



CONTACT!

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President's Report



Our Robbie Burns' party was a sold-out success with 105 members and friends attending. Thank you to Lorraine and team for a job well done.

The branch Valentine's party and auction held on February 13 had 81 tickets sold and was a complete success. Thanks goes to

Lorraine who helped to make this a great evening. Thanks also to Pat Cher who organized the auction, which brought in \$2,870 to go to local veterans. Thank you to all who donated items for the auction and to George Royle who did a great job of canvassing local businesses for items.

A special thanks to George Pollock for steam cleaning our cloth chairs.

The G6 Zone convention will be held at the Perth Legion on Sunday, March 13. Anyone wishing to go, please contact me for more information.

John Cher
President



From the First Vice

Well, here we are deep into winter and the weather is really doing a number on us. Good thing we are only doing half a winter this year, and it's almost over. We had a new furnace put in and now we are feuding with our dish washer! When will it end? Ah well, spring will come and bring with it a new beginning.

Since the last CONTACT! we have had several great events that I'm sure our entertainment page will show. Suffice it to say, we had a really spectacular Robbie Burns celebration again this year, a truly fun filled 'In House Sports Afternoon', a fabulous Valentine Dinner



and Dance (with Debra), combined with an exciting fun-filled auction that brought a tidy sum to the branch to benefit our local veterans. Kudos to all who attended, those who participated and otherwise supported, YOU are what it takes to makes the legion work.

Thank you, one and all.

Dan Knighton
1st VP

From the Sports Desk

Alas, our representation at the District G dart tournament in Kingston February 6, 2016, was met with such resistance that our team succumbed to defeat. Nevertheless, we can say they represented us soundly. It was an honour to have them characterize our branch, put us on the map so to speak. Never mind, guys, you have another year to practise and be ready. Just wait till next year!

Oh yes, 'mixed darts' is coming up March 19. Anybody interested? Call me! Following that, there will be 'horseshoes' May 14. Please note we have yet to participate in this sport! Come on, branch members (fellow horseshoe players) where are you? Call me! And then, (drum roll), GOLF in June! Here's hoping we can have a play-down for the opportunity to attend the zone golf tournament this year. Soon as the snow is gone we can form a branch team, take the best players and let them go forward to the zone tournament. Hoo hah! Keep it in mind. Call me!

Yours in Good Sports,

Dan Knighton
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Honours and Awards

Your Honours and Awards Committee has reviewed all submissions and put in a few of their own. There is still time to review additional submissions, so don't be shy. The reward categories are:

Branch Members:

- Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) or Palm Leaf to the MSM
- Life Membership
- Legionnaire of the Year Award
- Certificate of Merit
- Certificate of Appreciation

Non Members and Branch Participants:

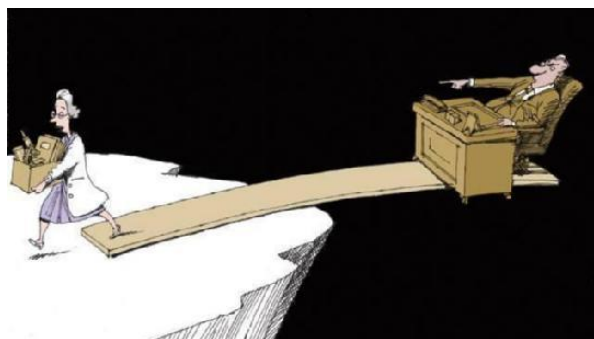
- Branch Honorary Patron Award - to honour local dignitaries, community leaders and family (spouses, etc).
- Friendship Award - to honor and recognize individuals and organizations that have rendered assistance or service through cooperation to the legion.

- Certificate of Merit
- Certificate of Appreciation
- Media Award

Thank you to those who have previously submitted names. Once again, when you see an exceptional job being done, write it down and send it to me or fill out one of the forms available on the board, seal it in an envelope and put as many as you like into my mailbox or leave behind the bar addressed to me.

Dan Knighton
Honours and Awards Chair

The brain processes visual content 60,000 times faster than words.



Paraprosdokians

(Winston Churchill loved them) are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected and frequently humorous.

