



# CONTACT!

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## President's Report

Sadly, I make mention of the loss of comrades Mavis Gooch and Howard Baugh in the past month. On behalf of Branch #638, our deepest sympathy and condolences to the Gooch and Baugh families. Special thanks to Padre Bill Prentice, Bob Thomson, Sgt. @ Arms, the Colour Party, Brenda Grant, Piper, and legion members who attended the legion tribute for Comrade Howard Baugh. Everything was very much appreciated by the Baugh family.

Unfortunately, two key players have resigned from their executive positions, those being comrade Peter Wilkins, Veterans Service Officer, and Padre Craig Bowers.

As the second quarter of the legion year begins, our branch continues to move forward, preparing for the upcoming poppy campaign and Remembrance Day Ceremony and Parade, re-evaluating operations and finances, implementing fundraising and special projects and increasing membership and volunteers and, of course, serving veterans and supporting the community.

### Events and Activities

On October 3, 2016, comrade Doug Rowland, Chair of the Poppy Trust Fund Committee, and I attended the Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre's annual information seminar for legion representatives. It was very informative and enlightening to learn of the numerous services available and the excellent care provided to the veterans and the best part was visiting with the veterans. Together comrade Doug and I presented a \$2,500 cheque for the purchase of a tilted reclining wheelchair.

The annual Oktoberfest held Saturday, October 15, was very successful! Thank you to all those who helped fill the seats and make it a sold out event. A special thank you to the volunteers, particularly

Event Co-ordinator, Amanda Robbins, and the cooks, Gaëtan Chartier and Dan Knighton!

Something new in District "G", of which our branch is a part--there will no longer be District "G" conventions twice a year; only one in the spring for time and cost efficiency purposes. Instead, the District "G" Council will meet in the fall, which was held this past weekend October 14-16, in Cornwall, Ontario.

A special thank you to gardeners, Judy Homma and June Tyrrell, who put in a lot of work preparing branch gardens for winter and planting the Canadian red and white tulip bulbs in celebration of Canada's 150th birthday next year 2017, donated by Hans van den Berg and Jenny van Oosten (photo below).

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Lapensée



## From the First Vice

I understand that comrade Dan Knighton left for vacation (before submitting his report)!! Editor

## From the Sports Desk

Hello, fellow comrades!

As you all know, all of the sports activities are now going on.

Five new people have joined our fun mixed darts on Thursday evenings. We just received some brand new darts boards to play on.

Come on out on Tuesday night for Euchre and on Thursday night mixed darts.

We have the Zone to Provincial sports forecast. It will be posted on the bulletin board some time next week.

Yours in good sportsmanship,  
Garth Lee CD



### The Royal Canadian Legion Zone G-6 Sports **Senior Darts**

Date: November 26, 2016  
Location: Br. 395 Lanark  
No. of Teams: 4 Teams of 4 @ \$ 20.00 per Team  
4 Teams of 2 @ \$ 10.00 per Team  
4 Singles @ \$ 5.00 per Person

Entry Deadline: November 18, 2016  
Registration: 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM

Must be age 55 or over by January 1st of the year event held

Remember for all Zone events entries must be on Official Form and Signed.

Prizes for 1st and 2nd only  
Food will be available for lunch

Last Year's Winners: Please ensure Plaques are engraved and Returned.

**It is very important to have entries in by the deadline to ensure no delays at the event. Your help in this will be appreciated.**

Send Entries to

Stan Lasenba  
93 Stephen St.  
Smiths Falls K7A 1K7  
613-283-0779 cell 613 285-5662  
lasenba@sympatico.ca

***They Served till Death! Why Not We?***

## From the Second Vice

### Gaming

#### September Bingo Event Report

Bingo events conducted: 4  
Total attendance: 178 (average 44.5 per Bingo)

Total Deposit to Bingo Trust:	\$2,668.00
Expenses	
Rent Paid to Branch	\$762.95
License Fee	\$192.00
Paper Cost \$1/attendee	\$178.00
Total Expenses	\$1,132.95

Revenue after Expenses	\$1,535.05
47.6% for Ops & Mntce	\$730.68
Donation Fund	\$804.37

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#### September Catch the Ace Event Report

Catch the Ace Draws conducted: 4 (357 tickets sold)  
Proceeds from the draws: \$1,785

Branch Share:	\$892.50
Expenses	
Rent Paid to Branch	\$118.50
License Fee	\$ 60.00
Total Expenses	\$178.50

Revenue after Expenses	\$714.00
• 47.6% for Ops & Mntce -	\$285.60
• Donation Fund	\$428.40

Total monies raised for the month of September for donations: \$ 804.37 + \$ 428.40 = \$1,232.77

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#### General Trust Fund Administration

This group meets once a month to distribute funds generated through the Gaming Program. Once approved by the Executive, the funds are then distributed.

