



Port Elgin Branch 340



Branch Line

September 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

The Meat Draw scheduled for Saturday, September 15th has been cancelled and instead entertainment by "The Dann's" will be provided from 3:00 – 7:00 pm. We hope you can join us in the Club Room for an always enjoyable performance by Leo Campbell and his band.

Enjoy the Labour Day long weekend!

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

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.



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2018-2019 LADIES AUXILIARY EXECUTIVE

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President's Report



It is hard to believe that the summer is almost over. We had a very warm one and I hope you all found a way to keep cool.

I am just back from the 47th Bi-annual Dominion Convention in Winnipeg. This was the first year that the Convention went to a 3 day Convention. It was a very hectic Convention with each session lasting 10 hours. Three long days but lots of information was shared. Some of the highlights are as follows:

Election of new Dominion Officers was completed and our Dominion Officers for the next two years are:

- Dominion President – Tom Irvine
- Dominion First Vice President – Bruce Julian
- Dominion Vice Presidents
 - Brian Weaver
 - Owen Parkhouse
 - Angus Stanfield
- Dominion Treasurer – Mark Barham
- Dominion Chairman – Bill Chafe

The Life Membership category was changed back to a Membership Category. If you remember Dominion Command changed this category to an Award and the members did not like this very much. There was a debate and the category has been changed back to a Membership Category.

Poppy Program was revised a little by allowing Poppy Funds to be available for Hospice facilities. This will help support our veterans with end of life care.

There were many other areas and I will try and report them at our September General Meeting.

Our September Meeting will be held next Tuesday September 4th at 7:30 pm. Tracey Edwards, Deputy Clerk, Town of Saugeen Shores, will be attending our meeting to provide everyone with information on the upcoming Municipal Election and how we can vote. She will be available to provide information on the voting process as well and will be able to answer any questions you may have. Hope you all can make it out and support our Branch.

I look forward to seeing you down at the Branch soon.

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



Hours of Operation Change



Our hours of operation on Sunday have been changed. Starting Sunday, September 2nd Branch 340 will be open from 4:00 – 7:00 pm.



In A Hurry....

A woman and her husband interrupted their vacation to go to the dentist.

"I want a tooth pulled, and I don't want Novocain because I'm in a big hurry," the woman said.

"Just extract the tooth as quickly as possible, and we'll be on our way." The dentist was quite impressed. "You're certainly a courageous woman," he said. "Which tooth is it?"

The woman turned to her husband and said, "Show him your tooth, dear."



Bursary Assistance Program



**The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command Charitable Foundation
The Royal Canadian Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, Ontario Command
Bursary Assistance Program**

OPEN TO:

Ex-Service or Currently serving personnel of the Canadian Forces (Regular, Reserve & Merchant Navy);
Commonwealth War Veterans children & grandchildren

Ordinary/Life & Ladies' Auxiliary Members of The Legion children & grandchildren
Associate Members' children only

PROGRAM OPENS EVERY SEPTEMBER & CLOSSES THE LAST FRIDAY OF MARCH IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

Download the application form on on.Legion.ca

1-888-207-0939 bursary@on.Legion.ca

Supporting Documentation Required:

- OSAP Documentation
- Proof of Service & Relationship (Discharge Certificate or Record of Service)
- Branch / Ladies' Auxiliary Endorsement
- School Endorsement

Eligible students can apply for 5 years provided the same course of study is taken.
A new application must be submitted each year.

**Applications MUST be submitted to Ontario Command
No later than the last Friday in March**

The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command
89 Industrial Parkway North
Aurora, Ontario L4G 4C4
1-888-207-0939

If you need any help with the paperwork please feel free to contact me.

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



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



Membership



It is once again time to think of membership renewal. The Early Bird Campaign begins at the start of September and runs through November. If you renew during this time you can save \$5.00 on the cost of your membership.

In order to maintain a strong Branch, we depend on a healthy membership. There is strength in numbers, so if you know anyone who would be interested in joining the Legion, bring them by and let them see our Branch. All forms for membership can be obtained from the Bar Steward.