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
7. Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.

More paraprosdokians to come in next month's issue.

From the Second Vice

January 2016 Gaming Report

1. Bingo

Bingo events conducted: 5

Total Deposit to Bingo Trust: \$2757.00
Expenses

Rent Paid to Branch \$920.10

License Fee \$240.00

Paper Cost

(\$1/attendee) \$204.00

Total Expenses \$1364.10

Revenue after Expenses \$1392.90

Operations &

Maintenance \$663.02

Donation Fund \$729.88

Net Benefit to Kanata Legion \$1583.12

Rent (paid by Bingo) \$920.10

Operations

& maintenance \$663.02

2. 50/50 Draws

50/50 draws conducted: 12

Proceeds for January, all of
which goes to the donation fund: \$ 785.00

Total monies raise for
the month of January
for donations

Bingo \$729.88

50/50 draw \$785.00

\$1514.88

3. General Trust Fund Administration

This group meets once a month to distribute funds generated through the Gaming Program. Once approved by the Executive, the funds are then distributed to the respective recipients.

Donations for February 2016 (subject to General Meeting approval): \$1,000

- Military Families Resource Centre \$500
- Hospice Ottawa Rudy Shankmen Centre \$250
- Elizabeth Bruyere Centre \$250

Brenda Grant

2nd Vice

From the Branch Secretary

A friendly reminder, our Kanata Legion's next general meeting is

- Wednesday, March 16, at 7:30 p.m.
- No general meeting in February

Elections of a new Executive will take place at the general meeting on April 20, 2016. Time to start thinking about who to nominate for what position:

President

1st Vice-President

2nd Vice-President

3rd Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary

Six Executive positions

Nomination forms will be made available in March.

Hope to see you soon!

Lorraine Lapensée

A Minister Was Completing A Temperance Sermon. What The Song Leader Did Is Hilarious.

A minister was completing a temperance sermon. With great emphasis he said, 'If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.'

With even greater emphasis he said, 'And if I had All the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.'

And then finally, shaking his fist in the air, he Said, 'And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.'

Sermon complete, he sat down.

The song leader stood very cautiously and announced With a smile, nearly laughing, 'For our closing song, Let us sing Hymn #365, 'Shall We Gather at the River.'

Submitted by John Cher

Youth Education Report

The award ceremony for the 2015 Poem, Essay and Poster Contest took place Sunday, January 17, at 4:30 p.m. Approximately 130 people attended. Thank you, Terry Jenkins, for the photos. There were many proud parents, family, friends and teachers in attendance and--to say the least--lots of picture taking. This year 15 schools participated, up from 10 last year, with over 500 entries.

Many thanks go to the following:

- President, John Cher, and 1st Vice President, Dan Knighton, for presenting the awards
- The Colour Party: Sergeant-at-Arms, Bob Thomson; Dan Knighton, Art Cornelisse, Lorraine Lapensée, Joan Walters, Sue McLean and Garth Lee.
- The Judges: Artwork - Moira Green, Peter Wilkins and Terry Jenkins; Literary - Gaetan Pierre Chartier, Yves Grimard and Helen McKiernan.
- Refreshments: Sue McLean
- Media Coverage: Terry Jenkins

The group of winners have represented Kanata Legion very well.

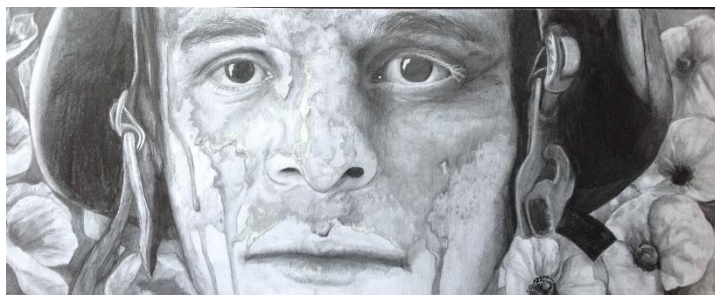
- Of the 14 possible categories, 12 entries were sent to the next level, ZONE.
- Of those 12, 9 placed first and were then sent to the DISTRICT level.
- Six of these placed in the top three, one of which placed first and will go on to the PROVINCIAL Competition.