Donations (once approved) for October, based on funds raised in September, are \$2,000. Each of the following organizations will receive \$500:

- Kanata Kozy Quilters
- Kanata Food Cupboard
- Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario
- Needy Family - E Sight Glasses

Brenda Grant  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice

# HCMS Ville de Quebec - Tall Ships, Brockville

Submitted by Adrianus Cornelisse

Our Kanata Legion Branch was invited to participate in the welcome ceremony of the HMCS Ville de Quebec in Brockville September 19, 2016.

Two comrades of our legion, Peter Wilkins and Adrianus Cornelisse, participated in the colour party to open the official welcome of the Frigate. Each colour party member was introduced to the public by the Ship's Captain in charge, with recognition given to the Naval services each member has served.

A light lunch was served by deck personnel, sea cadets and volunteers, after which we were invited to tour the Royal Navy Ship which was anchored in the U.S. portion of the St Lawrence River at Brockville. I believe that Brockville was represented with an exemplary, professional presence from our branch.



## Your Poppy Money at Work

(right) The Sword of the Cross of Sacrifice



Another leaf on the Tree of Hope on Castlefrank Kanata Living Hope



Salvation Army at Bethany House



Sean Wong accepts a Cheque at The Ottawa Mission



Queensway Carleton Hospital Foundation

# From the Poppy Campaign Chair

Poppy and Remembrance Report  
September 2016

As I write, Poppy time is almost upon us. If you have not received a call to table sit or distribute poppies, please call me or contact your closest table venue. A list follows of said contacts.

I hope you took an hour and attended our Poppy Campaign launch on Friday, October 21, and met your fellow veterans and members. The first campaign day is Friday October 28.

Thank you in advance for all the time many of you will spend in the coming weeks working on our poppy campaign and to those who responded to my appeal for help.

## Table Captains:

Sue Mclean 613-831-1068	Hazeldean Mall smclean@deadsquid.com
Dan Knighton 613-831-1920	Costco ralo02@rogers.com
Morley Connell 613-591-9797	Loblaws Centrum morley.connell@sympatico.ca
George Medinski 613-435-6033	Walmart medski@rogers.com
Sue St John 613-839-0320	Superstore su.st.john@gmail.com
Dale Northrup 613-599-5001	Home Depot dnorthrup1@hotmail.com
Jackie Terris 613-831-1438	Canadian Tire Centre jaxisnow@roger.com

## Remembrance Services at Kanata Residences and Nursing Homes.

Please feel free to join us at any service of your choice.

Date	1:30 p.m.	3:30 p.m.
Thurs., Nov. 3	See below	
Fri., Nov. 4	Hope Living, Castlefrank	Forest Hills, Campeau Drive
Mon., Nov. 7	Chartwell, Brookside	Bridlewood Trails, Eagleson Rd
Tues., Nov. 8	Garden Terrace, Aird Place	Stonehaven Manor, Bridlewood
Wed., Nov. 9	Chartwell Empress, McGibbon	Symphony Living, Waldon Cresc
Thurs., Nov. 10	Fairfield Manor, Lombardy	Red Oak, Campeau Drive

Thurs., Nov.3 - Kanata Seniors Centre: 10:30 a.m.



## KANATA LEGION'S ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DINNER



**Saturday, November 12, 2016**

**Reception: 5:30 p.m./Dinner: 6:30 p.m.**

**Legion Dress with Medals**

**GUEST SPEAKER: DR. DEAN OLIVER  
FRIENDS OF THE CANADIAN WAR MUSEUM**

**MENU: Stuffed Chicken Breast (Asparagus, Havarti, Prosciutto)**

**WE REMEMBER THEM  
IT'S WHAT WE  
STAND FOR**



Tickets \$25.00 - Advance Ticket sales only  
on or before November 8th  
70 Hines Road, Kanata, [613-591-5570](tel:613-591-5570)

Plan to attend the Remembrance Dinner.

