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# CONTACT!

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## President's Report

The 70th anniversary of D-Day is June 6th. To commemorate this date we will have a steak BBQ. Dinner will be at 6:30 and cost is \$15.00 per person. For entertainment, Moira Green will lead us in a singsong featuring WW 2 songs.

The breakfast held for The Soldier On relay was a great success. Stories about Afghanistan, told by some of these young warriors, were fascinating. Thank you to Sue Maclean and the kitchen staff for a great breakfast.

Congratulations to our Ways and Means Committee on a very successful Fashion Show and Tea. All who attended had nothing but compliments and mentioned they would like to see another in the fall.

Congratulations as well to our Ladies' Auxiliary on the election of their new Executive.

*John Cher*  
President



## From the First Vice

Once again, all events in the past month have been a great success and are the result of much hard work and preparation. I'm sure you will see more on these events further along in this issue, but I wish to commend Lorraine Lapensée and the Ways & Means Committee for a very successful High Tea and Fashion Show event as well as the 2nd Annual E-Waste Collection Day. Both were six months plus in preparation.

Also, the Ladies' Auxiliary's 19th annual 'Swing Into Spring' fundraiser was once again a success, due to nearly six months of preparation, a lot of work for a one-day event. My sincere thanks to all of our volunteers who work together to make these events successful.

We are all looking forward to the new faces on the 2014-2015 executive starting June 1st and bid a warm farewell and thank-you to those who will be leaving their posts on that date. We certainly hope that the outgoing executives stay within arm's length to help with continuity in the upcoming year.

Thank you for your support once again.

*Dan Knighton*  
First Vice

## From the Sports Desk

Zone Golf is on June 7. Cut-off date for entries is May 30, 2014. Any interested players, please contact me.

### ZONE G6 GOLF: BEST BALL PLAY -

Each player plays their own ball and the player with the lowest strokes into the cup is the score that's counted.

Where: Lombard Glen Golf & Country Club  
551 HWY 15  
613-283-5318

When: June 14, 2014

Registration: 8:00 - 8:45 a.m.

Start: Shot Gun Start 9:00 a.m.

Cost: \$70.00 PER (2) Person Team;

Carts: \$32.00 PER TEAM + HST

MUST RSVP ENTRY DEAD LINE: MAY 30, 2014,  
TO DAN KNIGHTON, BR 638 SPORTS REP.

*Dan Knighton*

Branch Sports Rep.

613-864-1920

## Honours and Awards

Thank you to those who have sent in suggestions, and a reminder to all: Honours and Awards Ceremony, Sunday, June 1, 5 p.m., at the branch. Spaghetti dinner for all.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

*Dan Knighton*

Chairman

Honours and Awards Committee

## From the Second Vice

### Military Artifact

Thanks to John and Andrew for their help regarding the installation of an artifact outside our legion building. A letter has been sent to Gordon O'Connor which begins the long and

involved process in the acquisition of such an object. The city has been contacted and a contractor has seen the property re installation of a cement pad. More information will be provided as we move along.

## 25<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary Dinner

### A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Saturday, September 13, 2014

Catered by Dennis and the Leatherworks

Roast beef and trimmings

Slide presentation by Gene Szabo

Music by The Stittsville Legion Concert

Ensemble

Guest Speaker

More details later on.

Congratulations to Andrew Nellestyn on being installed as a Knight of The Most Venerable Order of The Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem.

Yours in service,

*Moira*

## This Month's Donations

In May, we are donating \$500 each to the following organizations:

- **The Shepherds of Good Hope**  
for their newly established residence and programs in Kanata
- **Crysalis House**  
Kanata's shelter for abused women and children

Submitted by

*Harry Needham*

# Kanata Hosts a Breakfast for Afghanistan Veterans

On Thursday, May 9, 2014, the Kanata Legion had the honour of hosting a breakfast for some 19 individuals who served and were injured during the War in Afghanistan who were taking part in a relay race running, walking, cycling or wheeling from CFB Trenton to Ottawa between May 4 and 9, 2014. This race was coordinated through Soldier On and the team included 16 military Veterans, two RCMP Veterans and one member of DFAIT. They stopped at five other Legions along the route and Dominion Command before visiting our Kanata Legion.



Editor: Thanks to Lorraine Lapensée for the write-up and to Terry Jenkins for the photos.



A superb breakfast was put on by Kanata Legion members while other members turned out to meet and greet the Soldier On Team.



Chef/Comrade Sue McLean best described how members attending felt after:

**“What an absolute privilege to meet and host this incredible team!”**

# From the Ways & Means Committee

**FASHION! FASCINATORS! FUN! FUNDRAISER!**

For the first time ever, the Kanata Legion organized a High Tea & Fashion Show held on May 10, 2014, featuring Jockey Person-to-Person Fashion, Jewellery Collectibles by Diane and Jewellery by Sandra Sara Designs.



