



Royal Canadian Legion  **Port Elgin Branch 340**

Branch Line

October 2021

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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.

Meat Draws will continue, so please keep the schedule enclosed for handy reference. Dates are subject to change however. Hope to see you out and about!

Two special occasions this month - Happy Thanksgiving as we spend time with family and loved ones and to our children having a fun Halloween! Be careful as our little ghouls and goblins will be out trick or treating!

The Branch will be closed on Sunday, October 10th as we celebrate Thanksgiving with friends and loved ones.

If you no longer wish to receive the Branch Line newsletter, please leave a message at
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President's Report



What a month September was with the torrential rain and a tornado. The good news was no one was hurt and fortunately no damage to the Legion.

On September 22nd the new COVID regulations were implemented by the Ontario government. Anyone who comes into the Branch must now show identification, proof of double vaccination or proof of medical exemption. We have set-up a confidential database so that you will only have to show your documentation once. So far, we have not had any problems or complaints. Thanks to everyone for understanding and complying with this matter.

We are now allowing the use of the Games Room for darts, pool and shuffleboard. Sorry, no card groups yet.

The Executive is still keeping a good eye on all Legion business. We are still short-handed on the Executive and if you are interested, please let me know. It is essential that we get new people in so that they can be trained in their positions. Our present Executive is older and some would like to step down from their positions. Please consider joining the Executive.



With a total membership of almost 100,000 the Ontario Command of the Royal Canadian Legion is one of the largest service oriented organizations in Ontario. Please read the Fact Sheet – April 2019 found under Leadership & Development for the latest figures of what this great organization has accomplished. We can't do this without your support.

I understand we are having a scaled down version for Pumpkinfest this year offering a virtual weigh-off and live events. If you are out and about at the Cinderella's Carriage Car Show or at the live events please drop in for a visit as we would love to see you and enjoy some comradeship.


If you have any questions, please contact me or call the Branch.

President Robert (Bob) Harrison
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Bursary 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 on.legion.ca 1-888-207-0939 bursary@on.legion.ca
Supporting Documentation Required:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.





There have been a few more changes this year but the best one is that they have raised the amount of the bursary award from \$750.00 to \$1,000.00.

If you have any questions about eligibility or how to apply please contact me and I will be happy to guide you through it.

Cde Robert Harrison
Bursary Chairman
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Hall Rentals



NOTE: Hall rentals have been suspended until further notice.

Once this COVID-19 pandemic is over we look forward to you booking our facility for your future social events.

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



Happy
Thanksgiving





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 Tom Jacques
Honours & Awards Chairman
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Hear the one about the bad-tempered golfer who bought a new set of Taylor Made R7 clubs? After playing with them for a couple of rounds he returned to his pro shop and told the pro, "These were the best clubs I have ever played with. In fact, I can throw these clubs 40-yards further than my old ones!"



Thanksgiving Sunday Closure

The Branch will be closed on Sunday, October 10th

Happy Thanksgiving to Everyone



Leadership & Development **FACT SHEET April 2019 (Fiscal Year 2017-2018)**



The Legion at work in Ontario:

- There were 399 Branches, with a total membership of almost 100,000 (92% of Ontario Command Branches responded to this survey)
- Total Poppy Donations received for 2017-2018 were \$5,368,572.32. Statements throughout the Fact Sheet reflect where these funds were disbursed by Branches to support Veterans, their dependents and greater community
- Funds spent on Veterans Programs for 2018 totaled over \$2.7 million
- Branches and Ladies Auxiliaries continue to support the Homeless Veterans Program - "Operation: Leave the Streets Behind". As of March 2019 over \$2.3 million has been disbursed in support of 719 Veterans being assisted (of which 71 were female Veterans) in 147 communities
- For the year 2018 Grants from Poppy funds, to the Royal Canadian Ex-Service League in the Caribbean totaled \$90,950.00
- Provide funding for Provincial Service Bureaus, for Provincial Service Officers to assist, all Veterans – Currently Serving and Ex-Service Personnel, with pension applications, benefit concerns, on an ongoing basis - free of charge



