



JULY 2016 BRANCH LINE



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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. Anyone wishing to contribute to the Branch Line, please submit your articles to branch340newsletter@gmail.com

There will be no General Meetings for the Branch and Ladies Auxiliary for the months of July and August. The Branch Executive will continue with business at their monthly meetings for these two months.

The Saturday afternoon Euchre has been postponed for the months of July and August. They will resume the first Saturday in September.

The Branch will be closed on Sundays for the months of July and August. Branch hours will be Monday to Saturday from 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

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

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The Editor



Hello Comrades,

I am glad to be back safe and sound from Dominion Convention. This year's convention was shortened from 4 days to 3. The days were long and action packed. We did get through all the agenda items and there are some items that may interest you.

1. Membership is still driving towards a paperless process. There were presentations on where we are and how we are proceeding. Our Membership Chair attended these sessions to make sure we at the Branch are aware of the changes.
2. 8-Ball was reinstated as a Dominion Sport. This means that there will be competition starting at the Zone level and continuing up to the Dominion level. This is one sport that has a lot of younger participants which will result in newer members for the Legion.
3. Per Capita tax increase was approved for the next 2 years in which the rate will increase \$1.25 each year. This is the first time it has been increased since 2007. Dominion has been working hard to find other avenues in which to bring money into the Legion. Dominion has reduced our costs/increased our revenue by activities such as:
 - i. Reducing the Dominion Convention by 1 day
 - ii. Allowing people to buy back years of service
 - iii. Better job of selling merchandise through the Legion

This still is not enough and the slight increase is required at this time. Your Executive will be looking at this to see what this means to Branch 340.

4. Rick Mercer was recipient of the Founders Award. He reflected on his time when he went over to Afghanistan with "This Hour has 22 minutes". His presentation was refreshing and full of laughter.
5. Our New Dominion Executive was elected and are as follows:
 - i. Dominion President – Dave Flanagan
 - ii. 1st Vice – Tom Irvine
 - iii. Dominion Vice Presidents – Bruce Julien, Andre Paquette, Angus Stanfield
 - iv. Dominion Treasurer – Mark Barham
 - v. Dominion Chairman – Bill Chafe

I will be sharing the Convention with our Executive so they are aware of the changes that occurred in each of their committees. We will incorporate any changes that apply to us so that we can stay aligned with our rules and regulations.

Thanks you for allowing me the privilege of attending this Convention on behalf of Branch 340. It is a worthwhile opportunity to see and hear changes first hand.
We will remember them

President Dan Kelly
Dankelly@bmts.com



Branch 340 Executive Members

Back Row: (L-R) Padre Chuck Beaton, Mike Hobson (Executive), Terry Mills (Executive), Rhonda Harrison (Executive), Elizabeth Eby (Executive) and Mike Atkinson (Past President)
 Front Row: (L-R) Stacey Hobson (Executive), Debbie Sullivan (Secretary), Sharen Maas (2nd Vice), Dan Kelly (President), Robert Harrison (Sergeant at Arms) and Norma Dudgeon (Treasurer/Office Manager)
 Absent: Gord Kelly (Executive)



Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary Executive Members

Back Row: (L-R) Diana Tripp (2nd Vice), Betty Earnshaw (Executive), Meryl Cramp (Executive), and Elaine Esplen (Executive)
 Front Row: (L-R) Marg Smith (L/A Deputy Zone Cmdr.), Diane Mills (Treasurer), Brenda Collins (President), Marg Esplen (1st Vice) and Joyce Chapman (Past President)
 Absent: Irene Surridge (L/A Zone Cmdr.), Vicky Taylor (Secretary), Virginia Bailey Executive, Monica Carere (Executive) and Bernice Ellis (Executive)



Judges included Chief of Police Dan Rivett, Saugeen Shores Councillor Cheryl Grace, Mike Galligher and Ernie Seaman.



Saugeen Shores Councillor Cheryl Grace is a first time judge at this event and was impressed with the chili entries.



Mike Galligher and Ernie Seaman stepping up to get more chili samples to judge.



