



Royal Canadian Legion  **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.

To all of our readers ... International Women's Day is on March 8th; remember to set your clock ahead on March 13th; Happy St. Patrick's Day to all on March 17th and welcome Spring on March 20th.

By the time you read this the Ontario government will have announced that the Vaccination Passport system be eliminated. The Port Elgin Legion will keep in line with the Provincial mandate – effective 1 March 22. Please support your Branch and remember to maintain COVID safety protocols - washing hands frequently and wearing your mask. Practice social distancing.

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President's Report



Spring is in the air and that means Elections for a new Executive will be happening on April 5th at our General Meeting.

It has been a very difficult time for your Legion Executive. The regular term of office is normally for one year but with the COVID pandemic this time frame has lasted 3 years. Only this year are we allowed to hold election of officers. Some of your present Executive wish to step down and pursue other interests and projects and these vacant positions will need to be filled.

Of the 400+ members of our Branch, surely we can secure 10 members to accept a position on the Executive. Yes, it is a little work and a time commitment to attend the 2 meetings each month.

Part of your commitment will also be to support the various projects and programs which we are involved with. These fundraising projects are vital to the needs of our veterans, their families, hospitals and the youth in our community. We receive requests from other organizations to aid financially and all our fundraising efforts need you, the volunteer, to help provide any assistance that we can.



We need new members with new ideas on how to broaden our fundraising efforts and aid in social media to help spread the word. Help is needed.

Please consider letting your name stand for a position on the Executive. Hoping to see you all on Tuesday, April 5th.

President Robert Harrison
bnrshow@eastlink.ca



Bursary Program



Bursary season is almost over. This program is designed for children and grand-children enrolled in post-secondary studies and it is unfortunate how few members applied this year for the \$1,000 bursary. The bursary award is an annual program that a student in college or university can receive while they are enrolled in school – up to 5 years, if their course of study remains the same.

If you would like to apply for this bursary you are running out of time. A complete bursary application must be at Ontario Command office no later than Friday, March 25, 2022.

If you are interested or need help with the form please contact me. The bursary assistance form can be downloaded on the Legion website at www.on.legion.ca under the Youth Programs tab or call 1-888-207-0939.

Cde Robert Harrison
Bursary Chairman
bnrshow@eastlink.ca





Hall Rentals



Now that the COVID restrictions are starting to be lifted, our main hall is once again available. Please note that our Legion is going with the Provincial mandate of eliminating the Vaccine Passport which is effective 1 March 2022. Masks are still mandatory until the Province deems otherwise.

We can cater to meetings, anniversaries, birthdays and celebrations of life and/or funeral lunches.

Our hall rates vary for each occasion and Legion Bar Staff is provided by the Branch. The Ladies Auxiliary is available to cater to these events with a light menu.

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

Please contact Norma Dudgeon at the Legion office where you can leave a message 519 832-2903 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 Tom Jacques
Honours & Awards Chairman
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Leadership Development



As Leadership Development Chair at Branch 340 I am finding it very difficult to fulfill my duties of instructing new volunteers the process on how our Legion operates as we have no new Executive to train.

We at Branch 340 are fortunate to have one of the most experienced Executives in Zone C-4, possibly all of District C. Four of your present Executive are on Zone Council. As with life, we are getting older and need new members to step up and take on a Standing Committee Chair or volunteer on a Sub-committee. Without volunteers your Legion will not survive.

Every year, Branch 340 endeavors to donate approximately \$30,000 to our veterans, veteran services, homeless veterans, service dogs, local hospitals, veterans' hospitals and a wide array of youth programs and community projects. We cannot accomplish this without you, our membership.

Elections for a new Executive will be on Tuesday, April 5th at the annual General Meeting. I encourage all members to attend and please consider stepping up and joining our Executive. We have training materials to help guide you in your new Executive position and the present Officers will also be available to share information.

Your consideration is appreciated.

Cde Robert Harrison
Bursary Chairman
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Membership



Hello Comrades,

Hope everyone is doing well as we are looking at the end of this pandemic (I hope). Membership is usually quiet this time of year. We had some new members needing to be initiated after we reopened and that has been completed. It is an exciting time when you get to welcome new members into our Branch. Please welcome these new members if you happen to see them.



