, New Year's Levee, Chili Cook-off and the Spring C-4 Zone Convention.

I will be participating in the Volunteer Appreciation in April and the Ladies Auxiliary Dinner in May.

I look forward to the District C Convention on April 11th – 13th.

For more information visit our website at www.branch340.com

Membership: Sharen Maas

Life – 11; Ordinary – 87; Associate – 291; Affiliate Voting – 78 for a Total – 467 members.

Early Bird Campaign – we achieved 82.2% for renewals and new members, compared to 71.54% the year prior
13 members deceased.

Thanks to Wayne MacKinnon for helping with the computer work and Gord Kelly for assisting with the initiation ceremonies.

It would be nice to see more members attending the General Meetings.

Canteen: Dave Grieve

Branch 340 had another successful year. The New Year's Day Levee was very well attended and enjoyed.
Thanks go out to the Convenors for organizing the event.

We hired another Bar Steward, Jim Straus, who works well with stewards Pam and Al, as well as Les and Fred in the upstairs hall.

Thank you to Nelson Bailey, Sharen Maas and Don Dudgeon for volunteering at the bar when needed, and anyone else that I have omitted. Everyone's service is appreciated.

By-laws: Norma Dudgeon

To date, there is nothing to report for our By-laws; our Branch Regulations were approved and there hasn't been need to make amendments.

Hall Rentals: Norma Dudgeon

Rentals continue to be steady for showers, anniversaries and funerals and meetings.

Wedding rentals this summer are almost non-existent. We would need to offer more in the way of variety of menu as there is stiff competition in the community.

We continue to provide the hall to not-for-profit organizations, and they are appreciative.

Thanks to the upstairs bartenders, Fred Knibb and Les Virtue, who are always there when we need them.

Honours & Awards: Blair Eby

Many service pins have been awarded.

Dan Kelly was presented with his Legion Service Medal and Bob Maas with his 65 Year Bar.

Chairman Bars will be presented in May.

Poppy: Blair Eby

Another successful Campaign with over \$18,000. realized.
Donations will be presented to our various organizations.
Thank you to all who helped.

Seniors: Dan Kelly

Many events identified throughout the year which were displayed on the bulletin board: Changes to the Drivers Licence Renewal for Senior's over 80; Community Grant Program sponsored by the Federal Government and the regular card games provided by Branch 340.

The Senior Fair will be held on May 15th and will provide displays for opportunities throughout the area. People will be around so you can discuss issues that you may have.

Sports: Mary Alexander

The Branch has participated at Zone and District levels in euchre, cribbage and golf.

Team Darts was hosted by the Branch and a profit of \$130. was realized.

Zone Sports Meetings were attended in Chatsworth and Paisley and District in Hanover.

The Christmas Wheelbarrow Draw proceeds were presented to Minor Hockey President Garry Scott and Jeff Walker. In the 3 years of having this particular Draw a total of \$3,682.36 to our Building Fund and \$5,442.50 to Minor Hockey for a total raised of \$9,070.86. Thanks to everyone who sold tickets.

TOD: Kathryn Eastwood

On June 25th a Joint Meeting was held with the two Executives regarding the outlining structure and the responsibilities of Dominion Command, Ontario Command and the Branch.

The monthly bulletin now has a tribute page centered on our volunteers and to thank them for all their hard work.

TOD Training Tips to provide information on the inner workings of the Branch.

In review of the Branch Brainstorming that took place in 2012 I am happy to report that approximately 60% of the proposed recommendations have been carried out.

My thanks to those who continually offer their time to improve the Branch functions.

Ways & Means: Dan Kelly

The weather played havoc with our regular programs - Bingo and Meat Draws, but we persevered and overcame the obstacles.

Two bright spots were the Wheelbarrow Draw organized by Mary Alexander and the Turkey Raffles.

Bingo: Dan Kelly

A good summer followed by a slow winter, but the Bingo program brought in a profit of \$5,000. to Charity and Building Fund.

Thank you to Eric and his crew for supporting this program.

Meat Draw: Dan Kelly

Another good year with the December Turkey Raffles very well attended for the 4 events.

The Meat Draws provided a profit of just under \$15,000. to the Charity and Building Fund.

Thank you to Tom and his crew for supporting the program.

Wheelbarrow Draw: Mary Alexander

Thanks to Mary Alexander who started this endeavor a couple of years ago and has been very successful

The proceeds are split between the Minor Hockey Association and our Building Fund and this year there was a \$4,500. split.

There will be a draw for an Easter Basket on Good Friday.

