

Branch Line

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Inside this issue you will find what is happening this month with 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.

Wishing all our readers a Happy Easter with family and friends. And to Earth Day which is an annual celebration that honors the achievements of the environmental movement and raises awareness of the need to protect Earth's natural resources for future generations.

Our Annual General Meeting & Elections will be held on Tuesday, April 4th. We encourage all members to attend this very important meeting. If nominated, please consider letting your name stand for an Executive position.

The 2023 calendar of events is included in this edition. Please keep for handy reference. You will be notified if other events are planned and unfortunately the dates are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

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

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Accessible formats are available upon request






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	2022 – 2023 Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary Executive
President	Diana Tripp (Servant of God)
1st Vice President	Annemarie Kinsman
2nd Vice President	Sharen Maas
Treasurer	Diana Tripp
Secretary	Vicky Taylor
Sergeant-at-Arms	Annemarie Kinsman
Sports Officer	Linda Virgo
	Sharen Maas
Executive	Meryl Cramp
	Elaine Esplen
	Marilyn Noble
	Linda Virgo



President's Report



May 31st is the last day for this year's Executive term of office as a new Executive will be elected on April 4th at our Annual General Meeting. Please consider putting your name on our election board as we are in need of help.

This year's Executive has done a great job. Our sales are up, Bingo has resumed, Meat Draws are doing very well.

We have completed some much needed repairs to our Branch with many more repairs coming up.

Our membership is also up. It's great to see new people in our Branch. If you notice a new member please be sure to welcome them, maybe show them around and make them feel they are now part of our Legion family.

It is with regret I inform you that we lost our Ladies Auxiliary President this month. Our condolences are extended to Cde Diana's family. The Ladies Auxiliary have always been excellent supporters of the Branch and we wish them well as they move forward during this difficult time.

President Robert Harrison
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Hall Rental



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.

Family and group events/meetings welcome.

Please contact me for more information when considering a venue for your event.

Cde Bernice Ribey
Hall Rental Chair

1bernie@bmts.com or call the Branch at 519-389-9917 to leave a message



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 Honours & Awards Committee will evaluate the nomination.

Cde Tom Jacques
Honours & Awards Chair
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<p>After all these years, my wife still thinks I'm sexy. Every time I walk by she says, "What an ass"</p>	<p>I don't know why men go to bars to try and meet women. Go to Target. The female to male ratio is like 10 to 1 and they're already looking for crap they don't need.</p>	<p>Books that were never written:</p> <p>"Running to the Outhouse" by Willy Makit. Illustrated by Betty Wont.</p>
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Leadership Development



The end of the Legion year is almost over and yes we need some new leaders to join the Executive team. Please consider putting your name forth on the election board located in the Club Room.

Without you, the volunteer, we have no Legion.

President Bob Harrison
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Membership Report



Please use one of the options below and get your 2023 membership dues taken care of:

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

Cde Craig Bell
Membership Chair
bellcr@bmts.com



Last Post



Cde Diana Tripp LA President

***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.***





Poppy Report



We now have approval from our general membership and Ontario Command to proceed with all donations proposed to date. We continue to expect donations this year to support our Veterans will be in the tune of \$22,000 to \$26,000 range.

Our Current Account Bank Balance is \$30,991.66 with GIC investments of \$20,346.10 which includes \$346.10 interest earned. Total Poppy Trust Funds are \$51,337.76.

Remember, Poppy is a year around endeavour to help our Veterans at home and abroad in their time of need. Without approval by our Members at a General Meeting any proposed donations cannot be made until your approval is given.

As always, 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 Trish Frizzell, our Branch Service Officer via 519-832-2903 (Branch 340 office number) 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
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HYMN 365 (This is funny - but I suspect the minister didn't appreciate it)

A minister was completing a temperance sermon.
With great emphasis he said,
'If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.'
With even greater emphasis he said,
'And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.'
And then finally, shaking his fist in the air, he said,
'And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.'
Sermon complete, he sat down...

The Choir Master stood, very cautiously, and announced with a smile, nearly laughing,
'For our closing hymn, we will sing Hymn 365. 'Shall We Gather at the River'

Smile - life is too short not to!!





