

Branch Line

PO Box 359, 630 Green Street, Port Elgin, ON N0H 2C0 519-389-9917
Branch340@eastlink.ca www.Branch340.ca



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.

To all of our readers ... International Women's Day is on March 8th; remember to set your clock ahead on March 12th; Happy St. Patrick's Day to all on March 17th and welcome Spring on March 20th.

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.

If you no longer wish to receive the Branch Line newsletter, please leave a message at branch340newsletter@gmail.com
Accessible formats are available upon request






2022 – 2023 Branch 340 Executive

President	Robert Harrison	bnrshow@eastlink.ca	519-389-4806
Immediate Past President	Dan Kelly	dankelly@bmts.com	519-389-2352
1st Vice President	Alex Taylor	alex.taylor@bmts.com	519-389-2616
2nd Vice President	Rhonda Harrison	bnrshow@eastlink.ca	519-389-4806
Secretary / Treasurer	Norma Dudgeon	branch340@eastlink.ca	519-832-2903
Executive	Monica Carere	mony_c26@hotmail.com	519-835-9741
	Trish Frizzell	legion340@trishfrizzell.com	519-706-0374
	Bernice Ribey	1bernie@bmts.com	519-832-8783
	Craig Bell	bellcr@bmts.com	519-386-7771
	Tom Jacques	thjacques@bmts.com	519-832-6837
	Gord Kelly	gordonakelly1973@gmail.com	519-389-6057
LA Liaison	Trish Frizzell	legion340@trishfrizzell.com	519-706-0374
Bar Chairman	Norma Dudgeon	branch340@eastlink.ca	519-832-2903
Bursary	Robert Harrison	bnrshow@eastlink.ca	519-389-4806
By-laws	Norma Dudgeon	branch340@eastlink.ca	519-389-2876
Charity	Rhonda Harrison	bnrshow@eastlink.ca	519-389-4806
Hall Rental	Bernice Ribey	1bernie@bmts.com	519-832-8783
Honours & Awards	Tom Jacques	thjacques@bmts.com	519-832-6837
Leadership Development	Robert Harrison	bnrshow@eastlink.ca	519-389-4806
Membership	Craig Bell	bellcr@bmts.com	519-386-7771
Poppy	Alex Taylor	alex.taylor@bmts.com	519-389-2616
Property	Robert Harrison	bnrshow@eastlink.ca	519-389-4806
Public Relations	Rhonda Harrison	bnrshow@eastlink.ca	519-389-4806
Seniors	Trish Frizzell	legion340@trishfrizzell.com	519-706-0374
Sergeant-at-Arms	Mike Hobson	hobson@bmts.com	519-386-6078
Service Officer	Trish Frizzell	legion340@trishfrizzell.com	519-706-0374
Sports	Gord Kelly	gordonakelly1973@gmail.com	519-389-6057
Veteran Services	Trish Frizzell	legion340@trishfrizzell.com	519-706-0374
Ways & Means	Tom Jacques	thjacques@bmts.com	519-832-6837
Youth Education	Monica Carere	mony_c26@hotmail.com	519-835-9741
Air Cadets Liaison	Alex Taylor	alex.taylor@bmts.com	519-389-2616
Nevada	Andrew Reinhart	andyreinhart@hotmail.com	519-708-0553
Track & Field	Bernice Ribey	1bernie@bmts.com	519-832-8783



	2022 – 2023 Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary Executive	
President	Diana Tripp	
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



In spite of it being mid-winter Branch 340 is still doing quite well. We are getting good numbers of people out to our Bingo and Meat Draws and the Dart and Pool Leagues are still busy.

Numbers in the Club Room are down a bit as a lot of our members are down south enjoying some fun in the sun. We are looking forward to their return.

Work on the electrical system has started. We will be having a few minor interruptions and mess because of the major work. But when done we will have a much brighter, more functional and safer Branch.

Our new Nevada machine has been installed and is working well. A big thanks to Joe Gateman for his expertise in helping to get the unit wired and to Andrew Reinhart for programming the machine.

