



Port Elgin Branch 340



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

The Annual Elections will be held at the General Meeting on April 3, 2018 at 7:30 pm. It is vital that you as members consider holding a position on the Executive Committee. We need you to continue the good work that our Branch has been fortunate to accomplish.

An Italian Dinner Fundraiser in conjunction with the 75th Anniversary of the Italian Campaign will be held on Friday, April 27th starting at 5:30 pm in the main hall. All the information is included in the newsletter. There is a lot being planned for the evening and we would be pleased if you could join us.

The Annual Chili Cook-off is also going to be held on Saturday, April 28th. The sign-up sheet is in the Club Room.

We wish everyone a Happy Easter from our family to yours.

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



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President's Report



Hello Comrades,

I can't wait to see some warmer weather. Doesn't Mother Nature know it is spring time? It must be as I continue to see many Snowbirds coming in to the Branch with a nice tan. Welcome back everyone. Normally our month of March is quiet but this month was busy at the Branch. Our Meat Draws and Bingo events have seen mid-summer numbers in attendance at all the events. Glad to see people coming in and enjoying themselves.

Zone C-4 held our Spring Convention in Chesley a couple of weeks ago. There were many good reports but there is one issue I would like to let everyone know about.

Dominion Command has decided to change the name of our organization from "The Royal Canadian Legion" to "Legion" without approval from the general membership. They also did away with the "Oath of Allegiance" in the initiation ceremony. Both of these items are a main stay in our organization and many feel that they cannot make these changes without approval from the general membership. We will be discussing this at our General Meeting in April and would like to hear from you on these topics.

We have many activities in April. Hope you can come out and enjoy some of these events with us.

1. Branch 340 Annual General Meeting and Election Night will be held on Tuesday April 3, 2018 starting at 7:30 pm. Please come out and support our Branch by voting in the new Executive. You will need to bring your membership cards as they will be checked at the door. We are always looking for members to step up and be part of the Executive. Hope to see you all there.
2. The Bingos are still going well with crowds staying in the 70 to 80 range. It is being held every Wednesday night starting at 7:30 pm. Doors open at 6:00 pm.
3. We have Meat Draws scheduled for April 14th and April 28th starting at 4:00 pm.
4. District C Spring Convention will be held in Hespeler on April 21st and 22nd. We have a full contingency going to the Convention to represent Branch 340.
5. The Annual Cliff Seaman Memorial Chili Cook-off will be held on Saturday April 28th. The proceeds from this event will go towards the oncology unit at the GBRHS. The chili will be available after the judging with the proceeds from the sales being matched by the Legion up to a maximum of \$300. Come out and support your Legion and our hospital by having a great feed of chili.

Hope to see you all at the Branch this month.

"We will remember them"

Yours in Comradeship,

President Dan Kelly

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RCL Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary



Have you been interested in joining the Ladies Auxiliary but don't have enough information to make that decision? Well here's what we're all about.

- Having Fun! We have such fun in the kitchen, at Conventions, on parade, or hosting a yard and bake sale.
- Teamwork! Whether it's delivering Meals-on-Wheels or preparing meals for banquets, we rely on each other and trust each other.
- Dedication! Attending our General Meetings once a month, going to Zone meetings twice a year and Provincial Conventions every other year.
- Volunteering! Whether you're elected or appointed to a position on the executive of the Auxiliary, it's all time we devote to fulfill the task.
- Friendship! We share each other's woes, each other's burdens bear, and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
- Pride! When we wear the uniform; when we carry the flag and when we take part in Legion and public events. We always take pride in being a member of the Ladies Auxiliary. Serving our Legion and supporting our Veterans and our community.
- Hard working Women! You bet we are, but we know how to make it fun and share the work load. We serve the best home cooked meals to our clients.
- Fundraising! Our goal is to donate financially to local charities, organizations and schools, provincial bursaries, sports and charities, Veterans hospitals, our own Legion Branch 340 and the Cenotaph Fund.

Have we piqued your interest? Do you have any more questions? Would you like to complete an application? Then speak to one of the Ladies Auxiliary members if you already know one, or ask the bartender for an application or the Legion office or email me at divinediane11@gmail.com.

