



**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 April General Meeting is one of the most important Meetings we hold. This night is also our Annual Elections and we will be voting on our Executive for the next year.

The Nomination Board will be located in the Canteen for you to consider one of the positions on the Executive Committee. Your consideration in becoming a committee member is appreciated. Even if you are not planning a position on the Executive, please plan on attending the Meeting and have your vote count. All members are encouraged to attend this very important evening.

Be prepared to show your membership card or if you are a new member, please bring your paid receipt with you. If you have any questions, please contact your Elections Officer Mike Atkinson at 519-832-5542.

The Editors





Ladies Auxiliary to Branch 340 Royal Canadian Legion – Port Elgin



The function of the Ladies Auxiliary is to lend assistance to their Branch.

Our goal is to fulfill our function to the best of our ability while sharing with each other the good and troubled times. We try to show the community we can work together and also have fun together. We are often reminded of the Auxiliary Hymn of years gone by "Blest be the Tie that Binds", especially the words of the last verse.

**Blest be the tie that binds,
Our hearts in Jesus love.
The fellowship of Christian minds,
Is like to that above.**

**We share each other's woes,
Each other's burdens bear.
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.**

The Ladies Auxiliary to Branch 340 enjoys many good times together.....

- In the kitchen preparing and serving banquets
- Playing cards every Tuesday afternoon
- Attending our monthly meeting
- Zone sporting events, including crib, darts and cards
- Special occasion dinners where we go out to be served
- Bus trips to shopping or theatre
- Fundraising events such as yard and bake sales
- Helping the Branch with their fundraising and Poppy Campaign

If this Auxiliary interests you, if it sounds like a group you'd like to belong to, if I've caught your attention in any way, then come to a Meeting and see what we're all about. For further information please phone 519-832-2748

Diane Mills, President
Ladies Auxiliary



WHAT'S HAPPENING



ENTERTAINMENT

March 12 – Double Take
March 26 – Pete & Edna

TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, March 18 at 8:00
Sign Up Sheet at Bar

MEAT ROLLS at 4 PM

Saturday – March 12 & 26

BINGO EVERY WEDNESDAY

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Bingo at 7:30 p.m. \$700.00 Jackpot

IN-HOUSE CRIBBAGE

Join us on the 3rd Tuesday of each month for a fun night of Cribbage. Games start at 7:30 pm in the Canteen. Singles and partners are welcome. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the Sports Board.

PORTE ELGIN LEGION ANNUAL PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST
Saturday, February 19, 2011.

Advancing to Zone Public Speaking Competition are:

Primary: Rebekah Cassidy
Junior: Allison Kerker
Intermediate: Utsab Roychowdhury





Pictured L – R
Cde Celeste Eickholdt and Cde Joyce Chapman.

These two ladies assisted the young contestants with their registrations, manned the doors and prepared lunch.

Job well done!



Pictured L – R

President Kathryn Eastwood, Cde Jack Chapman, (Time Keeper), Cde Alice Kemp (Judge) Cde Beth Douglas (Judge) and Ann Judd (Judge).

Thank you for your hard work in determining the best speaker. There were so many good entries and all the speakers should be commended, as they all were very interesting.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to the new candidates who were initiated at the March General Meeting: Gord Cramp, David McCourt, Pat O'Connor and in a private ceremony Eunice Chennette and Michelle Maas.

If you have not yet paid your membership dues for 2011, kindly do so at your earliest convenience. You must be a member in good standing to have voting privileges during our Annual Election on April 05th. You will be deciding who your Executive Officers will be for 2011-2012. *All members must have their membership card or paid receipt available at the Meeting.*

It is no longer necessary to have any type of military background to become a member of the Royal Canadian Legion. We are always looking for new members and would like to see more people join our Branch. Please see the Bar Steward for applications.

Please let me know if there are any changes in your contact information. Address changes may result in a delay of your Legion magazine.

Yours in Comradeship,

Rhonda Harrison
Membership Chairman
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WALK-ABILITY CLINIC

Wednesday, April 27 from 1:00 – 5:00 pm

Upstairs – Legion Hall

This Clinic will focus on “Walkable” Communities. It will assist our community to identify ways to improve the walking conditions for local residents. This will lead to enhanced:

- Opportunities for daily physical activity
- Environmental health
- Pedestrian safety
- Accessibility for all
- Community cohesion
- Economic vitality for the community
- Traffic flow
- “Age friendly” environment

Collectively, these improvements will make a significant difference to the quality of life in Saugeen Shores.

This session is organized by “Play” in Bruce Grey and CAN Play in partnership with the Canada Walks Department of Green Communities Canada, all volunteer Committees.

Please note this date on your April calendar and plan on attending.

