



Port Elgin Legion Branch 340

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SEPTEMBER 2014 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 Tuesday Night Cribbage, Saturday Euchre and the Sunday Jamboree will be starting again this month.

NOTE: The Cribbage event will be happening on Tuesday September 23rd to coincide with Legion Week. Same time, same place.

NOTE: There will be no October Jamboree, but will resume again in November.

Legion Week isn't too far off – which will be held from September 21 – 27, 2014. We will be hosting our regular weekly events. On Friday September 26th we will be celebrating our Branch 340 70th Anniversary with a barbecue and cake from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Please read the article for the Early Bird Campaign, which starts September 01 and runs to the end of November. Your Branch needs your support to receive the highest Early Bird Award for 2015. Early Bird Renewals will only pay \$45.00, on December 1st dues will increase to \$50.00.

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

The Editor



LEST WE FORGET



BURSARY REPORT

BURSARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command
Charitable Foundation

&

Royal Canadian Legion
Ladies' Auxiliary Ontario Command



OPEN TO STUDENTS OF:

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

Apply early to avoid being disappointed!

Required Documentation

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

Download the application from on.legion.ca



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

Applications must be sent to Ontario Command



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

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

For more information please contact:

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Bursary Chairman
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

A reminder that the Early Bird Campaign for the 2015 Membership will be starting next month on September 1st. When you renew your 2015 membership during the Campaign the dues remain at \$45.00, but if you pay on or after December 01st the dues will be increased to \$50.00 up to August 31st the following year. We are counting on you – please don't leave paying your membership too late. We value your support and encourage you to continue your membership in our great organization.

We welcome Arun Mistry and Adam Page as new members. Please extend a welcome when you see them in the Branch. Welcome to Branch 340 guys!

We are always looking for people to join this great organization and application forms are available at the Bar. Bring a friend and sign up today.

Sharen Maas
Membership Chairman
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WHAT'S HAPPENING In September



<p>LADIES CARD CLUB Tuesday Afternoons Upstairs Hall Start 1:30 pm</p>	<p>IN-HOUSE CRIBBAGE Canteen – 7:30 pm Next Event – September 23</p>	<p>BINGO every Wednesday Doors open at 6:30 pm Bingo at 7:30 pm – \$700. Jackpot</p>
<p>EUCHRE Thursday at 7:30 pm Canteen</p>	<p>DANCE CLUB Friday at 8:00 pm Upstairs Hall</p>	<p>EUCHRE Saturday at 1:30 pm Canteen</p>
<p>JAMBOREE Sunday, September 7 Sunday from 2 – 5 pm – Upstairs Main Hall</p>		<p>MEAT RAFFLE Saturday, September 13 4:00 pm - Canteen</p>

All Legion events are open to the public. Bring your friends for an enjoyable time out.



Branch 340 Golf Tournament Saturday August 16, 2014



Our annual golf tournament was held on Saturday, August 16th at the Holiday Golf Course. Despite the weather all players enjoyed a good time. Some of us were fortunate to finish playing before the rains came.

We regrouped at the Branch for lunch, prizes and camaraderie. Following the awards, many golfers stayed for the Meat Raffle.

There were a total of 37 players and the winners for the day were Ladies – Janice Virtue and Men's – Paul Zorzi.

Special mention to Cde Dean Bousquet for playing again this year. Cde Dean is 89 years young and really enjoys his golf game. He is one of our few remaining veterans and we thank him for his service to his country and for our privilege to be living in this wonderful country that we have.

Thanks to Dan Kelly for overseeing the event, Charlie Roopnaraine for booking and prizes. Blair and Elizabeth Eby and Bob and Rhonda Harrison for their donations and to Wayne Rourke who cooked the burgers - even in the inclement weather.

The following members donated to the prize table: Diane Bailey, Laurie Caloren, Brian Henderson and Paul Ziegler.

Mark your calendar for next year ...Saturday, August 15, 2015. See you there!



Registration – Thanks Charlie



Ready for the weather...



Nice to see our friends from out of town and the Caloren family



Wayne – You did a great Job!!!



