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# CONTACT!

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## President's Report

The Legion's 90th Anniversary Medal is now available, cost \$25.00, can be picked up, ordered by mail or on-line from Dominion Command.

Our Robbie Burns Night was a sell-out. Thank-you to Lorraine Lapensée for organizing the evening and thanks to all who helped make this evening a success.

The Valentine's HEART FOR A HEART fundraiser raised over \$4000 for Jim. Thanks to Pat Cher who organized the event and to all who helped.

Our Branch won first prize in our category for our newsletter, **CONTACT!** This is the second time in a row that we've won. Congratulations to our editor, Lorraine Elmas, for a job well done.

A special thank-you to Pat Cher and Terry Jenkins for developing a branch Facebook page. Here is the link: <http://goo.gl/Rb5uZt>

The next event will be our St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 14.

*John Cher*  
President

At the last branch membership meeting, the following Notice of Motion was tabled:

"that Kanata Branch 638 Royal Canadian Legion be named, the Lt. Col. E.H. Hollyer MC, CD (Kanata) Branch."

## Membership Report

The total membership in good standing to date is 274. We finished out 2014 with 295, so by all calculations 21 members have not renewed their memberships. Renewals are still coming, so I hope to have good news by next **CONTACT!** Those members who have not renewed for 2015 have been removed from our nominal roll.

At this time I would like to welcome our new members for 2015:

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Bev Connell                            | Deborah Holden |
| Anthony Fortner                        | Judy Homma     |
| Mary Jo Gauthier                       | Martin Mason   |
| John Hogg, Judith Hayes & Robert Hayes |                |

There are also four more new members who are in the process of joining.

It was with sadness that we learned of the passing of our Comrade Lorne Vincent (85) who died January 25, 2015. He had been a member of the Legion for 31 years. He will be laid to rest in his home town of Charlottetown.

A reminder that membership cards are available behind the bar.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Brenda Grant*





# Traditional Robbie ("Rabbie") Burns Celebration - A Big Success!

Dedicated to the memory of Scottish poet Robbie Burns, the annual traditional Robbie Burns celebration was hosted at the Kanata Legion on January 24th. The 96 guests in attendance welcomed in the haggis with the Parade of the Haggis followed by the Address to the Haggis, presented by Tom Baker with his Scottish brogue.



Guests were entertained with Poetry of Robbie Burns presented by Moira Green accompanied by Garry Fancy on the violin; Songs of Robbie Burns beautifully sung by Margaret Anthony; the Highland Mist Pipe Band performing a number of Scottish tunes on the bag pipes; Dance demonstration of the Highland Fling and Sword Dances with a prelude on the history of the Scottish Dance presented by Heather Macdonald and Brenda Grant.



Approximately 12 couples had fun while they learned the Strip the Willows Dance and the Gay Gordons Dance instructed by Brenda Grant as the other guests had fun watching!



The traditional "Toast to the Lassies" was presented by Peter Wilkins, and Catherine Mary Bowers met the challenge with her presentation of the "Toast to the Laddies" - both toasts were witty and amusing! Dave McPherson presented a short dissertation/history of Robbie Burns just before the Toast to the "Immortal Memory."

Reverend Craig Bowers said the Selkirk Grace just before guests were served a delicious traditional Scottish meal prepared by Leatherworks Catering! Over dinner guests answered the Robbie Burns and Scotland quiz found on their placemats - educational and interesting!

A bit of Old Scotland put together with just a few ingredients: haggis, neeps, tatties, bagpipes and lots of Robert Burns' verses!

THANKS A MILLION and MUCH APPRECIATION TO ALL WHO MADE THIS EVENING AS BIG A SUCCESS AS IT WAS!

