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CONTACT!

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**Merry Christmas, Happy
Hanukkah, and a Happy New
Year!!!**

The Prez Sez:

Congratulations to Branch member Helen Rapp and LA member Patsy Sweet on being awarded The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

The Poppy Campaign has ended and the money counted. This year we raised over \$73,000. Congratulations to all who participated. Thank you to Don Raven and his counters who came in nine different days to count. A special thanks must also be given to George Pollock and Gerry Dore who prepared the hundreds of poppy boxes required by the table Captains and those servicing the local

businesses. Moira, you ran a great campaign, thank you.

On Nov. 28 the Mayor of Ottawa presented the Ottawa Branches with a Certificate of Appreciation for the work performed by the Branches during the Poppy Campaign and November 11th Ceremonies. Invitations were sent to the President and five Executive members and guests to attend. Eleven Branch members including Allen Hubley attended.



Over the years the Ladies Auxiliary have stepped in and helped the Branch in countless ways. This year thank you again to the Branch Ladies Auxiliary for their generosity in approving and donating funds in the amount of \$5,350.00. This money will cover the cost for the snow removal, refreshments on Nov 11, purchasing 2 new cash registers, and a new sound system.

John Gooch has been organizing our Nov. 11th ceremony at the Cenotaph for the last dozen years. It is a job that takes months of preparation. John has decided to step down. Thank you John, you have contributed so much and we appreciate all the time and energy you have devoted to this endeavour.

I am very pleased to announce that through the hard work of our Branch Membership Chair Brenda Grant, and several others who helped in recruiting; our Membership is now over 300 members.

Tickets to our New Years party are on sale at the bar, call for your tickets early as there is a limited number for sale.

I wish all members and their families Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

John Cher
President.

Here's a photo from the Remembrance Day reception:



Three honoured RCAF veterans with an intertwined thread met after the November 11 ceremonies to share some wartime memories.

Left to right: Bill Hoy (Navigator, Ferry Command), Stan Preston, (Wireless Air Gunner, Ferry Command) and our own Eddie Vance (Wireless Air Gunner, RAF Coastal Command). We salute these few and all their colleagues and comrades, land, sea and air.

Photo by Dave McPherson, text by Garry Fancy



The First Vice:

I'm certain that what I would like to say is not different from what may already be inside this issue. Namely, I wish to thank everyone who helped me by sitting at the Costco Poppy Table. Your support made it possible for us to have a very successful campaign once again this year that would not have been possible without your help. Thank you one and all.

From the Sports Desk

Our branch participated in the Zone Cribbage tournament 24 Nov 2012. Thanks to our team: Comrades Ivan Hawley, Morley Connell, Ed McAllister and myself, our branch was represented at the tournament held at the Lanark Legion this year. It was a good tournament but as other branches send 2, 3 and even 4 teams to these tournaments, the competition is great. Unfortunately, we will not be going on to the next level.

Going forward, there will be a Zone, Men's Dart Tournament held in Smith Falls 12 Jan 2013 and a 5 pin Bowling Tour 19 Jan. Euchre 23 Feb 2013 will again be held at the Lanark Branch. Any interested members who wish to play in any or all of these tournaments need to send me there names as soon as possible .

Yours in Good Sports

Dan Knighton
1st VP & Sports Chairman



Who is the Santa for the Sobeys Christmas Party??



call if you are aware of a veteran or member who needs a visit or a card or a phone call.

Poppy and Remembrance Campaign 2012 Report

My sincere thanks to each and every member of Kanata branch 638 Royal Canadian Legion for their volunteer service during this Poppy and Remembrance campaign 2012. It was a privilege to serve as Poppy Chair this year and I am justifiably proud that our Veterans, Seniors and Community have been remembered accordingly. Our total as of now is \$72,911.50 taken in over a ten day period which is truly amazing! The count was made with the enthusiastic and ever dedicated help of the following volunteer Comrades and friends:

Don and Norma Raven
Colin Aird
Carl and Barbara Hennigar
Harry Needham
Gerry and June Dore
Rick Raven
Reg Redknap
George Pollock
Clay Wheaton
Brenda Grant

A successful campaign thanks to :

Don Raven - Campaign Treasurer
George Pollock -Supplies and Acting Treasurer
Table Captains:
Morley Connell - Loblaws Centrum
Bev Connell - Superstore for The Ladies Auxiliary
Dan Knighton - Costco
Ursula Seyler - Hazeldean Mall
Bill Wilson - Home Depot and Cadet Liason
George Medynski - Walmart Centrum

To Business canvassers:

John Cher
Mark Triemstra
Mark Hunter
Lynn Mc Pherson
Nancy Medynski
John Gooch - Schools Distribution
Andrew Nellestyn -invitations

The Second Vice

Branch Service Officer

Several cases are in progress. Remember if you are a veteran and have needs not being addressed this is your avenue of support. We are here for you. Call or email me re any issue you need brought forward.

