

# Branch Line

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Inside this issue you will find what is happening this month with Committee Reports, general information and a wee bit of humour 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.

Annual Christmas Raffle tickets are on sale now. The draw will be held on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm. Please support our fundraiser as proceeds will be earmarked for youth programs in the community. Tickets are \$2.00 or 3/\$5.00.

A reminder that our annual Christmas Toy Drive has begun. The Iota Phi Sorority have delivered the toy boxes to the Branch and we ask when shopping for your family and loved ones please purchase an extra toy for our Toy Box and help make Christmas a little happier for a child in our community. The last day to drop off a toy is December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Christmas holiday hours will be in effect, see inside for more information.

I am pleased to announce that the Branch will be hosting a Levee on Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. The hours are from 1:00-7:00 pm with entertainment from 2 - 5:00 pm. What a way to usher in the New Year with family and friends!

On behalf of my husband Bob and our family may your Christmas sparkle with moments of love, laughter and goodwill and may the year ahead be full of contentment and joy. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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





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# Notice to Branch Membership

**The next General Meeting will be Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We look forward to seeing you and thank you for supporting your Branch.**

**Reminder, that without a quorum at the General Meetings the Executive is unable to ratify any of the Motions that need approval.**

***Executive Committee***



## President's Report



What a great month of November. Who would believe we would be golfing on November 17<sup>th</sup> in shorts. The weather was also very good for the volunteers who took time out for another great Poppy Campaign. I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped not only with the canvassing but also the Admail Campaign and the money count at the end. It was also a good year for our Youth Education competition. A special thanks to Rhonda who took charge and coordinated both programs.

We also thank our Colour Party for the great job at the Remembrance Sunday church service, the annual Winterhawks Hockey puck drop and the annual parade. At time of this writing the Colour Party will be participating in the Santa Claus parade. Great job to all!

It takes a lot of work to organize Remembrance Day. Thank you to the people who helped with the wreath set-up and take down at the cenotaph. Thanks to Pastor Dave Baker for his participation which also included the set-up of the sound system at the cenotaph and of course Rev. Chuck Beaton who provided the scripture reading on Remembrance Sunday.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank Norma Dudgeon who coordinates the Remembrance Day events and all the behind the scene jobs this entails. Great job Norma!

We also received a flag with the names of the Canadian soldiers who we lost in Afghanistan. Brian from Dennison Homes graciously volunteered to frame it for us and did a great job. I invite you to come to the Branch and have a look.

Special thanks to Hailey Ashton for the Remembrance Day luncheon and for those that helped serve the meal.

Christmas is almost here. I hope you have time to drop off an unwrapped toy in our toy box, purchase some tickets for the annual Christmas Raffle or come to the Branch for one of the Meat Draws. Join us for a social time with friends old and new.



Rhonda and our family would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and all the best in the New Year.

President Robert Harrison  
519-389-4806  
[bnrshow@eastlink.ca](mailto:bnrshow@eastlink.ca)



## Bursary



Bursary season has started and will end on the last Friday in March 2025. A \$1,250 award will be given to all qualified students. Please see the on-line application to see if you qualify.

For more information go to [www.on.Legion.ca/remembrance/youth-programs](http://www.on.Legion.ca/remembrance/youth-programs) for the current Bursary form.

If you have any questions or need assistance please call me at 519-389-4806.

Cde Robert Harrison

Bursary Chair  
[bnrshow@eastlink.ca](mailto:bnrshow@eastlink.ca)



## 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.

**Don't be disappointed and book your date for your Christmas party.**

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](mailto:1bernie@bmts.com) or call the Branch at 519-389-9917 to leave a message



## Honours and Awards





Recognizing valued members for their contributions at our Legion is an important part of the Honours and 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 the Honours and Awards Committee will evaluate the nomination.

