



**Port Elgin Legion
Branch 340**

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BRANCH LINE

Welcome 2013....

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 Branch Levee had another excellent turn-out and we had a great time. We were glad to see so many gathered to enjoy friends, new and old. Thanks to Les Virtue and his helpers for coordinating this event for all of us to enjoy. As usual, the band "Slight Return" did a wonderful job entertaining the crowd with their musical talents.

I am happy to announce the Annual Branch Volunteer Appreciation Day on Sunday January 20th, 2013. Our Branch is very fortunate to have such great caring members who do a lot to make our Branch 340 a very enviable Legion.

Join us on Saturday, January 26th for the Annual Memorial Cliff Seaman Chili Cook-off. See the poster inside this issue for all the details. Get your best recipe and join the competition.

As we begin 2013, Bob, myself and our family would like to wish everyone a very happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

Happy New Year to all!

The Editor



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the year closes and another begins, it is a time to look back and reflect on the people and the events that have made a difference. The Port Elgin Legion has had a very special year, thanks to the tremendous support it has received from many people and organizations. The designation of Highway 21 as the Bluewater Veterans Highway was one of the highlights as well as the privilege to become involved with the Portraits of Honour, a National Memorial to our fallen heroes. Remembrance Day, which fell on a Sunday this year, was well attended, especially by our youth even though it was not a school day. It was a credit to the parents and teachers who made sure that the day was duly acknowledged and respected. The number of wreaths on display was double that of last year due to the generosity of so many local businesses, organizations and individuals. The Poppy Campaign once again raised over \$18,000.

On behalf of the Branch, I should like to thank all those who have supported it, especially the Ladies Auxiliary, the local media, the Town of Saugeen Shores, the local schools, the Saugeen Shores Chamber of Commerce and, most recently, the BIA. We have truly experienced the community spirit this year.

To our Branch members, present and future, our volunteers and members of this great community I extend best wishes for a safe and healthy New Year.

Yours in Comradeship
Kathryn Eastwood
President Br. 340

MEMBERSHIP

I am pleased to announce John Feringa as a new member to our Branch and welcome to Branch 340. Cde John was initiated at the December General Meeting.

Our final transmittal was sent to Dominion Command for the 2013 Early Bird Campaign. I thank those of you who paid your renewals between September and November.

Dues are now \$50.00 if you haven't already paid for 2013.

Please let me know if there are any changes in your contact information and we will get our records up to date. If you know of anyone that wishes to receive the newsletter, please let us know and they will be included in the mailing list.

Sharen Maas
Membership Chairman
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SPORTS

Good luck to the 2 teams going on to District Cribbage on Saturday, January 5, 2013 in Kincardine.

Double and Singles Darts will be hosted by Hepworth-Shallow Lake on January 13th
Eight - Ball will be hosted by Owen Sound on January 20th

Mary Alexander
Sports Officer
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WHAT'S HAPPENING



LADIES CARD CLUB
Tuesday Afternoons
Upstairs Hall
Start 1:30 pm

IN-HOUSE CRIBBAGE
2nd Tuesday of each month
Start 7:30 pm
Canteen

BINGO every Wednesday
Doors open at 6:30 pm
Bingo at 7:30 pm –
\$700. Jackpot

EUCHRE
Thursday at 7:30 pm
Canteen

DANCE CLUB
Friday at 8:00 pm
Upstairs Hall

EUCHRE
Saturday at 1:30 pm
Canteen

JAMBOREE
1st Sunday of each month until May
2:00 – 5:00 pm
Upstairs Hall

*Thank
You*

The Branch was recently presented with a \$500.00 donation from the Thursday Night Euchre Card group.

The proceeds are earmarked for the Building Fund.

A hearty Thank you to all the players for your ongoing support of Branch 340.

WHEELBARROW DRAW 2012



Congratulations to Ann MacKay of Port Elgin, who is the winner of the 2012 Wheelbarrow Draw.

Thanks are extended to everyone who purchased tickets and the volunteers who sold tickets.

The wheelbarrow was kindly donated by the Port Elgin Canadian Tire store.

In Comradeship,
Mary Alexander

REMEMBRANCE DAY – NOVEMBER 11, 2012



PRESENTATION

President Kathryn Eastwood presented Cde Mike Atkinson, Cenotaph Committee, with a cheque for \$500.00. Proceeds to the Branch Cenotaph Fund.



THE GRIEVE FAMILY

Cdes Connie and Dave Grieve; Major Kevin Grieve, RCAF and Grant Grieve enjoyed themselves on Remembrance Day.

PORT ELGIN SANTA CLAUS PARADE – NOVEMBER 26, 2012



It was an excellent night for a parade. The Color Party is gathered and ready to march.



The Air Cadets are forming up and will march behind the Legion Color Party.



Annual Tree Trimming and Toy Drive Kick-off November 26, 2012

The Branch had a great turnout for the Annual Tree Trimming and Toy Drive Kick-off after the Santa Claus Parade.

Entertainment was by "Slight Return" and they had the dance floor happening.

The family of Terry Hill and his friend Terry Cremin enjoyed the evening and the music.