Chief Rivett retrieving more samples to judge.



1st Place Winner was awarded to Blair Eby. Well done!
2nd Place was Paul Seaman and 3rd Place to Janice Mewhinney.

Summer greetings from the Branch #340 BBQ Team.

We have had a great start to the season with our biweekly Friday evenings and we thank you for your continued patronage, assistance and volunteering.

With prior approval and fundraising we have purchased a new Traeger Grill to help us keep up with the cooking demands and it is a real asset to our team. We now have two grills outside and a big thanks to the Eby boys for loaning us their deep fryers again this season.

BBQ nights are a special time for our members, families and friends to get together and enjoy social time and camaraderie. We are delighted to see parents and grandparents bringing the children and any visiting guests. The BBQ team continues with all their efforts because we love to see you enjoying yourselves, all the smiles and of course full tummies!!

The BBQ buffet cost is \$12.00 adults, \$6.00 kids under 12, and under 3 is free. Burger or sausage and fries only is \$8.00. Take away containers are available if you can't stay, just ask one of us and we will help you get it ready.

I believe an upcoming dinner will be BBQ chicken, however we will advertise it closer to the time.

On behalf of the team, we wish you a safe and happy 2016 summer season.

In Comradeship,
Elizabeth Eby
Chairman



L-R: Cdes Blair Eby, Jack Ingram, Elizabeth Eby and Bob Harrison posing with the new Traeger Grill and preparing the hamburgers and sausage for the evening barbecue.

The Barbecue Team is looking forward to seeing you at the summer events.

What a Surprise! What a Party!

Barrie and I would like to thank everyone who came to our 50th anniversary party. Special thanks to Blair and Elizabeth for planning it and Brock and Lexy for keeping it a secret. Thank you to Brenda and Elizabeth for the delicious meal. Thanks also to Steve and his band for the lively entertainment, Mini for her great emcee job and Ken Thornburn for the photo op.

Thanks to everyone for the cards, gifts and best wishes. What a great group of friends we have.

Barrie and Anne Eby

BURSARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command
Charitable Foundation
&
Royal Canadian Legion
Ladies' Auxiliary Ontario Command



OPEN TO STUDENTS OF:

- * Ex-Servicemen or currently serving members of The Canadian Forces (Regular, Reserve & Merchant Navy) & their children & grandchildren; Commonwealth war veterans & their children & grandchildren
- * Ordinary & Life Members of The Royal Canadian Legion - children & grandchildren
- * Associate members of The Royal Canadian Legion & their children
- * LA members & their children & grandchildren

Apply early to avoid being disappointed!

Required Documentation

- * OSAP Documentation* * School Endorsement *
- * Bursary Assistance Application*
- * Membership verification from the Branch*
- * Proof of Service - discharge certificate/record of service*
(proof of relationship required)

Download the application from on.legion.ca



Contact your local Royal Canadian Legion Branch,
Ladies' Auxiliary, Financial Aid Office,
Ontario Command or Service Bureau Office for
an application



Applications must be sent to Ontario Command

Program opens September and closes the last Friday of March each year.

The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command
89 Industrial Parkway North, Aurora Ont. L4G 4C4
1-888-207-0939 or 905-841-7999 info@on.legion.ca

Students can receive \$500.00 a year while in college or university. If you need any help with the paperwork please feel free to contact me.

Robert Harrison
Bursary Chairman
519-389-4806
bnrshow@eastlink.ca

YARD AND BAKE SALE

Saturday July 2nd at 8:00 am

Port Elgin Legion Upstairs Hall

Featuring our famous home-made tarts, squares, cookies and muffins!

Plus a room full of yard sale treasures!

A panda walks into a bar, sits down, and orders a sandwich. He eats, pulls out a gun, and shoots the waiter dead. As the panda stands up to go, the bartender shouts, "Hey! Where are you going? You just shot my waiter and you didn't pay for the food!" The panda yells back, "Hey man, I'm a panda. Look it up!" The bartender opens his dictionary to panda, "A tree climbing mammal of Asian origin, characterized by distinct black and white coloring. Eats, shoots, and leaves."