Thank-you to our guests for coming out to celebrate Robbie Burns, and a special thank-you to

- † Lynn McPherson, Dave McPherson, for your guidance and support;
- † Brenda Grant for your support in a number of ways along with the involvement of the Highland Mist Pipe Band - Denis Watson, Dave Brown, Morley Connell, Heather Macdonald;
- † Gord McCaskill and Yves Grimard, bar tenders;



- ✦ Amanda Robbins, Dan Knighton, Brenda Grant - program, poster, placemat design and printing as well as ticket takers;
- ✦ John Cher - liaison with the caterer and other support;
- ✦ Tom Baker - Address to the Haggis;
- ✦ Moira Green and Garry Fancy - poetry;
- ✦ Margaret Anthony - songs;
- ✦ Toasts - John Gooch, Dave McPherson, Peter Wilkins, Catherine Mary Bowers, John Cher;
- ✦ Decorations - Judy Homma, June Tyrrell, Mary Jo Gauthier, Dave & Lynn McPherson;
- ✦ Lorraine Elmas - photographer;
- ✦ Bob and John Thomson - table, chair, hall set-up and clean-up.

*Lorraine Lapensée*  
Event Co-ordinator

## From the Branch Secretary

### BRANCH GENERAL MEETING REMINDER:

The next Kanata Branch General Meeting is

**Wednesday, March 18, 2015, at 7:30 p.m.**

Also, please note: There is no general meeting in February 2015

Thank you.

*Lorraine Lapensée*  
Branch Secretary

## Youth and Education Report

The Awards Ceremony took place Sunday, January 18, at 4:30 pm.



We had approximately 120 people attend. Thank you, Terry Jenkins, for the picture. Many proud parents, family, friends and teachers attended. Lots of picture taking. We were honoured to have Major General Vance attend to watch his niece receive an award.

Many thanks go to

- President, John Cher, for presenting the awards;
- The Colour Party: Bob Thomson, Dan Knighton, Morley Connell, Peter Wilkins,



Additional photos on page 8.



Sue McLean, Lorraine Lapensée and Joan Walters;

- The Judges: Moira Green, Gaetan Pierre Chartier, Ray Quinn, Sue McLean and Carole Piercy;
- Refreshments were organized by Sue McLean.

Our Branch was represented well when 9 of the 11 entries sent to Zone moved on to the district level. At zone, 5 of the 11 entries placed first and went on to the District, one placed second and three placed third.

I would like to thank all who made the Remembrance Contest a success, with a special thanks to the Staff and students who participated.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Brenda Grant*

## Youth Education

### PUBLIC SPEAKING - 2015 SCHEDULE

As some of you may know, legions provide an opportunity for youth from Grades 1-12 to gain experience public speaking and develop their confidence! It truly is amazing the excellent job youth can do presenting speeches regardless of how young! The Zone level is being hosted at our Kanata Legion March 7 and all are welcome!

The following are the dates and locations of the different levels winners will be participating at:

#### Zone G6

March 7, 2015      Br. #638      Kanata

- Primary and Junior Registration at 9 a.m. (no later than 9:30 a.m.). Speaking starts at 10 a.m. sharp;
- Intermediate and Senior Registration at 12:00 noon (no later than 12:30 p.m.). Speaking starts at 1 p.m. sharp.

#### District

March 28, 2015      Br. #353      Eganville

- Primary and Junior Registration at 9 a.m. Speaking starts at 10 a.m. sharp
- Intermediate and Senior Registration at 12 noon. Speaking starts at 1 p.m. sharp.

#### Area

April 11, 2015      Br. #314      Manotick

- Registration for all speakers will be 12 noon to 1pm. Speaking starting at 1pm sharp.

#### Provincial

May 2, 2015      Br. #25      Sault Ste. Marie

- The details for this competition will be given at a later date, but students will be compensated for their expenses from Provincial Command for this one.

*Lorraine Lapensée*, Chair  
Zone G6-Youth Education Public Speaking

## Kitchen Korner

Successfully passed another Health Inspection! Thank you, George Pollock, for helping to effect some recommendations made by the Inspector!

The Food Handlers Course is Saturday, Feb. 28. We have 13 people signed up. It starts at 9:00 a.m., so be ready to begin at that time. Bring pen and paper.

Since we will probably run until 4 p.m., lunch will be provided (soup and sandwiches).

There will be a test! Doubt that it's open book, but I suspect that by paying attention, and using common sense, we will all ace it.