If you would like any information about the work being done or about any other aspect of the Legion please do not hesitate to call me.

President Robert Harrison
bnrshow@eastlink.ca



Gratitude
is the most beautiful
way to express all
that's in your heart
with two words *Thank You.*
- Katrina Meyer



What Is Daylight Saving Time?



Daylight Saving Time (DST) is the practice of moving the clocks forward one hour from Standard Time during the summer months and changing them back again in the fall. The general idea is that this allows us all to make better use of natural daylight: moving the clocks forward one hour in the spring grants us more daylight during summer evenings, while moving clocks back one hour in the fall grants us more daylight during winter mornings. However, DST has many detractors—and rightfully so!

Daylight Saving Time 2023: When Does the Time Change?

Daylight Saving Time always **begins on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November**. To remember which way to set their clocks, folks often use the expression, “spring forward, fall back.” (Note that these dates are for locations in the United States and Canada only; other countries may follow different dates!)

- **Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 2:00 A.M.** On Saturday night, clocks are set forward one hour (i.e., losing one hour) to “spring forward.”
- **Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 5, 2023, at 2:00 A.M.** On Saturday night, clocks are set back one hour (i.e., gaining one hour) to “fall back.”

Note: Since the time changes at 2:00 A.M., we generally change our clocks before bed on Saturday.



Bursary Report



It is very disappointing that we have so few bursary applications this year and not only Branch 340 but all of Ontario. Ontario Command has \$400,000 in the Bursary Fund to award to post-secondary students.

Successful students are awarded \$1,000 but to date we have only 80 applications in all of Ontario.

So, if you know of any student that would like to apply they must do so right away. All fully completed applications must be received by Ontario Command by Friday, March 31st, no exceptions.

If anyone would like help or further information please call me.

Cde Robert Harrison
Bursary Chair
bnrshow@eastlink.ca
519-389-4806





The Royal Canadian Legion
Ontario Command
Branch and Ladies' Auxiliary
Bursary Program

The Bursary Program is one of the many programs The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command supports. With the cost of books and other educational items students require to aid in their post-secondary education, who couldn't use \$1,000.00.

The Bursary Program is designed to assist students entering or pursuing their post-secondary education, including courses or programs of a technical and vocational nature, outside of and beyond secondary school. Approved bursary assistance is not based upon scholastic standing but rather on the successful admission status to a post secondary institution or successful completion of one or more years leading to a recognized degree, diploma or certificate.

The Bursary Program is funded through the Ontario Command Branches and Ladies' Auxiliaries Charitable Foundation. Ontario Command Branches and Auxiliaries, raise funds for the Bursary Program through Poppy Tagging, and other activities such as Bingo, Break Open Tickets, Banquets and Clubhouse Operations.

Those eligible are the following:

- Ex-Service personnel or currently serving members of the Canadian Forces (Regular, Reserve and Merchant Navy) and their spouse, children and grandchildren. Commonwealth war Veterans and their spouse, children and grandchildren.
- Ordinary and Life members of The Royal Canadian Legion and their spouse, children and grandchildren.
- Associate members of The Royal Canadian Legion and their children only.
- Ladies' Auxiliary members and their children and grandchildren.
- Stepchildren and step grandchildren may be considered where applicable.

Application forms can be obtained from the following: 1] Most Secondary School Guidance Offices 2] College/University Financial Aid Offices online 3] Provincial Service Bureau Offices 4] Branches of The Royal Canadian Legion and Ladies' Auxiliary or 5] Download from The Royal Canadian Legion, Ontario Command Website (www.on.legion.ca).

The program opens each year in September and **all applications must be received by Ontario Command prior to the last Friday of March** from students who are currently attending post-secondary education. Mailing address is found on the bursary application. Applications are not accepted by email or fax. Please note that the students can only apply once they are physically on campus and not in high school.

Since the academic year 2002-2003, this program awarded \$6,981,825.00 in Bursaries helping students in Ontario receive the education they need.