Welcome new members:

Gord and Mary Ellen Lamont, Kristen Erickson, Kelly Davies, Chris Cartwright, Donna Young, Royden Brown, Mark VanVeen, Katherine Holst, Harry Holst and Yolande Lush.

As we were closed in January, we mailed out your 2022 membership stickers and/or cards. Anyone that has paid their 2022 membership dues should have received your renewal stickers by now. We have received some of them back, as the address we have on record is not the proper address. If you have not received your sticker it will be returned back to the Club Room for pick up. If you need your sticker returned please contact us with your proper address.

To date we have 407 paid up members for 2021 and 359 members paid for 2022. We are up to date for anyone that has paid their 2022 membership. If you do not have your renewal sticker it can be located at the bar in our Club Room.

If you have not renewed your 2022 membership please consider doing that. You can make your payment:

1. On-line by going to legion.ca on the computer
2. Come into the Branch when we are open (3 – 8 p.m. Monday to Saturday)
3. Contact me at dankelly@bmts.com to make other arrangements.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Branch sometime soon.
We will remember

Cde Dan Kelly
Membership Chairman
dankelly@bmts.com



Last Post



Ron LaFlamme

Affiliate Voting Member

**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.**



NEW EMAIL COLLECTION CALLING CAMPAIGN BEGINS MARCH 1ST

- A third Party (Canada Direct), the same Canadian company who performed our renewal calling campaign last summer, will be reaching out to members on our behalf to collect their email address for our membership records.
- Will begin March 1st and run for 4-6 weeks
- Approx. 30,000 members to contact
- Live agent calling only....no recordings or messages will be left
- Agents have the ability to transfer any calls directly to our Member Services Staff
- Will update results as campaign moves forward.

All Branch Survey Results

Question: *Is your Branch open to members and the public?*

Answers	Response	Percent
Open with regular hours	28	27.2%
Open with limited hours	56	54.4%
Open by appointment only	3	2.9%
Closed but available by phone or email	9	8.7%
Closed to further notice	7	6.8%
Total responses:	103	

Question: *Is your Membership Chair processing new and renewing memberships at this time?*

Answers	Response	Percent
Yes	67	89.3%
No	0	0.0%
Did not answer	1	
Closed	7	
Total responses:	75	

2022 Membership Numbers:

- 175,805 Members have been processed for 2022. This is approximately 11,000 more than the same time last year.... up 6.7%.
- Renewal rates are 72% to date
- 9,419 new members have joined, up 1,800 members from the same time last year!

Since Feb 1st (last 3 weeks)

- 2,302 members have renewed online
- 349 members have joined online
- 2,081 phone calls have been received by Member Services

Enjoy your week!

Randy Hayley
 Director, Member Services / *Directeur- Service aux Membres*



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General Meeting



**Tuesday, March 1st at 7:30 pm
in the Main Hall**

As members, your presence is appreciated for
approval of Branch business.

Please support your Branch



Please consider helping with Branch events:

**Bingo, Meat Draws, BBQ's, Poppy Campaign to
name a few**

**Please leave your name with the Bar Steward or
email at branch340@eastlink.ca and you will be
contacted**

We can't do it without you





Poppy



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

I am pleased to announce that our Executive to date has approved the following seven donations from the Poppy Trust Fund totaling \$34,500.00. Those donations, #'s 1 thru 4 requiring Ontario Command's approval, have also now been received!

The approved donations are as follows:

- \$6000 to the Owen Sound Hospital Foundation to replace outdated Electrocardiograms (ECG)
- \$6000 to the Saugeen Memorial Hospital Foundation for the purchase of CT scanners to ensure time critical diagnosis could be give local in Saugeen Shores
- \$5000 to the RCL ON Command – Operational Stress Injury Service Dog to help offset the cost of the dog and its training
- \$2500.00 to support our local 340 Air Cadet Squadron
- \$2000 to the Sunny Brook Veterans Comfort Fund
- \$8000 to the RCL ON Command – Leave the Streets Behind
- \$5000 to the District C Hospital Trust Fund

If any member is aware of any veteran, whether a Legion member or not, who may need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mike Hobson, our Branch Service Officer who can contact the veteran directly to assess any support that may be required.

