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President's Message

The Veterans Luncheon held on June 23 was attended by over 100 veterans and guests. Approximately 25 veterans from the Perley were in attendance. A great meal was provided by Leatherworks catering. Moira worked her magic on the piano. Thank-you to the members of the pipe band for piping in our guests. Thank-you to Peter Wilkins for organizing the event.

Our July 1st President's BBQ saw 143 members and guests attending. Thanks to Gene Szabo for working the grill and to all who helped serve and clean up. Moira did her usual great job of entertaining on the piano. A big THANK-YOU to Chris at Harvey's for providing the food. Just a reminder to veterans that when mentioning you are a veteran, you receive a 50% discount at the Kanata and Bells Corners Harvey's.

The 50/60's dinner dance held on July 11 saw 90+ enjoying a great night. The menu was different and positive comments were made by many. Debra McCann entertained us late into the evening. Lorraine Lapensée did a great job as event coordinator. Thank-you to Gene Szabo and Dan Knighton for helping in the kitchen. Thanks also to Debby Holden, Yvette Clark and Bill Molnar for serving and cleaning; Amanda Robbins and Lydia Fancy, our ticket takers; bar staff, Brenda Grant and Mark Hunter. Bob and John Thomson cleaned up before and after the party. Barry Briggs and Jackie Terris came in early for the initial set up.

As you can see, it takes many volunteers working together to have successful branch functions. Come and join us. Volunteer and have some fun.

John Cher
President



From the 1st Vice

Success, fun and good memories! That's what happened in the last month! We had several great events that will bring memories with smiles for a long time. The annual Veterans Luncheon, Canada Day Celebrations, (games and BBQ) and the 50/60's Dinner and Dance all brought smiles and memories. All events were well attended but again with only a small percentage of branch members attending these events. This for the most part appears to be due to outside advertising. My compliments to the organizing committees for their success. Hopefully new membership will be on the rise as we have received countless compliments from all participants.

With summer now upon us, the holiday season has brought a shortage of volunteers. So please don't be shy, volunteer if you can and help keep the success, fun and memories alive.

All the best,

Dan Knighton
1st VP

From the Sports Desk

The excitement is building as our two Branch Golf Teams are in preparation (training) for the coming District 'G' Golf Tournament to be held at the Upper Canada Golf Course in Morrisburg, July 25. Again, congratulations and all the best to Comrades Robert and Martin Mason with Brenda Grant and Ray Quinn who will be representing our branch at the tournament this year. Good luck to all!

The 12th Annual Ray Ponto Memorial Golf Tournament and Fund Raiser to be held Thursday, August, 13, 2015, at the Greensmere Golf and Country Club, Carp, Ontario. Proceeds from this

year's tournament will once again be donated to 'The Homeless Veterans of Ontario Assistance Fund' (HVOAF). This golf tournament, in addition to fund raising, is to provide an afternoon of fun and golf. The tournament is open to all and, as the legion considers all players winners, we try to provide each player with a prize. The event is comprised of eighteen holes of golf followed by a hamburger/hotdog BBQ and possibly chicken wings including prizes back at the branch. The cost is \$75 per player, which includes green fees, cart rental, prizes and BBQ dinner catered by legion staff. Donation to the Homeless Veterans of Ontario is included with entry.

Registration forms are available at the branch. Simply send or bring in your completed form to the branch for registration before August 8, 2015, you may enter as a foursome or individually. Foursomes will be made of any stragglers as required. Deadline for registration is August 8, 2015. Tee off is 12:00 p.m., (shotgun start, provided minimum player attendance is acquired). Come early to verify your foursome and starting hole. We encourage both seasoned and beginner golfers alike to participate in this fun filled event. Looking forward to seeing *you there*.

Remember: this is a fun tournament, branch membership is not a requirement nor are any professional skills! Dinner for non-participants is also encouraged, cost is \$10 with donation to the HVOAF.

Dan Knighton
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Honours and Awards

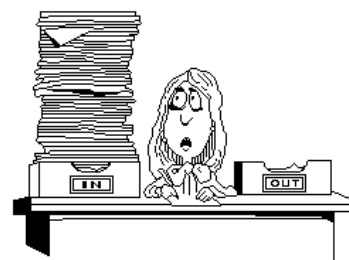
I look forward to all submissions toward the 2016 H&A Program. Submissions can be forwarded to your chairman throughout the year. Remember, if you do the work, we will record it. Until next year, all the best.

Dan Knighton
H&A Chairman

Joke for you: 20 years ago we had Johnny Cash, Bob Hope, and Steve Jobs. Now we have no cash, no hope, and no jobs.

From the Membership Desk

Memberships IN GOOD STANDING to date is **293**. In Good Standing means the dues for 2015 have been paid. The number of Members Not In Good Standing is only 13.



Zone Detail Report as of July 1, 2015, indicates that our paid membership is 101.72% of our last year's numbers. Renewing members were 93.79%. This means in real numbers that 23 of the 293 members were NEW or transferred in from other legions.

Renewal Dues are \$55.

As of July 1, 2015, NEW MEMBERS can join for ½ price at \$27.50

Payment can be made by:

- Cash
- Cheques made payable to RCL Kanata Br. 638
- Debit/Credit machine

Dues can be mailed or dropped off at the legion. If the legion is not open, please deposit your envelope the mailbox located just to the right of the front door. Make sure the envelope is clearly marked Membership.