For more information, please visit <https://www.on.legion.ca/remembrance/youth-programs/bursaries>



My wife and I are sitting on the couch watching TV and I hear a text, realizing I left my phone in the kitchen, I get up, go to the kitchen to check it...

And it's a text from my wife:

Please bring the chips on your way back





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
thjacques@bmts.com



<p>I've come to the conclusion that I have a memory like an Etch-A-Sketch... I shake my head and forget everything!</p>	<p>GETTING OLDER SUCKS.</p> <p>I USED TO WAKE UP FEELING LIKE A MILLION BUCKS.</p> <p>NOW I FEEL MORE LIKE A BOUNCED CHECK.</p> 	<p>Growing old is hard work... The mind says "yes" but, the body says "what the hell are you thinking"</p>
--	--	---





Leadership Development



The Legion is an ever changing organization that runs on volunteers. These volunteers are getting harder to come by every year.

We need members with new ideas to come forward and assist in the various programs.

Our present programs and the volunteer strength is noted below and includes alternate members to be called upon as needed:

- Executive: 10
- Bingo: 25
- Meat Draws: 8-10
- Youth Education: *Public Speaking 16 and Poster/Literary 8*
- Friday Night BBQ: 10
- Colour Party: 10

There are other weekly events that could be implemented with volunteers such as Euchre, Cribbage, Darts, etc. The most important thing is we need members with new ideas to bring Branch 340 into the future.

We are in dire need of members to help with the everyday maintenance of the building i.e. painting, small renovations, yard work, etc. We also need to compile a list of volunteers who are willing to come in and help in case of emergencies.

If there are any of these positions that you would like to be a part of please contact the Branch or me. Your help would be greatly appreciated and I am sure you will make some new friends.

Cde Robert Harrison
LD Chair
bnrshow@eastlink.ca



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



Dave Grieve	Associate
Derick Harrison	WW II Veteran
John Vallieres	Associate
Aline Bellan	Past LA 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.**



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 March 4th and 18th Meat Draw! 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.

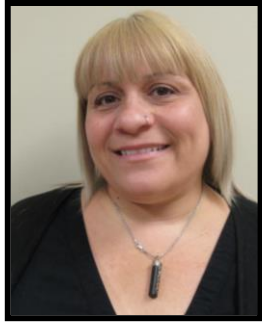
We thank everyone for their continued support and look forward to seeing you at the Branch.

Cde Tom Jacques
Ways & Means Chair
thjacques@bmts.com





Youth Education



Port Elgin RCL 340 hosted the Branch Public Speaking Competition on Sunday, February 26, 2023. Pictured are the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place winners in their respective categories. The 1st Place winners in each category will move on to the Zone Level competition on Sunday, March 25, 2023.

Thank you to the volunteers who assisted and we congratulate all our entrants and good luck to those who will be competing at Zone level.

Monica Carere
Youth Education Chair
mony_c26@hotmail.com



Primary Grade 1-3

L-R President Robert Harrison, Toni O, 3rd Place; Heidi W, 1st Place; Claire L, 2nd Place and Monica Carere, Youth Education Chair.



Junior Grade 4-6

L-R President Robert Harrison, Paul W, 3rd Place; Asad R, 1st Place; Mohammed B, 2nd Place and Monica Carere, Youth Education Chair.



Intermediate Grade 7-9

L-R President Robert Harrison, Cayden C, 2nd Place; Parisa A, 1st Place; Lily Mai R, 3rd Place and Monica Carere, Youth Education Chair.





Port Elgin Legion

Supports Minor Hockey U13 Rep B Team



This season the Saugeen Shores U13 Rep B team was proud to be sponsored by long-time supporters of Saugeen Shores minor hockey, Port Elgin Legion Branch 340.

Before their third game into play-offs the team had an opportunity to meet three members of the Port Elgin Branch and thank them for their sponsorship.

The team went on to win their fourth game in play-offs against the West Grey Warriors in over-time.



