

Port Elgin Branch 340

Branch Line

August 2018

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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

Please be advised that the annual golf tournament scheduled for Saturday, August 18th has been cancelled.

Enjoy the Civic Holiday long weekend!

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

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The Editor

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Sports Officer	Diane Mills
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	Bernice Ellis
	Betty Earnshaw
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	Sharen Maas
	Carolyn Russell



President's Report



Hello Comrades,

The summer has been a beach lover's haven so far. Hope you are enjoying the summer and you all get to take time to relax and rejuvenate yourselves. Branch 340 continues to remain strong with your support. If you have some time, why don't you drop in and say hello to many old and new friends.

Some activities coming up in August, you may want to be involved with:

1. Bingo is being held every Wednesday night starting at 7:30 PM. Doors open at 6:00 PM. We have seen a big increase in participants this summer. Come and enjoy a night out with many of our supporters.
2. We have two meat draws arranged for August 4th and 18th. Please come in and enjoy the fun.
3. Our BBQ's are doing very well at our Branch. For August we have 3 dates which are August 3rd, August 17th and August 31st. Dinner starts at 6:00 PM. Hope to see you all there. Rumor has it that Garry may do another Fish Dinner. Keep your eyes open for the posters going up to advertise it.

4. Our Thursday Night Euchre will continue through the summer. Many people attend this event regularly.

I am very excited to have some new articles coming into the Branch Line. In this paper, you will see a poster looking for pictures of our WW I soldiers who did not come back from the war. We would like to get them in our commemorative banner program to recognize the sacrifice they made. We will be having an article in the Branch Line monthly of our fallen soldiers from WW I and WW II. I would like to thank Bill Streeter for putting these articles together. I hope you enjoy them and learn a little about the soldiers who did not come back from the two wars. Hope you enjoy the read about Oliver Christie in this Branch Line.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Branch this month.

We will remember them.

Yours in Comradeship,

President Dan Kelly
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RCL Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary



Have you been interested in joining the Ladies Auxiliary but don't have enough information to make that decision? Well here's what we're all about.

- Having Fun! We have such fun in the kitchen, at Conventions, on parade, or hosting a yard and bake sale.
- Teamwork! Whether it's delivering Meals-on-Wheels or preparing meals for banquets, we rely on each other and trust each other.
- Dedication! Attending our General Meetings once a month, going to Zone meetings twice a year and Provincial Conventions every other year.
- Volunteering! Whether you're elected or appointed to a position on the executive of the Auxiliary, it's all time we devote to fulfill the task.
- Friendship! We share each other's woes, each other's burdens bear, and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
- Pride! When we wear the uniform; when we carry the flag and when we take part in Legion and public events. We always take pride in being a member of the Ladies Auxiliary. Serving our Legion and supporting our Veterans and our community.
- Hard working Women! You bet we are, but we know how to make it fun and share the work load. We serve the best home cooked meals to our clients.

- Fundraising! Our goal is to donate financially to local charities, organizations and schools, provincial bursaries, sports and charities, Veterans hospitals, our own Legion Branch 340 and the Cenotaph Fund.

Have we piqued your interest? Do you have any more questions? Would you like to complete an application? Then speak to one of the Ladies Auxiliary members if you already know one, or ask the Bartender for an application or the Legion Office or email me at divinediane11@gmail.com.

Cde Diane Mills, Treasurer



Bursary Assistance Program



Program opens every September and closes the last Friday of March in the following year. Download the application form at bursary@on.Legion.ca

Cde Robert Harrison
Bursary Chairman
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Hall Rental



Rental of our spacious, air conditioned hall with its beautiful hardwood floor, ideal for dancing is available for both public and private use. We can cater for a wide variety of uses including meetings, anniversaries, weddings, birthdays, Stag & Does, etc.

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

Our hall rates vary for each occasion and Legion Bar Staff is provided by the Branch.

In certain circumstances, use of the kitchen is offered at \$50 per occasion. The Ladies Auxiliary is available to cater selected menus to your event.

Special consideration is given to the fee schedule when renting to non-profit organizations.

Please contact Norma Dudgeon at the Legion phone number (519) 389-9917 or email: Branch340@eastlink.ca



Poppy





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

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.

We look forward to seeing every one of you, our members and friends, participating in events over upcoming year as we continue to strive to assist and comfort our Veterans who have served us so well!