For more information contact: Shanna Reid, Aquatic Supervisor
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KNITTING

A highway patrolman pulled along side a speeding car on the freeway. Glancing at the car, he was astounded to see that the blonde behind the wheel was knitting! Realizing that she was oblivious to his flashing lights and siren, the Trooper cranked down his window, turned on his bullhorn and yelled, "PULL OVER!"

"NO!" the blonde yelled back, "IT'S A SCARF!"

Q: Where can single men over the age of 50 find younger women who are interested in them?

A: Try a bookstore, under Fiction.

Q: What can a man do while his wife is going through menopause?

A: Keep busy. If you're handy with tools, you can finish the basement. When you're done, you will have a place to live.

Q: Someone told me that menopause is mentioned in the bible... Is that true? Where can it be found?

A: Yes. Matthew 14:92:

"And Mary rode Joseph's ass all the way to Egypt..."

Q: How can you increase the heart rate of your over-50 year-old husband?

A: Tell him you're pregnant.

Q: How can you avoid that terrible curse of the elderly wrinkles?

A: Take off your glasses.

Q: Seriously! What can I do for these crow's feet and all those wrinkles on my face?

A: Go braless. It will usually pull them out.

Q: Why should 50-plus year old people use valet parking?

A: Valets don't forget where they park your car.

Q: Is it common for 50-plus year olds to have problems with short-term memory storage?

A: Storing memory is not a problem, Retrieving it is the problem.

Q: As people age, do they sleep more soundly?

A: Yes, but usually in the afternoon.

Q: Where should 50-plus year olds look for eyeglasses?

A: On their foreheads.

Q: What is the most common remark made by 50-plus year olds when they enter antique stores?

A: "Gosh, I remember these!"

This is the actual radio conversation of a US naval ship with Canadian authorities off the coast of Newfoundland in October 1995. Radio conversation released by the Chief of Naval Operations, 10-10-95.

CANADIANS: Please divert your course 15 degrees to the south to avoid a collision.

AMERICANS: Recommend you divert your course 15 degrees to the north to avoid a collision.

CANADIANS: Negative. You will have to divert your course 15 degrees to the south to avoid a collision.

AMERICANS: This is the captain of a US Navy ship. I say again, divert YOUR course.

CANADIANS: No, I say again, you divert YOUR course.

AMERICANS: This is the Aircraft Carrier US LINCOLN, the second largest ship in the United States Atlantic Fleet. We are accompanied with three Destroyers, three Cruisers and numerous support vessels. I DEMAND that you change your course 15 degrees north. I say again, that's one-five degrees north, or counter-measures will be undertaken to ensure the safety of this ship.

CANADIANS: This is a lighthouse. Your call.



LAST POST



Our sympathies are extended to the families that lost loved ones in February - Cde Kevin Aguirre and Cde John Young.

Comrades;

As many of you know, our annual elections are coming up.

It is time to start spreading the word to our members and make plans to attend this event. Not only attend but plan to run for a position on the Executive. This also applies for the Ladies Auxiliary elections. They too need more involvement. Their ranks are thinning out.

Attendance at our General Meetings has been extremely poor and to the point of not having enough members for a quorum. This is unacceptable for an organization like ours.

This Executive cannot operate without the will of its members. Our By-laws dictate that we have Executive Meetings on a monthly basis. If we don't have members coming to the Meetings...where will that lead us?

Many members of the Executive have spent many, many hours and years of volunteer time to make this Legion what it is...they can only do so much before getting burned out.

Running this organization is not an easy thing. It requires help from everyone. Many hands make lighter work.

But there comes a time when new blood and ideas are required. Now is the time to nominate someone who you think can bring this to the table.

Unless we get greater attendance on the coming election night...we, as an organization, are in big trouble and I foresee this Legion having to close its doors in the very near future. Do you really want that?

These are harsh words but one that has to be faced...get involved or lose our Legion.

Thank you Comrades...

George Sicord, Past President

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

Tuesday, April 05, 2011 at 7:00 pm

Please be prepared to show your 2011 Membership Card at the door, or receipt of paid membership.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend and vote for your incoming Executive.

Nomination Board will be located in the Canteen. Please consider becoming a member of the Executive.

All members are encouraged to attend.

Thanking you for your consideration.

