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# APRIL 2015 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.

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

Please attend the General Meeting on Tuesday. We will be voting for our next Executive and your vote is important. The meeting starts at 7:30.

We hope you will be able to join our Spaghetti Dinner event on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. This is an excellent way to spend time with your friends and support the Branch.

We are pleased to announce two events that will be happening at the Hepworth-Shallow Lake Branch. Please see inside for all the details.



The Editor





## BURSARY REPORT



Bursary once again had a very slow start in District C. We had a total of 85 applications and which 40 of were submitted at the last minute.

Next year I would encourage people to get your bursaries in early so if there is a problem we have time to rectify it.

Robert Harrison  
Bursary Chairman  
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## HONOURS & AWARDS



This year Branch 340 presented many honours and awards. One 70 year and two 50 year Legion Service Bars were awarded to members. Two Certificates of Merit were also presented to members for their work on behalf of Branch 340.

On Remembrance Day the Town of Saugeen Shores was presented with the Legion Friendship Award for their continuing support of our Branch.

WO Hayley Laur was presented with the Cadet Medal of Excellence by Cde Norma Dudgeon and Cde Blair Eby.

Blair Eby  
Honours and Awards Chairman  
[Bizebys@gmail.com](mailto:Bizebys@gmail.com)

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT



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.

If you or anyone you know would like a copy the newsletter sent to them, please leave the email address or mailing address with the Bar Steward and I will ensure that your name is added for future Branch Line editions.

Remember to keep your contact information current and inform me if there are any changes as soon as possible.

Sharen Maas  
Membership Chairman  
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A boy is selling fish on a corner. To get his customers' attention, he is yelling, "Dam fish for sale! Get your dam fish here!" A pastor hears this and asks, "Why are you calling them 'dam fish.'" The boy responds, "Because I caught these fish at the local dam." The pastor buys a couple fish, takes them home to his wife, and asks her to cook the dam fish. The wife responds surprised, "I didn't know it was acceptable for a preacher to speak that way." He explains to her why they are dam fish. Later at the dinner table, he asks his son to pass the dam fish. He responds, "That's the spirit, Dad! Now pass the \*\*\*\*ing potatoes!"



## POPPY REPORT



This year's Poppy Campaign was a large success. With the help of many volunteers over \$19,000 was raised in support of our veterans. I would like to thank everyone who helped out with this year's campaign. Without your help, it would not have been as successful as it was.

Blair Eby  
Poppy Chairman  
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## PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT



Public Relations went along as smoothly this year as it did last year. I didn't have any complaints but did get a lot of compliments on our Award winning Branch Line. We have even had other Branches asking us to make posters for them which show how talented my Public Relations Assistant is.

In the future, I would ask that anyone submitting a report or article for the newsletter to please do so in a timely fashion.

Robert Harrison  
PRO Chairman  
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### The Next Stall

A man was traveling north to Alberta. He needed to use the bathroom and so at a rest stop he goes into a stall. He sits down and was surprised to hear someone in the next stall say, "So how ya doing?"

The man gulps and thinks about what he should say and then decides to answer. So he clears his throat and says, "uh....I'm fine."

Then the stranger in the next stall says, "So where are you headed?"

Again the man, a little nervous answers, "Uh...I'm headin north to Alberta."

Then the stranger asked, "So what have you been up to?" Again the man answers, "Not much, I'm actually on a business trip."

The man sat there waiting for another question when finally he heard the stranger in the next stall impatiently say, "Look, I'm going to have to call you back, some idiot in the next stall thinks I'm talking to him."

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I decided to make my password "incorrect" because if I type it in wrong, my computer will remind me, "Your password is incorrect."

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A mom texts, "Hi! Son, what does IDK, LY, & TTYL mean?" He texts back, "**I Don't Know, Love You, & Talk To You Later.**" The mom texts him, "It's ok, don't worry about it. I'll ask your sister, love you too."



## TRAINING, ORGANIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT



The Spring Convention was held on March 22, 2015. Zone TOD Chairman Ron James presented his report and I have taken an excerpt from it.