Approximately 70 guests wearing fashionable hats or fascinators experienced a very pleasant afternoon shopping, visiting and enjoying good food and choices of tea! A good time was had by all!





## E-Waste Collection Days Makes a Difference!

The Kanata Legion's Electronic Waste Collection fundraiser, held on April 11 & 12, 2014, made a difference to our community's E-waste footprint by bringing in 4.5 tons of E-waste! The response from the community and our members was very good! So many expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to dispose of their E-waste and were asking when the Kanata Legion will be organizing the next E-waste Collection.

Hamburgers and hot dogs donated by HARVEY's were available for a donation on the Saturday. Proceeds from the E-Waste Collection and BBQ after expenses were \$376.

The success of this fundraiser is a result of the support from our members and the community, as well as the hard work of our volunteers. Community Volunteers: Kevin Walker, Recycling Co-ordinator, and four Barrhaven high school students. Legion volunteers: John Cher, Pat Cher, Dan Knighton, Lorraine Lapensée, Patricia Rose, David Szabo, Gene Szabo.

Special thanks to HARVEY's for the donation of hamburgers and hot dogs and to Kanata Courier-Standard, EMC for the designing and placement of a 1/16 of a page advertisement free.

On behalf of the Ways & Means Committee a BIG THANK-YOU and MUCH APPRECIATION!

Submitted by

*Lorraine Lapensée*  
Chair

This was an opportunity to showcase our legion to a number of people who had not been to the Kanata Legion before and, of course, a means of raising funds towards renovations and decreasing the mortgage. The great success of the event is owed to those of you who came out, brought mothers, daughters, sisters and friends.

As well, thank you to those who donated tea cups, saucers, tea pots and/or door prizes to add to the fun!



Last but not least a **VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU** to our volunteers for a job well done! Volunteers: John Cher, Pat Cher, Brenda Grant, Mark

Hunter, Dan Knighton, Lorraine Lapensée, Lynn McPherson, Helen McKiernan, Patricia Rose, Douglas Rowland, Gene Szabo, Bob and John Thomson.

Thanks a million!





## From the Ladies' Auxiliary

A very Special Thank-You from the Ladies' Auxiliary to all who supported our **19th Annual Fundraiser, Swing into Spring Dinner and Dance** held on April 26, 2014. We received



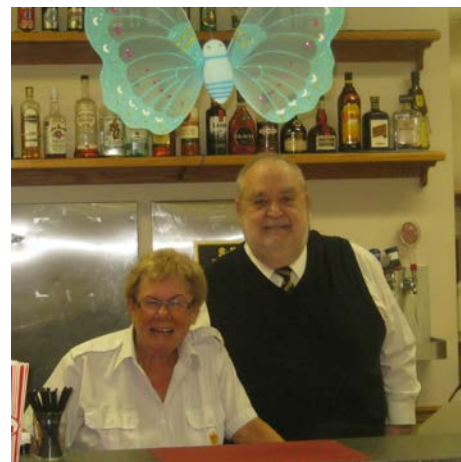
support through your financial donations and attendance, and through donations from those not in attendance,

from advertising in the program and/or donations of items for spot dance prizes and door prizes, which were all very much appreciated.



Guests were treated to a lovely display of appetizers, cheese, pâté, fruit, crackers and were served dinner at their table by two members! For guests' listening and dancing pleasure, music from the 60s, 70s and 80s was performed live by the band, Revolver! A number of spot dance prizes and door prizes were won! An enjoyable evening was had by all!

Many thanks and special mention to the band, Revolver, who performed at a minimal fee and to the Kanata Courier-Standard, EMC newspaper, who designed a 1/16 page advertisement and ran the advertisement one time at no charge.







A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS who made our special event possible. Thank-you to Marg Burton, Jane Cane, Bev Connell, Lorraine Elmas, Garry Fancy, Lydia Fancy, Brenda Grant, Moira Green, Judy Homma, Dan Knighton, Lorraine Lapensée, Gord McCaskill, Lynn McPherson, Betty Ann Pollock, George Pollock, June Tyrrell, Joan Walters, Clay Wheaton!



## L.A. Zone Convention

On behalf of the Ladies' Auxiliary and myself, I would like to thank the Committee responsible for organizing a fantastic L.A. Zone Convention. The Committee consisted of Angela Jacklin, Liz Richards, Marg Burton, Betty Ann Pollock and myself, Nancy Medynski.

I also wish to thank all the helpers beginning with the kitchen staff consisting of the chief chef George Pollock, and his assistants/ servers, Gerry Dore, Gord McCaskill, Terry Jacobs and dishwasher Brenda Grant.

Thank-you also to those who helped make the sandwiches on Saturday and helped with all the last minute set-up for dinner, namely June, Angie, Marg, Betty Ann, Joan, Suzanne and hopefully I have not missed anyone.