Poppy also supports the children and grandchildren of our Veterans through our Branch Bursary program. For more information, please contact me or our Bursary Chairman, Robert Harrison for further information and application forms.

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.

Lest We Forget

In Comradeship,

Cde Alex Taylor

Poppy Chair

Home - 519-389-2616 or cell 519-385-0816





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.



Clubroom Hours

Branch 340 will be open Monday thru Saturday from 3 pm – 8 pm, effective March 1, 2022



To our Readers

An 'antidote' based on personal reflection by Elizabeth Eby

"I've perhaps & possibly come to the conclusion of why older people sleep so much & need an afternoon nap, it's because they spend a lot of time thinking, silently praying and keeping the faith of life for those that are close to their heart".

This task utilizes a lot of energy given they don't eat much either, so they obviously need to recharge with a nappy nap!

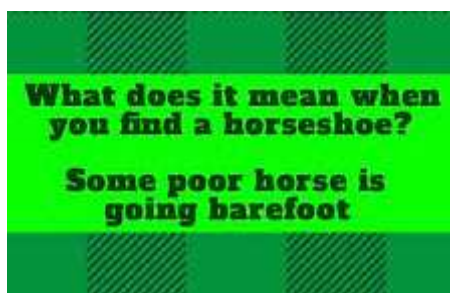


Youth Education



Congratulations are extended to Stella Harris a student from Saugeen District Senior School. Stella's Colour Poster entry placed Third in the Intermediate Division (Grades 7, 8 & 9) of the Remembrance Poster & Literary Competition at the District Level.

Patty Kelly
Youth Education Chairman
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Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary



Happy St. Paddy's Day...

We've started to open up and get back to the 'new' normal. We have two events booked for this month and we are looking forward to getting back into the swing of things.

We have received direction from Provincial Command that we can now have our election. We are scheduling this for our regular April meeting. Currently Diana Tripp is serving as Interim Treasurer as well as holding down the President's position. If you would be interested in taking on the President's role that would surely be a help. We also have vacancies for regular executive members and would love to see those filled.

Our Zone Convention is being held in Lion's Head on Sunday, May 29th with registration beginning at 11 a.m. and the Parade at 12:30 p.m. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. We can meet up at our back parking lot to ride share.

We have several ladies currently on the 'no work' list due to health issues and we wish them improved health and hope they heal and will be able to once again lend a hand with functions in the coming months.

Interested in becoming a member, join us at our monthly meeting.

We are in desperate need of new members.

Our monthly meetings are every 2nd Tuesday of the month in the upstairs hall at 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 8th at 7:30 p. m.

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

Vicky Taylor
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The following are national commemorative and notable days of relevance to The Royal Canadian Legion that raise awareness of an issue, commemorate a group or event, or celebrate something.

- March 3 - World Hearing Day
- March 8 - International Women's Day
- 2nd Monday of March - Commonwealth Day (RCEL support)
- March 15 - Last Canadian soldiers return from Afghanistan (2014)
- Lapsed member reminders





ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday, April 5, 2022
at 7:30 pm**

BRANCH ELECTIONS

Plan on attending and have your say in shaping our future.

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

Please be prepared to show your 2022 Membership Card at the door, or receipt of paid membership.

Proof of vaccination and/or medical exemption required, masks worn when moving about and social distancing protocols will be adhered to.

All members are encouraged to attend.

Thanking you for your consideration.

Dan Kelly, 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.



🌀 A FEW THINGS YOU MAY NOT HAVE KNOWN 🌀



“SHOWBOAT” - These were floating theatres built on a barge that was pushed by a steamboat. These played small towns along the Mississippi River. Unlike the boat shown in the movie "Showboat", these did not have an engine. They were gaudy and attention grabbing which is why we say someone who is being the life of the party is “showboating”.

“OVER A BARREL” - In the days before CPR, a drowning victim would be placed face down over a barrel and the barrel would be rolled back and forth in an effort to empty the lungs of water. It was rarely effective. If you are over a barrel, you are in deep trouble.