We welcome Dave and Melinda Myette to our Legion family.

Cde Blair Eby
Membership Chairman
bizebys@gmail.com
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Q. What did the cat say after eating two robins lying in the sun?

A. I just love baskin' robins.



Last Post



Gordon A. Farquhar, Associate 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.*



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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Saturday Euchre will commence on September 8th starting at 1:30 pm in the Club Room.

Events are open to the public. Please join us.



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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 Charles Morris Gilbert



Charlie Gilbert was born in Port Elgin on April 4, 1898, the son of Charles and Margaret Gilbert. He grew up to be a fair skinned young man on a 5' 11" frame with blue eyes and light brown hair. His family attended St. John's Anglican Church.

After leaving school, Charles was employed by the Eaton's Company in Toronto, as a Mail Order Shipper. In 1916, he returned to Port Elgin to enlist in the 160th Bruce Battalion. On March 1st, when he went to enlist, he found out that he had to be 18 years of age to join and he was one month short of being that age. The enlisting Sergeant provided an age certificate to him, allowing him to enlist knowing that he would soon be of legal age to enlist.

In May, the Port Elgin enlistees, relocated to Walkerton to join with the other groups from around Bruce County. By June, the 160th Bruce Battalion had grown to more than 1,200 volunteers. They then travelled by train to London to further their basic training.

Prior to being shipped out to England, Charlie was found to have a hernia that required surgery. He was admitted to the Military Hospital in London on September 26th and was operated on September 27th. He was discharged on October 11th. Immediately, upon his release he had to prepare for the trip to Halifax with his 160th Battalion comrades for their departure to England.

On October 17th, they boarded the S. S. Metagama. The ship was a recent new addition to the Canada Steamship Lines fleet. The fresh army troops filled the 3rd Class Cabins below deck while the paying customers got the 1st and 2nd Class Rooms on the upper decks.

The Battalion arrived in Liverpool on October 28th and was sent to the Bramshott Military Camp in Hampshire. In November, Private Gilbert received his first promotion, to Acting Lance Corporal. Military training continued at the Whitley Camp which was close to Bramshott. In April 1917, Lance Corporal Gilbert was promoted again, this time to Acting Corporal.

In July 1917, Charlie was having severe stomach pains and was found to be, suffering from Colic. He was assigned to clerical duties. With regrets, on July 20th he requested to revert to the rank of Private recognizing that he could not continue as a regular soldier. He was assigned permanent clerical duties at the Ashford Command Office.

On October 9th he was hospitalized at Shorncliffe for Colic and was sent to the Canadian Convalescence Hospital in Monks Horton on October 20th. He was discharged from that hospital on October 26th and returned to his duties at Ashford. He spent the next few months on clerical duty and was awarded a Good Conduct Medal on April 18, 1918. On May 2nd he was graded as a Class 1 Clerk.

In July of 1918 his old hernia surgery from 1916 became problematic and he was sent to the Granville Canadian Special Hospital in Buxton, Derbyshire in England's North West for what turned out to be a double hernia surgery. That came with considerable complications. He had to be fitted with a truss for his inguinal hernia and remained in the Buxton hospital for an extended recovery period prior to his release.

In early October 1918 he returned to hospital in Buxton; this time with a horrible case of pneumonia. Sadly, on October 18th at the age of 20 years and 6 months he died.

He was buried at the Buxton Cemetery near the hospital. It is a very small cemetery in the North West of England with only 76 WWI burials of which 29 are Canadian.

In the short time that Charles was in England, his parents had moved to Toronto, where they were living at the time of his death. His name is amongst the 315 Eaton's Canadian employees who were casualties and they all are named on the WWI Eaton's Employee Memorial, on display in the Eaton Centre at the corner of Yonge and Dundas St's. in Toronto.

He was a brave young man who died at a much too young an age.

Charlie's older brother, Henry, was also born in Port Elgin and served in the Canadian Expeditionary Force. He saw action in Europe with the Canadian Pioneer Battalion and returned home and lived the remainder of his life in Toronto.

