



CONTACT!

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President's Report

I would like to welcome Lorraine Elmas as our new **CONTACT!** editor. Lorraine is a new member of the Branch L.A. Thank you for taking on this very important position.

The Ladies' Auxiliary election was held on June 5th, and the following is the new Executive.

President: Marg Burton
Immediate Past Pres: Lorraine Lapensée
1st Vice President: June Tyrrell
2nd Vice President: Nancy Medynski
Secretary: Angie Jacklin
Treasurer: Betty Pollock
Sergeant at Arms: Martha Dormer
Members: Betty Ann Warner and Bev Connell

Congratulations to all.

We commend **Lorraine Lapensée** for seven years of faithful service to the Kanata Legion 638 Ladies' Auxiliary. The relationship between the Branch and its Ladies' Auxiliary requires a balanced approach so that we can work in harmony. As President over the past seven years, Lorraine has ensured a strong and caring bond between the Branch and the L.A.

Over the years, in spite of working full time, coping with illness and more in the family, Lorraine has remained faithful to the L.A., the Branch and the Legion.

We at the Branch appreciate her faithfulness, her dedication to duty as L.A. President and her allegiance to the goals of the Legion.

Lorraine is now Secretary to the Branch, and we look forward to working with her in that capacity.

This month's Birthday/Anniversary Party will be held on June 30th. It will be the last until September. Everyone is welcome to attend and have coffee and cake.

The July 1st Bar-B-Que will be held at the Branch starting at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome to come out and celebrate Canada Day.

John Cher
President

From the First Vice

The 2013/14 year has begun with a late start to our summer, but hopefully the good weather will come and stay very soon. The new Executive is in place with some changes made, and all is looking positive. I wish to extend my sincere welcome to all newcomers to the Executive and to the Branch.

Additionally, a heartfelt thank-you to all outgoing Executive members, and I bid a fond farewell to those members leaving for far-away places. You will be missed. Going forward, let's hope we will have better luck completing some of the projects we put in place last year, namely upgrades to the kitchen, bathrooms and the patio addition.

Looking forward to working with and seeing you all at the branch and branch functions.

I will be away for much of July, but am always available via email should anyone have any concerns and wish to contact me. Here's looking to the future!

Thank you, one and all.

Dan Knighton

From the Sports Desk

Our Branch participated in the Zone golf tournament in Arnprior Saturday, June 15, 2013. Thanks to our team, Comrades Terry Jenkins, Rod Haufe, Tony Bifulchi and myself, we gave it our all but the competition was too stiff this year, and we will not be going forward to the next level. This concludes all Zone sports tournaments for the 2012/2013 sports season. We look forward to starting all over again in the fall for the 2013/14 season.

Our next sporting event will be the Ray Ponto Memorial Golf Tournament and Fundraiser, to be held at Greensmere Golf and Country Club, August 15th. Proceeds from this year's tournament will once again be donated to the Homeless Veterans of Ontario Assistance Fund. This event is comprised of 18 holes of golf followed by a hamburger/hotdog/sausage BBQ and 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. Registration sheets can be found at the Branch. Participants can sign up as individuals, in teams of two or four. We encourage both seasoned and beginner golfers alike to participate in this fun-filled event. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Yours in good sports,
Dan Knighton

From the Second Vice

Branch Service Officer

ATTENTION: ALL VETERANS

June 18th, 11:00 a.m., is the date for our **Annual Veterans Lunch**. A sign-up sheet is posted in the lounge. Please come out and meet your fellow comrades. Veterans from the Rideau Perley and Kanata residences have been invited. The menu is our signature fish 'n chips. You will be piped in by our very own Mike Fahey, who will also provide entertainment.

Sign up, and see you there!

ATTENTION PLEASE: ALL WW2 AND KOREAN VETERANS

A Celebration Dinner in your honour will be held on Saturday, October 5th, at The Royal Canadian Legion.

Guest Speaker: The Right Reverend Peter Coffin, Chaplain Ordinary to the Canadian Armed Forces

Special Menu

Entertainment: Members of The Stittsville Legion Concert Band

Veterans: Are your needs being looked after? Do you know of a veteran needing assistance? If so, please contact me at 613-592-3376 or email mmgreen@live.com

Seniors Officer

Thanks to all those who supported our birthday/anniversary event on Sun., May 26.

Best birthday wishes to



Connie Taylor, 89
Charter Member of
Branch 638 Kanata



Eileen Hollyer, 89



Bill Bradley, 86

proceedings with a goal to finding a suitable artifact to enhance the area in front of our legion.

Yours in service,
Moira

Lydia Fancy and Brenda Grant

Happy 49th Wedding Anniversary to Nancy and George Medinsky

Thanks to Gord for bar tending and to Lorraine L. for helping serve the cake and ice cream.

June's celebration will be on Sun., June 30th. A sign-up sheet awaits your name on the lounge notice board.



As of June 1st, **Gord McGaskill** will assume the duties of **Seniors Officer** as I am stepping down from that position. I wish him all the best in the coming term.

Artifacts

On Saturday, June 8, along with members of our colour party, I attended the dedication of two Howitzers at the cenotaph in Carleton Place. These massive guns really enhance the cenotaph area. It is my intention to begin

DONATIONS

In June, the Branch is donating from the General Trust Fund \$250 each to:

The Kanata Little League Baseball Association

Friends in Sport Fishing

The Canadian Red Cross Society (Ontario)

“Friends in Sport Fishing” is a dedicated group of local anglers who take handicapped people fishing.