Cde Diane Mills, Treasurer



Hours of Operation Change



Our hours of operation on Sunday have been changed. Starting immediately Branch 340 will be closed on Sunday through the summer months. We will be closed on Sundays from start of April until the end of August. Sunday hours will start up again the first Sunday in September.

We are sorry for an inconvenience this may cause anyone.

Yours in Comradeship,
President Dan Kelly
Dankelly@bmts.com



Bursary Assistance Program



**The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command Charitable Foundation
The Royal Canadian Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, Ontario Command
Bursary Assistance Program**

OPEN TO:

Ex-Service or Currently serving personnel of the Canadian Forces (Regular, Reserve & Merchant Navy);
Commonwealth War Veterans children & grandchildren

Ordinary/Life & Ladies' Auxiliary Members of The Legion children & grandchildren
Associate Members' children only

PROGRAM OPENS EVERY SEPTEMBER & CLOSSES THE LAST FRIDAY OF MARCH IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

Download the application form on Legion.ca

1-888-207-0939 bursary@on.Legion.ca

Supporting Documentation Required:

- OSAP Documentation
- Proof of Service & Relationship (Discharge Certificate or Record of Service)
- Branch / Ladies' Auxiliary Endorsement
- School Endorsement

Eligible students can apply for 5 years provided the same course of study is taken.
A new application must be submitted each year.

Applications MUST be submitted to Ontario Command

The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command
89 Industrial Parkway North
Aurora, Ontario L4G 4C4
1-888-207-0939

If you need any help with the paperwork please feel free to contact me.

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





Hall Rental



Rental of our spacious, air conditioned hall with its beautiful hardwood floor, ideal for dancing is available for both public and private use. We can cater for a wide variety of uses including meetings, anniversaries, weddings, birthdays, Stag & Does, etc.

Our facility includes a wheelchair accessible washroom and a baby change station and is conveniently located in the building for access by both males and females.

Our hall rates vary for each occasion and Legion Bar Staff is provided by the Branch.

In certain circumstances, use of the kitchen is offered at \$50 per occasion. The Ladies Auxiliary is available to cater selected menus to your event.

Special consideration is given to the fee schedule when renting to non-profit organizations.

Please contact Norma Dudgeon at the Legion phone number (519) 389-9917 or email: Branch340@eastlink.ca



Honours & Awards



Recognizing valued members for their contributions at our Legion is an important part of the Honours & Awards Chair.

When you nominate volunteer members, based on their efforts of ensuring our Branch functions continue, we build strong and continuous relationships, and we build a stronger Branch.

If you know anyone whom you feel should be shown appreciation, please contact me with this members particulars and confidentially the H&A Committee will evaluate the nomination.

Cde Blair Eby
Honours & Awards Chair
bizebys@gmail.com
519-832-3133

Maria Told Her Mother Gladly

Maria came home from Sunday School on Palm Sunday and told her mother that she had learned a new song about a cross-eyed bear named Gladly.

It took her mother a while before she realised that the hymn Maria had been singing was really: "Gladly, The Cross I'd Bear."



Hospital & Visitation



Cards and some visitations happen on a regular basis. Cards are left at the bar for you to sign. We are all Branch #340 Legion family and regardless of 'knowing' the person, please sign your name.

Please let me know if one of our Legion or Ladies Auxiliary members is under the weather or hospitalized. Typically the Barbershop knows these things however please send me a quick message so I can see to the needs of one of our Legion family.

Cde Elizabeth Eby
Branch Visitation/Hospital Chairman
Bizebys@gmail.com
519-832-3133 Home



Leadership Development



We are presently looking to identify and recognize the many Veterans that fought to keep our country safe. This is open to all Veterans who have served (even the ones who are still serving). Volumes 1, 2 and 3 of the Military Service Recognition Booklet have been printed and Ontario Command is presently coordinating the 4th book. If you know anyone who deserves recognition, please contact Mike Atkinson to ensure the proper information is compiled so we can get them in the book. Our Branch is very proud of all those who served so let's make sure others are aware.



Recognize our Veterans

As the "Keepers of Remembrance", Ontario Command is proud to publish an annual Military Service Recognition Book to identify and recognize many of our Veterans in Ontario, who have either served or are still serving in our Canadian Armed Forces, the Commonwealth or Allied Forces.