DISTRICT C SPRING CONVENTION
April 9 & 10, 2016
Owen Sound Branch 006



District Sergeant at Arms Colin Hodson led his Colour Party at the District C Spring Convention which was hosted by Owen Sound Branch 006 on April 9 - 10, 2016.

Back Row: L-R: Larry Ash, Harry Hutchinson, Wayne Laycock, Moe Boire and John Funston.

Front Row: L-R: Sgt at Arms Colin Hodson, Bill Blue and Bob Harrison.

These guys did a great job as colour party and are commended as such.



President Dan Kelly was kept busy in presenting the various donations on behalf of our Branch. Pictured left to right are Cde Les Highfield and Dominion 1st Vice President Ontario Command Sharon McKeown accepting donations for veteran services.

Next picture is Cde Lynda Hagedorn and Cde Greg Oakes, accepting donations to the District C Hospital Fund.

Branch 340 also donated to the District Bursary and Track & Field programs.

ONTARIO PROVINCIAL COMMAND
BRANCHES and LADIES AUXILIARIES
CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

The "Charitable Foundation" was first realized at a Provincial Convention 1979 held in Sudbury. The original name of the Foundation was Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command Charitable Foundation.

The Foundation was registered with the Federal Government under the "The Canadian Corporation Act" and also registered under "The Income Tax Act". This allows the "Charitable Foundation" to accept donations and issue receipts for income tax purposes.

Since its inception in 1979, **2179** applications **have been** given approval. This amounts to over **\$15,338,500.00** in donations to various Hospitals, Health Clinics and Homes for the Ages and Charities in communities throughout Ontario. (Note: figures are current to 2015).

Bursaries for students throughout the Province of Ontario are also a major part of the Charitable Foundation. Each year hundreds of applications are received from students and with a budget of **\$400,000.00** annually, very few are turned down.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

- Operation of the Ontario Command Service Bureau
- Veterans Welfare
- Programs for Aging Veterans
- Medical Research
- Medical Equipment
- Bursaries
- Other purposes of a charitable or benevolent nature, as approved from time to time by the Board of Directors

Hospitals, clinics, long term care facilities, fire departments, and other not-for-profit organizations involved in health care may make applications for funding to the foundation.

For more information on our program and how to apply, please visit our website (www.on.legion.ca)

A man walks into a bar and sits down. He asks the bartender, "Can I have a cigarette?" The bartender replies, "Sure, the cigarette machine is over there." So he walks over to the machine and as he is about to order a cigarette, the machine suddenly says, "Oi, you bloody idiot." The man says with surprise in his voice, "That's not very nice." He returns to his bar stool without a cigarette and asks the bartender for some peanuts. The bartender passes the man a bowl of peanuts and the man hears one of the peanuts speak, "Ooh, I like your hair." The man says to the bartender, "Hey, what's going on here? Your cigarette machine is insulting me and this peanut is coming on to me. Why's this?" The bartender replies, "Oh, that's because the machine is out of order and the peanuts are complementary."

There was a blonde who just got sick and tired of all the blonde jokes. One evening, she went home and memorized all the state capitals. Back in the office the next day, some guy started telling a dumb blonde joke. She interrupted him with a shrill announcement, "I've had it up to here with these blonde jokes. I want you to know that this blonde went home last night and did something probably none of you could do. I memorized all the state capitals." One of the guys, of course, said, "I don't believe you. What is the capital of Nevada?" "N," she answered.



HONOURS & AWARDS



Cde Elizabeth Eby presents Cde Don Dudgeon with his Branch Service Medal for at least 40 years of continuous service to this Legion. Don was instrumental in the build of our Games Room, he was on the Annex Committee to purchase the property next door and intermittently been the Property Chairman for well over 20 years. Don has made many improvements to this Legion and is always willing to help when asked. Don is a genuine volunteer and a great asset to this Port Elgin Legion.



