



CONTACT!

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President's Report

Our New Year's Eve party was a total success! Food, music and the people attending made it a super party. I went from table to table and asked how everything was and received nothing but positive remarks. Many attending were at our Branch for the first time and said they will return. Our faithful members and guests mentioned that it was the best party in years and this was due to the hard work of the event co-ordinator. Thank you, Lorraine.

The Levee was also exceptional. We got too crowded in the lounge so we had to move into the hall. Approximately one hundred attended and had a great time. Thanks to Moira for organizing the music. Several people mentioned that it helped make the day. Thanks to Sue McLean for catering the event. The food table was professional and festive looking, and the food selection was superb. Thank you, Sue! Terry's moose milk lived up to our expectation and was enjoyed by all!

A happy and healthy New Year to all!

John Cher
President

From the First Vice

Look for submission in February's edition.

From the Second Vice

Thanks to Geoff and Kailey Hollyer also Nancy Eadie for helping me with the music for our levee. We had fun and I hope you did too!

PHOTOGRAPHER

The branch is in need of a photographer to take pictures of branch events. If you are interested, give me a call please.

25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

If you have any ideas regarding our celebration in September, please submit them to me ASAP. (Chair)

POPPY BUSINESS

Certificates of appreciation are ready to be presented to the following:

Costco 🌸 Hazeldean Mall 🌸
Walmart 🌸 Loblaws Centrum 🌸 Kiwanis Sage
🌸 Superstore 🌸 Home Depot 🌸 Ottawa
Senators Hockey Club.

If you have not picked up yours please do so.

Thanks again for all your work.

At the end of January I am leaving for six weeks in India and a week in Mexico. In the interim I hope you will support as many branch activities as possible.

Cheers! See you in April!

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This Month's Donations

Two bingos and 50/50 draws cancelled due to weather and reduce this month's donations to \$750. This was disbursed to the following organizations @ \$250:

- Sherry's School of Highland Dance
- The Crystal Bay Centre
- The Salvation Arm.

After paying licenses, prizes, and the cost of printed bingo sheets, the net profit is essentially split between the costs to the Branch to operate the bingo (hall rental, utilities, cleaning, food costs, etc.) and donations to charities, including cultural programs. For 50/50 draws, after paying the winner, 97% of the balance goes to donations. This year, we expect to put between \$12,000 and \$15,000 from our two gaming activities back into the community... Who says the Legion is nothing but a watering hole for a bunch of old drunks?!!

POPPY TRUST FUND

At its meeting of January 8th, the Executive approved in principle a schedule of donations and other disbursements from the Poppy Trust Fund. The will be presented to the general membership for its approval at the meeting of January 15. Distribution of cheques to the organizations we support will begin immediately thereafter. Of the approximately \$80,000 collected during the recent Poppy Campaign, ALL money donated will be returned to the community, less only the anticipated cost of the 2014 campaign (estimated at between \$11,000 and \$14,000).

A detailed description of how the Poppy Trust Fund will be used this year to support the community will appear in the February CONTACT!

Submitted by
Harry Needham
Chairman, Trusts Committees

Honours and Awards

The Honours and Awards Committee will have its first meeting soon.

We need nominations from you for the various recognitions given to our members. Although the committee make some recommendations on its own, the preferred method is a written nomination from a member.

In ascending order of importance and usually of presentation are: Certificate of Appreciation, Certificate of Merit, Legionnaire of the Year, Life membership, Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) and Palm Leaf to the MSM.

All nominations are vetted by the committee.

The first three awards are determined and approved "in house." Our Branch has the authority to issue them. More than one award to a member in any year is not normally recommended. More than one award of a Certificate of Merit to any member is unusual.

The latter awards, Life, MSM and Palm Leaf require approval at our Branch, (Executive of General Meeting) Zone, District and Provincial levels. The Honours and Awards Committee at Provincial Command is the final approving authority even though the award may be issued by Dominion Command. These three awards also require a nomination form and a detailed narrative substantiating the nomination with dates and deeds. As the applications must be carefully prepared and have a long route to travel after leaving the Branch, the committee begs you to submit your nominations as soon as practical. The committee hopes to have the finished product mailed to the Zone Commander during the first week in March.

