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MAY 2015

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 Election was held on April 7th at the General Meeting. Please see inside for the results. It was nice to see members out that don't usually attend the Meetings as this was such an important evening for the Branch. Good luck to the incoming Executive as you begin your term on June 1st.

It is that time again to celebrate our many volunteers. Details of the upcoming social event are inside.

As we celebrate our volunteers we also celebrated our Ladies Auxiliary – thank you Ladies Auxiliary for all that you do through-out the year. The Branch Executive treated the Ladies Auxiliary to a very nice dinner on April 16, 2015.

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

To the Mothers, Grandmother's and Mother figures we celebrate you on your day – Sunday May 10th.



The Editor



Happy  Mother's Day

LA Liaison: Sharen Maas

The Ladies have expressed their appreciation on the updates made to the kitchen over the past year, especially the freezer room and thank Don for all his hard work. They are very happy with the end results. They thanked the Branch for their cooperation and to me for attending all their meetings. It was my pleasure to be their liaison.

Bursary: Robert Harrison

Bursary once again had a very slow start in District C. We had a total of 85 applications and which 40 of were submitted at the last minute.

Next year I would encourage people to get your bursaries in early so if there is a problem we have time to rectify it.

Canteen: Brenda Collins

We started off with great success. New Year's dance was a unique experience for everyone due to the efforts of Mickey Kinsman and her crew. It pays to be the only show in Town. January 1st Levee Day was also a great success.

Then we go downhill from there....The bi-weekly meat rolls help to keep us afloat. During Pool and Dart season helps to fill the till.

Sunday's however, are at a loss. Therefore the majority of the Executive voted to not open the doors on Sunday as suggested by the Branch Treasurer.

"There was a concern about opening on Sunday as we are showing a loss. A motion was made by Cde Sharen Maas seconded by Cde Donelda Thede that Branch 340 close on Sunday in the Canteen. The motion was defeated."

Charity: Brenda Collins

This term we have managed to fulfill our responsibility to our regular charities.

Honours & Awards: Blair Eby

The following awards were presented:

- 1 - 70 year Service Bar
- 2 - 50 Year Service Bar & Medals
- 2 - Certificates of Friendship
- 1 - Friendship Award to the Town of Saugeen Shores
- 1 - Cadet Medal Excellence to WO Hayley Laur

Membership: Sharen Maas

The paid up membership as of the end of 2014 is as follows:

Life: 11
Ordinary: 86
Associate: 293
Affiliate: 77

For a total of 467, the same as last year.

These figures were taken from the Command website. Since the beginning of 2015, we have 21 not paid for 2014 and 52 not paid for 2015. More payments have come in since these figures were released.

I must explain that the Command Register only reports the past and present year. This does not mean the Branch has written off our other members. We welcome reinstatements. I might add that this year Reinstatements can buy back their years.

We would like to see more members attend our General Meetings. It is your Branch also and you should be aware how it is run and what is happening. Your input could prove very valuable.

I would like to thank Wayne McKinnon and Gord Kelly. Wayne for his help with the computer end of things and should have a medal for his patience with me. And Gord who rarely turns me down when asked to help with initiations. Thanks guys.

By-laws: Norma Dudgeon
Everything is in good order.

Hall Rental: Norma Dudgeon
We are holding our own. Down in wedding rentals.

Poppy: Blair Eby
The Campaign raised over \$19,000 and thanks to everyone who helped again this year.

Public Relations: Robert Harrison
Public Relations went along as smoothly this year as it did last year. I didn't have any complaints but did get a lot of compliments on our Award winning Branch Line. We have even had other Branches asking us to make posters for them which shows how talented my Public Relations Assistant is.
In the future, I would ask that anyone submitting a report or article for the newsletter to please do so in a timely fashion.

