



CONTACT!

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President's Report

Once again, we have come around the calendar to expound on the latest occurrences at #638. Most of the news is good news, thank goodness. The pandemic results are slightly less than they were in the last issue and the snow effects seem to be falling off somewhat, although we will not be immune to the Alberta forecast which invariably sweeps Eastwards to catch us with our snow shovels hung up in the garage. It is time to be over. My wife tells me that I'm too old to be shovelling snow anymore, but I have to point out that there are no eligible teenage boys on our street, so the last option is for her to pitch in. I know she won't be able to toss a shovel of snow far enough to put it off the driveway so the decision is that I will have to opt for a chance at heart attack city once again. Next year I think we may go for a Feb/Mar holiday in the sunny south and worry about sunburn instead!

Activity at the Branch is brisk and productive. The regular functions like Bingo and Fish and Chips are being held successfully and are well attended. The additional events like the Pipes and Drums' sponsored Highland event and the Valentines Dinner and Dance were raves. I met a couple from a distant Branch who made a special trip to attend the latter and by their appearances on the dance floor, my impression was that they were not disappointed.

A special Branch operation note. For some time, the Executive have felt that it was time to correct a system which is causing considerable unfairness in our operations. We have a very small cadre of hard-working volunteers who are doing the lions share of work to make the Branch as successful as it is. The turnover rate to bring in new talent is poor, and we must do more to correct the situation. Thankfully a particularly onerous job was recognized by one of our newer members who graciously volunteered to take some of the pressure off Sue McLean who is just one of the overworked members in our midst. A change will appear in the Org Chart shortly. Thank you, Joan Hemlin. We look forward to more changes in the not distant future to produce a more diversified work force.

Bill Molnar



First Vice President

The Catch the Ace weekly draw results announcement for Friday 17 Feb contained an incorrect email address for buying by e-transfer Catch the Ace tickets for the next draw. It should have been ctarcl638@gmail.com. For participants who wish to purchase multiple weeks in advance the old method of e-transfer still applies: claywheaton@rogers.com. Reminder the New e-transfer direct to the Branch is only for the next draw.

Gaming Report

Catch the Ace (4 Draws)



Total proceeds from draws	\$ 2,790.00
Rent to the Branch	\$ 237.17
Building Reserve Fund	\$ 446.40
Donatable Funds	\$ 669.60

Bingo Report (3 Bingos)

Total Deposit to Bingo Trust	\$ 2,238.00
Rent to the Branch	\$ 582.70
Building Reserve Fund	\$ 527.40
Donatable Funds	\$ 791.10

Total Donations (to Lottery Trust)	\$ 1,460.70
Total Rent & Building Reserve	\$ 1,792.95

The Gaming Committee

LTF Donations

The Lottery Trust Fund donated \$500 to each of the following charitable organizations in February:

- Crystal Bay Centre for Special Education
- Dave Smith Treatment Centre
- Youth Services Bureau of Ottawa

During my absence from 27 Feb - 6 April, Nila Bronkhurst, deputy of LTF, will be responsible for all LTF concerns. If anyone has suggestions for new donatable organizations, please contact Nila so that she can do the necessary research on the organization before suggesting it to the LTF committee.

Margaret Judge, LTF Chair

Youth Education Report

The Awards Ceremony was held Jan. 22 at 4:30 pm. It was well attended with all of the awards winners attending with family and friends. Estimate over 100 people filled the hall.



Emily's colour poster has gone on to the National Level for judging.



Emily Wu

Brenda Grant

District Results:

PRIMARY Black & White	1st	AMY YANG	KANATA HIGHLANDS P.S.
INTERMEDIATE Black & White	2nd	ALINA WEN	EARL OF MARCH S.S.
JUNIOR Colour	2nd	ZICHUN LIN	STEPHEN LEACOCK P.S.
INTERMEDIATE Colour	1st	CHANGQI ZHENG	MERIVALE H.S.
SENIOR Colour	1st	EMILY WU	EARL OF MARCH S.S.

Provincial Results:

PRIMARY Black & White	3rd	AMY YANG	KANATA HIGHLANDS P.S.
SENIOR Colour	1st	EMILY WU	EARL OF MARCH S.S.

Membership Desk



Total Membership in Good Standing to date: **291**

Welcome Members to the Branch

- **Trevor Pace** - Transfer Ordinary - has been attending coffee club for many years
- **Don Chenel** - New Ordinary - joined online
- **Brian Akitt** - Reinstate Ordinary- returning after a hiatus

Make the most of your Legion Membership

As a Legion Member, you can take pride in the fact that your membership helps support and honour Canada's Veterans. Did you know that it comes with benefits you can use, too? Take advantage of all the benefits that come FREE with your membership.

Get exclusive deals and offers!