Nomination forms will be available on the notice board. Alternatively, you can email the nomination to the Chairman at ikhawley@sympatico.ca. Required information is: your name, the name of the person you are nominating and the award you are

recommending. Desired information is lots of substantiation. Please - no verbal nominations - my memory is not good enough!

Submitted by
Ivan Hawley

The Best New Year's Eve Party in Kanata!

YES! Our Kanata Legion did it again! We hosted the best New Year's Eve Party in Kanata!

Approximately 115 guests turned out to bring in 2014 and say good-bye to 2013! The Roast Beef Buffet was delicious catered by Dennis and Deb Burns of Leatherworks Catering! The music provided by Eden Windish of Bytown Boogie DJ Services had the dance floor full most of the evening!

Guests counted down to the New Year as they played their noisemakers and wore their party hats!

HAPPY NEW YEAR



In addition to all the fun we had, we raised funds for our legion!

Thank you to all those who came out to support the legion and bring in the New Year! It is always exciting to have an event well attended!

Specials thanks to the following who donated door prizes:

Sophie Absi, The Wedding Jewellers Co.; Michale Fyke, Chartwell Kanata Retirement Residence; Lydia Fancy, Terry Jenkins, Lynn McPherson, Nancy Medynski, Winnie Ponto.

Special thanks to:

- John and Pat Cher for preparing a late evening snack, tea and coffee! It was something new and appreciated by our guests, particularly designated drivers. Thanks so much!
- Bartenders, Brenda Grant, Moira Green & Gord McCaskill! Great job!
- Bev Connell for assisting with the decorating.
- Pat Cher for assisting at the check-in table & Lydia Fancy as hostess.
- Dan Knighton for NYE poster and ticket design & printing
- Bob and John Thomson for hall set up and clean up.

Together we all made the NYE party a BIG SUCCESS!

Submitted by
Lorraine Lapensée
NYE Event Co-ordinator

From the Ways & Means Committee

The Ways & Means Committee will be hosting a second round of **Electronic Waste Disposal Days** on **April 11 and 12, 2014**. Please consider holding onto your e-Waste items until then (vacuums, fans, computers, radios, phones, to mention a few).

On **Saturday, May 10, 2014**, the Ways & Means Committee is planning to host a **Fashion Show and High Tea**. A fun way for women to spend time together the day before Mother's Day - Mothers and daughters, sisters, friends, etc. and support the Kanata legion!

Please watch for further details to follow in months to come. Thank you!

Lorraine Lapensée
Chair

From the Ladies' Auxiliary



Submitted by
Lorraine Lapensée
L.A. Event Co-ordinator

Pub Night, January 11, 2014 - cancelled! A disappointment!

Unfortunately, the Ladies' Auxiliary Pub Night scheduled for January 11, 2014, had to be cancelled due to low interest. Forty participants is the minimum required for most events, depending on costs and to make it worth the effort by those who volunteer to make the event happen. Special thanks to those who did show an interest.

February 14, 2014 - Valentine's Day!

Heads up! - The Ladies' Auxiliary will be hosting a "Celebrate Love!" Valentine's Day dinner evening on Friday, February 14, 2014! By popular demand, Debra McCann will be back to sing-a-long with and/or dance to her music entertainment! Menu and other details still to be determined.

Plan to impress your loved ones by inviting them to come out to an enjoyable evening and Valentine's Day celebration! Remember it is the evening of Friday, February 14, 2014! Watch for the invitation notice and when tickets become available.



MEN'S BLACK GLOVES disappeared on New Year's Eve at the branch.

Finder, please call Garry 613-836-2829

COFFEE WEDNESDAYS
KANATA BR 638
9 AM TO 11 AM



COFFEE
AND
SNACKS

Come for a few minutes or for longer. Enjoy the warmth and fine company! Bring a friend or two or more.

Recap of Coming Events

Sat., Jan. 25, Robbie Burns' Night

Sun., Jan. 26, Birthday Celebrations

Fri., Feb. 14, Ladies' Auxiliary Valentine's Celebration

Sun., March 9, 2014, Zone Convention, Smith Falls Branch

April 11/12, 2014, Electronic Waste Disposal

Sat., May 10, 2014, Fashion Show and High Tea

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