- Ontario Command is very proud to support "Operation Service Dog"! In collaboration with Wounded Warriors Canada this program has, and will continue, to drastically improve the lives of many Veterans!
- Branch and Ladies Auxiliary members visit Veterans in hospitals and continue to supply comforts and entertainment to enhance their quality of life
- Money Spent on Medical Equipment and Research totaled over \$1.3 million.
- Not including funds spent on Veterans, over \$557,000 was used for Seniors' Programs
- Ontario Provincial Command Branches and Ladies Auxiliaries Charitable Foundation approved \$521,682.00 to Ontario communities in 2018. Since its inception in 1979, donations approved amounted to over \$16,959,922.52 to various Hospitals, Health Clinics, Homes for the Aged and Charities in communities throughout Ontario.
- Through our Bursary program in the 2017-2018 academic year a total of 452 applications were awarded to students in need for post-secondary education in the total amount of \$338,500.00 in the Province of Ontario. Since the academic year of 2002-2003 to 2017-2018 our Bursary program has made a total of 11,484 awards totaling \$5,790,325.00
- Additional Bursaries from Poppy Trust funds were awarded in the amount of \$725,115.08
- Sponsors and facilitates low rental housing for senior citizens
- Continued to support accessibility for Veterans, their families and the Communities in excess of \$443,000
- Continued to support Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Army/Air/Sea/Navy Cadets and other Youth Programs in excess of \$1.3 million
- Other donations to local charities amount to over \$1.5 million, not from Poppy Trust Funds
- Donations to local Community Projects totaled over \$1.3 million
- Ontario Command Members annually put in over 444,500 volunteer hours
- In 2018 Ontario Command Branches had over 6552 volunteer staff and employed over 1300 full time and part-time staff
- Ontario Command Branches offered their facilities free of charge to community groups for over 27,600 occasions in 2018
- For further information please visit the Ontario Provincial Command Website at www.on.legion.ca
- Fact Sheet Updated as of April 2019



I was recently playing a round of golf with a nice young fellow. On the first hole, which was a long par four with water to the right and a deep ravine to the left, the young man took out a brand new sleeve of balls, teed one up, and immediately hit it into the water on the right. Undaunted, he pulled another ball from the sleeve and hit that one into the ravine, as well. Then he took the last ball from the sleeve and hit it, too, into the water. He then reached into his bag and pulled out another brand new sleeve of balls. "Why don't you hit an old ball?" I asked. He responded, "I've never had an old ball."





MILLER'S MEDAL MOUNTING

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Membership



Branch 340 has started our Early Bird Campaign. As in the past three years, if you renew your 2022 Legion membership before November 30, 2021 we will take \$ 5 off the renewal price. Until November 30, 2021 your membership renewal cost will be \$ 50 the same as the past four years. After November 30, 2021 the cost will go back up to \$ 55. So why not be an Early Bird and save yourself some cash.

Last year in our Early Bird Campaign, we had just under 90% of our members renew their membership. I am very pleased with the response and support that Branch 340 has been given over the past two years. COVID-19 has been hard on many people and businesses. Branch 340 has been helping out our veterans and youth over these trying times in any way we can.

Please continue to support our Legion by becoming an Early Bird member and so we can continue our work. September 1, 2021 to November 31, 2021 is our Early Bird Campaign. Why not join early. Below is a document on our early bird campaign and how you can renew early.

Cde Dan Kelly
Membership Chairman
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Renew your membership today!

The Legion's Early Bird Campaign is on until November 30th — don't miss your opportunity to maintain the many benefits of your Legion membership.

When you renew your membership by the early bird deadline, you:

- Keep your account in good standing
- Maintain years of continuous service
- Support the Branch and its programs
- Ensure delivery of LEGION Magazine

To renew your membership, visit our Branch before November 30th or mail your membership dues in the amount of \$50.00 directly to our address below.

For your convenience, you can also renew online at portal.Legion.ca. Once registered online, you have the option to set your membership to auto-renew to be billed automatically each year.

Encourage a friend or family member to join, too! Every member makes a difference.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

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Renew today!



"Do you play scratch golf?" said one player.

The other replied: "I sure do. Every time I hit the ball I scratch my head and wonder where it went."