*Sue McLean*  
Kitchen Manager



# Valentine's Dance and Fundraiser

The Valentine's Day benefit for Jim Maveety and his family turned out to be a wonderful evening of music, friendship and sharing. The dance, silent auction, bingo-type games and individual donations raised \$4000 (with more yet to come) for this worthy cause. Thank you for all your support.

*Pat Cher*  
Coordinator



Doing the hokey pokey



Mary Jo and son



Three lovely ladies in red



Bingo!! Clay Wheaton



Bev and Morley







President John Cher presents a cheque for \$4,000, proceeds from the Valentine's Day Dance, to Lynn and Dave McPherson, to be donated to the Maveety family.

*Dear Friends,*

*I have been thinking all morning about how to say thank you for your kindness, generosity and support to our family. I have finally come to realize that there are no words that can adequately express our gratitude to all of you for the amazing St. Valentine's celebration last evening.*

*We are indeed privileged to be associated with such a thoughtful and considerate group of people as those who belong to the Kanata legion.*

*Special thanks must go to Pat Cher who organized and co-ordinated this wonderful evening. We had a great time dancing away the evening and chatting with friends.*

*May you all be blessed as you have blessed us.*

*With much appreciation,*

*David and Lynn*

## De Olde Kit Shop

Tee Shirts - Polo Golf Shirts - Sweat Shirts  
Stock Reduction Sale  
Stock Sizes Limited  
Red "We Support Our Troops"

### TEE SHIRTS

\$10.00 (taxes included)  
(Legion catalogue \$15.95 + \$2.07 HST = \$18.02)  
SIZES AVAILABLE: XXL - 2, XL - 3, M - 2, S - 2

### POLO GOLF SHIRTS

\$15.00 (taxes included)-  
(Legion catalogue cost \$25.95 + \$3.37 HST  
= \$27.08)  
SIZES AVAILABLE: XXL - 1, XL - 5, S - 2

### SWEAT SHIRTS LONG SLEEVE

\$18.00 (taxes included)-  
(Legion catalogue cost \$29.95 + \$3.89 HST  
= \$33.84)  
SIZES AVAILABLE: XXL- 4, XL- 3, L-2, M-4, S-1

### BLUE GOLF SHIRT

w/branch 638 monogram  
\$20.00 (taxes included)  
SIZES AVAILABLE: XXL -1, L-5, M-3

Contact George Pollock if you wish to make a purchase.

## This Month's "Funny"

### HUSBAND MAKES LUNCHES

For the first time in their three year marriage, a wife asked her husband if he would mind making the next day's lunches for them both.

Obligingly he agreed.

The next morning, the wife asked her loving husband, 'Where are our lunches, honey?'

He replied, 'I put them on the second shelf of the fridge. My lunch is the one on the left, and yours is on the right.'

Have a look at the photo on page 10.

Submitted by John Cher

## January Celebrations



Comrade Eddie Vance, taken at the Branch on the occasion of the celebration of his 90th birthday. Happy Birthday, Comrade Eddie!

Submitted by Garry Fancy

The last Sunday of the month we celebrate birthdays and anniversaries from 2 to 4 p.m. in the lounge. Cake and ice cream are served at 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

## Congratulations



President John Cher presents Lorraine Elmas, Editor of **CONTACT!**, with The District "G" Class "D" winner award Royal Canadian Legion, District "G" Annual Bulletin Contest.

Submitted by Terry Jenkins





With more than 70 retirement residences in the Ottawa area, how do you decide which one is best for you and your loved ones?

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The above is a paid advertisement.

## Volunteers

Many will be shocked to find  
When the Day of Judgment nears -  
That there's a special place in Heaven  
Set aside for volunteers.  
Furnished with big recliners,  
Satin couches and foot stools -  
Where there's no committee chairman  
No group leaders or car pools.  
No eager team that needs a coach  
No bazaar or bake sale,  
There will be nothing to staple,  
Not one thing to fold or mail.  
Telephone lists will be outlawed,  
But a finger snap will bring  
Cool drinks and gourmet dinners,  
And rare treats fit for a King.  
You ask "Who'll serve these privileged few  
And work for all they're worth?"  
Why, all those who reaped the benefits  
And not once volunteered on earth!