“BARGE IN” - Heavy freight was moved along the Mississippi in large barges pushed by steamboats. These were hard to control and would sometimes swing into piers or other boats. People would say they “barged in”.

“HOGWASH” - Steamboats carried both people and animals. Since pigs smelled so bad they would be washed before being put on board. The mud and other filth that was washed off were considered useless “hog wash”.

“CURFEW” - The word "curfew" comes from the French phrase "couvre-feu", which means "cover the fire". It was used to describe the time of blowing out all lamps and candles. It was later adopted into Middle English as “curfeu” which later became the modern "curfew". In the early American colonies homes had no real fireplaces so a fire was built in the center of the room. In order to make sure a fire did not get out of control during the night it was required that, by an agreed upon time, all fires would be covered with a clay pot called-a “curfew”.

“BARRELS OF OIL” - When the first oil wells were drilled, there was no provision for storing the liquid so they used water barrels. That is why, to this day, we speak of barrels of oil rather than gallons.

“HOT OFF THE PRESS” - As the paper goes through the rotary printing press friction causes it to heat up; therefore, if you grab the paper right off the press, it’s hot. The expression means to get immediate information.

There, don't you feel smarter now?





D-Day and the Battle of Normandy



From the D-Day landings on June 6, 1944, through to the removal of the German Army at Falaise on August 21, Normandy marked the scene of some of Canada's most significant military feats of WWII.

The Canadian Army, invading at Juno beach, totaled 14,000 with the Navy having added 10,000 sailors and 110 ships in support, as well as the RCAF having 15 fighter and fighter-bomber squadrons as part of the assault. That day, there were 1,074 Canadian casualties including 359 killed.

When the Battle of Normandy ended in August, there were 18,700 Canadian casualties, with more than 5,000 having died. If D-Day was a success, the break-out of the allies from Normandy was not. It took a whole summer of hard fighting. The Normandy capital City of Caen was originally a D-Day objective. Originally there was fierce opposition from the 12th SS Panzer Division which infamously murdered 156 Canadian soldiers they had taken as prisoners the first week of the invasion.

It took until early July for the Canadians to advance close to Caen and the first major target was the airport for the city in the village of Carpiquet. Weeks of intense fighting remained for the weary Canadian vets of D-Day and for the newly arrived untested soldiers. Under the command of General Harry Crerar they fought battle after battle at high points and cross roads in and around Caen; namely at Vaucelles, Bourguebus and Verrieres Ridge. On August 20 the Allies finally closed the Falaise Gap circling the remaining Germans that had not completed their retreat through the narrow opening.

The Normandy Campaign finally ended on August 21 with Canadians playing a major role in the capture of approximately 150,000 German soldiers. Now the march through Belgium, Holland and on to Germany could begin. German casualties totaled 200,000 and the allies suffered 209,000 wounded and killed. Many of the allied soldiers were fresh to the war and had faced battle-hardened Germans. Allied air power and numerical superiority had won the day. Four local area soldiers lost their lives in the Battle of Normandy.

WWII Deaths of Local Soldiers in the Battle of Normandy

Dates and Burial Locations

Date of Death	Name and details
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July 4, 1944	Laird Redford Beresford 16 Field Company Royal Canadian Engineers Died near the Carpiquet Airport outside of Caen Buried in the Bretteville-sur-Laize Canadian war Cemetery Section III, Row H, Grave 8



- July 26, 1944 Angus Monroe McLeod
7th/11th Hussars Royal Canadian Army Corps
Died near the village of Verrieres
Buried in the Bretteville-sur-Laize Canadian War Cemetery
Section 1, Row H, Grave 15
- August 8, 1944 Ralph George Black
10 Field Park Company Royal Canadian Engineers
Died South of Caen from Friendly Fire from the air.
Buried in the Bretteville-sur-Laize Canadian War Cemetery
Section XIV Row C Grave 7
- August 10, 1944 Stafford David Nawash
Fort Garry Horse Royal Canadian Army Corps
Died south of Caen from friendly fire from the air August 8
Buried in Bayeux War Cemetery
Section IV, Row A, Grave B

Researched and Written by: G. William Streeter



Bingo is one of our programs that our members and public enjoy; the monies derived support the many projects in our community and other charities such as the Cenotaph Park, Air Cadets, our local hospitals and the list goes on.