Property: Don Dudgeon

ANNEX:

Inside of building was gutted and 2 new washrooms, new kitchen, paint and carpet was installed with the help of many volunteers
1 extra washroom needs to be installed
Branch would like to erect a sign at corner of building
Asphalt was repaired
Landscaping in front of building still needs attention
Outside of building was painted
A door will be installed for Branch entry as we have supplies that are stored that need to be accessed

BRANCH:

Ladies freezer room was re-arranged with new flooring
Storage areas were cleaned out with more shelving
Ceiling tiles were replaced in main hall pertaining to the leak
Will have a Gas hook-up at back door for BBQ fundraisers

Things that need to be done:

- o New carpet in main hall
- o New front entrance glass doors with
- o New roof by old arena
- o Back wall of legion – will form a committee for ideas to report back to Executive

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Veteran Bob Maas for all of the money that he has donated towards the renovations at the Annex and our Branch; without his support, our goals and projects could not have been completed. Thank you Bob!

Seniors: Dan Kelly

It was my pleasure to have the Seniors' program this year. There were many events held throughout the year. These events are displayed on the bulletin board downstairs as well as the table top information cards and the monthly newsletter that Bob and Rhonda so graciously generate for us. Items that would interest all were:

Changes to the drivers licence renewal for Senior's over 80
Seniors Community Grant Program being sponsored by the Federal Government

Program provided by Branch 340 Legion:

Weekly Euchre tournaments
Monthly Cribbage tournaments
Weekly Bingo

Branch 340 held a Senior's Fair last May and the turnout was not very great. There were approximately 15 vendors providing information. Many have identified they would like to come back this year if we run it again. Originally we were going to set it up for May but that month is so busy that I would like to hold it later in June or July. Stay tuned to your monthly newsletter for more information.

We are blessed being in such an area that has opportunities for Senior's. Groups such as the Monarch Club, Branch 340 and PARC 55 provide weekly and monthly events for our Senior's to get involved in.

Service Officer: Donelda Thede

Ad for Service Officer visit was late in the local newspaper

Sports Officer: Gord Kelly

The Branch had one team entered in Zone Cribbage this year with George Walker and Jim Mahon coming away with the trophy. We also had two teams entered in Zone Euchre. We also had two teams compete in Zone Golf. Congratulations to all the competitors.

Training & Development: Rhonda Harrison

Articles have been included in the Branch bulletins

Veteran's Services: Donelda Thede

Thanks to Padre Chuck Beaton for visiting with the veterans.

Ways & Means: Dan Kelly

The Ways and means program had its share of ups and downs this past year. The Bingo and Meat Draws were well attended in the summer by both Local people as well as visitors, which resulted in good participation. The fall and winter was different though. As you all know this winter was very cold which resulted in many people wanting to find warmer places to be. It was surprising though that the Bingo program received an influx of new participants. This could be partially due to Southampton cancelling their program. Mother Nature was playing with our stamina however we persevered and overcame the obstacles. A couple of bright spots this winter were the wheelbarrow draw that Mary organized and the Turkey raffles. Both showed great success.

Bingo:

As identified, Bingo had another up and down year which was not unexpected. A good summer was followed by a slow winter. Looking at the big picture it was another successful year with the Bingo program bringing in profit of approximately \$5000 to the Charity and Building Fund. This is approximately the same as last year. This program is still providing good financial support to this organization. A big thank you and congratulations to Eric McLeod and his crew for supporting this program.

Meat Draw:

The Meat Draw program had another very good year with the Turkey Raffles very well attended for all 4 events. It is always hit and miss if people will show up. If the weather is too bad or too good they will stay away. We had events that we thought would not be well attended, that were not and others that we thought would be slow and were very good. Again looking at the big picture, this year was another success for the meat draw program. In total the meat draws provided a profit of approximately \$15,000 to the Charity and Building Fund. A big thank you to Tom Jacques and his crew for supporting this program.