We invite you to visit your local Legion Branch to obtain more information regarding this Remembrance program and more importantly, to submit a story and photo of a Veteran. Everyone is welcome to submit a story, including Veterans, relatives or friends.

Drop off or send your histories and stories to your local Legion Branch early. We accept them year-round. Please do not drop them off or mail them to our Provincial Command Office.

This project not only produces an annual Military Service Recognition Book, but also raises funds through a telephone appeal to the general public and through advertising sales.

The book publisher, Fenety Marketing, conducts a telephone appeal on our behalf to private citizens and the business community throughout Ontario.

Funds raised through the program are being utilized to support various Veterans Transition Programs that in turn will assist our Veterans who suffer from various challenges they face through their day to day lives.

We invite you to share your story or the story of a loved one through your local Legion Branch.

Cde Dan Kelly
Leadership Development Chairman
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Membership Matters



Membership was very quiet this month. We had 3 new applications which we will be approving at our April General Meeting. Membership cards are up to date for those who have paid their dues.

One new thing this year is being able to pay your membership dues online. We had 2 members pay their dues online and they were processed without any hitches.

The addition of automating the membership program on to the computer has allowed us to process requests faster.

Invite your friends to come in and be part of a great organization.

Yours in Membership

Cde Dan Kelly
Membership Chairman
Dankelly@bmts.com



Last Post



Les Nuttall – Associate

***THEY SHALL GROW NOT OLD AS WE THAT ARE LEFT GROW OLD,
AGE SHALL NOT WEARY THEM NOR THE YEARS CONDEMN,
AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING,
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM,
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.***



Poppy



Poppy is a year around endeavour to help our Veterans at home and abroad in their time of need.

The needs of our Veterans are not limited to October/November when we have our Poppy Fund Drive. We appreciate any donations made throughout the year. Each year we have Veterans and projects that need assistance.

We look forward to seeing every one of you, our members and friends, participating in events over upcoming year as we continue to strive to assist and comfort our Veterans who have served us so well!

Lest We Forget

In Comradeship,

Cde Alex Taylor
Poppy Chairman
Home -519-389-2616



Sergeant-at-Arms



To clarify that when there is a Legion funeral service for a fallen Comrade it should be noted that members do not have to wear a Legion uniform when laying a poppy or maple leaf. All members are welcome to participate.

Colour bearers are needed for the General Meetings. Please contact me if you are interested.

Cde Robert Harrison
Sergeant-at-Arms
bnrshow@eastlink.ca



Ways & Means Report



Our Ways and Means program had a very good March. Many of our Comrades are still down in the sunny south enjoying a winter without snow.

Our team of volunteers continued to work hard this month. Activities completed last month are Saturday afternoon and Thursday night Euchre continued with 7 to 8 tables being filled each week. Thanks to Jim Mahon, Larry and Judy Hennessey for coordinating these two events.

Bingo continued weekly with attendance being very healthy on all of the Wednesday's. Last week there were 79 players which is starting to reach our summertime numbers. Thanks to all that take part.

There were 2 Meat Draws this month and both were very well attended. We ran out of meat on both dates which is great to hear. Everyone had a fun time and many went away with some fine Hoof'n-It and Beef Way meat.

These events will continue this month and dates can be found on the event calendar included in this newsletter.

Please remember that our elections will be held on April 3, 2018 with the meeting starting at 7:30 pm. All positions will be up for grabs. Come out and make you vote count.

Let's keep our Branch active.

Cde Dan Kelly
Ways and Means Chair
dankelly@bmts.com



Youth Education – Zone Public Speaking Sunday, March 4



Zone C-4, of the Royal Canadian Legion, held its annual public speaking competition on March 4, 2018 at the Port Elgin host Branch.

Students from 10 Branches participated in the Legion Youth program with speeches that were very well planned and an interesting assortment of topics. Special thanks to the parents and teachers for your commitment to helping these students succeed in public speaking.

Four 1st place winners will be advancing to the Legion District C Public Speaking competition on April 7th at the Goderich Legion.

- 1st Place Primary - Isaac T. from Lions Head #202
- 1st Place Junior - Grace R. from Chatsworth #464
- 1st Place Intermediate - Christian R. from Chatsworth #464
- 1st Place Senior - Emma S. from Port Elgin #340

We are very proud of all the students that participated in our Legion Youth Education program and look forward to hosting them again next year.