Volunteers are needed to help with the Wednesday night weekly Bingo. The following positions need to be covered: Coordinator, Callers, Floor Workers, Set-up and Take-down of table and chairs. We really need your help and it doesn't have to be every Wednesday; could be 2 Wednesdays a month or whatever your schedule allows. If you can spare a few hours it would be very much appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration and together we can ensure this major fundraiser will continue and we can carry on supporting our community. Please contact me and we will find a spot for you on the team.

Bob Harrison, President
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GREY-BRUCE PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT- EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2022

As cited from the Grey-Bruce Public Health website www.publichealthgreybruce.ca

Ontario intends to take additional steps to ease public health measures if public health and health system indicators continue to improve. This includes lifting capacity limits in all remaining indoor public settings.

What does this mean for Branch 340?

Our business operation is open at full capacity limits.

Ontario will also lift proof of vaccination requirements for all settings at this time. Businesses and other settings may choose to continue to require proof of vaccination. Masking requirements will remain in place at this time, with a specific timeline to lift this measure to be communicated at a later date.

How does this effect Branch 340?

Proof of Vaccination is No longer required. Yes, you must still wear your Mask at this time.

To manage COVID-19 over the long-term, public health units can deploy local and regional responses based on local context and conditions.

How does this impact Branch 340?

Branch 340 will follow the direction(s) of our local Grey-Bruce Public Health Unit.

“Thanks to the efforts of Ontarians to help blunt the transmission of Omicron, our health care indicators suggest a general improvement in the COVID-19 situation in the province,” said Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health. “We are now in a position to lift more public health measures, but it is important to stay vigilant, as we don’t want to cause any further disruption to people’s everyday lives. We must continue to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 in our communities by following the measures in place and by vaccinating those who have not yet received their doses.”

The Executive Committee and Staff of Branch 340 extend a thank you to our members and patrons for your continued co-operation. Be kind and remember to “mask up.”



***Paddy told Murphy that his wife was driving him to drink.
Murphy considers him to be very lucky. His wife makes him walk.***



Hoof in It –Your Local Butcher

1199 Goderich St #A **Port Elgin** (519) 389-6328

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



Meat Draw
Sat. March 12 & 26
4:00 pm

Safety protocols in place

Everyone Welcome



NOTICE: Branch 340 will endeavour to continue with the monthly Meat Draws, however with the COVID situation please be aware that scheduled events may be cancelled at any time due to provincial mandated lock-downs.





AIR CADETS 340 (Griffin) Squadron, Port Elgin



With the wintery weather almost behind us and some beautiful sunny days I am very optimistic that spring is almost here!

The #340 Griffin Air Cadet Squadron would like to extend warm March 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.

While the Squadron has been in virtual mode since the holidays, there's some hope they can resume in person training in approx. 2 weeks. I'm sure the kids will be looking forward to this. The Squadron is conducting their annual effective speaking competition 7/8 March (speeches uploaded Mar 7, judging Mar 8). They have 3 contenders with the top 2 going to the regional competition.

They are also having a mail-in zone shoot towards the end of March, so it will be a busy month once we can proceed. One cadet is going through the process for the Glider Pilot training course (there was an online course/ exam completed in January). The interview stage will also be conducted in March.

The Air Cadet Lottery is coming and Capt. Herborth will advise with the information once that's ready to go. Approx. \$ 120,000.00 in prizes are available. The Squadron receives a share of the tickets sold which helps out with operating expenses so it's really great when we are supportive to this fundraising program.

We need members for our Sponsoring Committee, please let me know if interested.

Of course, we are always looking for new recruits. If you know of a young person turning 12 (or are 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 spring. The Squadron wishes everyone the brightest of days, good health and happiness.

Respectfully submitted,
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International Women's Day March 8 #IWD2022

March 8 is International Women's Day. It is a global day to recognize and celebrate women's and girls' social, economic, cultural, and political achievements. It is also a time to raise awareness of the progress made towards achieving gender equality and the work remaining to be done.