Seniors Report

Christmas can be a tough time for many seniors who are alone and whose finances are not the greatest. If you are aware of someone in need, please call or email in all confidence.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

A successful joint birthday/grey cup celebration was held on Sunday Nov 25. Happy birthday to Pat Cher and Patsy Sweet. Our next celebration will be held on Sunday January 27th 2013. There will be no celebration at the end of December but a joint Dec/Jan event so save your dates for then.

Sick and Visiting Report

As of the moment, thank God! everyone is o k as far as I know. The padre and I have been out visiting and will continue to do so. Please email or

Kudos to the Kiwanis Sage volunteers and to Allan and Joanne of Sobey's March Road for donating all the refreshments for our Remembrance Day reception.

Well Done Everyone!

Thank you, keep well and Merry Christmas!

Yours in continued service,
Moira

REMINDER...PLEASE NOTE

**THE CUT OFF DATE FOR THE
NEW YEARS EVE PARTY IS
RAPIDLY APPROACHING,
PLS SIGN UP ASAP.**

**RECEPTION AT 6PM
DINNER AT 7:30 PM.
ROAST BEEF BUFFET, ROAST
TOP SIRLOIN, SOUTHER
FRIED CHICKEN,
HONEY GARLIC MEAT
BALLS, VEGETARIAN
LASAGNA AND MUCH
MORE.**

**MUSIC BY. DJ, BYTOWN
BOOGIE.
TICKETS \$35.00EA
TICKETS AT THE BRANCH.**

Christmas Concert

***featuring the Kanata Symphony
Orchestra***

The Branch once again held its annual Christmas Concert featuring the Kanata Symphony Orchestra. For the first time, a dinner was not part of the program and instead of charging for the concert, the price of admission was a donation to the Food Cupboard.

The event was a great success with over 80 concert lovers attending. A large number of food items were collected to benefit the food cupboard.

A huge thank you to the Kanata Symphony Orchestra for putting on a great show.

Gene Szabo

December Donations

This month, the Branch is donating, from the General Trust Fund, \$250 each to:

*The Elizabeth Bruyère Foundation
The Capital City Condors Hockey Club
The Parkinson's Society
The Kanata Symphony Orchestra*

FROM THE DESK OF THE POPPY TABLE CAPTAIN, (LOBLAW'S (KANATA CENTRUM))

I am taking this opportunity to thank all of those members and volunteers who sat one or more shifts at this table. Because of your efforts, we actually took in approx \$200 more (approx. \$6742) at this table than in 2011.

Special kudos are due to those who sat for more than single shift.

At the top of that list is my perpetual champion, a non-member, 96 year old retired surgeon Andrew Mackie - a shift each day, for a total of 16!! That is an amazing 48 hours! And he has been doing this for at least ten years! Sure puts a lot of members



to shame, doesn't it? Andrew is a member of Kiwanis Sage.

(An asterisk (*) after the following names indicates both Highland Mist Pipe Band and Br638 member.)

Second place goes to Audrey Hunter with five shifts. At three shifts each, I had Claude Roy, Peter Van Boeschoten, Ted Burton, and myself*. There was a traffic jam of those sitting two shifts: Mark Hunter, Jeff Cuffe, Patricia and George Andras*, Deidre Brown, Michael Attenbury, Ray St. Jean, Bill Bradley, Marianne Wilkinson and Keith Hollyer (non-member).

Sitting a **single** shift is **equally** important (and fulfills members' obligation sworn at time of membership initiation). Those include: Laurie Barnes*, Susan Farrell, Rosemary Seddon, Stuart Dick*, Robert Barr, Chris Bisaillon, Ed Vance, Doug Bothwell*, Reg McIntyre*, Denis Watson*, Archie Harvey*, Jack Dekok, Arnold MacDonald*, Michael Channing.

I want to emphasize that I am also aware that several of the foregoing (including those in the last paragraph) also sat one or more shifts at other poppy tables.

We must also recognize that there are numerous members who, while not actually sitting at a poppy table, nevertheless fulfilled their membership obligation of "active participation in the poppy campaign" in other ways: e.g., by processing the money collected, by soliciting donations at hockey games, by buying and managing the supplies, etc. Unfortunately, there are also a few members who are in ill health or reside hundreds of kilometers distant; we must excuse them from this obligation..

A big thanks to all of you!

To all Branch 638 members: Season Greetings, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Holiday, Merry Xmas, Joyeux Noel, Happy Hogmanay, Happy New Year, Bon Annee!! (Did I miss anybody?)

Morley W. Connell



Honours and Awards

The committee will convene in early 2013. As usual the priority for awards will be for Life Membership and up. They have to be on the way by the first of March to get processed in time for the Awards on the first Sunday in June. If you have some suggestions for these awards please submit them soon .