*Branches are still and probably always will deal with conflicts with Members and Executives on the daily running of Branch operations, while striving to ensure Branch sustainability and continuity in these difficult times of income reduction and expenses continuing to increase seemingly daily.*

*Membership numbers in most cases continue to decline at most Branches thus reducing the numbers of able and willing volunteers we all desperately require to keep our expenses in check and strive to attain somewhat of a positive bottom line for profit and loss statements.*

With these words in mind he spoke of the teamwork that we as Branches must rely on to survive.

**Teamwork is the actions of individuals, brought together for a common purpose or goal, which subordinate the needs of the individual to the needs of the group. In essence, each person on the team puts aside his or her individual needs to work towards the larger group objective. The interactions among the members and the work they complete is called teamwork.** Author Unknown

Rhonda Harrison  
TOD Chair  
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## YOUTH EDUCATION



Hello Comrades.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the executive staff for all for their wisdom and support throughout my first term as the Youth Education Chair. My thanks also to the many members that have volunteered for our Youth projects this year. It is a 'team effort!'

Each summer the executive attends 'Super Seminar' where our Zone Chair's communicate all the information needed for the upcoming term. The Youth position demands early correspondence with our schools as our educators need to develop their own timelines to promote our Legion Youth Competitions. Of course, it's beneficial that the Youth Education Chair work closely with the Poppy Chair as these two positions compliment each other promoting 'Remembrance'. Again, another team effort!

This year we identified many budding young artists in the poster competition and our campaign was very successful. Two of our winning students were awarded a 4th place poster entry at the Zone Level Competition. Our Public Speaking Competition information was communicated to our schools shortly after Remembrance Day with competition held mid February. After identifying much miscommunication and some other difficulties, we concluded with another successful competition. Two of our students were awarded at the Zone Level and promoted to the District Competition. It is my absolute delight to inform you that recently one was awarded the 3rd place in the Intermediate division and the other a 1st in the Primary division. We are very proud of both these young ladies as well as all our students that entered the competitions. Our Primary winner will compete mid April at the Area Division Public Speaking and we wish her every success!

The Youth Education Chair this term has been filled with challenges, learning curves, mixed emotions and rewards. Many parents have felt obliged to contact myself with comments and I think you will contemplate this particular quote.

"Thanks again for all the work and effort you and our local Legion #340 does to foster, inspire, motivate and encourage our children. This is a medium that we know is giving our girls a voice and confidence to do their part in society. Please pass along our thanks to the entire Legion".

Collectively, our Branch team has been instrumental in facilitating all aspects of their 'sworn' membership duties of assistance. I am very proud to call you 'Comrade', I'm also very proud to be an elected member and custodian of the Youth Education Chair Position.

Well done 'Team #340'!

Elizabeth Eby  
Youth Education Chair  
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**Primary Winners – Branch Level  
February 22, 2015**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: C. Morris – Saugeen Central
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: S. Qureshi – Saugeen Central
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: M. Ballard – Northport

Cde Eric Eastwood assisted in presenting the Awards to the top 3 winners.

**District Public Speaking**

The District competition was held at the Mount Forest Branch on March 28, C. Morris – Saugeen Central Public School, took 1st place once again. The next level is the Area competition which will be held at the Scarborough Legion Branch 614 on April 18, 2015.

L-R Cde John Lowe, District Youth Ed Chair, District Cdr Derek Moore presenting the 1st Place Certificate



Tim's wife was hosting a dinner party for some of her close friends, at their summer home. Moments before the guests were scheduled to arrive, she asked Tim if he would be ever so gracious to walk a block down to the beach to pick up some fresh snails for the party. On his way to the beach he passed the local bar, and figured he'd stop in for a quick drink before heading down to the beach to search for the snails.

One drink lead to the next, and before he knew it, it was 5:00 in the morning and he hadn't gotten his wife those snails.

Quickly he hurried down to the beach, picked up a few snails, rushed home, and stumbled up the front steps, dropping the snails.

At that moment, his wife angrily opened the door asking him where he had been and how he had ruined her party.

Tim, looked towards the snails and said "C'mon you slow pokes! Just a few more steps and we're there!"



## ZONE C4 NEWS

Elections for the position of Zone Commander and Deputy Zone Commander were held at the Zone C4 Spring Convention on March 22, 2015

Cde Sheila James (Owen Sound Branch 6) was acclaimed as Zone Commander and Cde Dean Weir (Warton Branch 208) was elected as Zone Deputy Commander.