Please call or email if I can help you.

Thanks,

Moira  
613-592-3376  
mmgreen@live.com

# Canada's War Effort

## Canadian Military Personnel Killed

First World War:	66,665
Second World War:	46,998
Korea:	516
Peacekeeping:	121
Afghanistan:	157

WWII VETERANS - RCL KANATA BRANCH 638  
(WWII Veteran being one who was in uniform during the 1939-1945 war)

VETERAN	BRANCH/UNIT
BAUGH, HOWARD	RCAF/COASTAL COMMAND/RADAR
BOUGHTON, JOHN	RCAF, CANADIAN PARACHUTE CORPS
BOVA, GEORGE	RCAF/432, 405 PATHFINDER SQDN
CONNORS, JOHN	CANADIAN ARMY/RCR/RCAMC
DICK, THOMAS	BRITISH ARMY/ROYAL ENGINEERS (BEF, D-DAY)
DOWDEN, C. BARKLEY	RCAF/RAF
FARMER, KYRLE	RCAF/414 SQDN
GOOCH, JOHN	BRITISH ARMY
GOW, G. LYALL	CANADIAN ARMY
HOLLYER, EDGAR	RCAF
KASPER, WALTER	RCAF/408 SQDN
LAFONTAINE, AURELE	CANADIAN ARMY
MCGEE, ROBERT	RCAF/431, 405 SQDN 1925-2015
MCARTHUR, KENNETH	CANADIAN ARMY
MCKEEN, DONALD	RCN/MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS
METCALFE, HELEN	RCAMC 1943-46 (1st Can Gen Hosp).
METCALFE, ROBERT	BRITISH ARMY / (Green Howards Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment (picture on ten-dollar bill))
NEWMAN, MEL	CANADIAN ARMY
NYZNIK, PAUL	RCAF/408 SQDN
PAGE, ALEXANDER	CANADIAN ARMY/TANK CORP (Grenadier Guards)
RANKIN, WILLIAM	BRITISH MERCHANT MARINE
ROMANOW, JOSEPH	RCAF/435 SQDN (BURMA)
SHAVER, JANE	RAF
STANFIELD, R. ERIC	BRITISH ARMY/ROYAL ENGINEERS
TURINI, WALTER	CANADIAN ARMY
TAYLOR, CONSTANCE	CANADIAN ARMY
VANCE, EDWARD	RCAF/120 SQDN, RAF
WATERFALL, REGINALD	RAF/630, 511/214(?) SQDN
WATTS, ESTHER	CANADIAN ARMY
YEATES, GEORGE	RCAF/519 SQDN

## KOREAN WAR VETERANS -

BERRY WILLIAM	CANADIAN ARMY
COTTON, MERV	
HOLLYER, EDGAR	CANADIAN ARMY
RAVEN, DON	
REDKNAP, DONOVAN	CANADIAN ARMY

Submitted by Garry Fancy

# Our Veterans

## A Profile of Comrade Tom Dick

To create interest in the legion and its members, we plan to provide profiles of our veterans. Our first is that of our genial Seniors Officer, Tom Dick, and we thank Tom for sharing his story with us. Profile provided by Garry Fancy.

**M**y father was a streetcar driver in Glasgow, and saw service during the First World War in the Middle East. I had a sister who died when she was a year old, and a brother who was born in 1916. I was born in 1920. My Mother died at age 29 when I was nearly 4 years old, and when I was 4, my Father emigrated to Canada. My brother and I were raised by our Grandmother and an Aunt. As a youngster, I enjoyed playing "Cowboys and Indians" and other gentle pastimes like "Kick the Can", "White horses", etc.