Jack McGuire presenting a donation to branch President, John Cher, collected from his allowance.

His choice for the donation was to help soldiers.

Jessica McLean - Senior Black & White Poster



Student Winners of the 2015 Poem, Essay and Poster Contest - Award Presentation



I would like to thank all who made the contest a success, with a special thanks to the staff and students who participated.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Grant
Youth Education Chair

St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance

Saturday, March 19, 2016
Reception: 5:00 p.m.
Dinner: 6:00 p.m.



Irish menu
Music by the International Set band
(same band as at Oktoberfest)

The friend who just stands by

Submitted by
Garry Fancy



When troubles come your soul to try,
You love the friend who just "stands by."
Perhaps there's nothing he can do ~
The thing is strictly up to you,
For there are troubles all your own,
And paths the soul must tread alone; ~
Times when love cannot smooth the road
Nor friendship lift the heavy load.

But just to know you have a friend
Who will "stand by" until the end,
Whose sympathy through all endures,
Whose warm handclasp is always yours, ~
It helps some way to pull you through
Although there's nothing he can do.
And so with fervent heart you cry
"God bless the friend who just "stands by."

Past events from W.E.R.C.

23rd Annual Robert 'Rabbie' Burns Celebration

The Robbie Burns celebration tradition founded by J.P. Leclerc and Moira Green 23 years ago continued on January 23, 2016, at Branch #638. (Special thanks goes to Moira Green for the history of Branch #638's Robbie Burns Celebrations).

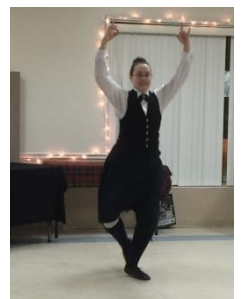
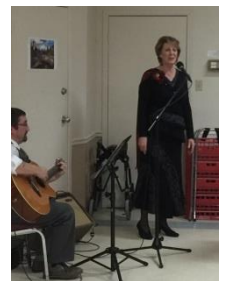


In celebration of the Scottish poet, guests wore their family name tartan and those who are not of Scottish descent found a tartan to wear, too!

Everybody is Scottish on Robbie Burns day! Decorations of tartans, photos of Scotland and more helped create the Scottish atmosphere. An excellent program followed starting with the piping in of the head table guests followed by the

traditional Address to the Haggis, a menu (The Fairn) of Scottish dishes prepared and served by Leatherworks Catering, Star of Robbie Burns song and other songs of Robbie Burns, Toast to "The Immortal Memory", poetry of Robbie Burns, Toast to the Lassies, Toast to the Laddies, Scottish dances, piper's medley and piping interlude. The 107 guests also had the fun opportunity to meet the challenge of a quiz! Special thanks to the following key participants who helped make the evening program as excellent as it was: (some very talented people):

- Brenda Grant for piping in the head table, piping out the head table, Strip the Willow Dance Lesson and preparation of the quiz;
- John Cher for the welcome, Selkirk Grace and the Toast to the Piper;
- Dave Brown for the Parade of the Haggis and piping accompaniment to the Highland Fling dance demonstration;
- Tom Baker for the Address to the Haggis and another story in his Scottish brogue;
- Morley Connell as the Haggis Bearer;
- Denis Watson as the Dram Steward;
- Dan Knighton, The Loyal Toast;
- Bev Perron and Sylvie Perron for the Piping Interlude;
- Margaret Anthony for the Songs of Robbie Burns accompanied by Martin David;
- Dave McPherson, Toast to the "Immortal Memory";
- Moira Green for the poetry of Robbie Burns accompanied by Nancy Eadie;
- Heather Macdonald for the Highland Fling dance demonstration; introduction and history presented by Audrey;
- Peter Wilkins for the Toast to the Lassies;



- Mary Catherine Bowers for the Toast to the Laddies.



A big thank you to all those who attended. A sold out event contributes to the success indeed!