Lest We Forget

Cde Alex Taylor
Poppy Chairman
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		 LEGION Royal Canadian Legion Tara Br. 383 2018 Events	
Friday Barbecues 5:30 – 7:30 pm August 10 September 14	Friday Dinners 5:30 – 7:30 pm October 12 November 16	Meal Deal Events 5:00 – 7:00 pm August 18 – Beef BBQ September 28 – Fish & Chips	Sunday Breakfast 10:00 am– 1:00 pm October 28 November 25





Town of Saugeen Shores
600 Tomlinson Drive
Port Elgin, ON
519-832-2008

NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

May 15, 2018


SAUGEEN SHORES COMMEMORATIVE BANNER PROGRAM

Saugeen Shores, ON; Again this fall, around Saugeen Shores, there will be Commemorative Banners hanging prior to Remembrance Day. The Town of Saugeen Shores Municipal Heritage Committee, in collaboration with the local Royal Canadian Legions, has established a continuing program that recognizes those that had lived in our community and who made the ultimate sacrifice in protecting our freedom.

Last year the group collected 39 pictures of those that made the ultimate sacrifice in WWI and WWII that had lived in our communities. The cenotaphs in our community include the names of those from Southampton, Port Elgin, Saugeen Township and Saugeen First Nation who lost their lives during these wars.

There are still more than 40 names that we do not have pictures of to produce banners from and we hope that family members will be able to provide pictures and may also be willing to sponsor the banners of their family members.

Anyone wishing to get more information on this Saugeen Shores historic initiative, please call the Town of Saugeen Shores' Deputy Clerk Tracey Edwards at 519-832-2008 Ext. 105 or by email at heritage@saugeenshores.ca.

	<p>Banner sample attached.</p> <p>For more information, contact Bill Streeter bgstreeter@yahoo.com 519-797-2744</p>
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Fallen Comrades from WWI

Below is a list of our fallen Comrades who passed away in WW I. As part of the Saugeen Shores Commemorative Banner Program, the Town will be putting up the banners for Remembrance Day. In order to include the soldiers from WW I we need a picture of them. If you are aware of any one who may have a picture of any of the names identified below please, contact myself so we can include them in our commemorative program. It is important we remember all those who made the sacrifice so, we as Canadians can enjoy the freedom we have today. I would like to get a picture of all our fallen comrades. Your support is very much appreciated.

Lest we Forget,

Dan Kelly
President – Branch 340 Port Elgin

Name as on Cenotaph

Christian Names

Port Elgin: 13

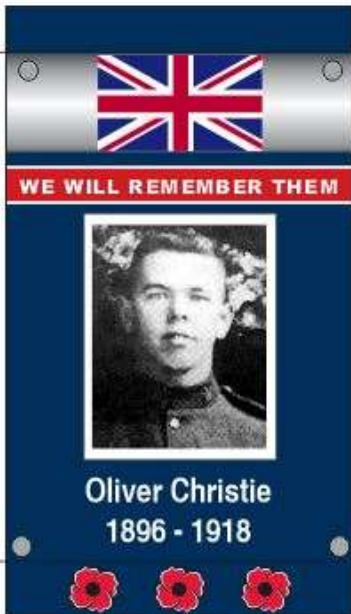
Sgt. Maj. A. Christian	Arthur Minion Christian
M. Gilbert	Charles Morris Gilbert
J. Gregg (John)	John Alex Gregg
S. Harman	Stanley Milton Harman
T. Jackson	Thomas Jackson
H. McArthur	Harvey Joseph (Jacob) McArthur
D. McIntyre	Daniel (Donald) McIntyre
M. Moulton	Morris Alexander Moulton
J. Nunn	Joseph Nunn
J. Saleman	James Henry Saleman
Capt. Smith	????????
C. Sparling	Clifford Roy Sparling
Lieut. R. Thompson	Robert Ellerton Thompson

Saugeen Township: 6

Bulger, Pte. T.	Thomas Charles Bulger
Lyness, W.	Lleyellen Wilbert Lyness
Muir, G.	George Harris Muir (not sure of name)
Schell, L.	Lawrence Robert Schell
Switzer, G.	George Edward Switzer
Switzer, W.	Milford William Switzer



Commemorative Banner Program Oliver Christie



Oliver Christie was born in Saugeen Township on July 14th, 1896, the son of Gilbert F. and Jeanie Laidlaw Christie. The family farm was at Turners close to Port Elgin and part of Saugeen Shores.

After graduating from High School in Port Elgin, Oliver enrolled in Teachers College at the North Bay Normal School. After receiving his 2nd Class teaching certificate he enlisted at Port Elgin, in the 160th Bruce Battalion on April 22nd, 1916. He was only 19 years and 9 months old. His family attended the Dunblane Presbyterian Church where he had been christened. He was 5' 5 ½" in height with a fair complexion, blue eyes and black hair. Dr. A.L. Veitch, who did many medicals for the local recruits during the war, declared Oliver "fit".