War was declared on September 3, 1939, and before the end of the year I volunteered for military service in the Royal Engineers. Early in the New Year I was in France with the British Expeditionary Force and involved in construction of defences along the Belgian/French frontier, as an extension of the French Maginot Line. Belgium was a neutral country, but was in danger of being invaded by the Germans, and on May 10, 1940, Germany did attack Belgium and our Company moved in immediately to the Country and began taking defensive action, which involved planting land mines on certain canal bridges, and demolishing other bridges by explosives - hazardous work under fire! Within 19 days the situation became chaotic and the B.E.F. was the subject of an evacuation order, which subsequently resulted in over 345,000 troops being taken from the beaches of Dunkirk and De Panne to the United Kingdom - this, over a period of only 9 days!! Naval vessels, merchant ships, pleasure steamers, and dozens of small pleasure boats (later referred to as *The Little Ships of Dunkirk*) as well as the lifeboats from the larger vessels, all were pressed into service to complete the operation. This was carried out under continuous shelling, bombing, torpedoes and strafing attacks. I was taken off on a destroyer, (H.M.S. *Wakeful*, lost on its return to Dunkirk) with 600 others. The ship had to be loaded at the bow by rope ladder due to the low tide and the intensity of marine activity in the immediate area.

We disembarked at Dover Harbour after some 7 hours of evasive action in the English Channel, boarded trains and were taken across England to a camp in the County of Dorset for recuperation. We were eventually granted 72 hours' home leave, not including travel time. The next three and a half years were spent training and preparing for re-entry into Europe.

On June 6, 1944 ("D" Day) as part of a four-man British Army Reconnaissance Party, we landed on Juno Beach with the Canadians, on board an American Landing Craft. We immediately came under enemy fire from multi-barrelled mortars, fondly referred to as "Moaning Minnies". There were casualties, but our party of four got off the beach unharmed. Our objective was to reach a particular map reference, clear the area of mines, booby traps and snipers, prior to the arrival of the main body of our Engineer Company, which was due to arrive on D+5. We did have an encounter with a sniper, whose interest was on a group of Canadian Infantrymen. On the first night we bedded down in slit trenches which we dug, and protected them with sections of corrugated steel culvert. During the night, we were subjected to strafing by enemy fighter aircraft.

In the morning, preparing to quit the slit trench, and wearing my steel helmet, I encountered an obstruction hanging from the corrugated culvert, which turned out to be an unexploded aircraft cannon shell. Carefully removing it from the immediate area, it was thrown into a vacant field where it self destructed. Moving further inland and doing our bit for the war effort, we set up a wet and dry assault bridging depot. In one corner of the property was a temporary burial site for several Canadian soldiers who had made the supreme sacrifice. July 14 was the anniversary of Bastille Day in France, and a procession from the local village arrived at the entrance to the depot. It was led by the village Mayor who was granted permission to have a small service at the Canadians' graves. The group was made up of children, women and older males. The children carried posies of flowers and one person carried a French Tricolour (Flag). After service was performed, the Tricolour was placed in the centre of the burial plots, and the children placed their flowers on the individual graves. An emotional tribute to soldiers from another country who had died helping to liberate them.

Our activities continued in various locations in France, Holland and Germany, until victory in Europe was declared on May 8, 1945. We were sent home on leave prior to being shipped out to the Far East for the war against Japan. These plans were cancelled before the end of the leave when we were recalled to Europe. We took up occupation positions in Germany until May 1946, at which time I received my release from active service.

The foregoing capsulated six and a half years of war service, after which I emigrated to Canada in 1947.

## Poppy Trust Fund

On behalf the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #638, comrades Doug Rowland and Lorraine Lapensée presented a \$2,500 cheque on October 3, 2016, to The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre for the purchase of a Brodda chair (tilted reclining wheelchair).



Left to right: Delphine Haslé, Perley Rideau Foundation Development Officer; Lorie Stuckless, Director of Support Services; Lorraine Lapensée, RCL Branch #638 President; Brig.-Gen (ret'd) Charles Lemieux, Chair, Perley Rideau Foundation Board; Doug Rowland, RCL Branch #638 Chair, Poppy Trust Fund Committee; and Pilot Officer (ret'd) Gilbert "Gib" McElroy, now a Perley Rideau resident. Gib is also the president of the Veteran's Council at the Perley Rideau.

Searching for a quote on open-mindedness, the editor of CONTACT! found this on Google: "The thing is, it's very dangerous to have a fixed idea. A person with a fixed idea will always find some way of convincing himself in the end that he is right."

— Atle Selberg

## From the Branch Secretary

Hello, comrades,

Our next branch general meeting will be held on Wednesday, **November 16**, at 7:30 p.m.