Cde Tom Jacques  
 Honours and Awards Chair  
[thjacques@bmts.com](mailto:thjacques@bmts.com)

**On Remembrance Day, Years of Service Pins were announced.  
 Please contact Tom Jacques, H & A Chair, if you are a recipient for a service pin.  
 Pins are awarded in 5 year increments.**

<b>ORDINARY</b>				
<u>5 Years</u>	<u>25 Years</u>	<u>35 Years</u>	-	-
Jonathan Birinyi	Pam Mather	Chris Kemp		
		Bruce Leadbetter		
<b>ASSOCIATE</b>				
<u>5 Years</u>	<u>10 Years</u>	<u>15 Years</u>	<u>20 Years</u>	<u>25 Years</u>
Darryl Brand	Brian Johnston	Beth Douglas	Brian Cassidy	John Earnshaw
Kathryn Buckle	Karen Johnston	Lisa Exell	Al Gerrior	Tom Fenton
Patricia Callachan	Robert Simpson			Vern Legge
Matt Pawley	Jennifer Smith			James Reiger
Nathan Smith				
Robert Smith				
Jeff Walker				
<u>30 Years</u>	<u>35 Years</u>	<u>40 Years</u>	<u>45 Years</u>	<u>50 Years</u>
Mary Alexander	Bert Hatton	Gerry Beauregard	David Ferris	Thomas Willins
Jeff Crawford	Sharon Roppel	Betty Earnshaw	John Goluzd	
Connie Grieve				
June Rourke				
<b>AFFILIATE-VOTING</b>				
<u>5 Years</u>	<u>10 Years</u>	<u>15 Years</u>	<u>25 Years</u>	-
Graham Marr	Betty Guillett	David Higgins	Tim Helmuth	
Kathy Swift	Jerry Shipsides			
Reilly Witter				





Ordinary – 5 Year Pin:  
Sam Galante, Rod Petrovic with Dan Kelly



Ordinary 30 Year Pin:  
Andrew Reinhart with Dan Kelly



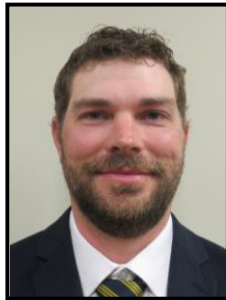
Associate 5 Year Pin:  
Doug Woito with Dan Kelly



Associate (Life) 40 Year Pin:  
Rhonda Harrison with Dan Kelly



## Membership Report



Please use one of the options below and get your 2024 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](mailto:bellcr@bmts.com) to make other arrangements.

**REMINDER: December 1<sup>st</sup> renewal fees will be \$65.00. Pay today to remain a member in good standing.**

Cde Craig Bell  
Membership Chair  
[bellcr@bmts.com](mailto:bellcr@bmts.com)



## Last Post



Heather Hutton

Associate

**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.**



*“May there be comfort in knowing that someone so special will never be forgotten.” —Julie Hébert*





## Poppy

**The final report will be available in the January bulletin.** Needless to say it was a very successful campaign and I humbly thank everyone who supported throughout in any small way.  
Way to go Team!

Cde Rhonda Harrison  
Poppy Chair  
Cell - 519-386-3919 or Home -519-389-4806  
[bnrshow@eastlink.ca](mailto:bnrshow@eastlink.ca)



**THEY SAY 40 IS THE NEW 30  
AND 50 IS THE NEW 40, BUT ALL I  
KNOW IS THE OLDER I GET, THE  
MORE 9PM IS THE NEW  
MIDNIGHT.**

**YOU KNOW YOU'RE  
GETTING OLD  
WHEN A RECLINER  
AND A HEATING  
PAD IS YOUR IDEA  
OF A HOT DATE**

**My wife asked if she  
could have a little  
peace and quiet  
while she cooked dinner...  
  
So I took the battery out  
of the smoke alarm!**



## Seniors Report

The Royal Canadian Legion helps Veterans, their spouses, and dependents access benefits from Veterans Affairs Canada and refers them to various senior support programs.

### RCL Ontario Command Resources for Seniors.

RCL - Support for Seniors link : <https://legion.ca/support-for-veterans/support-for-seniors>

RCL - Resource List link: <https://www.on.legion.ca/veterans-seniors/senior-resources/srresourceslist>

Don Lindhorst  
Seniors Chair  
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An old man went to the Doctor complaining that his wife could barely hear. The Doctor suggested a test to find out the extent of the problem. "Stand far behind her and ask her a question, and then slowly move up and see how far away you are when she first responds."