All Royal Canadian Legion Youth Programs can be found on the Provincial website at www.on.legion.ca.

Cde Elizabeth Eby
Zone C-4 Youth Education Officer



Primary Level – Grades 1-3

L-R Zone C-4 Commander Dean Weir, Isaac T., Lion’s Head; Mya D., Northport Elementary, 2nd Place; Sebastian Lough, Tobermory, 3rd Place; and Zone C-4 Deputy Commander Kim White.



Junior Level – Grades 4-6

L-R Zone C-r Commander Dean Weir, Grace R, 1st Place, Chatsworth; Levi W., 2nd Place, Chesley; Chelby M, 3rd Place, Ecole Saugeen Central Public School and Zone C-4 Deputy Zone Commander Kim White.



Intermediate Level – Grades 7-9

L-R Zone C-4 Commander Dean Weir, Sarah E, 2nd Place from Northport Elementary; Sophie P, 3rd Place, Paisley (Home schooled); Zone C-4 Deputy Commander Kim White. Absent from photo Christian R, 1st Place, Chatsworth.



Senior Level – Grades 10-12

L-R Zone C-4 Commander Dean Weir, Emma S., SDSS, 1st Place; Gabriel R, 2nd Place and Zone C-4 Deputy Commander Kim White.

“Love is when the other person's happiness is more important than your own.”

— H. Jackson Brown Jr.



Branch 340 Donation Legion Breakfast – February 4



Legion Branch 340 in Port Elgin is continuing their support for Port Elgin school nutrition programs.

This time they held a breakfast at their Legion with all proceeds going to the 4 Port Elgin School Nutrition Programs. Each school will receive \$80.00 to be used to help purchase healthy food for hungry kids at school.

Port Elgin Saugeen Central, St. Joseph’s, Northport Elementary and Saugeen District schools all offer a nutrition program filled with healthy food choices to nearly 900 students collectively.

Together with community help like this we can ensure no hungry kids at school.

Please support the Legion fundraisers like the Legion Branch 340 breakfast. A breakfast for you means a breakfast for a child at school.

Visit a school near you and ask how you can help by volunteering your time or making a donation.

Bev Gateman
Community Program Manager
Ontario Student Nutrition Program Grey Bruce

Cde Robert Harrison
bnrshow@eastlink.ca



Zone C-4 Elimination Draw



Tickets are being sold in the Club Room at Branch. Please support our Zone Fundraiser.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BR. # 383 TARA LA
 The Elimination Draw will be held on April 7, 2018. The total prizes awarded are \$3,200.00. The cost of the tickets is \$10.00 with only 500 tickets sold.
 (Schedule dependent on number of tickets sold).

1st	\$100.00	150th	\$50.00	300th	\$50.00	450th	\$50.00
25th	\$50.00	175th	\$50.00	325th	\$50.00	475th	\$50.00
50th	\$50.00	200th	\$50.00	350th	\$50.00	498th	\$150.00
75th	\$50.00	225th	\$50.00	375th	\$50.00	499th	\$500.00
100th	\$50.00	250th	\$50.00	400th	\$50.00	500th	\$1500.00
125th	\$50.00	275th	\$50.00	425th	\$50.00		

Apr. 7, 2018, at 6:00 PM
Ticket #225 Lic#M765163
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L-R Cde Gord Kelly, Sports Officer; Cde Diane Mills, Treasurer, Branch 340 LA; and Cde Dan Kelly, President

Ladies Auxiliary Sports Officer Diane Mills presented a \$500 cheque to Cde Dan Kelly, Legion President and Cde Gord Kelley, Sports Officer of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 340 as an appreciation from the ladies who play Tuesday Cards every week. The Sports Fund is also supported by selling snacks at weekly Bingo. A cheque for \$1000 was issued to the Southampton Memorial Hospital Foundation from the Sports Fund contributions.

The Ladies Auxiliary members also enjoy the comradeship of other Auxiliaries in the Zone once a month at Sports Night with games of euchre, cribbage or darts.

If you would like more information on becoming a member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 340 in Port Elgin, phone the Legion office at 389-9917 for contact information.