The success of this year's Robbie Burns celebration is also

thanks to our volunteers:

- Amanda Robbins, Lorraine Lapensée - poster, ticket and program production
- Terry Jenkins, Amanda Robbins, Lorraine Lapensée, Pat Cher, Brenda Grant - event promotion;
- Lorraine Lapensée, Heather Macdonald, Audrey - program and quiz collating
- Various bar tenders - selling the tickets for the event
- Dan Knighton and Amanda Robbins - ticket takers
- Mary-Jo Gauthier and Gord McCaskill - bar tenders on duty
- Bob Thomson and John Thomson - hall set up and clean up
- Judy Homma, Lynn McPherson, Dave McPherson - decorations
- Dave McPherson - assisting the bar tenders
- Lorraine Lapensée event coordinator and emcee
- Lorraine Elmas - photographer



Photo credit: Sandi Santor

Afternoon Games

Approximately 13 people attended the first of "Afternoon Games" on January 27, an opportunity for comradeship and fun while raising funds for the Homeless Veterans program. For \$2, a participant played a round of six different games such as bean bag toss, car race, putting, ring toss and more. By the end of the afternoon 30 rounds were played totalling \$60 for the Homeless Veterans fund. The first prize winner who would get half donated it back to the good cause. Thank you to those who came out. We all look forward to next month's "Afternoon Games" on Thurs., Feb. 25, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome! A good opportunity to get out in the daylight hours, meet some people and have fun! Special thanks to Dan Knighton, event coordinator, Brenda Grant, Lorraine Lapensée, Amanda Robbins, Pat Cher, John Cher and Terry Jenkins for their contributions in making this event a success and to Mark Hunter for bar tending!



A good games day was had by all!



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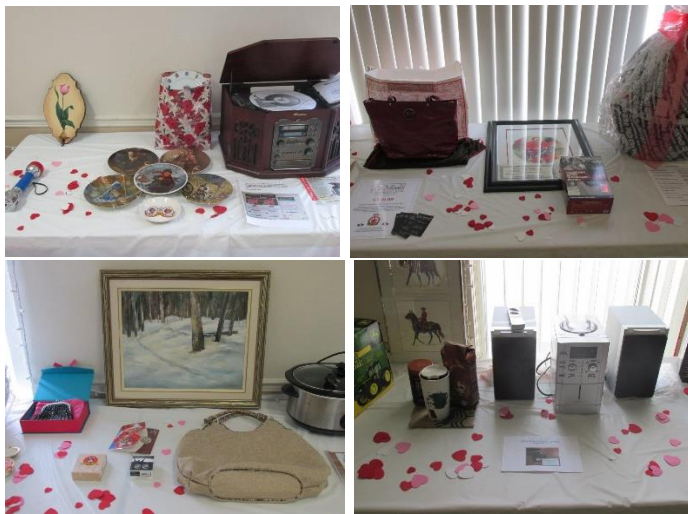
Valentine's Dinner ♥ Live Auction and Dance

The second annual charity Valentine event was held February 13, 2016, with over 80 people in attendance. Event proceeds to benefit local veterans. Guests enjoyed a delicious stuffed chicken buffet by Leatherworks Catering and then the bidding began! Auctioneer, John O'Neill, masterminded the live auction of 60 items resulting in over \$2,800 raised! Guests danced the remainder of the evening to songs by Debra McCann! It was an awesome night!

A VERY BIG SPECIAL THANKS to Pat Cher for coordinating the event, particularly the live auction and "the guess what the object is" challenge! She did an excellent job!

The auction was the success it was as a result of the variety of items donated and, of course, those who bid in the auction. Thank you!

Special thanks to George Royle for pounding the pavement (snow) to collect auction items from businesses. Special thanks to those who donated or/and networked auction items!