Terry Hill was celebrating his 77th birthday and Terry Cremin was celebrating his 78th birthday and join together each year to celebrate. Birthday celebrations go way back with these two who both happen to have the nickname of T-Bag.



Annual Christmas Toy Drive Branch 340 and the Iota Phi

L-R Angela Hupalo, Iota Phi; Comrade Bob Harrison and Nancy Smith, Iota Phi.

Seating: Comrade Rhonda Harrison

Bob and I would like to say "Thank You" to everyone who contributed to our Annual Legion Toy Drive. The gifts were well received by Angela and Nancy who represent our local Iota Phi organization. The proceeds in the Donation Jar will be used to purchase items as needed.

Your gift will go a long way in making a child's Christmas happier and brighter.
Merry Christmas.

Bob & Rhonda Harrison



**Dancing Every Friday Night
8:00 -11:00 pm
Port Elgin Legion – Upstairs Hall**



Beginners or Expert come out and have fun!
Try Foxtrot, Cha-Cha, Rumba, Waltz, Tango, Quickstep, Samba, Slosh and more!

New Members Always Welcome
\$5.00 per couple and Potluck Lunch

For Details Call
Don Rosart 519-368-7377 salmonwarrior@bmts.com

FRIDAY NIGHT TRIVIA 2013

January 18

February 15

March 15

Games begin at 8:00 pm

Sign up sheet available at Canteen - 3 Players on a Team



A Romantic New Year's Day Story

A married couple had been out shopping for most of the day. Suddenly the wife realized that her husband had "disappeared". Somewhat irate she called her husband's mobile and demanded, "Where are you?"

Husband: "Darling, do you remember that little jewellery shop where you saw that beautiful diamond necklace and totally fell in love with it but I didn't have the money at that time and I said "Darling it'll be yours one day."

Wife tremulously: "Yes, I do remember that my Love."

Husband: "Well, I'm in the Pub next to that shop."

A New Year's Wish

On New Year's Eve, Marilyn stood up in the local pub and said that it was time to get ready. At the stroke of midnight, she wanted every husband to be standing next to the one person who made his life worth living.

Well, it was kind of embarrassing. As the clock struck - the bartender was almost crushed to death.

Lecture Tour with A Difference

On New Year's Eve, Daniel was in no shape to drive, so he sensibly left his van in the car park and walked home. As he was wobbling along, he was stopped by a policeman. 'What are you doing out here at four o'clock in the morning?' asked the police officer.

'I'm on my way to a lecture,' answered Daniel.

'And who on earth, in their right mind, is going to give a lecture at this time on New Year's Eve?' enquired the constable sarcastically.

'My wife,' slurred Daniel grimly.

New Year's Eve Party - Phantom Guest?

Trevor's New Year's Eve party was an annual occurrence with numerous guests arriving. During the evening, a man knocked on the door, was greeted heartily although no one knew who he was, and was led to where the drinks were, in the kitchen. He sat there happily, chatting away, for a couple of hours before a strange light dawned on his face. 'You know,' he confided to Trevor, 'I wasn't even invited to this party. I just came over to tell you that some of your guests' cars are blocking my drive.' He continued, 'My wife's been sitting out in the car waiting for me to get them moved, so that we can go out.'

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Branch Volunteer Appreciation

Sunday January 20th
4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Thanks for all you
do for your Branch

Refreshments
Provided





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CLIFF SEAMAN MEMORIAL CHILI COOK-OFF

Saturday, January 26, 2013

\$10.00 Entry Fee

**Enter your favorite chili recipe!
Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place**

Saturday Events will include

- **Meat Raffle at 4:00 pm**
- **Judging Results**
- **Chili Deals will be available after the Judging**

Please deliver your Entry by 2:00 pm – Upstairs





(don't forget to bring your ladle)

**Proceeds will be donated to the
Bluewater Unit - Canadian Cancer Society**





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		1 NEW YEAR'S LEVEE 	2 BINGO 7:30 PM	3 EUCHRE 7:30 PM <hr/> GEN. MTG. 7:30 PM	4 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM	5 DISTRICT CRIBBAGE 
6 JAMBOREE 2 – 5 PM	7 MONDAY NIGHT DART LEAGUE 8:00 PM	8 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM <hr/> L/A GEN. MTG. 7:30 PM	9 BINGO 7:30 PM	10 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	11 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM	12 MEAT ROLL 4:00 PM
13 SINGLES & DOUBLE DARTS HEPWORTH SHALLOW LAKE 	14 MONDAY NIGHT DART LEAGUE 8:00 PM	15 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM	16 BINGO 7:30 PM	17 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	18 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM <hr/> TRIVIA NITE 8:00 PM	19
20 ZONE 8 BALL OWEN SOUND 	21 MONDAY NIGHT DART LEAGUE 8:00 PM	22 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM	23 BINGO 7:30 PM	24 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	25 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM	26 MEAT ROLL 4:00 PM <hr/> ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF
27	28 MONDAY NIGHT DART LEAGUE 8:00 PM	29 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM <hr/> EXEC. MTG 7:30 PM	30 BINGO 7:30 PM	31 EUCHRE 7:30 PM		

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