Youth Education: Kathryn Eastwood

The Poster/Literary Contest judging was held on November 3, 2013 with 264 entries from 3 schools. 10 entries went on to Zone and had 5 winners. The 1st place winners advanced to District.

The Public Speaking Contest was held on February 22, 2014 with 22 entrants from 3 schools. Total prize money awarded was \$345. Three students advanced to Zone, but not District.

Thanks to the judges and volunteers and to Cde Donelda Thede for her work as Youth Ed Chair.

Nevada: Kathryn Eastwood

Sales of tickets have been reasonable considering the atrocious weather.

The Christmas themed ticket proved popular and it is recommended we repeat them this year. It was noted that winning of 50 cents each were not popular and should be avoided.

Donna Kain retired from selling tickets on the Bingo Nights and is missed by players and volunteers alike
If anyone is interested in taking on this position, please contact me.

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
Gord Cramp



SENIORS REPORT

We are getting closer to the first Annual Seniors Fair. I hope you are planning on coming and bringing a friend with you.

This community has been supporting our Seniors for years and it would be nice to share the day with them to see what services they can provide.

Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday May 15th.

Dan Kelly
Seniors Chairman
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TOD (Training/Organizational Development)

We are moving towards the end of another term; celebrating the achievements of the past twelve months while looking forward to the accomplishments of the next year. The Executive-Elect will soon receive copies of Manuals, Employment Policies, Job Descriptions, Operating Policies and By-laws to help them navigate the complex regulations that govern the Branch.

While they don't need to know all the information all at once, they do need to be familiar with the literature and know where to find the answers to their questions. An excellent resource to help them is the Legion University Course that is administered through the District Advisory Council. It is well worth attending.

Kathryn Eastwood
TOD Chairman
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SPORTS COMMITTEE



Congratulations to Jacqui Pollard, Port Elgin, for winning the Easter Basket full of goodies.

Partial proceeds to the Saugeen Shores Summer Sports Programs – Softball and Soccer and a percentage to the Branch Building/Maintenance Fund. The breakdown of funds is not known at this time.

Mary Alexander
Sports Chairman
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DISTRICT “C” SPRING CONVENTION Port Elgin Branch 340

The District “C” Spring Convention held at the branch April 11-13th was a huge success thanks to the efforts of the Planning Committee, the Ladies Auxiliary, the participating businesses, sponsors and the many volunteers who took the time to help. The weather co-operated nicely for the parade which saw 35 flag bearers and 70 delegates marching in step to the pipes and drums. It was quite a sight.

There were over 200 delegates and guests attending and, judging by the smiling faces, they all had a good time. After expenses the profit from the weekend was just over \$1,000, but, in the bigger picture, the total benefit to the branch was more in the region of \$3,000 as the Ladies Auxiliary received a generous donation of over \$400 at the banquet and delegates from our branch saved convention expenses by not having to travel and stay in accommodation elsewhere.

In terms of the branch unity, everyone working together as a team, and gaining the respect of the other branches within the District, that benefit was priceless. My sincere thanks to all involved. Well done Branch 340!

Respectfully

Kathryn Eastwood
President/Convention Chair





TRIBUTE TO The Ladies Auxiliary and Branch Executives



This year's Volunteers` Tribute would not be complete without paying homage to the Executive members of both the Branch and the Ladies Auxiliary. These hard working individuals are the driving force of the Legion at the grass roots level. They spend countless hours making sure everything runs smoothly and without them the branch could not exist.

What better way to celebrate our anniversary than to honour them and all those who have served in this capacity over the past seventy years. The membership both past and present are also to be recognized as we celebrate this great milestone.

A wife asks her husband, "Could you please go shopping for me and buy one carton of milk and if they have avocados, get 6.

A short time later the husband comes back with 6 cartons of milk.

The wife asks him, "Why did you buy 6 cartons of milk?" He replied, "They had avocados."

If you're a woman, I'm sure you're going back to read it again! Men will get it the first time.



WHAT'S HAPPENING In May



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, May 4
2:00 – 5:00 pm
Upstairs Hall

MEAT RAFFLE

Saturday, May 17, 31
4:00 pm
Canteen

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

Elizabeth Eby

Aesthetics

Certified Aesthetician
and Spa Practitioner

709 Mill Street, Port Elgin

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Pedicure & Relaxation Massage

By Appointment Only

15% of services are donated back to the
Royal Canadian Legion for their
community charities



Members of the Saugeen Track and Field Club recently returned from the Club's yearly training Camp in Florida. During the Camp the athletes train at the National Training Centre in Clermont, Florida.