Go to: <https://www.legion.ca/join-us/memberperks>

Brenda Grant
Membership Chair

Kanata Legion Bursary Assistance Program 2023 June 1st Deadline

OPEN TO STUDENTS OF:

- Ex-Service personnel or currently serving members of The Canadian Forces (Regular, Reserve & Merchant Navy) and their children & grandchildren
- Commonwealth war veterans & their children & grandchildren
- Ordinary & Life Members of The Royal Canadian Legion - children & grandchildren
- Associate members of The Royal Canadian Legion and their children only
- LA members and their children & grandchildren

Applicants who have graduated from or reside in the Kanata Area are given priority in the application process. Consideration is given to students who do not reside in the Kanata area, on the condition that funding is available.



The Bursary Program is designed to assist students entering or continuing their post-secondary education, including courses and programs of a technical and vocational nature, outside of and beyond secondary school. Approved bursary assistance is not based upon scholastic standing but rather

on the successful admission status to a post-secondary institution or successful completion of one or more years leading to a recognized degree, diploma or certificate.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE LEGION NO LATER THAN JUNE 1st, 2023, FOR THE UPCOMING ACADEMIC YEAR, SEPTEMBER TO AUGUST.

Mailing Address:

The Royal Canadian Legion
Kanata Branch 638
Bursary Committee
70 Hines Road, Kanata, Ontario
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Phone: (613) 591-5570

For an application please download directly from
<https://kanatalegion.ca/bursary-program/>

Chris Braeuel
Bursary Committee Chair
613-402-4244

Ladies' Auxiliary

At the Ladies' Auxiliary's Feb. 1st general meeting, general membership welcomed the new Ladies' Auxiliary Liaison Officer, Dennis Hearn. Three new members were initiated:

- Laurie Landry
- Donna Lawlor
- Sheila Nellestyn

The Ladies' Auxiliary contributed two cheques to the branch. A \$2,500 cheque for the Branch Building Reserve Fund and a \$8,348 cheque towards the purchase of the new sound system.

On Monday, February 20, the Ladies' Auxiliary hosted their fifth Family Fun Day! The first since February 2020 due to the pandemic. A Family FUN Day it was! Over 80 people came out to enjoy the day! There was something for everyone: toss games for children, toss games for adults, crafts tables, tattoos, mini manicures, bingo and hotdogs, French fries and homemade donuts!

Hosting a Family Fun Day is one way we can give back to the community and to showcase the Ladies' Auxiliary and Kanata Legion.



Special thanks to those who came out - whether as a single, a couple, with children or grandchildren - we were all family on Family Day.



Special thanks to branch members: Clay Wheaton - Bingo caller, photo, left; Gaëtan Chartier, Jim Hemlin, Joan Hemlin - Kitchen help, photo, below, left; to friends of the legion - Jamie Campbell, Mary Thomas; Julie Mullins, JP Monette and to the Ladies' Auxiliary members who volunteered and/or donated prizes.

A very successful Family Fun Day!



Left: Cathy Curry, Kanata North City Councillor
Right: Joan Hemlin, L.A. and legion member.



Denise Corrigan, Angela Chartier guests; Suzanne St. John, L.A. Member, and manicurist



Bob Adkins - Legion member



a budding artist



Upcoming events: **Tea & Fashion Show** - May 13, 2023
Trinkets & Treasures Sale - June 24, 2023

Lorraine Lapensée
L.A. President

Past Events

Burns Night Supper

hosted by The Highland Mist Pipe Band
Saturday 21 January 2023



The Menu: cock-a-leekie soup, meat pie, tatties and neeps (mashed potatoes and turnip), haggis, sticky toffee pudding, whiskey toast



Piping in the Haggis
Chef, Kevin McCarthy
Dram Stewart, Ann Ervin



Guests were treated to the piping in of the Haggis by Dave Brown and clapped as it made its way around the room.



Toast to the Haggis (L to R)
Dave Brown (Duty Piper)
Tom Baker
Kevin McCarthy (Chef)

Tom Baker gave the **Address to a Haggis** with a Scottish animated flare.



Piping Entertainment

Jeff Stellick
Robert Catalfamo
Dave Brown



Kitchen Staff

Kevin McCarthy
Gaëtan Chartier



Bar Staff

Patricia J Rose
Mary Jo Gauthier



Over 80 people attended the celebration of Robbie Burns and were treated to a mixture of poetry, bagpiping, quizzes and dancing.

The Immortal Memory was done by Tom Baker

The Toast to the Lassies was done by Peter Catalfamo.

Response to the Toast to the Lassies was given by Ann Ervin, with a lot of fun poked at the laddies.

The night was rounded out by the Scottish country dance called "Strip the Willow" and the singing of Old Lang Syne led by Dave Brown on pipes.

The Highland Mist Pipe Band volunteered to organize and run this event as it not only allowed us to showcase the band's musical abilities, but also afforded us the opportunity to give back to the Legion, which supports us in our endeavours.