Back row L to R: Cde.Alex Taylor, 1st Vice President, Greyson Wolfe, Bentley Edwards, Owen Jacklin, Cody Thomson, Tyler Foster, Bradley Seaman

Middle: Tyler Chan, Kaine Myers, Mack Smith, Richard Buckland, Cohen Botting, Mason Martindale, Cde Rhonda Harrison, 2nd Vice President and President Robert Harrison

Front: Micah Alexander, Braxtyn McNeil, Sawyer Porter, Ethan Campbell



Notable Dates for March 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.



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





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**

**Tuesday, March 7th 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, March 4th & 18th
4:00 pm**

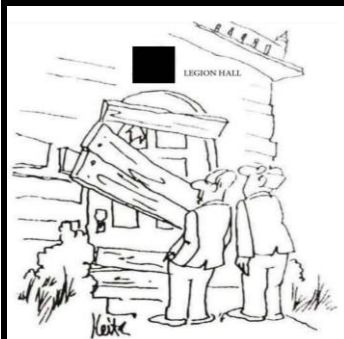


Please join us

Everyone is Welcome


I read the instructions manual and it said I needed a large screwdriver. So I got out the vodka and orange juice, but everything after that remains a complete mystery.



LEGION HALL


I think we skipped too many meetings.

Who is this "Moderation" we're supposed to be drinking with?




PURBY
M. DRYA





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 March 2023 Events

March 17, 2023	St. Patrick's Day Friday Supper 5:00 – 7:00 pm \$15.00
March 26, 2023	Breakfast – Grade 8's Fundraiser 10:00 am – 1:00 pm



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





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*



We Will Remember Them

WWII Deaths of men in uniform from Port Elgin and area.

James Douglas Stoddart

After successfully pushing the Germans out of Normandy in the north of France in August of 1944, the fighting then moved into Belgium. There was one Port Elgin man who died there during the battles that took place before pushing the Germans into Holland.



James Douglas Stoddart - Jim was born in Port Elgin on February 1, 1925, a son of Mary and Fred. He had a brother George. After grade 10 he went to work on the Great Lakes as a sailor. On February 22, 1944, at age 18, he enlisted in the Canadian Army and was sent to Chatham and Ipperwash for training.

On September 7, 1944, he arrived in England and once there he was assigned to the Lincoln and Welland Regiment. Nine days later he arrived in France where the Canadian Army had just finished clearing the Germans from Normandy in late August. He caught up to them in Belgium where the push was on to continue the fight to clear the Germans. The battles went on into October and by late in the month they were nearing the Holland border. On October 26, James was shot in the chest, and he was pronounced dead on arrival at the field hospital. He was 19 years of age.

His body was buried in a temporary grave site near Brasschaat in Belgium, North of Antwerp. After the war ended, his body was moved to the Bergen op Zoom Canadian War Cemetery across the border in Holland. There are 1,088 soldiers buried there and 968 are Canadians. I visited his grave site in 2016.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Researched and written by: G. William Streeter



Proof-reading is a Dying Art!

- **TOILET OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW.**
- In a Laundromat:
AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT.
- In a London department store:
BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS.
- In an office:
WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN.
- In an office:
AFTER TEA BREAK, STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD.
- Outside a second-hand shop:
WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?
- Notice in health food shop window:
CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS.
- Spotted in a Safari Park:
(I sure hope so.)
ELEPHANTS, PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR.



Paddy was in New York....

He was patiently waiting and watching the traffic cop on a busy street crossing. The cop stopped the flow of traffic and shouted, 'Okay, pedestrians.' Then he'd allow the traffic to pass.

He'd done this several times, and Paddy still stood on the sidewalk.

After the cop had shouted, 'Pedestrians!' for the tenth time, Paddy went over to him and said, 'Is it not about time ye let the Catholics across?'



My wife sent me a text,
"Your great"
So, naturally, I wrote back,
"No, you're great"
She's been walking around all
happy and smiling.
Should I tell her I was just
correcting her grammer or
leave it?