See you then,  
Amanda Robbins

## From the Membership Desk



### Early Bird Campaign

The response to date has been very good, with almost 50% of members renewing so far. If you are heading south for the winter, don't forget to renew as soon as possible. The campaign runs until Nov. 30.

Payment can be made by:

- Cash
- Cheque made payable to RCL Kanata Br. 638
- Debit/Credit machine at the bar



Payments can also be mailed or dropped off at the Legion in the return envelope provided. If the Legion is not open, deposit your envelope in the mailbox located just to the right of the front door. Please be sure that the envelope is clearly marked Membership.

Cards may be picked up at the bar approximately one week after your payment has been received.

### Changes to Your Contact Information

Our goal is to maintain and improve communication between our members and the Legion. If you have moved, or changed your phone number or email address, please complete the orange sheet included with your Early Bird reminder. If you have not received your reminder by now, or it has been forwarded to you by Canada Post, it means that neither this branch nor Dominion Command has your current mailing address on file. Please contact me at [membershipbr638@gmail.com](mailto:membershipbr638@gmail.com) or 613-884-7957. You can also contact this branch at [rclbr638@gmail.com](mailto:rclbr638@gmail.com) or 613-591-5570.

Yours in comradeship,  
Jo Anne de Lepper

## From the Ladies' Auxiliary

At our last meeting, sadly we conducted the draping of the charter for our fallen comrade Winnie Ponto.

At the Ontario Command L.A. Convention in September we were reminded that the Ontario Command Legion level has money to help veterans. We have been asked to check our list of members to see if they require support.

Yours in service,

Carole McCaskill  
L.A. President

## Ladies' Auxiliary Annual Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 26, 2016  
at the Hazeldean Mall  
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
hosted by The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Royal  
Canadian Legion, Branch #638-Kanata

Crafts, knitting, baking, books, preserves, jams, jellies and more available for your shopping pleasure! When you support the Ladies' Auxiliary, you support our veterans and our community!

→ **Request for donations** of crafts, knitting, baking, books, preserves, jams or/and jellies for the Bazaar on Nov. 26. We will also be making gift baskets with donated items. If you have items to donate for our baskets, we will happily accept that as well! All donated items can be dropped off at the Hazeldean Mall between 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Sat., November 26. 6.

For further information, please contact, **Angie Jacklin, Bazaar Coordinator, at 613-599-6737**. As always, your support is very much appreciated. Thank you!

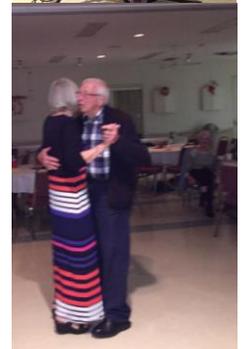
### L.A Fall BBQ and Dance

You made it happen! Yes, although the interest was low at first, ticket sales increased with the extra extended cut-off date which prevented cancellation of the September 24, 2016, Ladies' Auxiliary's Fall BBQ and Dance! Thank you!

Decorations of leaves and fall colours helped create the ambience of the fall season! A most enjoyable evening for guests with lots of food including salad, chicken shish kabob, rice, cheese cake, pie and a chance to win door prizes.

For the first time performing at a Kanata Legion/L.A. hosted event, guests danced the evening away to the Roxy and Don Duo music tunes of jazz, pop and rhythm and blues music! A most enjoyable evening of food, friends and fun became possible!

Thank you to those who supported the Ladies' Auxiliary's Fall BBQ and Dance! Your support is very much appreciated!



Thank you to Lydia Fancy and June Tyrrell for donating door prizes!

A big thank you to the following volunteers:

- Amanda Robbins, Lorraine Lapensée - poster and ticket design
- Amanda Robbins, Lorraine Lapensée, Angie Jacklin, Terry Jenkins, Brenda Grant - promotion
- Judy Homma and June Tyrrell - decorations
- Tara Jackson - bar tender on duty
- Bob Thomson and John Thomson - hall set up and clean up
- Lydia Fancy & Garry Fancy - check-in table and greeters
- Betty Ann Pollock and George Pollock - Cooks
- Angie Jacklin, Lorraine Lapensée and June Tyrrell - table setters
- Bev Connell, Angie Jacklin, June Tyrrell, Betty Ann Pollock, George Pollock - servers/clearers
- Angie Jacklin - dishwasher
- Lorraine Elmas - photographer
- Lorraine Lapensée event co-ordinator and emcee.