The Canadian Red Cross Society is running the “Youth Takes Charge” program, an important anti-bullying initiative announced at a recent press conference by Mrs. Harper and Councillor Allan Hubley.

Poppy Trust Fund

ALL disbursements to external organizations that you approved at a general meeting earlier this year are now in the hands of the recipients. Unfortunately, Ontario Command advised us that none of the items on the Perley-Rideau’s list of priorities would be approved for donations from the Poppy Trust Fund and we therefore donated as much of this amount as we were allowed to the local Military Families Resource Centre. The remaining \$3,300 is available for disbursement to another charity.

As we learned very belatedly that we would NOT receive a federal grant to improve the washrooms, a committee to oversee the work has been struck to ensure the work is done this summer. The approximately \$5,000 required to improve handicapped access will come from the Poppy Trust Fund, the remaining costs from money already provided to the branch by the L.A.

Ladies' Auxiliary



Branch 638 Updated Election Results

Effective June 1, 2013, the new Ladies' Auxiliary Executive for 2013-2014 is as follows:

Marg Burton	President
Lorraine Lapensée	Immediate Past President
June Tyrrell	First Vice-President
Nancy Medynski	Second Vice-President
Angie Jacklin	Secretary
Betty Ann Pollock	Treasurer
Martha Dormor	Sergeant at Arms
Executive positions	
Betty Ann Warner and Bev Connell	

Perogy Night

In recognition of our Ukrainian Comrades and for those who had been craving Ukrainian food, a Perogy Night was hosted by the Ladies' Auxiliary on June 8. Hopefully the Perogies and Chicken Kiev satisfied the cravings! It was a family night with approximately 55 guests, including children, who had the opportunity to enjoy the good food and the good music provided by the Green Briar Band.

As usual, successful evenings like these are a result of volunteers and supporters. We, the Ladies' Auxiliary, wish to take this

opportunity to thank each of you who attended for your support! Thank you!

Special thanks to Branch volunteers Gord McCaskill and Brenda Grant as bartenders, and to Brenda for setting the tables; John Cher for cooking, Dave McPherson for dishwashing, Bob Thomson for table and chair set up, take down and cleaning; and special thanks to our Ladies' Auxiliary members who attended, and to the following L.A. members who volunteered to help make this event possible - Marg Burton, June Tyrrell, Lynn McPherson, Pat Cher, Bev Connell, Lorraine Lapensée, Lorraine Elmas, Nancy Medynski.

Special thanks to the Green Briar Band for their music and support!

Farewell

With the departure of Ladies' Auxiliary member **Patsy Sweet** and her husband, **Andy**, to the Maritimes getting closer (end of June), the Ladies' Auxiliary would like to take this opportunity to wish Patsy and Andy all the best and to thank them both very much for their volunteer work with the Legion and Ladies' Auxiliary throughout their short time with the Kanata Legion. We will miss you! *"SWEET" Farewell!*

The Legion Hoppers!

by Patricia Smith

Kanata Legion Branch 638 had special visitors from Mississauga on June 8th. **Claire and John Bamlett** were unaware that there was an event planned for that night; they were only dropping in for a drink. They decided to stay for the perogy dinner. This is a quest that has been going on for some years. Claire told me they started before John retired. On his day off they would go in search of different legions and always only had a drink and went in search of the next one. They limited themselves to three legions per outing.

On Saturday they left Mississauga and stopped in Arden, Ontario, and from there they went to Stittsville and then to Kanata. Their quest is to visit the most legion branches possible. Kanata Legion Branch 638 was no. 319.



I understand that once they went to Newfoundland and from there flew to British Columbia in their adventure to visit as many legions as possible. I say, amazing! And what is so beautiful, they both enjoy it to the max. John had on his shirt a picture of a Spitfire plane, and then commented that he also had pictures of a Spitfire on the hood and the doors of this car. John is retired Past President of 442 Wing AFAC, Member 408-437 Wing AFAC and Member 582 Branch RCL. He is also a member of Royal Air Force Regiment Association.

Kitchen Report

The long-awaited changes to the kitchen are now in progress.

Once everything is in place, and storage space rearranged, I will label cupboards, drawers, etc. This should end the game of hide and seek with equipment. 😊

Once again, we are in need of fish 'n chip volunteers. We especially need someone to stand in for Gerry Dore, probably for the entire summer, as he has injured his foot.

More servers are always appreciated as summer lures the regulars away on vacation.

Please contact me at smclean@deadsquid.com or 613-831-1068.

Sue McLean

aka

The Kitchen Witch 😊

Recap of Coming Events

Tuesday, June 18, Annual Veterans Luncheon in the Hall at 1130 hrs.

Sunday, June 30, Birthday/Anniversary party at 1400 in the Lounge.

Monday, July 1, Canada Day Bar-B-Que, starting at 1100 at the Legion.

Thursday, August 15, Ray Ponto Memorial Golf Tournament and Fundraiser, at the Greensmere Golf & Country Club

Saturday, October 5, Celebration Dinner for WW2 and Korean Veterans, at the Royal Canadian Legion.

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A wealth of information on Branch hours, events, contacts, as well as past newsletters and photo galleries, can be found at www.kanata638.ca. Please check it regularly!