"We Will Remember Them".

Researched and Written by: G. William Streeter



Back To School

Back to School is Tuesday September 3rd

Please be aware of school buses loading/unloading children and those children walking to school. They will be very excited and may not be as watchful as they should.



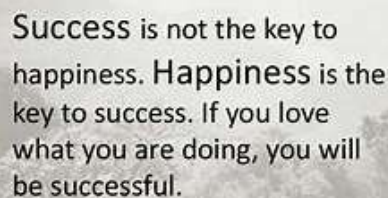
Back To School

Keep our children safe!

It is important to make breaks between individual exercises. I personally stick to breaks of about 3-4 years.

Men's Rules

- Birthdays and anniversaries should not be challenges to see if we can again find the perfect present for you.
- Sometimes we are not thinking about you. Live with it.
- Sunday is sports day. It's like gravity or a full moon or gravity. Let it be.
- Just ask for what you want. Let's be clear on this. Subtle hints don't work. Nor do strong or even obvious hints. So just simply tell us what you want.
- We don't remember dates. So write birthdays and anniversaries on the calendar and remind us frequently before the event.
- Learn to work the toilet seat. You're a big girl now, so if it's up, don't moan, just put it down. We need it up and you never hear us complaining when you leave it down.
- Shopping is not a sport and we are never, ever going to think of it as such.
- Yes and No are perfectly acceptable answers to most questions.
- Christopher Columbus didn't need directions and neither do we.
- Only come to us with a problem if you really want help solving it. That's what we do. Sympathy is what your girlfriends do.
- Anything we said over 3 months ago is inadmissible in an argument. In fact, all comments become null and void after 7 days.
- If you think you're fat, you probably are. Don't ask us. We won't answer.
- Most men own at most three pairs of shoes. So what makes you think we're any good at helping you decide which pair of your shoes, out of forty, goes best with your dress?
- If something we said can be interpreted two ways, and one of the ways makes you sad or angry, we meant the other one.
- Men see in only 16 colors, like Windows default settings. Peach, for example, is a fruit, not a colour and we have no idea what mauve is.
- We are not mind readers and never will be. Our lack of mind-reading ability is not proof of how little we care about you.
- If you ask a question you don't want an answer to, expect an answer you don't want to hear.
- When we have to go out somewhere, anything you wear is fine. Really.
- If we ask what is wrong and you say "nothing," we will act like nothing's wrong. We know you are lying, but it is just not worth the hassle.



Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful.

Albert Schweitzer



If you are a Snow Bird..... Why not an Early Bird?

Before you fly south for a winter's relaxation, become an Early Bird by paying next year's dues between September 1st and November 30th. Then you can preen in the sun, knowing you've ensured there'll be no loss of Legion service or membership privileges. Remember, if you wait it may be your feathers that are ruffled later.



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



Royal Canadian Legion Tara Br. 383

2018 Events

<p>Friday Barbecues 5:30 – 7:30 pm September 14</p>	<p>Friday Dinners 5:30 – 7:30 pm October 12 November 16</p>	<p>Meal Deal Events 5:00 – 7:00 pm September 28 – Fish & Chips</p>	<p>Sunday Breakfast 10:00 am– 1:00 pm October 28 November 25</p>
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Toonies for Troops



Greetings Comrades, Friends & Family.

This year marks the 3rd anniversary of the Toonies for Troops Project where a Christmas care package is collected and shipped overseas to our Canadian serving troops at CHRISTMAS.

This year a new and young member of the #340 Griffith Air Cadet Squadron has asked to 'help out' and partner resources with the Project Manager. I am pleased to welcome Brock Eby on board with the project, on behalf of the Cadets.

Brock has a deep sense of what this project entails and looks forward to working with all our schools and students for artwork and letters to soldiers accompanying our parcels.

We will be collecting funds to purchase treats at Branch, Ebys Barbershop or Blair and I in person.

We thank with all our hearts, in advance, David at Tim Hortons and Scott Rowland of Independent Grocer, in Port Elgin, for their continued and most gracious financial support to this program.