And to all guests who pitched in to make light work, thank you very much!

*The Ladies' Auxiliary of Branch #638 -Kanata*



## **HARVEST HALLOWEEN DINNER AND DANCE**



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2016**

\* 5:30 P.M. RECEPTION / 6:00 P.M. DINNER

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #638, 70 Hines Road, Kanata, Ontario

**ENJOY A HARVEST MEAL!**

**ROAST BEEF / ROASTED POTATOES / SQUASH /  
CORN / MIXED GREEN SALAD  
PUMPKIN PIE / APPLE PIE / TEA & COFFEE**

**Music by: SNAP, CRACKLE & POP**

**\$15.00/person - TICKETS IN ADVANCE ONLY  
on or before OCTOBER 26, 2016, NOON**

**WEAR A COSTUME IF YOU WISH!**



## WAYS AND MEANS ENTERTAINMENT AND RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE

### The Best Oktoberfest in Kanata!

Last year the Kanata Legion's Oktoberfest introduced a new menu and a new Oompah Band: The International Set Band! With both the menu and band being a great success, it was easy to decide to do an encore for this year's Oktoberfest held Oct. 15.

Over 110 guests filled the hall to enjoy a German menu consisting of Schnitzel, German Potato Salad, Red Cabbage, Spaetzel, Sauerkraut, and Cake, but not Black Forest Cake as advertised, and for that we apologize and will plan to do better for next year!



A décor of German flags, posters and more set the tone for the Oktoberfest celebration!



Guests had a chance to win door prizes! Thanks to Lydia Fancy, Judy Homma and Dan Knighton for donating door prizes! It is very much appreciated.



The International Set Band enhanced the Oktoberfest festivities with toasts, polka tunes and more! Many enjoyed the music by dancing and/or singing a long!

Success of this event is thanks to our guests for coming out to support our Oktoberfest fundraiser, the International Set Band and our volunteers, with special thanks and appreciation to the following comrades:

- Lydia Fancy and Garry Fancy - ticket takers
- Susan Curtis, Gord McCaskill, Moira Green, Tara Jackson - bar tenders
- Bob Thomson and John Thomson - hall set up and clean up
- Amanda Robbins, Lorraine Lapensée - poster and ticket design

- Amanda Robbins, Lorraine Lapensée, Brenda Grant, Angie Jacklin, Terry Jenkins - promotion
- Lynn McPherson - volunteer coordinator
- Amanda Robbins - photographer
- Barry Briggs, Nicole MacLaren and Ricky MacLaren - table setters
- June Tyrrell - decorations
- Gaëtan Chartier and Dan Knighton - chief cooks
- George Pollock, Chrissy - food preparation
- Brenda Grant, Moira Green, Angie Jacklin, Chrissy, George Pollock - servers/clearers
- Jane Cane and Carl Patrick - dishwashers
- Amanda Robbins & Lorraine Lapensée - co-event coordinators and emcees
- Brenda Grant - Catch the Ace ticket sales
- and to the spontaneous volunteers/guests who pitched in to help where needed.



Many hands make light work! Thanks a million!

Lorraine Lapensée  
W.E.R.C.



Two ladies who added an authentic German flavour to our Oktoberfest seen here chatting (wahrscheinlich auf Deutsch) are Ursula Seyler and Ruth Kasper.  
Ursula and Ray Harris used to organize Oktoberfest for several years in the past.

(photo and caption, Garry Fancy)

**Invitation to members from the editor:** Anyone interested in being a "guest editor" of CONTACT! for a month or two is asked to contact branch president, Lorraine Lapensée, at [lmlapensee@sympatico.ca](mailto:lmlapensee@sympatico.ca) or newsletter editor, Lorraine Elmas, at [lorraine\\_elmas@yahoo.ca](mailto:lorraine_elmas@yahoo.ca).