Branch 340 Hours

Monday to Thursday 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Friday 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Saturday 3:00 – 7:00 pm

Sunday 4:00 – 7:00 pm



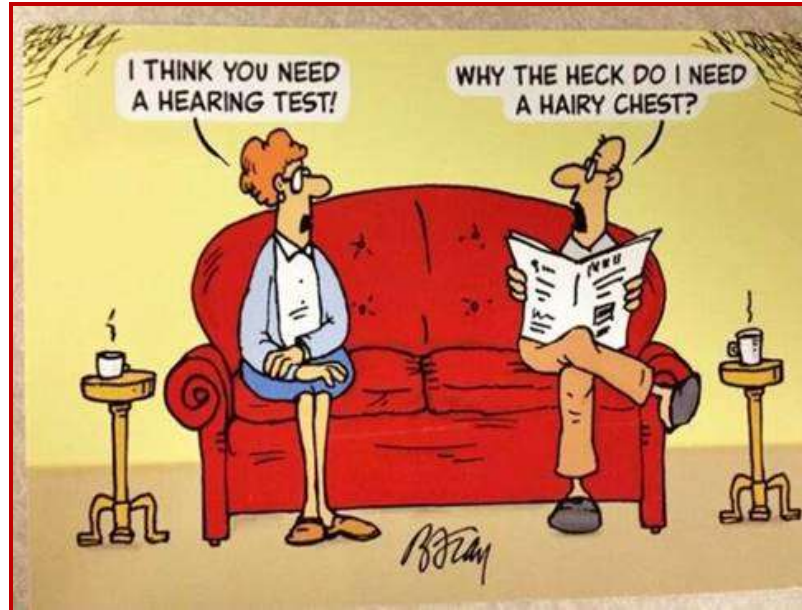
FRIENDSHIP IS

...a simple recipe:



1 cup sharing, 1 cup caring,
2 cups insanity.





Poppy



Preparations for our **2021 Poppy Campaign is underway and will run from Friday, October 29th to Thursday, November 11th.**

Again, with COVID -19 still providing some challenges, we expect that we will have to do things a little differently. Personal canvassing will have to be at a distance with masks/gloves worn and a separate table (i.e. a folding table) will have to be set up to hold the Poppy Box so social distancing can be maintained and the money insert holes will have to be made a little larger so that donations can easily be deposited by those making the donations.

Approval for Air Cadets to participate in the Poppy Campaign has been delegated to the RCSU (Regional) COs and they will be able to authorize based on local COVID and PHM conditions.

Again, we will have an Ad Mail Campaign. Envelopes and return Donation envelopes pre-printed along with a small information insert which I expect will be ready by the end of September. This mass mailing campaign for our Legion will require very strong Branch member volunteer support and to date I really appreciate the number of new members who have offered to help as well as many of you who have helped in the past. It is a big job and any new volunteers will be gladly accepted to put together the 4,600 Poppy Campaign mailing packages needed to be sent to Port Elgin households. We expect to have afternoon and some evening sessions to assemble the mailing packages as well as Poppy bags for our



counter Poppy boxes (100+ will be needed). An email schedule with further details will be sent out to all those who volunteer as soon as we receive the printed materials. The actual Ad Mail packages will be delivered to the Post Office on the afternoon of October 28th so that they are in the mail for the start of the Poppy Campaign, Friday, October 29th.

Hopefully, we can count on your support this year by volunteering to put mailing packages together and/or as a canvasser where needed.

Uniforms are not required to canvass. All canvassers will be provided with Volunteer Ribbons. Canvasser sign-up sheets will be set up in the Legion's Club Room starting Oct. 1st. **Canvassers, if you sign up on the Boards in the Club Room, please also confirm your sign-up dates and times to me via email so that I can track any canvasser double bookings.**

Guidelines to meet COVID-19 requirements will be provided such as the wearing of masks, gloves (where required) and social distancing (2 metres).

Why are personal canvassers so important? First, donations doubled to quadrupled when a live canvass volunteer was present vs. an unattended Poppy Box. In cases, where corporate policy will not allow us to put a Poppy Box(es) in a store, it increases our collections from that location from 0% to 100% when a canvasser is present.

Our 2020, Poppy Campaign successfully raised over \$41,000, a 48% increase over 2019. Again, to date, we have provided funding or donated over \$22,500.00 in support of our Veterans and their families. A very determined effort by our Branch will be required to repeat last year's success!

The success of our COVID-19 Poppy Campaign in 2021 more than ever will rely on you, our Poppy Campaign mass mailing and canvasser volunteers.

Please send me an email expressing your interest in Volunteering and your contact details. I look forward to hearing from you. I will ensure that you will be personally contacted and offered a role. Your time will be greatly appreciated to make our 2021 Campaign another success!

Lest We Forget!

Cde Alex Taylor
Poppy Chairman
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One minute you're young and fun. And the next, you're turning down the stereo in your car to see better.