The old man excited to finally be working on a solution for the problem, runs home and sees his wife preparing supper. "Honey" the man asks standing around 20 feet away "whats for supper?" After receiving no response he tried it again 15 feet away, and again no response. Then again at 10 feet away and again no response. Finally he was 5 feet away "honey whats for supper?" She replies "For the fourth time it's lasagna!"





## Sergeant-at-Arms



Our Branch Colour Party on parade is one of the most visible things that we do. We could use a few new flag bearers. It is not difficult to learn and I would be more than glad to train new volunteers.

You would be needed for Remembrance Day, the Santa Claus parade and General Meetings if possible. We support other Branches for special events when requested. We have even been invited to the Saugeen Shores Winterhawks game for the dropping of the puck on the Friday closest to November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Please consider joining our Flag Family Team. You can meet some new friends and have some fun doing it. If you are interested please contact me.

Cde Mike Hobson  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
[hobson@bmts.com](mailto:hobson@bmts.com)




## Sports Report

### Upcoming Zone C-4 Sports



**Eligibility: All verified paid Members.**  
**Membership Card is required to be shown at Registration**  
**\*\*\* Sign-up Sheets” are located on the Games Board in the Club Room \*\*\***

Cde Gord Kelly  
Sports Chair  
[gordonakelly1973@gmail.com](mailto:gordonakelly1973@gmail.com)

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Euchre on January 12, 2025</u></b></p> <p>Host Branch: Chatsworth Branch 464          Location: Chatsworth Branch 464  <b>Entry Deadline Date: December 27, 2024 No Late Entries Accepted</b>          Registration Time: 10:00 To 10:30 am          Game Time: A.S.A.P. After Registration          Entry Fee: \$5.00 Per Person          Only Ten (10) Teams Per Zone</p>
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## Veterans Services



As always, if any member is aware of any veteran, whether a Legion member or not, who may need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me and I can contact the veteran directly to assess any support that may be required. I can be contacted via the Branch at 519-832-2903.

Branch 340 Executive would like to hear from our Veterans!

We need suggestions for how Branch 340 can better support /serve You, our Veterans. Share with us your interests/activity preferences; maybe you have some spare time and would like to volunteer to lead an activity. Please contact us (Branch office email or phone).

Cde Janice Pepe  
Veterans Services Officer  
[Branch340@eastlink.ca](mailto:Branch340@eastlink.ca)  
519-832-2903



## Ways and Means



Mark your calendars for our Christmas Meat Draws. We have a variety of meat and cheese prizes for you to win. December dates are 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. **Please note the December 13<sup>th</sup> event will start at 8:00 pm.** The other events start at 4:00 in the Branch Club Room. We welcome everyone and good luck to all.

Cde Tom Jacques  
Ways and Means Chair  
[thjacques@bmts.com](mailto:thjacques@bmts.com)



## Youth Education

### Poster & Literary Competition

At time of writing I have not received results from our Zone Poster & Literary Competition. I will report on both our Branch and Zone results in January.

The Public Speaking Competition will be held in February 2025. If you are available to judge please contact me.

Cde Rhonda Harrison  
Youth Education Chair  
[bnrshow@eastlink.ca](mailto:bnrshow@eastlink.ca)





## Remembrance Day 2024

This year turned out to be a cool, with some rain, day to honour our Veterans and Fallen Comrades but it didn't deter our community and Legion members; we had a huge crowd join us to pay their respects.

We are very lucky to have Pastor David Baker and Brad Johnston of the SouthPort Family Church to live-stream our service so that our Veterans and Seniors could watch at home or at the Legion and we can't thank them enough for all their efforts. Thanks to Garry Winnitoy for looking after the clubroom TV technology!

Remembrance Day takes many weeks of planning and organizing and I would be remiss if I didn't thank all the volunteers who physically helped me behind the scenes as there lies a lot of the work; hopefully, I haven't missed anyone.