Divine Intervention?

One Easter afternoon Jasper, a little boy, was playing outdoors. He used his mother's broom as a horse and had a wonderful time until it was getting dark.

He left the broom on the back porch. His mother was cleaning up the kitchen when she realized that her broom was missing. She asked Jasper about the broom and he told her where it was.

She then asked him to please go get it. Jasper informed his mother that he was afraid of the dark and didn't want to go out to get the broom.

His mother smiled and said, 'The Lord is out there too, don't be afraid.'

Jasper then opened the back door a little and said, 'Lord, since you're out there, please pass me the broom.'



I just finished reading a book given to me from a second-hand store, and it turned out to be a 'little gem' which was informative, suspenseful and poignant.

"Dad's War" was written by Howard Reid, a British writer and film maker. It chronicles the story of his father, Ian Reid, a young officer in the Black Watch, who was wounded and captured in North Africa in April 1943. He was sent to an Italian prisoner of war camp from which he escaped. So began a game of hide-and-seek in the heart of the beautiful Italian countryside.

The whole of Italy was occupied by the Germans, but the Italian people helped the escapees - hid them in barns, bedrooms and attics. Ian and Tom, another young officer, traveled together, and were protected and guided by a multitude of Italian families as they made their way through central Italy, hoping to meet the advancing allied forces. They remained at large for several months, but were eventually betrayed by a young man trying to have some influence with the Nazis. Over 40 escapees were rounded up from one area alone, and sent to POW camps in Germany.

After the war, Ian returned to Italy and visited the Italian families that were so kind to him and his brother escapees. The families had done this at great risk to themselves, and some were killed for aiding the escaped prisoners. The warmth of big bowls of pasta and large bottles of new red wine were never to be forgotten by these grateful soldiers.

Nearly 60 years later, Howard Reid set out to follow his father's footsteps across Italy. From Modena to Florence, through Chianti, Siena, Orvieto to Rome. He found some of the original families and thanked them once again for the kindness shown to his father and other soldiers. In the midst of dreadful suffering, human goodness surfaced and will be forever remembered.

The Canadians were in Italy too. The 1st Canadian Division formed a part of the Allied Force that invaded Sicily on July 10, 1943, along with the Americans and British. It was serious, bloody fighting up 'the boot' of Italy. The names of Ortona and Monte Cassino have been burned into our military history. The Canadians as well, remembered with gratefulness the kindness of the Italian people.

The 75th anniversary of the Italian Campaign is soon upon us.

Lest we forget!
Rev. Chuck Beaton (Chaplain)





**Branch 340
Italian Dinner Fundraiser**



On Friday April 27 we are having a special dinner and a trip to Italy... in our Legion hall!!

We are commemorating many things during this special evening including remembering the 75th Anniversary of the Italian Campaign and also a fundraiser for the Port Elgin Saugeen Central School music program. The ambitious young musicians in both the Senior Concert Band & Jazz Ensemble achieved GOLD at the regional level of competition this Spring!

Our evening begins by recognizing our Veterans in attendance and a special performance by the Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Veteran & Teacher, Matthew Patterson. An intimate Italian buffet dinner will be served to the accompaniment of Italian musical selections following the performance.

Retired teachers, Clive & Mary Card will be giving a recount of the school history trips to Europe and most recently Italy. We will be having a live auction of some donated items, a few draws and social time for camaraderie.

Our school Senior and Jazz Bands, comprising of 56 students in grades 5-8 have qualified for Music Fest Canada being held in Toronto for a week in May. An accomplishment they have rigorously worked very hard for with early morning & lunch practices all year. Their excitement is contagious and we wish to help them with some of the trip costs as there is NO additional funding for school music programs currently. The festival cost is approximately \$450.00 per student.

With the purchase of your ticket, 60% will be donated back to the music trip and we look forward to assisting these students with their goal of taking home another GOLD!