I must thank Bev Connell who looked after the morning coffee and donuts and who sold the sandwiches at lunch time.

Thank you to Suzanne for doing a great job of taking charge of the silent auction assisted by Bev. The proceeds from both helped defray some of our expenses.

The registration went very smoothly with Joan Walters making sure everyone was counted and paid, and received their welcome gifts from our Branch. Thanks, Joan.

Thank you to all the members for any financial donations they made, as well as all the gifts and books they contributed for the event, especially to Barb Smith for the beautiful garden gift basket and the new books.

A big thank you also goes to Judy Homma, Lorraine Lapensée, and June Tyrrell for passing out the water, pop and gift bags at break time. The bags were donated by Sobeys. Thank you also June for assisting me in passing out the flowers and gifts to the head table.

Last but not least, a big thank you goes to our Bar Tender, George Medynski, who kept all the guests happy with refreshments after our meeting and before and during dinner.

Sobeys, March Road, are indeed our strongest supporters and are always willing to contribute to our events. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Please support them at every opportunity.

Yours in Comradeship,

*Nancy Medynski,*  
2nd Vice President

## Branch 638 Kanata Ladies' Auxiliary Executive 2014-2015



Photo by Terry Jenkins

Left to right: Suzanne St. John (2<sup>nd</sup> vice), Bev Connell, Judy Homma (Executive Committee), Elizabeth Richards (Secretary), Lorraine Elmas (Executive Committee), **June Tyrrell (President)**, Betty Ann Pollock (Treasurer), Angie Jacklin (1<sup>st</sup> vice), Marg Burton (Immediate Past President), Nancy Medynski (Sergeant at arms).

The Kanata Ladies' Auxiliary supports the Kanata Legion Branch #638 in carrying out our daily operations to support veterans in our community by fundraising, catering and participating in other activities that benefit both the branch and the community.

The newly elected L.A. executive is looking forward to the invaluable, continued support from its members as well as the support and collaboration of the branch in the coming year.



### From the Kitchen Korner

The price of Fish & Chips  
will be going up as of July 1, 2014,  
by \$1.00 per plate.

It used to be that there were two things in  
life that you could be sure of:  
death and taxes!  
Now we can add inflation to that list.



Submitted by

*Sue Mclean*

Editor: With the return of spring there may be something else in life that we can be sure of: The Garage Sale! So on that note, I would like to publish an ode written a few years ago by late comrade Jim Lowe.



## An Ode to the Garage Saler

**Don't go saling tomorrow, mother.  
Stay home with father and me!  
Don't go saling tomorrow, mother,  
We want your company.**

**The garage doors are open, the driveways laid out  
With junk, from basements and redoubts,  
Your muscles are growing, your features are mean  
You run and you hop, and you dive in between  
The legs of the owners and the arms of the crowd.**

**You park your car all over the road  
The cops can't catch you, because you're too fast  
But we know that these moods, they never will last  
Because you'll come home with a full load.**

**It's evurry Saturday, so early you leave  
That we feel so sad, and father does grieve  
That you will come home with more pans and a sieve  
You'll be tired as hell, and fall down on your butt**

**Our shelves are all filled with old teacups and things  
It seems that on Friday nites, you grow wings!  
So don't go saling today mother!  
Stay home with father and me.**

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## Recap of Coming Events

Sun., June 1, Honours & Awards Ceremony and spaghetti supper, 5 p.m., at the branch  
Fri., June 6, 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day, steak BBQ at the branch  
Sat., June 14, Zone G6 Golf  
Sat., Sept. 13, 25<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary Dinner at the branch

Everyone is welcome to attend the celebration of the Battle of the Atlantic on Sunday, May 25. 613-256-2142

Royal Canadian Legion, Almonte  
100 Bridge Street  
Almonte, Ontario

Parade will form up at Branch 240 at 1:30pm and march-off is at 1:40pm.

Dave Cormier  
Zone G6 Commander

For information: Notice of the Alzheimer Society's annual Saroj Lal Lecture Series event

Monday, June 16, 2014  
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Ottawa Convention Centre, Trillium Ballroom.

Tickets \$55.00 per person  
or \$400 for a table of 8  
includes luncheon

Please register by 4 p.m. on June 13. Online registration at <http://tinyurl.com/p16eq2u>  
Info: 613-523-4004 or [info@asorc.org](mailto:info@asorc.org)

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*Remember Today.  
Remember Always.*



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RCL Branch 638 Remembers  
Join us, for a prime rib steak dinner with all the  
trimmings,  
as we commemorate D-Day.

June 6th:

Reception 5:30, Dinner 6:30

Cost 15:00 per person. (Please pick up tickets by June 3rd.)

Entertainment Singalong

Only 75 tickets available