Author Unknown

Submitted by Lorraine Lapensée

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### Robbie Burns Celebration





Everyone is invited to celebrate St. Patrick's Day  
at the Kanata legion



**The Kanata Legion Presents:**  
*St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance*

**Saturday, March 14, 2015**

**Reception: 5:00 p.m.**

*Irish Dancers: 5:45 p.m.*

**Sue Fay Healy School of Traditional Irish Dance**

*Dinner: 6:30 p.m.*

Menu: Stew / Corned Beef & Cabbage / Colcannon (Traditional Irish Potato Dish)  
Bread Pudding / Coffee and Tea

*Irish Songs & More!*

**Gord Hawley DJ Services**

*Spot Dance Prizes*



*Door Prizes*



**Dress Code:  
Irish Green!**

**Tickets \$20.00**

**Advance Ticket sales only on or before March 10th**  
**70 Hines Road, Kanata      [613-591-5570](tel:613-591-5570)**



**KANATA LEGION & LADIES' AUXILIARY UPCOMING EVENTS**  
Feb. 22, 2015 - June 13, 2015

| DATE & TIMES  | EVENT  | DETAILS   | TICKETS   | CUT OFF DATE FOR TICKETS                              |
|---|--|---|---|---|
| <b>Sun. 22-Feb-15</b><br>2:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m.                   | February birthday & anniversary celebrations                                       | Cake & Ice Cream  | Not applicable  | Not applicable  |
| <b>Fri. 27-Feb-15</b><br>5:30 p.m. reception<br>6:00 p.m. pizza | Pizza Night  |   | \$3.50/slice<br>No tickets – get your name on sign-up sheet | Cut off date to sign up is 27-Feb-15 before 5:00 p.m. |
| <b>Sat. 14-Mar-15</b><br>5:45 p.m. Irish Dancers                | St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Dance evening   | Dinner: Corn Beef & Cabbage & Stew<br>Dance: Hawley DJ<br>Irish Fun Program | \$20.00/person  | March 10, 2015  |
| <b>Fri. 27-Mar-15</b><br>5:30 p.m. reception<br>6:00 p.m. pizza | Pizza Night  |   | \$3.50/slice<br>No tickets – get your name on sign-up sheet | Cut off date to sign up is 27-Mar-15 before 5:00 p.m. |
| <b>Sun. 29-Mar-15</b><br>2:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m.                   | March birthday & anniversary celebrations  | Cake & Ice Cream  | Not applicable  | Not applicable  |
| <b>Fri. Apr. 10</b>   | Wings and Dance Night<br>Back by popular demand featuring:<br><i>Debra McCann!</i> | <b>Wings!</b><br><b>Sing-a-long and dance to Debra McCann!</b>              | To be announced   | To be Announced                                       |
| <b>Fri. Apr.24-15</b><br>5:30 p.m. reception<br>6:00 p.m. pizza | Pizza Night  |   | \$3.50/slice<br>No tickets – get your name on sign-up sheet | Cut off date to sign up is 24-Apr-15 before 5:00 p.m. |
| <b>Sat. Apr. 25</b>   | Burning the Mortgage Party   | To be announced   | To be announced   | To be announced                                       |
| <b>Sun. Apr. 26-15</b><br>2:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m.                  | April birthday & anniversary celebrations  | Cake & Ice Cream  | Not applicable  | Not applicable  |
| <b>Fri. May 8</b>   | 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary End of WWII dinner evening                            | To be announced   | To be announced   | To be announced                                       |
| <b>Sat. May 23</b>  | High Tea & Fashion Show  | To be announced   | To be announced   | To be announced                                       |
| <b>Fri. May 29</b><br>5:30 p.m. reception<br>6:00 p.m. pizza    | Pizza Night  |   | \$3.50/slice<br>No tickets – get your name on sign-up sheet | Cut off date to sign-up is 29-May-15 before 5:00 p.m. |
| <b>Sun. May 31</b>  | Honours & Awards Presentations   | To be announced   | To be announced   | To be announced                                       |
| <b>Sat. June 13</b>   | Ladies' Auxiliary's Annual Fundraiser  | To be announced   | To be announced   | To be announced                                       |



My lunch is the one on the left,  
and yours is on the right.

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