Cde Dean Bousquet and President Dan



Pres. Dan and the winners – Paul Zorzi and Janice Virtue



Branch 340 70th Anniversary

Friday, September 26
5:00 – 7:00 pm

Barbecue & Cake

Help us Celebrate



I LIKE THIS TEACHER

A lesson that should be taught in all schools... and colleges

Back in September, on the first day of school, Martha Cothren, a social studies school teacher at Bobcaygeon (north of Peterborough Ontario) Public School, did something not to be forgotten. On the first day of school, with the permission of the school superintendent, the principal and the building supervisor, she removed all of the desks out of her classroom.

When the first period kids entered the room they discovered that there were no desks.

'Ms. Cothren, where're our desks?'

She replied, 'You can't have a desk until you tell me how you earn the right to sit at a desk.'

They thought, 'Well, maybe it's our grades.'

No,' she said.

'Maybe it's our behavior.'

She told them, 'No, it's not even your behavior.'

And so, they came and went, the first period, second period, third period. Still no desks in the classroom.

By early afternoon television news crews had started gathering in Ms. Cothren's classroom to report about this crazy teacher who had taken all the desks out of her room.

The final period of the day came and as the puzzled students found seats on the floor of the desk-less classroom, Martha Cothren said, 'Throughout the day no one has been able to tell me just what he/she has done to earn the right to sit at the desks that are ordinarily found in this classroom. Now I am going to tell you.'

At this point, Martha Cothren went over to the door of her classroom and opened it.

Twenty-seven (27) War Veterans, all in uniforms, walked into that classroom, each one carrying a school desk. The Vets began placing the school desks in rows, and then they would walk over and stand alongside the wall. By the time the last soldier had set the final desk in place those kids started to understand, perhaps for the first time in their lives, just how the right to sit at those desks had been earned.

Martha said, 'You didn't earn the right to sit at these desks. These heroes did it for you. They placed the desks here for you. Now, it's up to you to sit in them. It is your responsibility to learn, to be good students, to be good citizens. They paid the price so that you could have the freedom to get an education.'

By the way, this is a true story.

Please consider passing this along so others won't forget that the freedoms we have in this great country were earned by War Veterans.

Celebrate Branch 340

We have one of the most active Branches in the area, so in honour of Legion Week and our 70th Anniversary, here are some of our Branch activities in "The A to Zee of ThreeFourTy".

A - Air Cadets Meetings & Dinners - Awards presentations - Accounting - Anniversary Celebrations
B - BBQ's – Breakfasts - Banquets - Billiards - Bingo - Big Band Celebration - Bar sales - Bartending
C - Colour Party - Charity donations - Card groups - Celebrations of Life - Conventions - Chili Cook Off
D - D Day - Dart leagues - Dance Club - District Senior Games - District C events - Dinners - Dances
E - Elections - Entertainment - Executive Meetings - Expansion
F - Flag bearing duties - Food drives - Fundraising Groups - Fifty Fifty Draws - Fundraising Events
G - General Meetings - Golf Tournaments - Group bookings
H - Honours and Awards presentations - Hall bookings - Highland Games
I - Installations - Inventories - Insurance
J - Jamborees - Jam Sessions - Joking
K - Kitchen duties - Karaoke
L - Ladies Auxiliary - Legion Services - Lunches - Library - LA Appreciation - Literary Contest
M - Membership drives - Music - Meetings - Minutes - Meat Draws - Maintenance
N - Newsletter - Nevada Tickets - New Years Eve dances - New Years Levee
O - Office Managing - Open Houses - Ordering of supplies - Optimist meetings
P - Poppy Campaign - Pool Leagues - Pub Nights - Parades - Promotion - Public Speaking - Posters
Q - Quiz Nights - Quiet Area
R - Remembrance Day Parade/Service/Dinner - Renovations - Raffles - Retirement Parties - Retirees
S - Scrap Books - Seminars - Seniors Fair - Shuffleboard - Stag Nights - Special Events - Showers
T - Tournaments - Trivia Nights - Track & Field - Training - Turkey Draws
U - Upkeep by Custodian - Understanding Rules & Regulations - Upholding Laws
V - Veterans Services - Veterans Lunches/Dinners - V E Day - Volunteer Appreciation - VON
W – Workshops - Weight Watchers - Weddings - Wreath Laying - Wheelbarrow Draw
X - Xmas Decorations - Xmas Dances - Xmas Parties
Y - Youth Education - Yard Sales - Yearly Events
Z - Zone Council - Zone Meetings - Zone Conventions - Zone Elections

