



CONTACT!

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President's Report

It is great to see the warmer weather approaching as we end this term and move forward into the 2022/23 term on 1 Jun with a new and refreshed Executive Committee. I congratulate all who were elected as they take on their responsibilities. The handover is going well, and I expect you will be introduced to your new Executive Committee at the next General meeting on 22 June, chaired by your new President, comrade Bill Molnar.

When I was elected as your President my first aim was to ensure we had multiple sources of income in the event of an emergency, never expecting that we would have to see our way through two years plus of pandemic restrictions. Thanks to you, the Executive, our volunteers, the Ladies' Auxiliary, generous members, and community, we were able to see our way through this. I personally want to thank all who have donated their personal time.

Margaret and I have just returned from attending the Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command Convention in North Bay, Ontario, I as a voting delegate and Margaret as an observer. It was a long but rewarding experience with 1,114 voting delegates and many observers in attendance. I will be reporting, as the Branch Past President, on certain items in the new term.

Thank you for giving me the experience of serving the Branch over the past four years as your President.

Here is a saying I picked up during my time away.
"What you need in life is a **wish bone**, a **backbone** and a **funny bone!**"

Bruce Judge CD

Poppy Campaign

Planning is already underway for the 2022 Poppy Campaign. We are hoping to be back to having our members offering poppies from behind tables and several locations throughout our territory. A message to all our members will be sent out soon to solicit table captains and volunteers to distribute poppy boxes throughout our territory.

John Kern
Poppy Chair

Legion Seniors

The Legion Seniors Committee is planning a series of seminars soon on a variety of subjects of interest to our members. Stay tuned for more details on these seminars.

The Branch's Coffee Club attendance is growing. Most of the treats that are being offered are sponsored by area Seniors Residences. Come and join us for free coffee and treats every Wednesday in the Branch's Lounge between 9:00 am and 11:30 am. All are welcome.

John Kern, Chair
Legion Seniors Committee

Cenotaph Memorial Stones

Do you have a veteran in your family? A veteran friend or neighbour? The purchase of a memorial stone at the Kanata Legion Cenotaph is a perfect way to honour and remember. The cost is \$150 and application forms are available by contacting me.

Please consider honouring a veteran.

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Cenotaph Memorial Stone

by comrade Sue McLean, in memory of her dad.



Born in Toronto, Ontario, in 1924, Bill attended Danforth Tech High School.

At the age of 18 (in 1942), he followed his brother Jim into the RCAF. Originally, he trained as a navigator due to his proficiency in math, but the first training flight put an end to that! When the head goes down, the stomach

comes up! I inherited that instead of his math skills.

Therefore, he retrained as a pilot in Bomber Command. He originally flew Stirlings and Wimpey's. But when transferred to Great Britain, the focus was on 4 engine bombers. He was put into a conversion squadron and trained on Halie's and Lancs. Just as his training ended - so did the war in Europe.

Still wanting to put his training to use, he volunteered for service in the far East. Halfway home across the Atlantic, and due two weeks home leave, the war in the Pacific ended. "They kept ending the damned war before I could get into it!", he told me many times.

Later, during what I now know was the Korean War, Dad joined the GGHG. Years later I asked him why. "It was a bit of extra money" was his reply. I still think it was because of the cheap beer, and boys' nights out! And just maybe! - a desire to do his duty. With nothing else to occupy his time (except a wife and two young girls), he went on to earn his CGA at night.

He and his generation are one that we will never know again. God bless them! And never forget!

Veterans Services

Wheels for the Wise, a Veteran Affairs approved service provider, provides transportation to medical appointments for Veterans with approved pension related conditions. This service, once approved, is at no cost to the Veteran.

They accommodate the individual needs of each client and provide round trip transportation; picking you up at a mutually agreed time, taking you to your appointment, staying until your appointment is complete and then bringing you home. Their drivers, most being Veterans themselves, understand the stress and difficulties that dealing with injuries and illnesses have on both the Veteran and their families. Wheels for the Wise is now established in the Maritimes and their

passion is to eliminate the additional burden that finding a drive to a much-needed medical appointment has on our Veterans, their family, and friends.

Veterans in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Ontario, we invite anyone requiring this service, now or in the future, to pre-register today.

To register, simply call 613-709-9473.