Veteran Services & Seniors



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.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Trish Frizzell
VSO & Seniors Chair
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Ways & Means



Join us at the weekly Wednesday Bingo and you could be the lucky one to yell "Bingo". Doors open at 6:00 pm and games start at 7:00 pm in the upstairs hall.

Reminder....mark your calendar now for the April 8th and 29th Meat Draws!

We also need your help...with the shortage of "grocery bags" we ask that you bring your own "bag" to take home your winnings. Or, if anyone has any bags they would like to donate for the Meat Draws, please leave them with the Bar Steward.

We thank everyone for their continued support. See you at the Branch!

Cde Tom Jacques
Ways & Means Chair
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Upcoming Branch Events



BINGO
Come Play With Us!

Port Elgin Legion Br. 340
Wednesdays

Doors open at 6:00 pm
Bingo starts at 7:00 pm
Must be over 18 years of age to play

\$700.00 Jackpot to be Won



Branch 340
**General Meeting
& Elections**

**Tuesday, April 4th at 7:30 pm
in the Main Hall**

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

Please support your Branch

Meat Draw

Saturday, April 8 & 29

4:00 pm




Please join us

Everyone is Welcome




HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday to Saturday 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Sunday 4:00 – 7:00 pm

SUNDAY HOURS

CLOSED effective Sunday, April 2nd
and re-opening on Sunday, September 10th





Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 7:30 pm


Branch Elections

Please plan to attend and have your say in shaping our future

The Election Nomination Board will be located in the Club Room

Election Night: You will be required to show your 2023 Membership Card or paid receipt at the door

Please support your Branch



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.



Tara Br. 383 April 2023 Events

April 1, 2023	Meat Raffle 1:00 pm
April 14, 2023	LA Friday Night Supper Pot Pies - \$15.00 5:00 – 7:00 pm
April 30, 2023	Fire Department Breakfast 10:00 am – 1:00 pm



Your support would be truly appreciated, as all monies raised are donated to our local charities



📢 GRANDPARENT SCAM ON RISE IN SAUGEEN SHORES 📢

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR FAMILY TO EDUCATE THEM ASAP AS THEY MAY NOT SEE THIS POST.

-THE POLICE WILL NEVER ASK YOU FOR MONEY-

Saugeen Shores Police want everyone to talk to their loved ones about a scam that continues to victimize the local senior population. Specifically on March 20th, 2023 officers were made aware of a grandparent scam in which a Port Elgin resident almost lost thousands of dollars.

Police say the victim was contacted by a fraudster claiming to be a police officer, demanding \$6000 for the release of her grandson from custody. The victim withdrew the cash from a local bank but contacted 911 as she believed something may be suspicious.

Another victim attended a different local bank on the same date and attempted to withdraw \$7000. The bank directed her to contact Saugeen Shores Police as they identified that it was a scam.

Warning Signs:

- Urgency: The scammer always makes the request sound very urgent, which may cause the victim not to verify the story.
- Fear: The scammer plays on your emotions by generating a sense of fear.
- Secrecy: The scammer pleads with the victim not to tell anyone.
- Request for Money: Money can be requested by money transfer or the scammer sends someone to your home to pick up the payment.

To avoid becoming a victim, check with another family member or trusted friend to verify the information before giving money or providing credit card information by phone or e-mail.

Anyone who may have been the victim of an 'emergency' scam, contact the Saugeen Shores Police at 519-832-2500 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS). You can also report the information to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) at www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca.

Article submitted by Norma Dudgeon



<p>My friend Joe recently went on the Dolly Parton diet. It really made Joe lean, Joe lean, Joe lean, Joe lean.</p>	<p>I have an idea for a chain of Elvis steak houses. It will be for people who love meat tender.</p>	<p>So Daffy Duck and Elmer Fudd break into a distillery. Daffy turns to Elmer and says: "Is this Whiskey?"</p> <p>Elmer says: "Yeth but not as whiskey as wobbing a bank!!"</p>
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Overheard child singing: "He's makin' a list, chicken and rice...."

Why are hallways in psychiatric hospitals called "hallways" ? Shouldn't they be called psycho paths?

One big difference between men and women is that if a woman says "Smell this", it usually smells nice.