Don't forget that as well as awards for Appreciation, Merit, Legionnaire of the year, Life and MSM there are Provincial and Federal award programmes.

Nominations for the Branch Service Medal will be passed on the executive committee. Nomination forms will be available on the notice board.

Ivan Hawley, Chairman

Membership Report

The Early Bird Campaign has come to an end as of the 30th of Nov. 2012. I am happy to report that the Kanata Legion Membership have kept me busy and off the street for the last three (3) months.

Statistics at the end of the 2012 Campaign show 85% of the membership took advantage of the Early Bird.

Going into the campaign the membership total was 288 and as of Nov. 30th our membership total has risen to 305. I would like to thank all those who acted as ambassadors for the Legion for recruiting the large number of New Members.

I would also like thank everyone who took the time to update their contact information. This will improve the ability to communicate Legion information and events.

GREAT WORK EVERYONE



Youth & Education report

This was my first year as Youth and Education Chair.

Information was hand delivered to all the principals of Kanata area schools.



Approximately 25% of the area schools responded.

Response was best from the

Junior section (Gr. 4, 5 and 6) and the Intermediate section (Gr. 7, 8, 9).

Despite the above, we judged 224 posters (colour and B&W) , 31 essays and 92 poems. A special thank you goes out to the following people who were of great help in the judging; John and Pat Cher, Gerry Dore, Moira Green, Terry Jenkins, Dan Knighton and a special thanks to Harry Needham for supervising.

The winning contest winners were delivered to Carleton Place Legion for the next level, Zone. I am waiting to hear back as to the results.

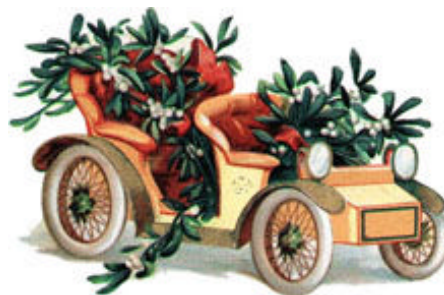
The winning competitors in all caegoris are being listed on our website.

Plans are already in the works for next year and how to make it more successful.

Brenda Grant

Membership, Youth and Education and much, much more

**THERE WILL BE
NO FISH AND
CHIPS ON
FRIDAY 14TH
AND 28TH OF
DECEMBER**



The Ladies Auxiliary

A very successful Christmas Dinner was held on Fri. Nov. 30th, thanks to Sue McLean and her kitchen staff for preparing and serving the dinner and to the dish washer. Thanks to our granddaughter Farren and her friend Juliette for helping to serve and clear. Thanks also to the GreenBriar Band for entertaining us.

It is so unfortunate that more L.A. Members neither attend nor volunteer. As in the past, it's always the same old faithful , thank you so much to all those who regularly volunteer, it is much appreciated.

MERRY CHRISTMAS to all and a very HAPPY YEAR AHEAD for 2013 .

Nancy Medynski

**ALWAYS READ THE LABELS ON THE
FOODS YOU BUY—NO MATTER
WHAT THE FRONT OF THE BOX OR
PACKAGE SAYS, TURN IT OVER AND
READ THE BACK—!**

By Garry Fancy
Contributing Editor

With all the food and pet products now coming from China , it is best to make sure you read label at the grocery store and especially Walmart when buying food products.

Many products no longer show where they were made, only give where the distributor is located. It is important to read the bar code to track it's origin.

How to read Bar Codes interesting!

This may be useful to know when grocery shopping, if it's a concern to you.

GREAT WAY TO "BUY USA & CANADA " AND NOT FROM CHINA!!

The whole world is concerned about China-made "black hearted goods".
Can you differentiate which one is made in Taiwan or China ?

If the first 3 digits of the barcode are 690 691 or 692, the product is MADE IN CHINA.
471 is Made in Taiwan .
This is our right to know, but the government and related departments never educate the public, therefore we have to RESCUE ourselves.

Nowadays, Chinese businessmen know that consumers do not prefer products "MADE IN CHINA ", so they don't show from which country it is made.

However, you may now refer to the barcode - remember if the first 3 digits are:

690-692 ... then it is MADE IN CHINA
00 - 09 ... USA & CANADA
30 - 37 FRANCE
40 - 44 GERMANY
471 Taiwan
49 ... JAPAN
50 ... UK

BUY USA & CANADIAN MADE by watching for "0" at the beginning of the number.

We need every boost we can get! Pass this on to everybody on your E-Mail Contact List!!)

Recapping the Coming Events:

Wednesday, 12 December – Executive Meeting, 1930

NO GENERAL MEETING IN DECEMBER!!!

**Monday, 31 December, New Year's Eve Party.
BOOK BEFORE 22 DECEMBER,**

Wednesday, 9 January - Executive Meeting

Wednesday, 16 January – Branch General Meeting



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