The entire Wheels for the Wise team thanks you for your Service.

Representatives from this company addressed the May General Meeting. For those that were not there, please contact me for more information.

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Gaming Report



Catch the Ace Report

A large part of the success of Catch the Ace is due to the Catch the Ace Club, where members prepay for draw tickets for each week. Currently we have approximately 118 Club members.

Month	Donatable Funds	Branch Operations & Maintenance
April	\$ 1,206.40	\$ 629.85



Bingo Returns

Month	Deposit to Bingo Trust	Expenses	Donatable Funds
April	\$1900.00	\$ 978.45	\$ 737.24

Progressive Jackpot



The Progressive Jackpot was started February 2022. The Draw is done each week at the Sunday Bingo. To enter the Progressive Jackpot one must pay \$2.00 and sign the entry sheet situated in the Lounge of the Legion. If the winner drawn has not entered that week, the pot then accumulates until the next draw.

BILL MOLNAR was our latest winner.

“Lunch in the Lounge”

26 people attended our first Smoked Meat Lunch. As this was the first venture into the lunch, we had a few hiccups. Be assured those will be fixed and we will not run out this time.

The next lunch is Monday, May 30th. Space is limited to 32 spots, and it is quickly filling up.

For more information or to book a space, please contact Brenda Grant or Clay Wheaton at 613-592-5417 or via email: claywheaton@rogers.com

The Gaming Committee

LTF Donations

In May the Lottery Trust Fund donated \$500 to each of the following:

- Chrysalis House
- Hospice Ottawa - Ruddy Shenkman Hospice
- Main Street Community Service
- Operation Leave the Streets Behind
- Operation Service Dog

Margaret Judge
Chair, LFT

Membership Desk

Total Membership in Good Standing to date: **310**



Welcome New Members to the Branch

- Ronald Hall: Ordinary Transfer in

Dominion Command Initiative: Automated Telemarketing Renewal Calling Campaign

- Canada Direct will begin this automated renewal campaign on Tuesday, April 5th
- Using Canada Direct technology and existing Member Services staffing resources, 28,000 non-renewed member phone numbers will be uploaded into predictive dialing software
- A pre-recorded message will remind members to renew their Legion membership (also a recorded French message is available for French members)
- A member can transfer at any time to speak to one of our Agents and pay directly over the phone with a credit card. If the member is not home a message will

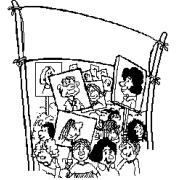
be left on their answering machine encouraging them to renew.

- Campaign expected to last until early June.
- All Branches will be notified in the upcoming All Branch communication.

Brenda Grant
Membership Chair

Youth Education

Poems, Essay, and Poster Contest



A reminder: The date for the Youth Education Awards Ceremony will be **Sunday, June 5th, 2022**, 4:30 pm.

Brenda Grant

Ways and Means Committee

The Kanata Legion Br 638 held its first Euchre tournament in a very long time. Lunch was prepared for approximately 75 players. There were 56 registered players (28 teams). Lots of door prizes donated by local restaurants and stores, were awarded and the top three teams were presented with cash prizes.



Brenda Grant and Lorraine Lapensée

First place winning team was - Sandy and Randy Kreutz, receiving \$200; Second place was Joy Taylor and Roly Boisvenu, receiving \$100; third place \$50, went to Louise Joly and Bruce McBride. Clay Wheaton conducted a 50/50 draw with the winner receiving \$120.

A storm warning came during the seventh game, and eventually we lost power leaving us all in the dark. Cell phone flashlights were turned on and we continued on to complete the eighth and final game in good spirits. The

event raised \$600. Thank you goes out to all the volunteers who helped make this event a wonderful success!

Debby Holden
WAM Chair
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Edith Guimont



Ladies' Auxiliary



I am very pleased to report the Ladies' Auxiliary, Branch #638 - Kanata hosted a very successful annual L.A. Zone G6 Convention on May 1, 2022. Ladies' Auxiliaries of Zone G6 attending were from Almonte, Carleton Place, Kanata, Lanark, Orleans, Perth and Smiths Falls. Unfortunately, the West Carleton Ladies' Auxiliary had to cancel. The attending L.A. Zone G6 officers were Elaine Madore, Deputy Zone G6 Commander and was Acting Zone G6 Commander for the day and Luanne Warren, Zone G6 Sports Officer. Regretfully, L.A. Zone G6 Commander, Marilyn Devlin was not able to attend due to recovering from an accidental fall. The Ladies' Auxiliary Provincial Officer attending was Sharon Crown, L.A. Provincial 2nd Vice-President and her husband, Ron Crown, Legion Provincial Vice Chair.