Sound System:

Pastor David Baker & Brad Johnston

Wreaths:

Cenotaph Setup & Dismantle / Pickup and Put Away

Dan Kelly, Curt Virtue, Brad Davies, Mike Hobson, Bob Harrison, Craig Bell, Scott & Tanya Thede, Andre Robert, Ken Martin, Hayden Duplantis, Josh Hopkin, Rob & Deb Atkinson, Tony Atkinson

Wreath tags:

Anne Eby who has helped me for many years as it's quite a consuming job

Yard Detail:

Actually, I don't think we found any dog poo this year – life is good

Bugler:

Jonathan Birinyi

Singing of Anthems:

Erin Milley Patey

Flag at half-mast:

Jeff Virgo

Media:

Saugen Times & Peter Little who took our pictures

This is only the tip of the iceberg of the preparation but it all comes together for ½ hour on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November. A few key people that help make our special day a success are:

**Parade Marshall: Mike Hobson / Colour Sgt: Robert Harrison**

Mike and Bob had everyone in precision step marching to the Pipe Band; seeing our Colour Party with the flags blowing in the wind makes us all so very proud to be a Canadian

**Cenotaph Sgt at Arms: Andrew Reinhart**

Andrew has been my Cenotaph Sgt at Arms and my right hand for many years; he also has the significant job of escorting the wreath bearers; I am so lucky to have Andrew at the cenotaph to look after any little glitches that may occur; he also commanded the Air Cadet Honour Guard – after all these years, he can read my mind and we're on the same page – thank you Andrew for making everything go smoothly and adding to our success.

**Poppy Chair: Rhonda Harrison**

Rhonda spent countless hours on the poppy campaign and we were joined at the hip for a couple of weeks but it all came together; congratulations Rhonda and your volunteers on a well-run poppy campaign – it's always a pleasure working with you.

The trailer to haul and store the wreaths was once again donated by Curt Virtue – not sure where we would put all the wreaths and get them to the cenotaph without the trailer – Thanks Curt!

A special thank you to the ladies who put on a beautiful lunch for everyone to enjoy: Bernie Ribey, Linda Virgo, Hailey Ashton, Lynne Dennison, Sally Clarence / Don Dudgeon for bringing the food to the clubroom.

We thank Pastor David Baker for his words of prayer and compassion to our Veterans and community; Rev Chuck Beaton was also with us and we are very blessed to have two clergymen look after us.

This has been my 18<sup>th</sup> year of looking after Remembrance Day; it is a job of love and respect to our Veterans and our Legion – “Lest we Forget”

**Until we meet again on November 11<sup>th</sup>, thank you all!**

Norma Dudgeon – Remembrance Day Chair





## Legion Appreciation: Businesses and organizations make a difference to the Poppy Trust Fund with wreath sponsorship

Our Remembrance Day service at Cenotaph Park this year was drizzly and cool but that didn't stop the well-attended service by our Community, Legion Members and children. Thank you for all your support.

Our Remembrance service was live-streamed by SouthPort Family Church so that everyone could observe and pay their respects to our Veterans.

We have listed the names of the businesses and organizations who have supported us this year by sponsoring a wreath or making a monetary donation.



We sincerely thank everyone for their continued support of Remembrance Day and especially to our Veterans – your courage, service and sacrifice will never be forgotten.

To all the members of our community and to those who generously donated to our Ad Mail Poppy Campaign, we thank you for your donations to the Poppy Trust Fund. Through your generosity, the Legion helps our Veterans, their families and our community through donations to the hospitals and youth programs.