The Camp is very demanding and serves as preparation for the upcoming outdoor Track and Field season. During the Camp the athletes also compete at two competitions. The first being the local "PIG on the Pond" 5KM road race. This year Dan Hilbers of Saugeen Shores was the overall race winner and Jessica Martin also of Saugeen Shores was the first female runner to cross the finish line.

The Camp finishes with the athletes competing at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Centre in the Disney Showcase Track and Field Meet at Orlando, Florida.

Three of the athletes won medals at the Meet which features over 100 competitors in each event Medalist are Alex Morrow, Dan Hilbers and Jessica Martin.



District "C" Track & Field Meet – June 29, 2014

Please be advised that the District "C" Track & Field Meet will be held on June 29, 2014 at the Jacob Hespeler Secondary School, 355 Holiday Inn Drive, Cambridge, Ontario.

It takes many volunteers to run a Track & Field Meet and please if you are able to come out and help let Crystal Taylor know as soon as possible. You do not have to have any experience.

Your District Chairman is: Crystal Taylor – 519-523-9635

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Water in the Carburetor

WIFE: *"There is trouble with the car. It has water in the carburetor."*

HUSBAND: *"Water in the carburetor? That's ridiculous"*

WIFE: *"I tell you the car has water in the carburetor."*

HUSBAND: *"You don't even know what a carburetor is. I'll check it out. Where's the car?"*

WIFE: *"In the pool"*

Most of our generation were HOME SCHOOLED in many ways.

1. **My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE.** "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
2. **My mother taught me RELIGION.** "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
3. **My father taught me about TIME TRAVEL.** "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
4. **My father taught me LOGIC.** "Because I said so, that's why."
5. **My mother taught me MORE LOGIC.** "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
6. **My mother taught me FORESIGHT.** "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
7. **My father taught me IRONY.** "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
8. **My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS.** "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
9. **My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM.** "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
10. **My mother taught me about STAMINA.** "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."
11. **My mother taught me about WEATHER.** "This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."
12. **My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY.** "If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"
13. **My father taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE.** "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out..."
14. **My mother taught me about BEHAVIOUR MODIFICATION.** "Stop acting like your father!"
15. **My mother taught me about ENVY.** "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."
16. **My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION.** "Just wait until we get home."
17. **My mother taught me about RECEIVING.** "You are going to get it from your father when you get home!"
18. **My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE.** "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."
19. **My mother taught me ESP.** "Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"
20. **My father taught me HUMOUR.** "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
21. **My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT.** "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."
22. **My mother taught me GENETICS.** "You're just like your father."
23. **My mother taught me about my ROOTS.** "Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"
24. **My mother taught me WISDOM.** "When you get to be my age, you'll understand."
25. **My father taught me about JUSTICE.** "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"



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“The Annex”

Saturday, May 10, 2014

624 Green Street, Port Elgin

Official Ribbon Cutting at 1:00 pm

Tour of the new Facility

Social Time at the Main Branch

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 340
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Seniors Fair

Legion Main Hall

Thursday, May 15
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Vendors and organizations within the community will display their services and wares aimed at our Seniors

Looking forward to seeing you !!





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4 JAMBOREE 2PM– 5PM	5	6 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM <hr/> GEN. MTG & JOINT INSTALLATIONS 7:30 PM	7 BINGO 7:30 PM	8 EUCHRE 7:30 PM <hr/> L/A APPRECIATION DINNER 6:00 PM	9 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM	10 EUCHRE 1:30 PM <hr/> GRAND OPENING "THE ANNEX" 1:00 PM
11 	12	13 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM <hr/> L/A GEN. MTG 7:30 PM <hr/> IN HOUSE CRIBBAGE 7:30 PM	14 BINGO 7:30 PM	15 EUCHRE 7:30 PM <hr/> SENIORS FAIR 10 AM – 4 PM	16 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM <hr/> BRANCH BBQ 5 PM – 7 PM	17 EUCHRE 1:30 PM <hr/> MEAT RAFFLE 4:00 PM <hr/> LATE NITE RADIO 8 PM - MIDNIGHT
18	19 	20 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM	21 BINGO 7:30 PM	22 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	23 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM	24 EUCHRE 1:30 PM
25	26	27 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM <hr/> EXEC. MTG 7:30 PM	28 BINGO 7:30 PM	29 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	30 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM	31 EUCHRE 1:30 PM <hr/> MEAT RAFFLE 4:00 PM

Please join us for our various events

Event Times and Dates Subject to Change