I found that I have
been happier since I
changed from coffee in
the morning to orange
juice. My doctor
explained that it's the
vitamin C and natural
sugars but I really
think it's the Vodka

IT'S A SHAME NOTHING
IS BUILT IN THE USA
ANY MORE. I JUST
BOUGHT A TV & IT SAID
"BUILT IN ANTENNA".
I DON'T EVEN KNOW
WHERE THAT IS.





Military Service Recognition Book

This message is being bcc'd to PEC at the request of the Military Service Recognition Book, Chair, Ron Goebel.

We are now entering into month number nine of year number ten of our Military Service Recognition Book Program. And not to sound negative at all, but we do have a long way to go in order to have enough submissions for the publishing of our Volume #10.

As you will note by the attached MSRB Monthly District Comparison Report, as of the end of January, we had only received a total of 124 submissions for our Volume #10 book. And although this is a far cry from the numbers that we had received at this point in time in the past, we are ahead of last year's total of 92 that we had received during this time. However, prior to this, we had always received over 300 submissions at this point in time.

So, by way of this email, we are appealing to all Branches, members and non-members to assist us in the promotion of our important Remembrance program by reaching out to all those who are included under the Legion's definition of a Veteran who are, or have, resided within the Province of Ontario, to have their photograph and information submitted for inclusion into Volume X of our MSRB.

To date we have published a total of 6363 Veteran submissions in the first nine editions of our books of Remembrance. According to statistics, at the end of 2022, there were an estimated total of 223,400 Veterans living within the Province of Ontario. And of course, there are many, many more Veterans who unfortunately have passed away that families of these Veterans could be approached to submit their family members information for our books. So, there are many Veterans and family members of Veterans out there that could be approached for submissions.

You will note from the attached report that to date, we have received a total of \$1,782,393.83 through advertising and donations received by our Publisher, Fenety Marketing through this program. These funds have assisted us with various Legion programs over the past nine years, and more recently we have utilized these funds to assist in the funding of the various Veteran Transition Programs that we at Ontario Command support. In fact, to date, we have donated a total of \$375,620.00 for nine various Veteran Transition Programs that we support.

Once again, I want to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who has continued to support this very important Ontario Provincial Command Remembrance Program and am asking that you continue to support our program through the continued recruitment of Veteran submissions. And we are now appealing to all those Branches, members, and non-members to assist us in this very important Remembrance Program.

Remember, a Veteran does not necessarily have to be a Legion member. ALL Veteran submissions qualify and will be accepted. Let us all work on behalf of our Veterans to ensure that their information is included in one of our books of Remembrance.

Thank You

Ron Goebel, Chair
Military Service Recognition Book Program
The Royal Canadian Legion
Ontario Provincial Command



GREAT TRUTHS THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- 2) When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always Catch the second person.
- 4) Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
- 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- 7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- 8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- 9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
- 10) The best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap.

GREAT TRUTHS THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED

- 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing Jello to a tree.
- 2) Wrinkles don't hurt.
- 3) Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
- 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
- 5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
- 6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fibre, not the toy.

GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD

- 1) Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
- 2) Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- 3) When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- 4) You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
- 5) It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
- 6) Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
- 7) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE

- 1) You believe in Santa Claus.
- 2) You don't believe in Santa Claus.
- 3) You are Santa Claus.
- 4) You look like Santa Claus.

SUCCESS

- At age 4 success is..... Not piddling in your pants.
At age 12 success is..... Having friends.
At age 17 success is..... Having a driver's license.
At age 35 success is..... Having money.
At age 50 success is.....Having money.
At age 70 success is..... Having a driver's license.
At age 75 success is..... Having friends.
At age 80 success is..... Not piddling in your pants.

Always remember to forget the troubles that pass your way;
BUT NEVER forget the blessings that come each day.



Father Murphy walks into a pub in Donegal, and asks the first man he meets, 'Do you want to go to heaven?'

The man said, 'I do, Father...'

The priest said, 'Then stand over there against the wall.'