Veteran Services



**Port Elgin Legion Branch 340**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

During this time of crisis any veteran that requires assistance including financial aid may contact the Port Elgin Legion Veterans Service Officer for assistance and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

Contact: Port Elgin Legion Branch 340
Veteran Service Officer
branch340@eastlink.ca
519-832-2903

Your Royal Canadian Legion is committed to making a difference in the lives of Veterans and their families, providing essential services in our communities, and remembering the men and women who sacrificed for our country.





Youth Education



The students are back in their classrooms with some continuing with virtual learning. The Remembrance Day Poster and Literature Competition information packages have been e-distributed to the principals with a hard copy package delivered to each school.

This past September 30th was the first National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, a Federal Statutory Holiday. Ontario chose to not declare this day a Provincial Holiday, therefore, the students would have been in the classroom. In the past many schools, businesses and organizations already recognized this day as Orange Shirt Day by sponsoring events and reflecting. I was aware that Orange Shirt Day was an Indigenous grassroots movement to honour the loss of children and for those who survived the Residential School system. What I needed to do was to research the origins of the Orange Shirt Day which I discovered relates to the experience of Phyllis Webstad on her first day at the St. Joseph's Mission residential school in British Columbia. She proudly wore her new orange shirt on her first day of school. On arrival to the school her clothes were all taken from her and sadly the orange shirt given to her by her grandmother was never returned. In my readings I found that the Orange Shirt is now a symbol of the stripping of the Indigenous children's identity with the losses from the Canadian residential schools.

There were 140 Residential schools in Canada with the first ones opening in 1931 with the last one closing in 1998. Creating a federal holiday was one of the 94 Calls to Action in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report 2015. Cited from the Government of Canada website Canada.ca

How did you recognize and reflect on the National Day of Truth & Reconciliation? If you want to learn more read and ask questions about our Canadian history of the residential school system.

We will Remember Them

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THANK YOU
FRONTLINE WORKERS



Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Happy Fall everyone, as I look out my windows today I see lots of rain coming down and I can hear the howling of the wind and my thoughts go back to the beginning of this month when a twister came down my street toppling trees like they were matchsticks with some major damage to properties but no injuries that I know of.

We bid farewell to Diane Mills with an afternoon pot luck get together. Thank you ladies for all the delicious treats on our buffet table. Diane was presented with a gift from Legion Branch 340 and also from Legion Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary. After serving 23 years of service, holding too many positions to list with our LA, she has transferred her membership to Goderich, her new home town, where she and Terry will be closer to family. We wish all the best to Diane in her new home and town.

Please mark your calendar for our first meeting in many months and we have lots to discuss – Tuesday, October 12th at 7:30PM in the upstairs Legion hall.



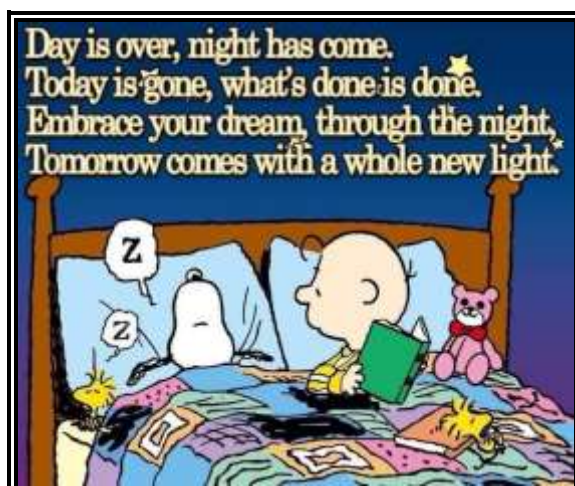


NEW MEMBER SEARCH

We currently have 31 members but, we are always looking for new members. Please keep an eye out for anyone that you feel may be interested and let us know. The members we currently have are ladies that have served for many years and we are hoping that we can find others who would like to commit some of their time catering to functions that our Auxiliary participates in and at the same time give back to the community that we live in.

Thank you everyone for your help and support and stay healthy.

Cde Vicky Taylor
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Zone C-4 Council Meeting Sunday, September 26, 2021



The Zone C-4 Council Meeting was held in Southampton Branch 155 on Sunday, September 26, 2021. The new COVID regulations were followed and the contact tracing sheet was filled in.