Bob Thomson & Ken Fleming

Thank you to all who participated. It was a true pleasure and lots of fun.

Brenda Grant

Ongoing Events

Adult Line Dance Lessons – **Mondays** beginning 6 March 3:30-4:30 pm. A great way of getting exercise both physically and mentally. The classes are starting at the beginner level and advancing as we go.



MONDAYS,
MARCH 6
3:30 - 4:30 PM
Just \$200 per person

ONGOING CLASSES STARTING AT BEGINNER LEVEL
In the Legion Hall

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Contact jim_joan_hemlin@yahoo.com

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The **Legion Euchre Club** continues to provide a fun night of cards for our members and the community! All skill levels are welcome from the beginners to the pros. We meet every **Tuesday** night at 7 PM in the lounge. And we are having a four-handed euchre tournament in March.

Four-handed
EUCHRE
Tournament

Saturday 25th March, 2023

Kanata Legion Branch 638,
70 Hines Rd. Kanata

Registration at Door - 12 PM (noon)
Light lunch provided, Cash Bar

Game Play Begins - 1:00 pm
8 games (18 mins or 10 points)

Cost - \$200 per person

Cash Prizes Awarded
1st, 2nd and 3rd teams of two.
Plus door prizes

Come solo or bring
a partner!

Pre-registration/Questions:
Contact Debby Holden at
613-271-2993 or
debbyholden2993@rogers.com

Legion

Darts - every **Thursday** evening 7 PM. Everyone is welcome.

Music is going very well. The fiddlers enjoy playing on the 1st and 3rd **Thursday** from 10 a.m. till 12 noon. If you like old time fiddle music, come join us!

Open Mic is held in the lounge the 1st and 3rd **Saturday** each month 1-4 pm. If you like to sing or play or just listen, come and join us.

Jim Hemlin
Sports Officer

Fundraising and Activities Committee

St. Patrick's
Day
Dinner and Dance
Friday 17 March 2023



5:00 pm: Bar Open
6:00 pm: Dinner

- **Fish & Chips**
- 1 pc - \$11**
- 2 pc - \$14**
- 3 pc - \$18**



7:00 pm: Musical Entertainment
Dress Code: Irish Green
No Tickets Required

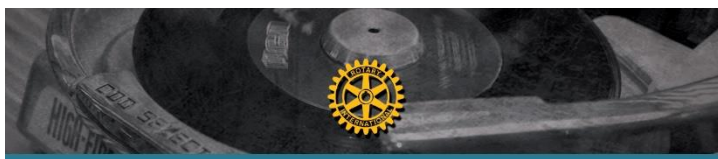


Sheila Horton, Chair
Fundraising & Activities

Kanata Rotary Trivia Night

The Kanata Legion is pleased to support the Kanata Rotary Trivia Night to be held at the Kanata Legion on March 31st. Doors open at 6pm. **Book your team of 6 now!** Tickets include Pizza & Snacks. Mystery Envelope Game with a Guaranteed win!

The following poster was provided by Kathleen Vermeer of the Kanata Rotary Club. Comrade John Beard is also a member of the Kanata Rotary Club.



Kanata Rotary

Music Trivia 2023

When: Friday, March 31, 2023

Where: Royal Canadian Legion, 70 Hines Rd, Kanata

6:00 PM: Doors open (cash bar and FREE snacks)

6:45 PM to 10 PM: Music Trivia Game

**MYSTERY
ENVELOPES**



PIZZA

Join us for a fun filled evening!

- Recruit your team (up to 6 members)
- Pick a fun team name

- \$30 per person • \$180 for table of 6
- \$200 - Table plus 4 mulligans

TEAM CHALLENGE

Create a special competition by issuing a challenge to 3 or more other teams from your company, your competitors, other banks, car dealerships etc.

MULLIGANS

Don't know the answer? Use a mulligan! Maximum of 4 per table, \$5 each.

Fundraiser for the Kanata Rotary Club
Music Trivia operated by Ottawa Music Trivia Night

Register online at

www.KanataRotary.com

Past Events (continued)

Valentine's Dinner and Dance

The Branch had a successful Valentine's Dinner and Dance on February 18th. We had a fun evening of dancing with music provided by Jul's Entertainment. The dance floor was very busy all evening with music from many generations. Thank you to everyone for coming out and having a fun night with us!

Special thank you to Gaëtan Chartier and his staff, Brenda Grant, George Pollock for helping out in the kitchen and serving the buffet. Thank you to Clay Wheaton for getting the food for the evening and to Debby Holden for providing the desserts. Thank you to Nila Bronkhorst for helping decorate the hall and to our bartenders for the evening.

Sheila Horton, Chair
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CONTACT! Future Submission Deadlines

Time: Noon Sunday

Dates: 19 March 16 April 21 May 25 June

Lorraine Elmas
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