New ideas and new talent are always welcomed!  
And I could use a break from time to time!! LE

## Please Wear a Poppy

by Dan Crawford

*"Please wear a poppy," the lady said  
And held one forth, but I shook my head.  
Then I stopped and watched as she offered them there,  
And her face was old and lined with care;  
But beneath the scars the years had made  
There remained a smile that refused to fade.*

*A boy came whistling down the street,  
Bouncing along on care-free feet.  
His smile was full of joy and fun,  
"Lady," said he, "may I have one?"  
When she's pinned it on he turned to say,  
"Why do we wear a poppy today?"*

*The lady smiled in her wistful way  
And answered, "This is Remembrance Day,  
And the poppy there is the symbol for  
The gallant men who died in war.  
And because they did, you and I are free -  
That's why we wear a poppy, you see.*

*"I had a boy about your size,  
With golden hair and big blue eyes.  
He loved to play and jump and shout,  
Free as a bird he would race about.  
As the years went by he learned and grew  
and became a man - as you will, too.*

*"He was fine and strong, with a boyish smile,  
But he'd seemed with us such a little while  
When war broke out and he went away.  
I still remember his face that day  
When he smiled at me and said, Goodbye,  
I'll be back soon, Mom, so please don't cry.*

*"But the war went on and he had to stay,  
And all I could do was wait and pray.  
His letters told of the awful fight,  
(I can see it still in my dreams at night),  
With the tanks and guns and cruel barbed wire,  
And the mines and bullets, the bombs and fire.*

*"Till at last, at last, the war was won-  
And that's why we wear a poppy son."  
The small boy turned as if to go,  
Then said, "Thanks, lady, I'm glad to know.  
That sure did sound like an awful fight,  
But your son - did he come back all right?"*

*A tear rolled down each faded cheek;  
She shook her head, but didn't speak.  
I slunk away in a sort of shame,  
And if you were me you'd have done the same;  
For our thanks, in giving, if oft delayed,  
Thought our freedom was bought - and thousands paid!*

*And so when we see a poppy worn,  
Let us reflect on the burden borne,  
By those who gave their very all  
When asked to answer their country's call  
That we at home in peace might live.  
Then wear a poppy! Remember - and give!*

## Kanata Legion & Ladies' Auxiliary Upcoming Events October 21 - December 31, 2016

DATE & TIMES	EVENT	DETAILS	TICKETS	CUT OFF
Friday, Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m.	Poppy Campaign Kick Off Wine & Cheese	All poppy campaign volunteers invited!	FREE – no charge	N/A
Saturday, Oct. 29, 5:30 p.m. Reception 6:00 p.m. Dinner	Ladies' Auxiliary's Halloween Dinner and Dance	Roast Beef, Roasted Potatoes, Corn, Squash, Mixed Green Salad, Apple Pie, Pumpkin Pie, Tea + Coffee 60's/70's/80's Music by: Snap, Crackle & Pop band Wear a costume, if you wish!	\$15.00/person	Noon Wed., Oct. 26
Sunday, Oct. 30 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.	October birthdays & anniversaries	Cake & Ice cream – FREE!	n/a	Drop in
Friday, Nov. 11 11:00 a.m.	Remembrance Day Service	At the Kanata Cenotaph; Reception to follow, Kanata Legion	n/a	n/a
Saturday, Nov. 12 5:30 p.m. Reception 6:30 p.m. Dinner	Remembrance Dinner	Stuffed Chicken Breast (Asparagus, Havarti, Prosciutto) Guest Speaker: Dr. Dean Oliver Friends of the Can. War Museum Legion Dress with medals	\$25.00/person	On or before Nov. 8
Sunday, Nov. 20 3:00 p.m.	Decorate the legion for Xmas & Pot luck supper	Bring something for the pot luck! Xmas decorations provided	n/a	N/A
Saturday, Nov. 26 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	L.A. BAZAAR	Location: Hazeldean Mall Drop by	n/a	n/a
Sunday, Nov. 27 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.	November birthdays & anniversaries	Cake & Ice cream – FREE!	n/a	Drop in
<b>BE SURE TO KEEP THESE DATES OPEN TO NOT MISS THE OPPORTUNITY!</b>				
Sunday, Nov. 27 4:00 - .5:00 p.m.	Grey Cup party	Menu TBA	TBA	TBA
Saturday, Dec. 3 evening	Annual Xmas Dinner & Dance	Entertainment: Debra McCann	TBA	TBA
Friday, Dec. 31 evening	New Year's Eve Party dinner & dance	TBA	TBA	TBA

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