Zone C-4 Officers, Presidents and guests District C Cmdr. Eric Ross, District C Deputy Cmdr. Dean Weir and Zone C-4 LA Cmdr. Marg Smith were in attendance.

Zone C-4 Deputy Cmdr. Rob Butchart presided over the meeting. It was a pleasure to see everyone in-person. Business from the last Council Meeting was taken care of. There was good discussion and good reports from everyone.

The next Spring Council & Convention will be held in Port Elgin in the spring of 2022.



Cde Norma Dudgeon, Zone C-4 Honours and Awards Chairman, presented Cde Kim White with a Certificate of Merit in recognition of his dedicated service as Deputy Zone Commander 2018-2021.



Footballisms. . . .

"Gentlemen, it is better to have died a small boy than to fumble the football"

- John Heisman, first football coach at Rice

"I make my practices real hard because if a player is a quitter, I want him to quit in practice, not in a game."

- Bear Bryant / Alabama

"It isn't necessary to see a good tackle, you can hear it!"

- Knute Rockne / Notre Dame

"When you win, nothing hurts."

- Joe Namath / Alabama





MEMBERSHIP



**Renewal dues will be increasing as of
December 1, 2021 to \$55.00**

**Pay today to receive the
Early Bird Discount - \$50.00**

Dan Kelly, Membership Chair

Renew today!

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Due to COVID-19 Hoof'in It would like to offer Branch 340 members
a 10% discount.



National Notable Dates October 2021

- Legion Early Bird campaign / Renewals
- 1st week of October National Family Week
- 3-9 Mental Illness Awareness Week
- 10 World Mental Health Day
- 11 Thanksgiving
- 14 Van Doos anniversary (1914)
- 17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
- 24 Anniversary of United Nations (1946)
- Last Friday in October start of Poppy Campaign



**It amazes me
how much
exercise and
extra fries
sound alike.**





Ladies in Uniform Plaque Unveiling - September 4, 2021



Held In front of the Saugeen Shores Municipal Offices on Tomlinson Drive.
Hosted by the Saugeen Shores Municipal Heritage Committee

Approximately 100 people gathered at 2 p.m. on September 4 for the unveiling of an interpretive plaque that honours the Ladies of Saugeen Township, Saugeen First Nation, Port Elgin and Southampton that served in the Canadian Military in WWI and in WWII.

The event began with the march in of an 8-person colour guard from the Port Elgin and Southampton Legions. After the singing of the National Anthem, Saugeen Shores Mayor Luke Charbonneau welcomed the folks gathered and paid tribute to the 19 Ladies that were to be honoured.

Bill Streeter, Chair of the Heritage Committee was the master of ceremonies. He spoke about the lives of the ladies while they served in the military starting with the two Nursing Sisters that served in Europe in WWI. This was followed by the stories of the 17 ladies that served in the Canadian Women's Army Corps and in the Royal Canadian Airforce in WWII.

In attendance was Vivian Winnifred (Sees)Wotton, who was born and raised in Port Elgin and served in the RCAF on the West Coast of Canada in WWII. Later this September she celebrated her 98th Birthday.

Vivian was joined by Mayor Charbonneau, Vernon Roote of the Saugeen First Nation Council and Bill Streeter in the unveiling of the plaque. On the plaque are pictures of the ladies and details of their military careers. There is also the details of women's military service to Canada during in the two wars.

The plaque is conveniently located very close to the entrance door to the Municipal Office and the Plex. Make sure that you take a minute to view it on your next visit.

Bill Streeter – Chair Saugeen Shores Municipal Heritage Committee





AIR CADETS 340 (Griffin) Squadron, Port Elgin



With the fall weather now upon us, the #340 Griffin Air Cadet Squadron would like to extend warm greetings to our many Legion Branches, Executive, Members and Legion friends that have supported the Squadron in the past and continue to do so in the future.

We have a piece of great news to share with you all..... We are officially back In-person --- starting October 1st --- our Parade nights will begin Tuesday October 5th -- at the Griffin! Let's hope this holds and we don't have to reverse the decision.

During the 1st week of August an in-person Cadet Activity Program was conducted in Owen Sound with one day at our very own local headquarters. We hosted 16 cadets from 340 RCACS, 167 RCACS, & 42 RCACC. Cadets enjoyed bubble soccer, a hike from Harrison Park to Grey Roots, swimming, air rifle shooting, and crafts including the painting of a mug. Despite 30 degree heat, everyone enjoyed the chance to meet without using a screen. Some of our Cadets attended virtual summer camps (such as Introduction to Aviation).