Submitted by Kathryn Eastwood

Hepworth Shallow Lake Legion - Branch 586
9 Legion Road, Hepworth, Ontario

Fish Fry Dinner with

**Baked Potato, Salad, Dessert,
Tea & Coffee**

Saturday, September 27, 2014

Served 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

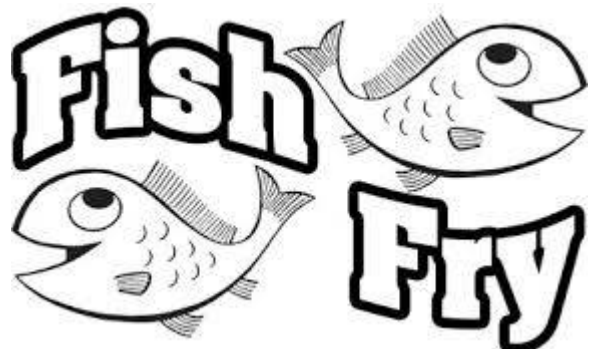
Fish is from Howell's

Adults – \$13.00

Children under 12 – \$7.00

Take-Out Available
For **Limited** Tickets
Call **519-935-2902** to reserve

Legion 












Two Irish nuns have just arrived in USA by boat, and one says to the other, "I hear that the people in this country actually eat dogs."

"Odd," her companion replies, "but if we shall live in America, we might as well do as the Americans do."

As they sit, they hear a push cart vendor yelling, "Hot Dogs, get your dogs here," and they both walk towards the hot dog cart. "Two dogs, please!," says one. The vendor is very pleased to oblige, wraps both hot dogs in foil and hands them over. Intrigued, the nuns hurry to a bench and begin to unwrap their 'dogs.'

The Mother Superior is first to open hers.

She begins to blush, and then, after staring at it for a moment, leans to the other nun and in a soft brogue whispers: "What part did you get?"

		LEGION WEEK September 21 to September 27			
Tues. Sept. 23	Ladies Card Group	1:30 pm	Upstairs Hall		
	In-House Cribbage	7:30 pm	Canteen		
Wed. Sept. 24	Bingo	7:30 pm	Upstairs Hall		
Thurs. Sept. 25	Euchre	7:30 pm	Canteen		
Fri. Sept. 26	70 th Anniversary Barbecue	5:00 – 7:00 pm	Canteen		
	Dance Club	8:00 pm	Upstairs Hall		
Sat. Sept. 27	Euchre	1:30 pm	Canteen		
Everyone is Welcome – Please join us!!!					

There was a beautiful young blonde who was going to a soda machine and she arrived there just before a business man coming to quench his thirst. She opened her purse and put in 50 cents, studied the machine a little, pushed a Diet Coke selection, and out came a Diet Coke which she placed on a counter by the machine.

Then she reached in her purse again and pulled out a dollar and inserted it in the machine. Studying the machine carefully, she pushed the button for Coke Classic and out came a Coke Classic and 50 cents change.

She immediately took the 50 cents and put it in the machine, studied it for a moment and pushed the Mountain Dew button. Out came a Mountain Dew. As she was reaching into her purse again, the business man who had been waiting patiently for several minutes now spoke up.

"Excuse me Ms. but are you done yet?" She looked at him and indignantly replied: "Well Duhhh!, I'm still winning"



***The Royal Canadian Legion
Ontario Provincial Command
Proclamation of Legion Week***

*Ontario Provincial Command of The Royal Canadian Legion
represents nine Districts which includes over 400 Branches;
within these Branches we have over 121,600 members .*

*We are a non-profit organization assuming the responsibility of maintaining the
tradition of Remembrance of those who paid the supreme sacrifice
by defending our great nation in past and present conflicts,
so that we as Canadians can live in the freedom that we enjoy today!*

*We continue to support and represent our Veterans of past and present with many
benefits as a result of the determination of our thousands of
dedicated members at all levels of the organization.*

*Legion Branches across the province work together with their affiliated organization,
the Ladies Auxiliary, to raise funds in support of the many programs within
Ontario Command of the Royal Canadian Legion.*

*With millions of dollars being raised from Branch and Ladies Auxiliary projects,
the Legion supports numerous programs benefiting our
Veterans, seniors and youth within our communities.*

*Therefore, let it be known throughout the Province of Ontario
that September 21-27, 2014 be proclaimed Legion Week
within Ontario Command of The Royal Canadian Legion.*



A Short History: Legion Week In Ontario

In 1953, a group of comrades from the Hon. Ray Lawson Branch #28, Kent, Ontario, and the Cpl. Harry Miner, VC, Branch #185 Blenheim, Ontario, got together to discuss how they may possibly spread the word of exactly what the Legion is all about within their respective communities. In that same year, the first "Legion Week" was hosted by Branch #113, Dresden, Ontario, with an "Open House", inviting the general public to come in and learn for themselves exactly what goes on within a branch, and what the branch in turn does for the community.