Then the priest asked the second man, 'Do you want to go to heaven?'

'Certainly, Father,' the man replied.

'Then stand over there against the wall,' said the priest.

Then Father Murphy walked up to O'Toole and asked, 'Do you want to go to heaven?'

O'Toole said, 'No, I don't Father.'

The priest said, 'I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to heaven?'

O'Toole said, 'Oh, when I die, yes. I thought you were getting a group together to go right now.'





International Women's Day (IWD)

March 8, 2023 #EmbraceEquity
Read with Intention!

Equality is the goal with equity as the means to get there. Through the process of equity, we will reach equality as Cited by internationalwomensday.com

United Nations IWD 2023 Theme

The official international theme for IWD as set by United Nations is "DigitAll:Innovation and technology for gender-equality". A gender-response approach will increase the awareness of women and girls regarding their rights and civic engagement as cited by www.unwomen.org To learn more check out this website.

Government of Canada IWD 2023 Theme

The government of Canada set the 2023 IWD theme as Every Woman Counts. This is a reminder that all women count from all ages to all walks of life, have a place in every aspect of Canada's society, including economic, social and democratic spheres. As Cited on website Canada.ca

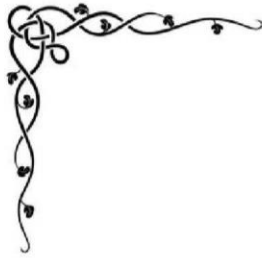
What can I do as an individual to celebrate IWD?

- ***Check out the simple but meaningful definitions for the words Equity and Equality***
- ***Watch a related documentary and/or listen to a related podcast.***
- ***Watch the Bread & Roses YouTube Video then further research the historical origin of IWD.***
- ***Read an article and/or a book about gender equality.***
- Watch movies produced by women film makers.
- Read books or poems written by women.
- Donate to organizations locally, nationally and/or internationally that provide support to women. Please note if considering a gift in-kind to our three local shelters recommend that you connect with the organization by calling their listed [Business Line](#) or emailing through their websites. Trust shelters do appreciate your kind donations, but storage space can be a challenge.
 - Kabaeshiwin Respite Women's Shelter
 - Women's House serving Bruce & Grey
 - The Women's Centre Grey Bruce
- Register for an online event or attend an in-person IWD event. Check on social media for more information including possible in-person event(s) in Bruce Grey
- Listen to your own musical playlist by women and sing along at the top of your voice and perhaps while dancing.

In the '60s we had "Respect" by Aretha Franklin and in the early '70s we had Helen Reddy's "I Am Woman". For many Gloria Gaynor's "I will Survive" from the late '70s is still on playlists. In the '90s we had the empowerment anthem "Man! I feel like a Woman" by our own Shania Twain. What is on your 2023 International Women's Day playlist?

Embracing Equity Happy International Women's Day





Mix & Mingle All are Welcome

Dates: **March 26th, 2023**

Location: **Port Elgin Legion, Branch 340,
630 Green St., Port Elgin, ON**

Time: **4:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

Contact: **Darlene Grant, Tel.# 226-453-2140
Marcia David, Tel.# 289-260-2898**

Featuring: **Live Musical Entertainment for your
dancing and listening pleasure.**

No cover charge.

***Wonderful opportunity to meet
New comers in our community.***



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

Statutory Holidays Meat Draws BBQ/Dinners Bingo

JANUARY 2023							FEBRUARY 2023							MARCH 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4				1	2	3	4
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
29	30	31					26	27	28					26	27	28	29	30	31	

APRIL 2023							MAY 2023							JUNE 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1		1	2	3	4	5	6					1	2	3
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30	
30																				

JULY 2023							AUGUST 2023							SEPTEMBER 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1			1	2	3	4	5						1	2
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30
30	31																			

OCTOBER 2023							NOVEMBER 2023							DECEMBER 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4						1	2
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
31	30	31					26	27	28	29	30			24	25	26	27	28	29	30
														31	1	2	3	4	5	6

2023 Monthly Events