*Mike Atkinson
Elections Chairman*

THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION - PORT ELGIN LEGION, BRANCH 340

HOUSE RULES FOR MEMBERS & GUESTS

These House Rules are for the guidance of Members and Guests while using Branch 340 Members' Lounge and facilities

1. **ADMISSION TO PREMISES**

- a. Admission to the Members' Lounge is restricted to members of this Branch and their guests, Members of the Ladies Auxiliary to this Branch and their guests, visiting Legion and L/A members from other Branches and their guests; anyone under the age of 19 years shall not be admitted unless there is an event with food available
- b. All serving members of the Canadian Forces are to be granted clubroom privileges
- c. All members shall be required to show their card to prove membership when called upon to do so
- d. Invited guests shall be signed in by a responsible member and such guests shall be on the premises at the responsibility of the member and must leave the premises when the member leaves. Visiting Legion and Auxiliary members must sign in
- e. Any member who is under suspension for any reason may not be signed into the Branch

2. **CONDUCT OF MEMBERS & GUESTS**

- a. Hats are to be removed before entering the members' lounge except headwear recognized as religious obligation; this is in respect of our fallen comrades
- b. Loud talking, profanity, fighting, drunkenness and unwarranted intrusion upon other members is prohibited
- c. For the safety of our members & guests, no floor/shuffleboard wax is to be applied to the floor for dancing; drinks or no shoes is not allowed on the dance floor
- d. Members who are "cut off" and/or suspended bar privileges must leave the premises immediately
- e. The Ontario Command Human Rights Policy will be observed by all members, guests and employees. Under no circumstances will any violation of the Human Rights Act or Human Rights at Work Policies be tolerated

3. **DRESS**

- a. Clean and appropriate dress and footwear must be worn at all times
- b. The following dress is not acceptable: muscle shirts, any attire with offensive writing or graphics, tube tops, beach wear; patrons with this type of clothing will be refused service

4. **BRANCH PROPERTY**

- a. A member shall be accountable for any and all damage occasioned by himself or his guest to branch property
- b. Members taking any article which is branch property from the branch premises must first obtain permission from the President and/or Property Chairman

5. **OUT OF BOUNDS**

- a. The kitchen, areas behind all bars, the mechanical room and banquet halls when rented for public functions, are out of bounds to other than authorized personnel

6. **COMPLAINTS**

- a. A member will not, under any circumstances, give a personal reprimand to an employee
- b. Any complaint must be in writing, signed and delivered to the Branch Secretary and shall be dealt with in accordance with the Legion General By-laws, Article III, where applicable
- c. Where a complaint has been documented in the steward's diary, the seriousness of the incident will determine the action to be taken

7. **GAMBLING**

- a. No gambling will be permitted contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada and the By-laws of The Royal Canadian Legion

8. BAR REGULATIONS

- a. All bottles, jugs and glasses shall be returned to the bar
- b. Members shall vacate the premises $\frac{1}{2}$ hour after the bar closes at which time all unconsumed beverages shall be returned to the bar
- c. No person or member shall bring personal alcoholic beverages into the branch premises or property
- d. Age of majority cards must be produced on request
- e. All games must cease 15 minutes before the bar is closed
- f. Branch business hours and holiday hours will be set by the Executive Committee

9. VEHICLES AND PARKING

- a. The Legion cannot be responsible for any damage or theft relating to any vehicle parked on Legion property
- b. Any person causing damage to vehicles parked on branch property shall immediately report same to the branch office
- c. All entrances to the building shall be kept clear

10. AUTHORITY

- a. The bar stewards, President, Executive, Sgt at Arms or those appointed to act, are responsible for the conduct of Members and guests while on branch property and are empowered to take any action they consider necessary to protect the interests of the branch, including the calling of local police authorities to assist if deemed necessary
- b. Any member observing improper conduct or destruction of branch property, may lay a charge (complaint) against another member(s) in writing to the Branch Secretary in accordance with the By-laws

11. PETS NOT PERMITTED

- a. No animals or pets of any nature shall be permitted in the branch except for the blind and hearing impaired and those in training for same

12. PERSONAL PROPERTY

- a. Branch 340 cannot be responsible for the loss or damage of personal property while under the members' or guests' care while on legion premises

13. FIRE AND OTHER EMERGENCIES

- a. All Members, Guests, Employees and members of the public in attendance at a function must comply with the approved Fire Safety Plan and its related notices posted throughout the building; members of the Branch Executive and its Ladies Auxiliary and our employees will perform their duties in accordance with the Plan and the ON Fire Code; any violations will be subject to penalties under the Act

Approved: 7 October 2010

SERVICE OFFICER

**** NOTICE OF ITINERARY VISIT ****

Randy Groundwater from Ontario Provincial Command Service Bureau will be in the area in the week of April 3rd to the 9th, 2011 and if any veterans or there dependents would like to see him please contact the undersigned no later than March 17th to set up a appointment.

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ENTERTAINMENT

“Pete & Edna”

Saturday, March 26th
8:00 pm – Midnight

Everyone Welcome



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