Wheel Barrow Draw

Something new that was started a couple of years ago was the Wheel Barrow draw. Mary Alexander took the lead on this endeavour and this year was very successful. Thanks to those who bought and sold ticket to support this. The proceeds of the Christmas draw was split between Charity this year with Minor Hockey, Minor Baseball and public skating receiving monies. Thanks for you effort Mary.

That's it for my annual report and I so submit.

Youth Education: Elizabeth Eby

The Youth Education Chair this term organized early correspondence with our Elementary Schools of our upcoming Legion Youth Contests. We recognized many poster entries from 3 Elementary Schools for the Remembrance Day Poster Contest and clearly we have some budding young artists as the children made excellent choices with their drawings. Based on the criteria for the black and white poster entries, this year it needs clearer communication that black magic marker is not acceptable and only the use of pencil, charcoal or India ink is acceptable for the contest.

Our Public Speaking competition was held in February, and again 3 Elementary Schools participated. After competing at Zone Level, 2 of our students were promoted to the District Competition. Our Primary student took home a first place and is moving forward to the Area Competition and we wish her every success. All of the children were well spoken on a variety of topics and did extremely well with the delivery of their speeches; I wished a first place for all of them! Special thanks again to all our volunteers for their assistance with our Youth Programs, and as I've said many times, encouraging our Youth is paramount to the longevity of 'Legion'.

Air Cadets: Steve Pellow
Appreciate the support of Branch 340
New Officers, new activities

Hospital: Donelda Thede
Harry Thede out of hospital
Doug Thede – no news from hospital

Nevada: Lyle Lawson
Lyle Lawson will be stepping down as Nevada Chairman and will remain until May 31st



ELECTION
TERM OF OFFICE – JUNE 1, 2015 – MAY 31, 2016



President:	Dan Kelly		
Immediate Past President:	Kathryn Eastwood		
1 st Vice President:	Mary Alexander		
2 nd Vice President:	Sharen Maas		
Executive:	Blair Eby	Elizabeth Eby	Gord Kelly
	Andrew Reinhart	Donelda Thede	

Thanks to the following members for their participation with the Annual Election:

Scribe: Norma Dudgeon
Chief Scrutineer: Randy Schultz
Sgt-At-Arms: Robert Harrison
Door & Registrations: Donelda Thede and Mary Galliher

Secretary: Rhonda Harrison
Scrutineers: Jim Mahon
Door: Jack Chapman

Cde Mike Atkinson
Election Chairman
Mjatkinson@bmts.com



DISTRICT C CONVENTION
April 11 & 12, 2015
Kincardine Branch



DISTRICT "C" CONVENTION – APRIL 11 & 12, 2015

Branch 340 President Dan Kelly and Cde Blair Eby presents to donations from Branch 340 to Cde Brian Smith for Charitable Foundation and Bursary.



L-R Cde Crystal Taylor and Branch 340 President Dan Kelly. Cde Dan gives a thumb up as Cde Taylor is presented with a cheque for the District C Track & Field program.





TRACK & FIELD CERTIFICATE PRESENTATIONS

Cde Norma Dudgeon is presented with her 10 Year Certificate of Service for volunteering her time to Track & Field.

Many other volunteers were honoured for the respective years of service.

Congratulations, Norma.

L-R: Cde Crystal Taylor, District Track & Field Chairman; District C Cdr Derek Moore; Cde Brian Weaver, 1st Vice President, Ontario Command and Cde Norma Dudgeon

	<p align="center">WHAT'S HAPPENING In May</p>	
<p align="center">LADIES CARD CLUB Tuesday Afternoons Upstairs Hall Start 1:30 pm</p>	<p align="center">IN-HOUSE CRIBBAGE 2nd Tues. each month Start 7:30 pm</p>	<p align="center">BINGO every Wednesday Doors open at 6:30 pm Bingo at 7:30 pm \$700. Jackpot</p>
<p align="center">EUCHRE Thursday at 7:30 pm Canteen</p>	<p align="center">DANCE CLUB Friday at 8:00 – 11:00 pm Upstairs Hall No Dance – May 8</p>	<p align="center">EUCHRE Saturday at 1:30 pm Canteen</p>
	<p align="center">JAMBOREE Sunday, May 3 Upstairs Hall</p>	

Blonde: "What is the second to last letter of the alphabet?"