Above photo credit: Terry Jenkins

Volunteers to thank for the success of this event:

- Pat Cher and John Cher - ticket and poster production;

- Amanda Robbins, Lorraine Lapensée, Terry Jenkins, Brenda Grant, Pat Cher - event promotion;
- Lynn McPherson, Pat Cher, John Cher, June Tyrrell, Judy Homma, Angie Jacklin and friend - live auction set up
- Judy Homma, June Tyrrell - decorations
- Susan Curtis, Mark Hunter - bar tenders
- Variety of bar tenders - selling tickets for the event
- Bob and John Thomson - hall set up and clean up
- Amanda Robbins and Dan Knighton - ticket takers
- Brenda Grant and Amanda Robbins - auction cashiers
- Amanda Robbins - bidder number production
- Pat Cher, event coordinator and live auction coordinator
- Lynn McPherson and Sue Locatelli, recorders of successful bidders
- Dave McPherson and Rik Locatelli for being our Vanda Whites - showing the auction items to the audience
- Sandi Santor miscellaneous assistance
- Lorraine Lapensée, emcee
- Peter Wilkins, Dan Knighton, George Royle and Adrianus Cornelisse for taking down tables to make room for dancing
- Lorraine Elmas, photographer

A special thank you to Lynn McPherson for donating three spot dance prizes.



Kanata Legion & Ladies' Auxiliary Upcoming Events

February 25, 2016 - March 24, 2016

Date & Times	Event	Details	Tickets	Cut Off Date for Tickets
Thursday, February 25/16 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Afternoon Games	Golf, darts, bean bag toss, ring toss, car races, board games, cribbage Coffee / Tea / Snacks Proceeds to Homeless Veterans	No tickets \$2.00 / round of games	Drop in
Sunday, February 28/16 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	February birthdays & anniversaries	Cake & Ice cream	Not applicable	Drop in
Saturday, March 19/16 Reception: 5:00 p.m. Dinner: 6:00 p.m.	St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance	Irish menu; music by the International Set band (same band as at Oktoberfest)	To be announced	To be announced
Thursday, March 24/16 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.	Afternoon Games	Golf, darts, bean bag toss, ring toss, car races, board games, cribbage Coffee / Tea / Snacks Proceeds to Homeless Veterans	No tickets \$2.00 / round of games	Drop in

Attention: Retired CF Members

Subject: Administration of Canadian Armed Forces Pension Plans

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CANFORGEN

1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS CANFORGEN IS TO INFORM CAF MEMBERS OF THE UPCOMING TRANSFER OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES (CAF) PENSION PLANS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE (DND) TO PUBLIC SERVICES PROCUREMENT CANADA (PSPC). THE DND MILITARY PENSION RENEWAL (MPR) PROJECT IS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA PENSION MODERNIZATION PROJECT

2. DND WILL TRANSFER THE ADMINISTRATION OF CAF PENSION PLANS TO PSPC IN TWO PHASES. IN THE SUMMER OF 2016, THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CAF PENSION PLANS WILL BE FULLY TRANSFERRED TO THE PWGSC GOVERNMENT OF CANADA PENSION CENTRE IN OTTAWA (PHASE ONE)

3. PENSION PAYMENTS FOR RETIRED CAF MEMBERS AND THEIR SURVIVORS/CHILD(REN) WILL CONTINUE TO BE SUPPORTED BY THE SPECIALIZED SERVICES DIVISION (SSD) AT PWGSC UNTIL THE WINTER OF 2016. AT THAT TIME, THE ADMINISTRATION OF PENSION PAYMENTS WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA PENSION CENTRE IN OTTAWA (PHASE TWO)

4. NOTE: DURING THE WEEKS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO BOTH TRANSITIONS, MEMBERS MAY EXPERIENCE DELAYS IN SOME PENSION SERVICES. FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE CLOSER TO THE TRANSITION DATES

5. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS TRANSITION AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ), VISIT THE CAF PENSION WEBSITE AT [HTTP://WWW.FORCES.GC.CA/EN/CAF-COMMUNITY-PENSION/MILITARY-PENSION-RENEWAL.PAGE](http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/caf-community-pension/military-pension-renewal.page)

6. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THIS MESSAGE BE GIVEN THE WIDEST POSSIBLE DISTRIBUTION AND REPOSTED ON INTERNAL DND COMMUNICATIONS CHANNELS - End -

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Anyone from the branch can write a tribute regarding members both living or past. **CONTACT!** is an opportunity to capture some of our veterans' stories from yesteryear.

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