**Norma Dudgeon**  
**Remembrance Day Chair**

**Rhonda Harrison**  
**Poppy Chair**

### 2024 Wreath Sponsors / Donations

Port Elgin Home Hardware  
Shankar Professional Corp  
Davidson-Hill Elevator  
Maples Dental Clinic  
Dot Net Computers  
Saugeen Shores Rotary Club  
Port Elgin Lodge AF & AM #429  
Meridian Credit Union  
Carsons Plumbing  
New Age Roofing  
Maple Shores Health Clinic  
Remax Realty  
In memory of Sam Fleming – Boer War & WW1  
Carl Eby – WW11  
Kingsway Arms – Elgin Lodge  
TD Bank  
UNIFOR  
Royal Bank  
Alex Taylor – Military family  
Port Elgin Lions Club  
Saugeen Shores Family Eye Care  
Grey – Bruce Labour Council

Bruce County Custom Cabinets  
CFUW  
Keith Snyder Construction  
Bruce Power  
Keepsakes & Memories  
MacKay Family Dental  
Edward Jones Investments  
Probus Club Saugeen Shores  
Canadian Tire  
Dunlop Fuels Bros  
Sutton – Huron Shores Realty  
The Eby Family  
James Ingram – WW11  
Donnelly Murphy Lawyers  
Mill Creek Chocolates  
Ross Firm  
Three Sheets Brewing  
SDSS Interact Club  
Westlinks  
Chantry Island Cham-Bettes  
Saugeen Shores Chamber of Commerce  
Warks Service Centre



Ewyn Studios  
 Knights of Columbus  
 Bruce Shrine Club  
 Cathy's Flowers  
 Elementary Teachers Fed. Bluewater Local  
 Mensch  
 Saugeen Shores Family Dentistry  
 Southport Golf Course  
 Port Elgin Rotary Club  
 Turtle Crossings  
 Saugeen Shores Fire Dept  
 Bruce County  
 Port Elgin Legion – Branch 340  
 Northport Elementary School  
 St Joseph's School  
 Rhonda Harrison (In memory of Veteran Winford Root)  
 Faith Maple Estates

Lisa Thompson MPP Huron Bruce

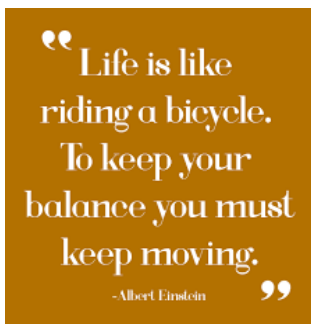
Carr's Customizing  
 Bruce Grey Child & Family Services  
 Pharmsave  
 Dollar Tree  
 Casual Corners  
 Bruce Grey Dental Centre  
 South-Port Chapter No 314/Order of the Eastern Star  
 Hoofn'it Butcher  
 Hi-Berry Farm  
 Saugeen Shores Police Dept  
 Town of Saugeen Shores  
 340 Air Cadet Squadron  
 Saugeen Shores Senior School  
 Port Elgin Saugeen Central School  
 Celtic Academy Canada  
 Mary Galliher (In memory of Veteran Reg Turner)  
 Ben Lobb MP Huron Bruce



Members of Branch 340 and the Colour Party were invited to the Remembrance Sunday Service at Tolmie Presbyterian Church on November 10, 2024



Photos courtesy of Peter Little





## VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT PORT ELGIN LEGION BINGO!!

**Please be advised that Bingo will be cancelled for December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>. We look forward to seeing you in 2025.**

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

**We are still seeking volunteers to help at Bingo. It is with your support that we continue to enjoy our weekly social time.**

**Volunteers wanted!**

We are presently looking for  
- 2 key people for the selling of the bingo books and reporting.

**Volunteers are also needed to:**

- cover shifts selling Bonanza tickets,
- covering the floor shift
- we also need bingo callers.

DID YOU KNOW..... You do not need to be a member of the Port Elgin Legion to volunteer!

Please consider volunteering if you can spare a few hours at least twice a month on Wednesday evening.

Your local Port Elgin Legion offers bingo every Wednesday. Doors open at 6:00 pm and games start at 7:00 pm in the upstairs hall. We are located at 630 Green Street, Port Elgin.

Rhonda Harrison  
[bnrshow@eastlink.ca](mailto:bnrshow@eastlink.ca)  
519-389-4806



Diet tip: If you think you're hungry, you might just be thirsty. Have a bottle of wine first and then see how you feel.