Age-isms

- My doctor asked if anyone in my family suffered from mental illness. I said, "No, we all seem to enjoy it.
- My bucket list: keep breathing.
- Camping: where you spend a small fortune to live like a homeless person.
- Just once, I want a username and password prompt to say, "Close enough."
- Being an adult is the dumbest thing I have ever done.
- I'm a multitasker. I can listen, ignore and forget all at the same time!
- Retirement to do list: Wake up. Nailed it!
- I went to an antique auction and people were bidding on me.
- People who wonder if the glass is half empty or half full, miss the point. The glass is refillable.
- I don't have grey hair; I have wisdom highlights.
- Sometimes it takes me all day to get nothing done.
- I don't trip, I do random gravity checks.
- My heart says chocolate and wine, but my jeans say, please, please, please eat a salad!
- Never laugh at your spouse's choices. You are one of them.
- One minute you're young and fun. Next, you're turning down the car stereo to see better.
- I'd grow my own food if only I could find bacon seeds.
- Losing weight doesn't seem to be working for me, so from now I'm going to concentrate on getting taller.
- My body is a temple; ancient and crumbling.
- Common sense is not a gift. It's a punishment because you have to deal with everyone else who doesn't have it.
- I came. I saw. I forgot what I was doing. Retraced my steps. Got lost on the way back. Now I have no idea what's going on.



A man takes his sick Chihuahua to the veterinarian. They're immediately taken back to a room. Soon, a Labrador walks in, sniffs the Chihuahua for 10 minutes and leaves.

Then a cat comes in, stares at the Chihuahua for 10 minutes and leaves. Finally, the doctor comes in, prescribes some medicine and hands the man a \$250 bill.

"This must be a mistake," the man says. "I've been here only 20 minutes!"

"No mistake," the doctor says. "It's \$100 for the lab test, \$100 for the cat scan and \$50 for the medicine."





How do you celebrate Earth Day?

We brought up outdoor activities for a reason—that's because Earth Day is full of them! If you're going to celebrate our planet and everything it has to offer, the best way to do that is among nature. Luckily, there are plenty of ways to get outside and commemorate the day.

A few popular Earth Day activities include picking up litter, planting a tree, riding a bike instead of taking a car, making a bird feeder, or eating sustainably. You can even take it up a notch by educating yourself on conservation efforts, donating to your favorite environmental non-profit or volunteering with a local environmental organization—you can usually find plenty of community organized events around the holiday that are designed to help the planet. You can also keep it simple by just admiring the great outdoors: Go for a walk, pack a picnic, or take yourself on a nature scavenger hunt. As long as you're working to make our world a happier and healthier place to live, there's no wrong way to do it!

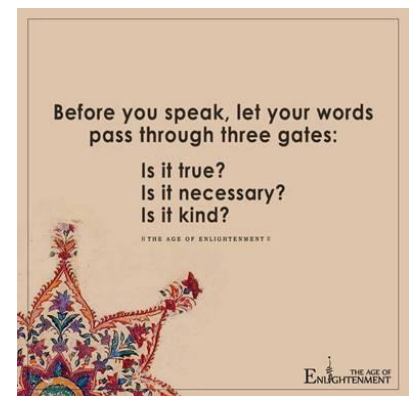


Notable Dates for April 2023

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.



- Month of the Military Child
- 1 Royal Canadian Air Force founded (1924)
- 3 Battle of Moreuil Wood (1918)
- 4 NATO Accord signed (1949)
- 9 Battle of Vimy Ridge (1917) - Legion flags lowered to half mast
- 24-30 National Volunteer Week
- 25 Anzac Day
- 25 Battle of Kapyong (1951)



A businessman went into the office and found an inexperienced handyman painting the walls. The handyman was wearing two heavy parkas on a hot summer day. Thinking this was a little strange; the businessman asked the handyman why he was wearing the parkas on such a hot day. The handyman showed him the instructions on the can of paint. They read: "For best results, put on two coats."



A Taxing Situation

According to unofficial sources, a new simplified income-tax form contains only four lines:

1. What was your income for the year?
2. What were your expenses?
3. How much have you left?
4. Send it in.



PORT ELGIN LEGION – BRANCH 340 2023 - MONTHLY EVENTS (Event Dates subject to change)

Statutory Holidays
 Meat Draws
 BBQ/Dinners
 Bingo

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