In June 1916, 1,200 members of the 160th Bruce Battalion gathered in Walkerton before leaving for London to continue their basic training. The Battalion shipped out for England, via Halifax, on October 17th, 1916. They boarded the Canada Steamships very new "S S Metagama" and headed to Liverpool, England. Onboard were many local recruits from Port Elgin, Southampton, Saugeen First Nation as well as from Saugeen Township.

The Metagama arrived in Liverpool on October 28th, 1916 and the group was sent to the Bramshott Military Camp in Hampshire, England. On November 9th Oliver was promoted to Lance Sergeant. With this came a major raise in pay up to \$25.00 per month from the basic single Private salary of \$15.00. Shortly after that, the group was sent to Scotland and while there on maneuvers Oliver was hospitalized for 17 days in the City Hospital in Edinburgh, for an undisclosed sickness. He then returned to camp at Bramshott.

The year of 1917 brought nothing in the way of action for young Oliver and the 160th Bruce Battalion, except for more training at Bramshott. In an effort to get to the "front" in mainland Europe, on February 23rd, 1918, Oliver requested to revert to Private to increase his chance of getting to a reserve regiment and be selected as a call up replacement. Amongst other things this meant reverting to the \$15.00 per month salary from the \$25.00 a month pay he was getting as a Lance Sergeant.

He was immediately transferred to the 4th Regiment Reserve and on March 23rd he joined the 47th Battalion Canadian Infantry and he sailed to France on March 29th. Upon arrival he was transferred, this time to the 49th Battalion (Alberta Regiment) which was a significant fighting force and part of the 7th Infantry Brigade of the 3rd Canadian Division in France

The 49th became known as “The Loyal Eddies” (Edmonton) and they have a long list of Battle Honors including the Somme, Vimy, Mont Sorrel, Arras, Hill 70, Ypres, Passchendaele, Amiens, Hindenburg Line, etc. Oliver Christie joined them for the Battle of the Scarpe.

The 100 Days Offensive was the final period of WWI, during which the Allies launched a series of offensives against the German Army on the Western Front from August 8th to November 11th. The battles of this offensive essentially pushed the Germans out of France, beyond the Hindenburg Line and brought about the resulting armistice.

The Battle of the Scarpe was fought from August 26th to August 30th near the town of Monchy-le-Preux in North Eastern France, about 12 kms from the City of Arras. On the 26th, The Canadian Corps advanced over 5 kilometers and captured the towns of Monchy-le-Preux and nearby Wancourt. On August 27th, heavy rains during the night resulted in slippery ground, difficulties in assembling troops and a late start for the assault on the Germans. The enemy was in heavily defended positions and gains on this day were limited to around 3 kilometers.

August 28th marked the turning point in the battle and the 2nd and 3rd Canadian Infantry Divisions, including Oliver Christies 49th Loyal Eddies, seized an important portion of the German-Fresnes-Rouvroy defense system. Sadly, Oliver was included in the casualty count of 254 officers and 5,547 other ranks, either dead or wounded over the 3 days. The Canadians captured more than 3,300 prisoners, 53 field guns and 519 machine guns in the battle, marking a significant turning point in the war.

It was a gunshot to the head that killed Oliver. He was buried at the Ligny-St. Flochel British Cemetery in Averdoingt, in Grave II. Row F, Grave 16, about 38 kilometers from where he died. For his time in the army he earned a total of \$599.20 including his \$15.00 a month Privates salary, his \$25.00 a month Lance Sergeants pay for a short period plus his death benefit payment of 3 months at \$15.00. The monies not withdrawn at the time of his death amounted to \$345.00 and this was transferred to the Port Elgin Branch of the Bank of Hamilton. He had died one month after his 22nd birthday.

His Memorial Cross Medal was forwarded to his mother Jeanie Laidlaw Christie at her home in Turners.

The Port Elgin Times on September 11th, 1918 paid tribute, with accolades to young Oliver and gave their condolences and sympathy to his family. His father, Gilbert was the Reeve of Saugeen Township in 1918.

Lest we Forget.
G. William Streeter

Never forget the three powerful resources you always have available to you: love, prayer, and forgiveness.
H. Jackson Brown



Cde Diane Mills was installed as Deputy LA Zone Commander of Zone C-4 on May 30, 2018. Diane looks forward to getting to know the ladies of the Auxiliaries within the Zone, from Tobermory to Paisley, and would like to thank all of her Comrades for their support and confidence.