Cocktails 5:30-6:00pm

Dinner Buffet Includes:

Salad selections of Lemony Caesar Salad, Italian Bean Salad , Meat & Cheese Lasagna, Vegetable Lasagna, Cabbage Rolls, Fresh Herb Rolls, Jellyroll with berries & Cream, Coffee/Tea

Please arrange your tickets through Elizabeth & Blair Eby #519-832-3133

~~The Jazz Ensemble will be assisting through dinner service and are excited to answer all your questions!!~~





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Italian Dinner Fundraiser

75th Anniversary of the Italian Campaign

Friday April 27, 2018

**Musical selections provided by
Saugeen Central School Jazz Band**

Conductor: Matt Patterson, Veteran and Teacher

**Proceeds towards the Port Elgin Saugeen Central School
Senior & Jazz Band
- National Music Competition -**

SDSS History trip to Italy presentation– Mary & Clive Card



Cocktails at 5:30 pm

Evening program begins at 6:00 pm

Advance tickets only - \$25.00 per person

Contact: Elizabeth Eby 519-832-3133

bizebys@gmail.com

Everyone is Welcome

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and ELECTIONS

**Tuesday, April 3, 2018
at 7:30 pm**

**Mark your calendar and plan to attend to vote for
your incoming Executive for the 2018-2019 term.**

**The Nomination Board will be located in the Club
Room; please consider becoming a member of
the Executive.**

**Please be prepared to show your 2018
Membership Card at the door, or receipt of paid
membership.**

All members are encouraged to attend.

Thanking you for your consideration.

***Mike Atkinson
Elections Chairman***

The responsibility of the welfare of the Branch rests mostly in the hands of the Senior Officers; the President, the Past President and the 1st & 2nd Vice Presidents. Their job is to make sure that all aspects of the Branch run smoothly, that all Rules and Regulations are adhered to and the Branch remains viable. By showing leadership they guide the Branch through the daily ups and downs and set an example for the other Executive Officers to follow. Their positions are held by members who already have some Executive experience.

Other Executives, however, do not necessarily have to have experience; this can be gained through training and guidance and knowledge of manuals, etc.

An excellent source of information is the Ontario Command Branch Officers Series of leaflets for all the positions and the Mentor Program. Look for them on the Bulletin Boards as we prepare for the upcoming Election. Do you have what it takes?



AIR CADETS 340 (Griffin) Squadron, Port Elgin



This past summer one of our cadets, Squadron Warrant Officer 1st Class Mitch McCallum qualified to take part in the Flying Scholarship Course to become a pilot. He not only came in first place on his course he achieved the highest mark in all of Ontario! He received the Hamilton Flying Club Top Student Pilot Award. This award was presented on behalf of the Ontario Provincial Committee, by the Regional Representative for the 340 Port Elgin Air Cadet Squadron, Roxanne Schwandt and the Commanding Officer, Captain Robert Herboth. We are all very proud of Mr. McCallum's achievements and the hard work put in by his Training Officers.

Submitted by Lyna Smith, 340 Port Elgin Air Cadet

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Cliff Seaman Memorial Chili Cook-off

\$10.00
Entry
Fee

Saturday
April 28,
2018

1st, 2nd,
& 3rd
Place
Winners

Event is open to the Public
Please sign-up in advance at the Bar

Saturday Events include:
Meat Raffle at 4:00 pm
Chili Deals will be available after the Judging

Participants please deliver your Entry by 1:00 pm
Proceeds will be donated to the Oncology Unit—GBRHS

More Information contact:
Brenda Collins
519-832-5424



The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disability Act (AODA), 2005



Accessibility Standards for Customer Service

The Law:

The law requires each organization to identify those barriers, and remove them, in order to provide customer service that is more accessible to people who have disabilities.

These requirements apply to organizations that:

- serve the public
- provide goods, services or facilities to other businesses or organizations

People with Disabilities:

- 1 in 7 people in Ontario has a disability. That's almost 2 million Ontarians. By 2036, that number will rise to 1 in 5 as people age.
- Over the next 20 years, aging Ontarians and people with disabilities will represent 40% of total income in Ontario. That's \$536 billion.
- People with disabilities are a growing market that businesses can't afford to overlook.
- Ontario has laws to ensure all Ontarians can access your organization's goods, services or facilities.

Barriers to Accessibility:

Barriers to accessibility are obstacles that make it difficult — sometimes impossible — for people with disabilities to do the things most of us take for granted, like shopping, working or taking public transit.

The law requires each organization to identify those barriers, and remove them, in order to provide customer service that is more accessible to people who have disabilities.