The beginnings of International Women's Day can be traced back to the early twentieth century. It emerged from the activities of labour movements in North America and Europe and reflected a growing call for women's equal participation in society.

Today, International Women's Day is a day of unity, celebration, reflection, advocacy, and action and is celebrated in many countries worldwide.

Cited from the website listed below:

<https://women-gender-equality.canada.ca/en/commemorations-celebrations/international-womens-day.html>

2022 International Women's Day Theme

The Government of Canada's theme for International Women's Day (IWD) 2022 is *Women Inspiring Women*.

It celebrates all the women and girls who inspire us by demonstrating leadership in the choices they make in their day-to-day lives to contribute to the social, economic, cultural, and political spheres.

In Canada, unlike in many other countries, women are free to study and be leaders in the field they choose, care, and provide for their family, express who they are, and fight for their beliefs.

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<https://women-gender-equality.canada.ca/en/commemorations-celebrations/international-womens-day/2022-theme.html>

What can you do on International Women's Day?

The following is a list of possibilities to assist you in making your own to do list

- Start a conversation envisioning a better world with gender equality with no discrimination. Remember to include men in the conversation.
- Join a virtual event on March 8th
- Give an in-kind or financial donation to an organization that advocates for gender equality. Three such organizations appreciating your support are the local shelters: Women's House serving Bruce & Grey, Kabaeshiwim Respite Women's Shelter and The Women's Centre Grey Bruce. Please note space is an issue at shelters, therefore, clothing as well as household items can be difficult to store. First check in with these organizations prior to bringing these types of donations to the local shelter sites. Quite



often shelters will partner with another community organization where women can access these items.

- Celebrate the formidable and inspiring women in your life
- Unite by wearing something purple which symbolizes support and solidarity for women in your community.
- Advocate by speaking up for gender equality in your workplace, organizations, and social groups

Laugh[☘] out loud
follow your heart
enjoy the little things



Those Who Love Wordplay....These are silly but they made me smile...and you?

1. Dad, are we pyromaniacs? Yes, we arson.
2. What do you call a pig with laryngitis? Disgruntled.
3. Writing my name in cursive is my signature move.
4. Why do bees stay in their hives during winter? Swarm.
5. If you're bad at haggling, you'll end up paying the price.
6. Just so everyone is clear, I'm going to put my glasses on.
7. A commander walks into a bar and orders everyone around.
8. I lost my job as a stage designer. I left without making a scene.
9. Never buy flowers from a monk. Only you can prevent florist friars.
10. How much did the pirate pay to get his ears pierced? A buccaneer.
11. I once worked at a cheap pizza shop to get by. I kneaded the dough.
12. My friends and I have named our band 'Duvet'. It's a cover band.
13. I lost my girlfriend's audiobook, and now I'll never hear the end of it.
14. Why is 'dark' spelled with a k and not c? Because you can't see in the dark.
15. Why is it unwise to share your secrets with a clock? Well, time will tell.
16. When I told my contractor I didn't want carpeted steps, they gave me a blank stare.
17. Bono and The Edge walk into a Dublin bar and the bartender says, "Oh no, not U2 again."
18. Prison is just one word to you, but for some people, it's a whole sentence.
19. Scientists got together to study the effects of alcohol on a person's walk, and the result was staggering.
20. I'm trying to organize a hide-and-seek tournament, but good players are really hard to find.
21. I got over my addiction to chocolate, marshmallows, and nuts. I won't lie, it was a rocky road.
22. What do you say to comfort a friend who's struggling with grammar? There, their, they're
23. I went to the toy store and asked the assistant where the Schwarzenegger dolls are and he replied, "Aisle B, Back."
24. What did the surgeon say to the patient who insisted on closing up their own incision? Suture self.
25. I've started telling everyone about the benefits of eating dried grapes. It's all about raisin awareness.



The Quickest Way to Cork

Billy stops Paddy in Dublin and asks for the quickest way to Cork.

Paddy says: "Are you on foot or in the car?"

Billy replies: "In the car." "Well that's the quickest way," says Paddy.