We have received permission to resume in-person-training effective October 1 (which can change based upon case count though). We have chosen to follow a hybrid training approach (part virtual, part in-person) similar to last year.

We still cannot fundraise in person (still under review at National level) or conduct any flying activities. Other regional type activities (orienteering, marksmanship, and biathlon) are a go albeit with limited numbers.

Our Sponsoring Committee needs help! If anyone is interested, please let us know (just be advised the screening process is being re-vamped at the moment, so please be patient). Once this is set-up, we can contact interested persons with further details.

Of course, we are always looking for recruits. If you know anyone turning 12 (or is already 12-18), please have them check out the Air Cadet program.

The #340 Griffin Air Cadet Squadron looks forward to its continued Legion collaboration, successes and a very hopeful path moving in a positive direction this fall and winter. The Squadron wishes everyone the brightest of days, good health and happiness.

Respectfully Submitted,
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October is Women's History Month

Cited From: [Women and Gender Equality Canada](#)

Backgrounder

Since 1992 the Government of Canada has designated October as Women's History Month. In this month we celebrate and recognize the outstanding achievement of women throughout our country's history. October includes the International Day of the Girl on October 11 and Persons Day on October 18.

This year's theme for Women's History Month is *Make an impact which will honour the courageous women and girls who have made a lasting impact in their fields*. Business leaders, politicians, researchers, artists or activists have helped shape Canada into a thriving and diverse country.

What will history record as the greatest impact women made during the pandemic which has "waved" through our country?

Continuing to cite the Government of Canada's website the International Day of the Girl is a United Nations observance day dedicated to championing girls' rights around the world, including freedom from violence and abuse, as well as equal opportunities in areas such as law, education, nutrition and health care. This year, the UN is drawing attention to the role economic empowerment plays in promoting equality for girls, specifically through improved access to education, increased political participation and leadership, and better support and training for girls in STEM.

Persons Day marks a pivotal moment in Canadian history. On this day 1929 the legal definition of "persons" was changed to include women.

Women of today I do hope you voted in the recent Canadian Federal election when this right was fought so hard for us by many women of yesterday.

Do you know a woman with Herstory to tell? Listen to her stories, her experiences, celebrate her accomplishments and try as you can to support your local women's organizations.



Church Bulletin Bloopers....to make you smile....

- ♥ The Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.
- ♥ The Pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.
- ♥ Due to the Rector's illness, Wednesday's healing services will be discontinued until further notice.
- ♥ Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.
- ♥ The peace-making meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.
- ♥ The agenda was adopted...the minutes were approved...the financial secretary gave a grief report.
- ♥ Barbara C. remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.
- ♥ The 'Over 60s Choir' will be disbanded for the summer with the thanks of the entire church.
- ♥ The missionary from Africa speaking at Calvary Memorial Church in Racine: Name: Bertha Belch. Announcement: "Come tonight and hear Bertha Belch all the Way from Africa."
- ♥ Applications are now being accepted for 2-year-old nursery workers.
- ♥ The choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.



A man was fishing in the jungle. After a while, another angler came to join him.
"Have you had any bites?" asked the second man.
"Yes, lots," replied the first one. "But they were all mosquitoes."



Port Elgin Legion Branch 340



Santa's Surprise

Christmas Raffle

Wine Themed Basket (\$150)

Draw Date on
Saturday, December
18th at 6:00 pm
Branch Clubroom



Tickets: \$2.00 each or
3 for \$5.00

Lottery Licence
M813900

Proceeds for Community & Youth Programs

Must be over 19 years of age to purchase ticket



Diet day 1:

**I have removed
all the bad food
from the house.
It was delicious.**





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What's Happening

2021 Meat Draws Saturdays at 4:00 pm

October 9, 30 November 13
December 3 at 8:00 pm
December 4, 11, 18 at 4:00 pm



🍷 Event dates are subject to change 🍷

Please keep this schedule of dates for handy reference. As noted events dates are subject to change but hopefully we won't have to cancel because of COVID. Hope you can join us and you will be fortunate to win a prize from the meat selection.



A monastery is in financial trouble, so it goes into the fish-and-chips business to raise money. One night a customer knocks on its door. A monk answers. The customer asks, "Are you the fish friar?" "No," he replies. "I'm the chip monk."