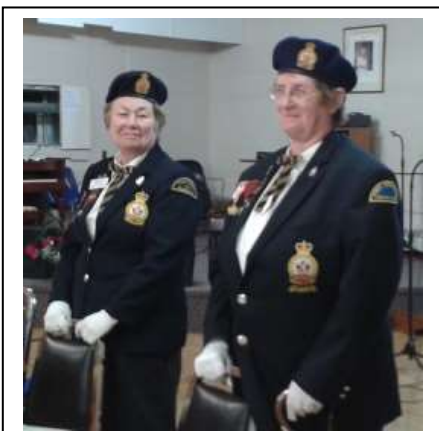


After 34 years of devoted service to the Ladies Auxiliary as Zone Commander, Irene Surridge retired from her position with an emotional farewell at the May 30th Convention in Chatsworth. We will miss her guidance and forthright intellect and her genuine caring for the ladies of her Zone. Happy retirement Irene!



New LA Zone Commander for C-4 is Marg Smith of Paisley, seen here being installed by Provincial President Kim Adams.





Mary Mahar of Owen Sound is the newly elected Zone C-4 LA Sports Officer as she takes her seat at the head table after the installation ceremonies May 30th.



RCL Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary Honours & Awards



L to R: Meryl Cramp - 15 year pin; Betty Earnshaw - 10 year pin; Diana Tripp - 5 year pin; Joyce Chapman - 20 year pin; Janet Steele - 38 years and Life Member; Diane Mills - Honors And Awards Committee Member; Ginny Chappell - 30 year pin; Bernice Ellis - 25 year pin; Marg Esplen - Honors And Awards Committee Member and Life Member with 30 years of service.

Missing from the photo: Virginia Bailey - 10 year pin; Thelma Kennedy - 20 year pin; Shirley Roberts - 20 year pin; Betty Fraser - Life Member with 30 year pin.



Branch 340 Ladies Auxiliary Quilt Raffle



Ohio Star on Point
Machine pieced
Machine quilted

Measurers 68" x 68"

Tickets are \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00

Available in the Legion Club Room

Thank you for your support



Branch Barbecue / Dinner



The Branch BBQ's are going well. Nice to see our regular supporters and lots of new faces in the crowd enjoying our offerings.

Most of all we appreciate those who donate salads and desserts at each event. They are always a complement to our table.

Upcoming events will be on August 3rd, 17th and 31st starting at 6:00 pm.

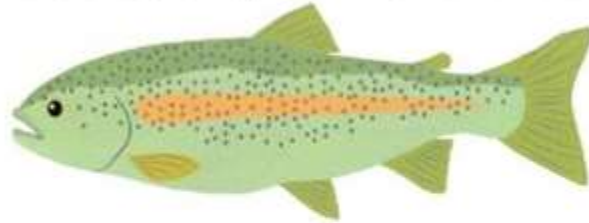


Robert Harrison
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Q: What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary?

A: a thesaurus.

**FISH DINNER
FRIDAY AUGUST 17TH**



PORT ELGIN LEGION BRANCH 340
DINNER: 6PM
COST: \$16:00

**LORD ELGIN FISH
SALADS AND DESSERTS**

LIMITED DINNERS - ADVANCED TICKETS AT BAR

Two Year Old

My two-year-old cousin scared us one summer by disappearing during our lakeside vacation. More than a dozen relatives searched the forest and shoreline, and everyone was relieved when we found Alex playing calmly in the woods.

"Listen to me, Alex," his mother said sharply. "From now on when you want to go someplace you tell Mommy first, okay?"

Alex thought about that for a moment and said, "Okay. Disney World."

The Beach

Our first day at a resort my wife and I decided to hit the beach. When I went back to our room to get something to drink, one of the hotel maids was making our bed.

























I grabbed my cooler and was on my way out when I paused and asked, "Can we drink beer on the beach?"

"Sure," she said, "but I have to finish the rest of the rooms beforehand."



August 2018



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			1 BINGO 7:30 PM 	2 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	3 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM  <hr/>  6:00 PM	4 MEAT DRAWS 4:00 PM 
5	6 	7 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM 	8 BINGO 7:30 PM 	9 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	10 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM 	11
12	13	14 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM 	15 BINGO 7:30 PM 	16 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	17 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM  <hr/>  6:00 PM	18 MEAT DRAWS 4:00 PM 
19	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
26	27	28 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM <hr/> EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:30 PM	29 BINGO 7:30 PM 	30 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	31 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM  <hr/>  6:00 PM	

♣ Please join us for our various events ♣
 ♣ Event Times and Dates Subject to Change ♣