Redhead: "Y."

Blonde: "Because I want to know. Why do you have to question everything?!"



ONTARIO PROVINCIAL COMMAND LADIES' AUXILIARY



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 dependents. Thus, our Ladies' Auxiliary unofficially became a reality! Ontario Command have 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 is looking for new members to join the Ladies Auxiliary. If you are interested, please contact L/A President Joyce Chapman and she will be more than happy to provide an application form for you. Application forms are also available with the Bar Steward.

President Joyce Chapman
L/A President
519-832-2215
chappy@bmts.com



I went to the bank the other day and asked the banker to check my balance, so she pushed me!



Volunteer Appreciation at Branch 340

We are very fortunate to have so many volunteers that make our Branch a better place.

We will be celebrating all our volunteers on Sunday, May 24 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm.

Refreshments and Food will be provided

All volunteers welcome



**DISTRICT "C" – TRACK & FIELD MEET
SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH, 2015
Davidson Centre in Kincardine**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

Results Personnel
Photo Timer Assistant
Starter's Assistants
First Aid
Hurdles Crew/Block Crew
Discus/Hammer
Lunch Persons

Timers
Set-up/Runners
Announcers
Awards Notification
Long Jump
Shot Put
Food/Water Personnel

Starters
Track referee
High Jump
Extras
Triple Jump
Javelin
Field Referee

Dress Code casual. Wear comfortable shoes; bring lawn chair, umbrella and sunscreen and a huge smile. Lunch provided for volunteers.

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR HELP FOR THIS GREAT LEGION PROGRAM FOR OUR YOUTH

Crystal Taylor, Chairman ictaylor@tcc.on.ca
Brenda Funston, Assistant
Pat Smith, Assistant

A married couple is out one night at a dance club. There's a guy on the dance floor giving it large: break dancing, moon walking, back flips, the works. The wife turns to her husband and says, "See that guy? Twenty years ago he proposed to me and I turned him down." The husband says, "Looks like he's still celebrating!"

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.

My friend thinks he is smart. He told me an onion is the only food that makes you cry, so I threw a coconut at his face.



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Supper Buffet

Friday, May 15th
Start at 6:00 pm

Fresh sausage on a bun with sauerkraut and condiments, potato salad, fresh market green salad, southern baked beans, french fries and gravy along with dessert

Adult - \$12.00

Child 12 and under - \$5.00

You are welcome to join us





Hepworth Shallow Lake Legion
Branch 586
9 Legion Road, Hepworth, Ontario



Fish Dinner

with
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Saturday, May 9, 2015

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					1 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM	2 EUCHRE 1:30 PM MEAT RAFFLE 4:00 PM
3 JAMBOREE 2 – 5 PM	4	5 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM GEN. MTG 7:30 PM	6 BINGO 7:30 PM	7 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	8 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM CANCELLED	9 EUCHRE 1:30 PM
10 	11	12 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM L/A GEN. MTG 7:30 PM IN HOUSE CRIBBAGE 7:30 PM	13 BINGO 7:30 PM	14 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	15 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM SUPPER BUFFET 6:00 PM	16 EUCHRE 1:30 PM MEAT RAFFLE 4:00 PM
17	18 	19 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM	20 BINGO 7:30 PM	21 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	22 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM	23 EUCHRE 1:30 PM
24 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION 4:00 - 7:00 PM	25	26 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM EXEC. MTG 7:30 PM	27 BINGO 7:30 PM	28 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	29 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM	30 EUCHRE 1:30 PM MEAT RAFFLE 4:00 PM
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Please join us for our various events

Event Times and Dates Subject to Change