Their term of office is from June 1, 2015 – May 31, 2017.

### Comparing Prices to Gasoline

Think a gallon of gas is expensive? This makes one think, and also puts things in perspective.

Diet Snapple 16 oz \$1.29 ..... \$10.32 per gallon

Lipton Ice Tea 16 oz \$1.19 .....\$9.52 per gallon

Gatorade 20 oz \$1.59 ..... \$10.17 per gallon

Ocean Spray 16 oz \$1.25 . \$10.00 per gallon

Brake Fluid 12 oz \$3.15 . \$33.60 per gallon

Vick's Nyquil 6 oz \$8.35 .... \$178.13 per gallon

Pepto Bismol 4 oz \$3.85 ..... \$123.20 per gallon

Whiteout 7 oz \$1.39 ..... .. \$25.42 per gallon

Scope 1.5 oz \$0.99 . \$84.48 per gallon

And this is the REAL KICKER...

Evian water 9 oz \$1.49.....\$21.19 per gallon?!  
\$21.19 for WATER

And the buyers don't even know the source. (Evian spelled backwards is Naive.)

So, the next time you're at the pump, be glad your car doesn't run on water, Scope, or Whiteout, or God forbid Pepto Bismol or Nyquil.

Just a little humor to help ease the pain of your next trip

	<b>WHAT'S HAPPENING In April</b>	
<b>LADIES CARD CLUB</b> Tuesday Afternoons Upstairs Hall Start 1:30 pm	<b>IN-HOUSE CRIBBAGE</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. each month Start 7:30 pm	<b>BINGO every Wednesday</b> Doors open at 6:30 pm Bingo at 7:30 pm \$700. Jackpot
<b>EUCHRE</b> Thursday at 7:30 pm Canteen	<b>DANCE CLUB</b> Friday at 8:00 pm Upstairs Hall	<b>EUCHRE</b> Saturday at 1:30 pm Canteen



**Thursday Night Card Group**

President Dan Kelly is presented with a cheque from Shirley Dadswell of the Thursday Night Card Group.

The Branch thanks the Card Group for their continued support.



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**ANNUAL  
GENERAL MEETING  
and ELECTIONS**

**Tuesday, April 7, 2015  
at 7:30 pm**

Mark your calendar and plan to attend to vote for your incoming Executive.

The Nomination Board will be located in the Canteen; please consider becoming a member of the Executive.

Please be prepared to show your 2015 Membership Card at the door, or receipt of paid membership.

All members are encouraged to attend.

Thanking you for your consideration.

*Mike Atkinson  
Elections Chairman*



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# Spaghetti & Meat Ball Dinner

Salad, Bun and Dessert

**Friday, April 17**

**\$10.00 /person**

**\$5.00/ 12 and Under**

**Dinner served at 6:00 pm**





**Hepworth Shallow Lake Legion  
Branch 586**



**9 Legion Road, Hepworth, Ontario**

# **Fish Dinner**

**with**

**Mashed Potato, Vegetable, Cole Slaw,  
Pie, Tea & Coffee**

**Saturday, May 9, 2015**

**Served 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.**

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			1 BINGO 7:30 PM  	2 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	3 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM  	4 EUCHRE 1:30 PM <hr/> MEAT RAFFLE 4:00 PM
5	6 	7 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM <hr/> GEN. MTG & ELECTIONS 7:30 PM	8 BINGO 7:30 PM	9 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	10 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM	11 EUCHRE 1:30 PM  DISTRICT CONVENTION
12 DISTRICT CONVENTION	13	14 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM <hr/> L/A GEN. MTG 7:30 PM <hr/> IN HOUSE CRIBBAGE 7:30 PM	15 BINGO 7:30 PM	16 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	17 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM <hr/> SPAGHETTI & MEAT BALL DINNER 6:00 PM 	18 EUCHRE 1:30 PM <hr/> MEAT RAFFLE 4:00 PM
19 ZONE BREAKFAST Owen Sound Branch 10:00 am	20	21 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM	22 BINGO 7:30 PM	23 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	24 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM	25 EUCHRE 1:30 PM
26	27	28 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM <hr/> EXEC. MTG 7:30 PM	29 BINGO 7:30 PM	30 EUCHRE 7:30 PM		

Please join us for our various events

Event Times and Dates Subject to Change