Zone G6 convention guest speakers were:

- Sharon Crown, L.A. Provincial 2nd Vice-President
- Bruce Judge, Branch #638 President
- Cathy Curry, Kanata North, City of Ottawa Councillor
- Allan Hubley, Kanata South, City of Ottawa Councillor

Dinner special guests attending were Sharon Crown, Provincial 2nd Vice-President; Ron Crown, Legion Provincial Vice Chair; Legion Zone G6 Commander, Rob Madore; Branch #638 President, Bruce Judge; First Lady and Executive Committee member, Margaret Judge; Branch #638 L.A. Liaison Officer/1st Vice-president, Bill Molnar, and his wife and legion member, Anne Molnar.

L.A. Zone G6 Convention election results are:

- Elaine Madore (Almonte L.A.)
Zone G6 Commander
- Debby Holden (Kanata L.A.)
Deputy Zone G6 Commander
- Luanne Warren (Almonte L.A.)
Zone G6 Sports Officer
- Marilyn Devlin (Perth L.A.)
Immediate Past Zone G6 Commander



Installation of
Debby Holden,
L.A. Deputy Zone G6
Commander

The success of this convention was a result of great teamwork among the Br. #638-Kanata Ladies' Auxiliary members and with Branch #638 members.

I wish to take this opportunity to extend a very special thanks on behalf of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Branch for their support. Special thanks to Clay Wheaton and the Sunday Bingo players for forgoing their Sunday Bingo on May 1st; to Bob Thomson for organizing the Colour Party for opening ceremonies and for hall set up and clean up; to the Colour Party participants; to Terry Jacobs for organizing servers for the dinner and wine and the Branch servers, to the Branch for covering the cost of the wine, to branch members who worked tirelessly in the kitchen for both lunch and dinner.



Volunteers

The Ladies' Auxiliary spent many hours of planning and preparation in hosting the L.A. Zone G6 Convention with the provision of a lunch, dinner, a silent auction, mystery boxes, welcome gift bags, a book sale, promotion, registration, miscellaneous. Hats off to our Ladies' Auxiliary for a job well done! Congratulations! I am very proud of them! We can be proud of them!



Ladies' Auxiliary, Br. #638 - Kanata

On May 4th, 2022, the Ladies' Auxiliary held their Executive elections the first time in over two years. Special thanks to Branch members, President Bruce Judge, 1st Vice-President/L.A. Liaison Officer, Bill Molnar; Executive Committee member, Margaret Judge; and Past President/Finance, Terry Jacobs for taking the time to come out to conduct our elections and President, Bruce to conduct the installation of the new Executive.

Ladies' Auxiliary 2022-2023 Executive



Front row (L-R)

Betty Ann Pollock, Immediate Past President; Lorraine Lapensée, President; Debby Holden, 2nd Vice-President
Back row (L-R)

Sheila Horton, Secretary; Johanna Walters, Sergeant @ Arms; Bonnie Jessup, Executive; Rosanne Birtch, Treasurer

Missing

Suzanne St. John, 1st Vice-President; Susan Cooper, Executive; Sheila Taylor, Executive

A reminder, the Ladies' Auxiliary will be hosting a **Tea and Fashion show on Saturday, June 11th**, and a **Trinkets and Treasures Sale on Saturday, July 9th**.

Fashion Show & Social Tea

Saturday June 11th, 2022 1:30pm-4:30pm
70 Hines Road Kanata, ON K2K2M5

Only \$5 to attend!
For inquiries or to secure your spot before June 9th, email: llaeventslegionbranch638@gmail.com or call 6136683591

1:30pm - Fashion Show and Tea
Tea and Squares provided
Cash Bar

3pm - In person shopping with multiple vendors
(Makeup, Home Decor, Purses, Jewelry etc)

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Lorraine Lapensée
L.A. President

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