Change to Your Contact Information

Our goal is to maintain and improve the communication between our members and the Legion. If you have moved, changed your phone number or email address could you please contact us. I can be reached at **613-832-4127** or **membershipbr638@gmail.com**. Also, you can contact the Kanata Legion at **rclbr638@gmail.com** or 613-591-5570

Yours in Comradeship,
Brenda Grant

Canada Day at the Legion, Branch 638

Photos by Terry Jenkins

1. Gord McCaskill and his Assistant.
2. Chief Cook, Gene Szabo
3. Must be time to Eat!
4. Comrade Ivan Hawley, Past President, cuts the Canada Day Cake
5. Some kids playing Canada Day games
6. More kids playing Canada Day games
7. "Fore" Canada Day golf at the branch



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From the Ladies' Auxiliary

**A BIG DAY IS PLANNED FOR YOU!
A DAY OF SHOPPING, DINING AND DANCING!**

The Ladies' Auxiliary will be hosting a

Trinkets, Treasures & Things Sale

On Saturday, August 8, 2015,
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Opportunity to sell your wares, treasures, trinkets, crafts, products and/or service!

Tables can be rented for \$20.00

Anyone interested in renting a table, please contact: Lorraine Lapensee at 613-831-8319 or lmzapensee@sympatico.ca.

Reserve early to guarantee a table! Tables are limited.

Everyone is invited to come out to shop until you drop!

Steak BBQ & Dance

5:30 p.m. reception / 6:30 p.m. dinner
\$20.00/person

Tickets in advance by August 4, 2015

Menu: Steak, Salad, Baked Potato, Baked Beans, Vegetables, Corn Bread, Fruit Kabobs
Entertainment: Featuring "The Mostly Bows" - fiddle music fast and slow!

(The Mostly Bows musicians have been entertaining at hospitals, nursing homes, senior residences, civic events, and many other venues for over 20 years.)



Way and Means Committee

*The Kanata Legion was
Rock 'n Rollin' to 50's / 60's Tunes
on Saturday, July 11, 2015*



Herb and Olive Powers

Yes, that was a party! Lots of fun! Over 90 guests turned out to experience the 50's / 60's! Record albums of 50's / 60's artists and more decorated the hall thanks to **Bev Connell, Mary-Jo Gauthier and June Tyrrell**. Guests enjoyed Wings, Deep Fried Pickles, Fries and dessert prepared and served by our volunteers: **John Cher and Gene Szabo** - cooks; **Yvette Clark, Debby Holden and Bill Molnar** - servers and clearers; **Dan Knighton** - dishwasher. Guests had a chance to win door prizes and a prize for the best dressed lady and the best dressed gent donated by **Lydia Fancy** and **friends of Gord McCaskill**...Thank you!

Then there was the dancing! **DEBRA McCANN** was the star of the party with her 50's / 60's songs! Everyone was up dancing and remembering when! **THANK YOU, DEBRA!**

Jive contest was won by newcomers, Evelyn and Bob Abell winners of a beautiful 50's / 60's gift basket donated by **Chartwell Kanata Retirement Home-Shirley's Brook!**



Debra McCann and Michael

Success of this event is thanks to:

- *those mentioned above*
- *our guests for coming out to support our fundraiser*
- *and the following volunteers:*

Lynn McPherson - volunteer co-ordinator
 Barry Briggs and Jackie Terris - table setters
 Lydia Fancy and Amanda Robbins - ticket takers and hostesses.
 Brenda Grant and Mark Hunter - bar tenders
 Bob Thomson and John Thomson - hall set up and clean up
 Dan Knighton - poster and ticket design and production
 Lorraine Lapensée - event co-ordinator, emcee
 Pat Cher, Lorraine Lapensée, Amanda Robbins - promotion

Thanks a million!



Kathleen and Ivan Hawley



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Tea & toast



Debby Holden, the new Fish & Chip Co-ordinator, learning the ropes

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Kanata Legion & Ladies' Auxiliary Upcoming Events - July 26, 2015 - August 30, 2015

DATE & TIMES	EVENT	DETAILS	TICKETS	CUT OFF DATE for TICKETS
Sun. July 26/15 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	July birthdays & anniversaries	Cake & Ice cream	Not applicable	Not applicable
Sat. Aug. 8/15 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. Reception 6:30 p.m. Dinner	L.A.'s Trinkets, Treasures & Things Sale L.A.'s Steak BBQ & Dance	Rent a table – sell your wares! Shop till you drop! Steak BBQ & Dance to The Mostly Bows	 \$20.00/person	 August 4, 2015
Thurs. Aug. 13/15 Tee off time: 12:00 p.m.	Annual Ray Ponto Golf Tournament Proceeds to the Homeless Veterans of Ontario Assistance Fund	18 holes of Golf Greensmere Golf & Country Club after Hotdog/sausage hamburger/BBQ at Kanata legion	\$75.00/person To register contact: Dan Knighton: 613-864-1920	Registration deadline is: August 8, 2015
Sun. Aug. 30/15 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	August birthdays & anniversaries	Cake & Ice cream	Not applicable	Not applicable