Our collections for Tim Hortons coffee, popcorn and granola bars is what our serving troops keep asking for and we are pleased to package it up and ship it anywhere in the WORLD TO THEM.

LEST WE FORGET.

Thank You,
Elizabeth Eby
Project Manager
Executive #340 Port Elgin

**'The best thing to hold
onto in life is each other.'**

Audrey Hepburn



Canadian Big Band Celebration



Branch 340 is pleased to join with the Port Elgin Dance Club to co-sponsor the Friday Night of the Big Band Celebration Weekend in our main hall September 7th from 7:30-11:00 p.m.

Howling Dog Vintage Jazz Band, sponsored by the Dance Club, play a variety of Blues, Swing and Dixieland Jazz so come out and dance on the best dance floor in Town to some of the best music. A \$20 pass provides you with admission to all the venues in Saugeen Shores plus a free trolley service.

For full details of the weekend's entertainment go to www.canadianbigband.com

Port Elgin Dance Club Fridays 8-11 p.m. in the main hall. \$5/couple. All welcome.

Plan to attend Tobermory Branch 290 as they celebrate their 80th Anniversary.

Legion Week  **Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 290**

 **Wine & Cheese** 

+

80
YEARS
ANNIVERSARY

**Saturday, 15 September 2018
3:00 p.m. to ???**

Meat Draw @ 4:00 p.m.



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630 Green Street 519-389-9917



Pumpkinfest Dinner in the Lounge

**Friday September 28, 2018
Serving at 6:00 pm**

**Eva Stoddart's "Pulled BBQ Turkey on a Bun"
Potato Salad - Mixed Greens - Baked Beans
Deviled Eggs - Dessert**

**Adults - \$10.00
Children 12 and Under - \$5.00**

Advance tickets at the Bar or from
Elizabeth Eby
519-832-3133
bizebys@gmail.com

Everyone is Welcome





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Pumpkinfest Breakfast

FUNDRAISER

**Home
Fries
&
Toast**

**Scrambled
Eggs,
Ham &
Sausage**

**Tea,
Coffee
& Juice**

Saturday, Sept. 29 7 am – 12 noon

Sunday, Sept. 30 8 am – 12 noon

Adults - \$10.00

Children Under 12 - \$6.00

Children Under 3 – Free





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Remembrance Day Afternoon & Dinner

Sunday, November 11, 2018

**Entertainment By "Slight Return"
2:30 – 5:30 pm**

**Roast Beef Dinner in Main Hall
following**

*Advance tickets Only
Veterans No Charge
More information to follow*



















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Everyone is Welcome



September 2018



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1 MEAT DRAWS 4:00 PM 
2	3  LABOUR DAY	4 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM <hr/> GENERAL MEETING 7:30 PM	5 BINGO 7:30 PM 	6 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	7 BIG BAND PARTICIPANT HOWLIN' DOG VINTAGE JAZZ BAND 7:00 – 11:00 PM	8 EUCHRE 1:30 PM
9	10	11 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM <hr/> LA GENERAL MEETING 7:30 PM	12 BINGO 7:30 PM 	13 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	14 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM  <hr/>  6:00 PM	15 EUCHRE 1:30 PM <hr/> ENTERTAINMENT "THE DANNS" 3:00 – 7:00 PM
16 ZONE C-4 CONVENTION	17	18 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM 	19 BINGO 7:30 PM 	20 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	21 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM 	22 EUCHRE 1:30 PM
23	24	25 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM <hr/> JOINT EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:00 PM	26 BINGO 7:30 PM 	27 EUCHRE 7:30 PM 	28 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM  <hr/> PUMPKINFEST DINNER 6:00 PM 	29 EUCHRE 1:30 PM <hr/> MEAT DRAWS 4:00 PM <hr/> PUMPKINFEST BREAKFAST 7:00 - NOON 
30 PUMPKINFEST BREAKFAST 8:00 - NOON 						

🎻 Please join us for our various events 🎻

🎻 Event Times and Dates Subject to Change 🎻