In 1975, the whole District 'A' commenced a "Legion Week".

In 1980, after considerable debate and consideration Ontario Command Provincial Executive Committee unanimously decided that this would be an ideal annual event and that it be included under the mandate of the Ontario Provincial Command Public Relations Committee. By Convention Statute, "Legion Week in Ontario" was declared to be the third week in the month of September of each year, commencing on the Sunday and ending on the Saturday.

"Legion Week" is to have priority over any other event that may have mistakenly been scheduled during that period, unless that event can be utilized as part of the "Legion Week" program. There is no automatic flexibility in the alteration of dates for "Legion Week".

If a branch, for valid reasons, feels it cannot hold a week of activities, or at least an "Open House" for one day, they should ensure that the community is aware of what the Legion has done, is doing and will do, and always, to encourage membership for eligible candidates.

Research by:

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Passed as per minute given by delegates to the Biennial Provincial Convention at Sudbury in May 1979.

15 Facts of Life.....

1. The badness of a movie is directly proportional to the number of helicopters in it.
2. You will never find anybody who can give you a clear and compelling reason why we observe daylight-saving time.
3. People who feel the need to tell you that they have an excellent sense of humor are telling you that they have no sense of humor.
4. You should never say anything to a woman that even remotely suggests you think she's pregnant unless you can see an actual baby emerging from her at that moment.
 5. A penny saved is worthless.
 6. The most powerful force in the universe is gossip.
7. The one thing that unites all human beings, regardless of age, gender, religion, economic status, or ethnic background, is that, deep down inside, we all believe that we are above-average drivers.
8. There comes a time when you should stop expecting other people to make a big deal about your birthday.
 9. There is a very fine line between "hobby" and "mental illness."
 10. Nobody is normal.
11. A person who is nice to you, but rude to the waiter, is not a nice person.
12. No matter what happens, somebody will find a way to take it too seriously.
13. When trouble arises and things look bad, there is always one individual who perceives a solution and is willing to take command. Very often, that individual is crazy.
 14. Your friends love you anyway.
 15. Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.



The Royal Canadian Legion

Branch 340 Port Elgin

Pumpkinfest Breakfasts

Saturday, October 4th

7am - 12 noon

Sunday, October 5th

8am - 12 noon

Join us on Saturday for the Meat Raffles in the upstairs Hall at 4:00 pm
Entertainment by "Slight Return" from 8 pm to Midnight in the canteen.

Welcome and hope you enjoy our hospitality
630 Green St. Port Elgin – 519-389-9917 for enquiries



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Pumpkinfest Dance

“Slight Return”

Saturday, October 4th

8:00 pm – Midnight

Event is open to the Public – Please join us!





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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1 LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY EARLY BIRD CAMPAIGN STARTS	2 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM GEN. MTG 7:30 PM	3 BINGO 7:30 PM	4 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	5 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM	6
7 JAMBOREE 2PM– 5PM	8	9 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM L/A GEN. MTG 7:30 PM	10 BINGO 7:30 PM	11 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	12 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM	13 EUCHRE 1:30 PM MEAT RAFFLE 4:00 PM
14	15	16 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM	17 BINGO 7:30 PM	18 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	19 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM	20 EUCHRE 1:30 PM
21 ZONE C4 FALL CONVENTION LEGION WEEK BEGINS	22	23 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM IN HOUSE CRIBBAGE 7:30 PM	24 BINGO 7:30 PM	25 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	26 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM BR. 340 70TH ANNIVERSARY 5:00 – 7:00 PM	27 EUCHRE 1:30 PM
28	29	30 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM EXEC. MTG 7:30 PM				

Please join us for our various events

Event Times and Dates Subject to Change