Make sure your policies are guided by these principles:

- **Dignity** – provide service in a way that allows the person with a disability to maintain self-respect and the respect of other people.
- **Independence** – a person with a disability is allowed to do things on their own without unnecessary help or interference from others.
- **Integration** – provide service in a way that allows the person with a disability to benefit from the same services, in the same place, and in the same or similar way as other customers, unless a different way is necessary to enable them to access goods, services or facilities.
- **Equal opportunity** – provide service to a person with a disability in such a way that they have an equal opportunity to access your goods, services or facilities as what is given to others.

Consider a person's disability when communicating with them:

- Ensure your employees are prepared to communicate with customers who have various types of disabilities in a way that takes into account their disability.
- Allow assistive devices. An assistive device is a piece of equipment a person with a disability uses to help them with daily living (e.g., a wheelchair, screen reader, hearing aid, cane or walker, an oxygen tank).

Allow service animals:

There are various types of service animals besides guide dogs that support people with various types of disabilities, such as:

- vision loss
- epilepsy
- autism
- anxiety disorder

There are no restrictions on what type of animal can be used as a service animal. An animal is considered a service animal if:

- it wears a harness, vest or other visual indicator
- the person with a disability provides documentation from a regulated health professional

Sometimes you might be able to identify that an animal is a service animal because it helps a person with a disability perform certain tasks, like opening a door, or picking up a dropped object.

Don't make assumptions. If you cannot easily identify that the animal is a service animal, you can ask the person to provide documentation (e.g. template, letter, form) from a regulated health professional. The documentation must confirm that the person needs the service animal for reasons relating to their disability.

Welcome service animals into public areas of your workplace or business. In cases where the law prohibits service animals, provide another way for the person to access your goods, services or facilities.

Service animals have a job to do. They are not pets. Avoid touching or addressing a service animal. Your customer is responsible for the care and supervision of their service animal.

- clearly identify the areas of your premises that are open to service animals
- evaluate how you should adapt your practices to provide services to people who have service animals
- think about how else you would provide your services if the law prohibits a service animal from an area in your workplace or business

Welcome support persons:

Support persons help people with a disability perform daily tasks. Often, people who need the help of a support person are not able to do certain things by themselves. For example, a support person might help with communication, mobility or personal care. Without support, that person may be unable to access your organization or your services.

Waive the admission fee for the support person if you require them to accompany the person with a disability due to health or safety reasons.

REQUIREMENTS OF THE STANDARD

Each organization needs to establish policies, practices and procedures that will provide clear guidelines to staff, volunteers, and third party contractors on providing your goods and/or services to people with disabilities.

Every effort should be made to ensure that new or revised policies, practices and procedures are consistent with the core principles of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act: independence, dignity, integration and equality of opportunity to access goods and services.

Excerpts provided by the Ontario Website:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/how-make-customer-service-accessible>

<https://www.aoda.ca/nonprofits-and-the-act/>



Legion  **ZONE C-4** Legion 

Fundraiser

Elimination Draw

Tara Branch 383



Saturday, April 7, 2018
Branch will be open at 4:00 pm
Events begin at 5:00 pm
Drawing of tickets at 6:00 pm

Dinner - \$16.00

 Fries	 Chicken	 Coleslaw
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Proceeds to offset Youth Education costs
Support Zone C-4
Everyone Welcome



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AS YOU START & END
YOUR DAY, BE THANKFUL
FOR EVERY LITTLE
THING IN YOUR LIFE.
YOU WILL COME TO
REALIZE HOW BLESSED
YOU TRULY ARE

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Port Elgin Legion Branch 340



Toronto Blue Jays
vs
Baltimore Orioles



Sunday, June 10, 2018

Tickets \$115. per Person (No Refunds & Returns)

Seats are in Section #236 - 2nd level on 3rd base line



**Includes Motor
Coach & Game
Tickets**

**Bus leaves Branch
Parking Lot at 8 am**

-SHARP -



**First Come - First Served
Space is Limited
Please pay in advance**



Tickets available in the Legion Club Room or Eby's Barbershop

Don't be disappointed and secure your ticket early






















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— H. Jackson Brown Jr.

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♣ Please join us for our various events ♣

♣ Event Times and Dates Subject to Change ♣