



CONTACT!

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President's Report

This period has ended with a big bang, so to speak. The **St. Patrick's Dinner and Dance** on Friday, 17 March, was a huge success. The hall was jammed with full tables brimming with happy clients decked out in all manner of green costumes and accoutrements. The idea of having Fish and Chips for the evening meal instead of mid-day appears to have been a good one. Although Mary Jo did not have the time to brew green beer, the bar was very popular none the less and the line was endless.

The entertainment was endless as well. The popular one-man band was embellished with intervals of recognized bag pipe sets. Dancing was popular even in the small space the tables left, and the overflow of new line dancers improvised in front of the bar.



A rather surprising number of attendees, members and visitors took the time to pull me aside and mention that the success of a function like this one suggests that repeats might be popular on a monthly basis. Obviously, an idea that the Entertainment Committee might consider for the future.

On behalf of happy recipients of this delightful evening, I would like to thank and congratulate the organizers and the tireless cooks, servers and bar tenders plus others who toiled diligently in the background, for all of their hard work. And don't forget Clay who is forever teasing us with promises of up to \$8K in Catch the Ace prizes. Happily his surplus, along with that of other gaming functions, go to many worthwhile causes that we willingly and generously support in keeping with the Royal Canadian Legion mandates.

Bill Molnar

Legion Seniors / Veterans

Mark your calendars for May 9! We are finally going to hold the annual Veterans' Luncheon! It's been three long years since we have been able to do this. Each veteran is allowed one (1) guest.

We are going to need volunteers in the kitchen and dining room. Let's fill those spots with L.A., Associates, and Affiliate

members! I would rather see veterans enjoying their day than volunteering! Details will follow.

Following on the heels of the luncheon will be the delivering of **Veterans' Comforts!** Please consider volunteering for this as well. We do the deliveries to seniors' residences, long term care homes, as well as to the senior members of our Branch still in their own homes. As this involves 2 person teams, consider volunteering as a pair.

Due to some medical issues, I may be unavailable to fill my duties as Service Officer for the remainder of my term of office. Never fear! I have an able 2IC to assist! So don't hesitate to call or email if you have any inquiries.

Sue McLean
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Seniors Committee Report

Our Complimentary Coffee Hour in the Lounge on Wednesdays from 9:00-11:30 a.m. is continuing to grow in numbers, and fun is had by all along with good conversation and friendship.

The treats are being provided by the **Astoria** on the first Wednesday, **The Courtyards** on the second and the **Red Oak** on the third; the fourth and fifth Wednesdays are being supported by our own Legion.

In the future we are planning on having guest speakers probably on the months that have five Wednesdays. If anyone has any suggestions for a speaker and/or topics, please let any member of the Seniors Committee know. It has been suggested that we keep the presentations to half an hour, so it will give time for discussion following.

Joan Hemlin
Chair
Seniors Committee
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Gaming Report - February

Catch the Ace (4 Draws)



Total proceeds from draws	\$ 3,005.00
Rent to the Branch	\$ 255.45
Building Reserve Fund	\$ 480.80
Donatable Funds	\$ 721.20

Bingo Report (4 Bingos)



Total Deposit to Bingo Trust	\$ 1,999.00
Rent to the Branch	\$ 580.80
Building Reserve Fund	\$ 399.28
Donatable Funds	\$ 598.92

Total Donations (to Lottery Trust)	\$ 1,320.12
Total Rent & Building Reserve	\$ 1,716.33

The Gaming Committee

Membership Desk



Total Membership in Good Standing to date: **294**

Welcome Members to the Branch

- **Greg Kung** – New Voting Affiliate – joined online
- **Brian Akitt** – Reinstated Ordinary – back post pandemic
- **Beverly Berry** – Reinstated Associate – past member of our branch missed in Nov. report
- **Sylvia Monette** – New Affiliate Voting- member of the senior committee & L.A.
- **Robert Lightbody** - New Affiliate Voting- has joined the euchre group Tues. evenings
- **Suzanne St. John** – New Associate – volunteer and member of the L.A.
- **Michael Dwornik** – New Associate – son of bar manager Mary Jo Gauthier
- **Ernest Tyers** – New Ordinary – looking to get involved with the legion
- **T. Carol Tyers** – New Associate – looking to get involved with the legion
- **Richard Ladouceur** – New Ordinary – joined online
- **Brendan Doyle** – New Associate – joined online

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:

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Kanata Branch 638
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For an application please download directly from
<https://kanatalegion.ca/bursary-program/>

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Ladies' Auxiliary



The Ladies' Auxiliary looks forward to hosting their annual **Tea and Fashion Show** on May 13 with Valley Girls+. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the fashion show! Fashion available in sizes small to 5X. There will be additional vendors! Men, this is the perfect opportunity to treat your mom, wife, daughter, sister the day before Mothers' Day! Men are also welcome to attend! Please refer to the nearby poster for details and how to reserve a seat or two or three!

This year's Annual L.A. Zone G6 Convention is being hosted by the Perth Ladies' Auxiliary on Sunday, April 30th.

It was announced on March 12th at the Zone G6 Branch Convention that the L.A. bylaws resolutions put forth for Ontario Command approval have been approved, except for the request to increase the maximum of \$500 operating costs before the L.A. needs to request Branch approval. The new L.A. Bylaws manual is ready for purchase.

At the March 15th Branch general meeting, general membership approved three separate motions for the Ladies' Auxiliary to donate as follows:

- \$1000 to the Ottawa Mission
- \$1000 to the Charitable Foundation
- \$250 to the Veterans Wish List

I am very pleased to inform you that since September, the Ladies' Auxiliary has donated to the Branch a total of \$18,358 for the new sound system and \$2,500 for the Branch's Building Reserve Fund.

Let's celebrate, growing together!
Lorraine Lapensée

MOTHER'S DAY TEA AND FASHION SHOW

MAY 13, 2023 2PM
TICKETS: \$10 INCLUDES TEA AND DESSERTS

CASH BAR & IN-PERSON SHOPPING WITH MULTIPLE VENDORS

KANATA LEGION
70 HINES ROAD, KANATA K2K 2M5

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Past Events

St. Patrick's Day Fish & Chip Dinner & Dance

The evening was a huge success. We served approximately 100 plates of Fish & Chips and danced to the music of Jim Guillemette. We also had a musical interlude provided by members of the Highland Mist Pipe Band. It was great to see all wearing green! St. Paddy would be proud.



←George O'Royle



↓ Terry Jacobs and Nila Bronkhorst



↓ Clay & Bernie Wheaton



↓ Gord McBride & Jim Hemlin



↓ Paul & Don Raven Table



Dave Brown

Jeff Stellick

Brenda Grant

Submitted by Brenda Grant

Ongoing Events

Adult Line Dance Lesson - beginning 6 March 3:30-4:30 pm. A great way to exercise both physically and mentally. Unfortunately, the class is full. We are starting at the beginner level and advancing.

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.

Don't forget the Euchre Tournament on Sat., 25 March. Registration begins at 12 noon (See poster below.)
START TIME: 1 pm. It will start on time.
 Contact Lorraine Lapensee lmlapensee@sympatico.ca

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

Open Mic Music 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

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 Vermeer of the Kanata Rotary Club. Composed by so 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



- 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



CONTACT! Submission Deadlines

Time: Sunday Noon

Dates:

- 23 April
- 21 May
- 25 June

Lorraine Elmas
 Editor

**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 - \$20⁰⁰ per person

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

Come solo or bring a partner!

Pre-registration/Questions:
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Remember ☺

Wednesday, April 19, 2023
 Kanata Legion General Meeting
Time to elect our new Executive



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