**YOU KNOW WHEN  
YOU BUY A BAG  
OF SALAD & IT  
GETS ALL BROWN  
& SOGGY?  
  
COOKIES DON'T  
DO THAT**

**Be grateful that no matter  
how much chocolate you  
eat, your earrings will still fit.**




### The Perks of Aging

*"We smile more because we can't hear half of what people are saying, and the other half is just not worth listening to!  
It's a perk of aging!"*



## Notable Dates for December 2024

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.

	<p>DECEMBER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities</li> <li>• 3 #GivingTuesday</li> <li>• 5 International Volunteer Day</li> <li>• 6 Halifax explosion (1917)</li> <li>• 6 National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women</li> <li>• 10 Nobel Prize for Peace awarded to peacekeepers (1988)</li> <li>• 25 Christmas (Legion supports Operation Santa Claus)</li> <li>• 25 Fall of Hong Kong (1941)</li> <li>• Membership renewal reminders</li> </ul>
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## Upcoming Legion 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**



Port Elgin Legion Br. 340  
**Christmas Meat Draws**

**Friday, Dec. 13 at 8:00 pm**  
**Saturday, Dec. 7, 14, 21 at 4:00 pm**

ASSORTED PRIZES TO BE WON  
JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN



Legion

**GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**7:30 pm**  
**in the Main Hall**

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

*Please support your Branch*





Branch 340  
Port Elgin



**"Merry Ho Ho Ho"**  
Christmas Raffle  
Wine Themed Basket (\$200.)

Draw Date:  
Saturday, Dec. 21st  
at 6:00 pm  
Legion Clubroom

Tickets: \$2.00 each or  
3 for \$5.00

Lottery Licence  
# M848596

Proceeds for Community & Youth Programs  
Must be over 19 years of age to purchase ticket

*Tickets can be purchased in the Legion Club Room  
Thank you for your continued support*

## Christmas Toy Drive 2024

Be one of Santa's Helpers and make a child's Christmas a little brighter by leaving a new unwrapped gift (to age 14) in our Toy Box.

Or, leave a donation in the Toy Drive Jar and needed items can be purchased.

Toy Drive begins November 15<sup>th</sup>  
and deadline to drop off your  
unwrapped gift is  
December 10<sup>th</sup>

Your support is welcome during this  
holiday season





Port Elgin Legion 340

## Christmas Holiday Hours

Tues. Dec. 24: 3 – 6 pm

Wed. Dec. 25: CLOSED

Thurs. Dec. 26: CLOSED

Tues. Dec. 31: 3 – 6 pm

**Wed. Jan. 1: LEVEE – Open 1 - 7:00 pm**  
**Entertainment: 2 - 5:00 pm**





# Port Elgin Dance Club News



**December 6 FOXTROT LESSON by Carmen & Victor has been Changed.** To accommodate missing the lesson the previous week they are now giving a one hour lesson. Start is now 6:30 - 7:30 for 6.50 per person (\$13 per couple)  
**Followed by our** Dance program 7:30-9:30 \$5 per couple

December 13 **No Dancing** due to Hall Rental

**DECEMBER 20 Christmas Potluck followed by Dancing 6:30 - 9:30, \$5 Per couple.** Sign up sheet is now available to let us know who is bringing an appetiser, main or desert.

**December 27 Closed for Holidays!**

**January 3** Dance in the New Year with regular dance program 7:30-9:30 \$5 per couple.

Jackie & Don Rosart

519-368-7377

"The Best Things Happen While You're Dancing"



Canadian Federation of University Women  
Southport

## National Day of Remembrance & Action on Violence Against Women

We remember the 14 young women killed in 1989 at l'École Polytechnique in Montreal, as well as people across Canada killed due to violence against women. This includes missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirit people.

**34th Annual Vigil**  
**December 6, 2024**  
**12:00pm - 12:30pm**  
Coulter Parkette, Port Elgin

**Awareness | Action | Support**

Help us support local women's shelters:

- e-transfer: cfuw.southport.members@gmail.com
- cheque: payable to "CFUW Southport"
- cash: donation box available at the vigil