Cde Elizabeth Eby presents Cde Tom Jacques with his Branch Service Medal for many years of continuous service to this Legion. Our Meat Draws are a huge success due to his diligence of organizing the dates, meat orders and the finances. Tom is always willing to help when asked and lends a hand to our many Legion events. Tom is a great volunteer and supporter to this Port Elgin Legion.



Cde Elizabeth Eby presents Cde Eric McLeod with his Branch Service Medal. For years Eric has been a valued member of the Meat Roll Team and a familiar face to Bingo. Eric has always been available to help out and we are thankful of his volunteer service to this Port Elgin Legion.



President Dan Kelly presents Cde Howard Chappell with his Branch Service Medal. Howard has been a faithful and diligent volunteer to Bingo every single Wednesday night. Howard, we are very thankful for your volunteer service to this Port Elgin Legion.



Cde Elizabeth Eby presents President Dan Kelly with his Presidents Bar.



Cde Elizabeth Eby presents Cde Blair Eby with his Executive Committee Bar.



Cde Elizabeth Eby presents Cde Andrew Reinhart with his Past Officer Medal, PRO Bar, Sgt-at-Arms Bar and Executive Committee Bar.

Other Recipients:

Sharen Maas: 2nd Vice President Bar
 Deb Sullivan: Past Officer Medal & Secretary Bar

Elizabeth Eby
 Honours & Awards Chairman
bizebys@gmail.com



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2016 Events

Friday Barbecues
 5:30 – 7:30 pm
 July 8, 22
 August 12
 September 23

Friday Dinners
 5:30 – 7:30 pm
 October 21
 November 18

Meal Deal Events
 5:00 – 7:00 pm
 August 27 - Beef BBQ
 September 9 - Fish & Chips

Port Elgin RCL Branch 340
Baseball Road Trip



TORONTO BLUE JAYS
VS
MINNESOTA TWINS



Sunday, August 28, 2016

\$95.00 per Person

Includes Coach Bus & Game Tickets

Bus leaves Legion back parking lot at 8:00 am

Space is limited — 45 Tickets Available

Sign-up Sheet in the Canteen

Please pay in Advance

Don't be disappointed and sign up today

More Info: Blair Eby @ 519-832-3133

Bizebys@gmail.com



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Friday Branch BBQ

May 20 June 3, 17

July 1, 15, 29 August 12, 26

Sept 2, 16, 30

Start 6:00 pm

Burgers or Sausage on a Bun
Fries, Salad & Dessert

Adult - \$12.00

Child 12 and Under - \$6.00

Child 3 and Under - Free

You are welcome to join us





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Branch 340 Golf Tournament

Saturday August 20, 2016

Holiday Golf Course (Tri-Par) – Port Elgin

Golf begins at 9:00 am

\$30.00 Entry Fee per person includes

Golf / Light Lunch and Prizes

\$12.00 for Non-Golfers for Light Lunch

Sign-up Sheet will be available at the Legion Canteen
Please pay in advance

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
No experience Necessary

Please register early for meals and prize arrangements

*** Deadline to register is August 10, 2016 ***



For more information:

Charlie Roopnaraine
519-832-9108





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What's Happening

Meat Draws

Saturdays 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

July 2, 16, 30

Sept 3, 17

Nov 19

Aug 20

Oct 1, 15, 29

Dec 2, 3, 10, 17

Branch Barbecue

Fridays 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

July 1, 15, 29

Sep 2, 16, 30

Aug 12, 26

Entertainment on Saturday

July 23 – 3:00 – 7:00 pm

Aug 27 – 3:00 – 7:00 pm

Oct 1 – 7:00 – 11:00 pm

Crippled Ducks

2nd Line

Silver River Band

Pumpkinfest Breakfast

Saturday Oct 1

Sunday Oct 2

7:00 am - Noon

8:00 am - Noon

July 2016

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1  DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM BRANCH BBQ 6:00 PM You're invited to a 	2 MEAT RAFFLE 4:00 PM
3	4	5 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM	6 BINGO 7:30 PM	7 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	8 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM	9
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🌀 Please join us for our various events 🌀

🌀 Event Times and Dates Subject to Change 🌀