



Ed Schelenz

The President's Message

Comrades:

Thank you to Dave Sereda, our 1st VP, for stepping up and taking on the acting President's role during my absence. I hope that you all had a great summer. I'm told that our 16th Annual Golf Tournament was a great success and enjoyed by all and that we raised in excess of \$9,000. Again, thank you to Dave Sereda and all his volunteers for making this happen.

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We will be heading back to our normal routines for general meetings with our first coming up on Tuesday, September 20 at 19:00 (7 p.m.). I ask all members to make an effort to come out to these meetings so we can get our majority to get business done and so that you get to know and understand the work that is carried out by your executive.

I encourage all of you to take an interest on how our Branch 641 is run. If you would like to know more or get involved in a specific issue, please contact the appropriate chairperson involved.

As always, I mention our volunteers: our bartenders, our hospitality committee, our cleaners, our bingo volunteers and all those who step up when needed. It's all of these volunteers that make it work.

The next time you see one of our volunteers at work, take the time to thank them for making our branch the great place that it is.

Hope to see you around our branch.

Thank you everyone for your support. Enjoy your Legion. Keep volunteering.

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"Volunteers make it work"



FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS & SPECIAL EVENTS RESERVATIONS

Barrhaven Legion Branch 641
Reservations functions (Friday Night meals)
Dinner served from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
\$25.00 Members
\$30.00 Non-Members

For reservation, please contact
Angele Guy: 613-797-7029
OR
By Email: br641reservation@gmail.com
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Executive Meeting Reports for August

Membership

Our membership currently stands at 634. We had 629 members at the end of 2021

New Members – 7 Transfer in – 2 Transfer out - 2 Reinstatement – 2
Deceased – 1

The 2023 stickers have arrived. I am processing our 85+ Ordinary Members first, Stickers will be mailed to those that I know don't get out much. The remainder will be at the bar next Wednesday, after 5 p.m.

So, if you are an Ordinary Member of Branch 641 and will turn 85 in 2023, plus those who have already hit that milestone, your dues are being paid this year by the branch. One of our members, Ken James, has generously agreed to pay for our 85+ ordinary members again this year. Thank you, Ken.

For those of you who have already paid your dues for 2023, your sticker will be at the bar on Wednesday evening.

Those of you on auto-renewal will have to wait until Dominion Command processes your payment. When that happens, stickers will be dropped off at the bar.

Everyone else can now renew online at www.legion.ca or at the bar. Ensure you get a receipt, as that is the only way I have of knowing who paid.

David St Amand
Membership Chair

Seniors Officer's Report

Eric and I continue to assist one of our Veteran members and spouse on a weekly basis. Eric stays with the Veteran and I take the spouse shopping. We drive them to their appointments to ease the stress of calling a taxi.

I provided assistance to a request from a Veteran who lives in our Legion jurisdiction. I am in communication with the daughter to assist them with some of the Veteran's needs.

I received another request from a Member Veteran spouse for guidance and or assistance for the Veteran. The spouse is away until August 8 and I will touch base then.

Veterans Service Officer
Legion Seniors' Chair

Poppy Chair Report

This year's Poppy Campaign runs from October 28-November 10, 2022.

The kickoff meeting was held July 20, 2022. It was well attended and many key positions have been filled on the poppy committee. Poppy distribution, Veterans' Dinner, Remembrance Day Parade and reception were discussed. Some key observations from past experiences were raised and discussed. The committee will incorporate those issues into this year's planning. It is apparent that there are still some gaps within the committee positions. As we know, many hands make for light weight. All but a few positions need a "backup" person to learn and cover the roles. Should the committee members not be able to find a comrade to back them up, I will be asking for a branch wide call for more volunteers to the committee. I will aim to hold the next Poppy Committee Meeting at the end of August.

I can confirm that all but one of the main stores our branch staffs through the campaign have committed they will welcome us back again this year. (Farm Boy, Your Independent Grocer, Loblaws, Metro and Walmart). I'm still trying to reach the Costco Warehouse Manager who is on leave until after the long weekend.

The trap lines are being confirmed and the locations will be contacted throughout the month. On July 28, I received an email from the National Poppy Campaign who notified us that our request for Tap Boxes has been modified and we will receive 12 tap boxes instead of the 20 previously requested.

From the Poppy Manual: "The annual Poppy Campaign is not an administrative chore to be handled by a few branch officers or the secretary. The campaign is the most important branch project of the year and it must be conducted by a committee dedicated to this purpose." Please participate.

Lyle Brennan, Poppy Campaign Chair

Youth Education & Bursary Report

The bursary application process is open September 1, 2022 and will be advertised on the branch website. Applications will be accepted until October 31, 2022.

We expect to receive information from Ontario Command about the upcoming Youth Ed Contests in the month of August. The website will be updated and teacher information packages for the poster, literary, public speaking contest will be mailed out to all Barrhaven area schools within the month of September; the local poster and literary contest closes November 15, 2022.

Questions may be directed to me.

Lyle Brennan, Youth Education and Bursary Chair

Grants and Assistance Report

A request was received from the Nepean Rideau and Osgoode Community Resource Centre (NORCRC) for a sponsorship of their annual Shine a Light on our Community Gala Fundraising Event. This event is scheduled to be held at the Centurion Centre on Saturday, November 5, 2022.

NORCAC supports the diverse communities within Nepean, Rideau and Osgoode and for 32 years it has offered free and inclusive programs that are accessible to children, youth, women, seniors, families and newcomer populations.

As this organization provides services to many within our communities, it was voted that Branch 641 purchase a "Spark Level" sponsorship at the cost of \$500. This level provides two tickets to the event (\$95 each) which includes appearance of our logo on all promo materials, recognition in program, a write up in NORCAC newsletter, recognition in their website/event website and two mentions in social media accounts.

David Voisey, Grants and Assistance Chair



Barrhaven Legion Memorial Bricks

If you would like to be a part of the past, present and the future of the Barrhaven Legion, purchase a Memorial Brick. Your brick will be engraved with your name and it will be mounted on our Memorial Wall in Valour Hall.

Bricks are available in three denominations:

Copper \$250

Silver \$500


Gold \$1,000

Purchasing a Memorial Brick is also a great way to honour a family member or friend. For more information, please contact


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2022/2023 Branch 641 Executive Team

Position	Chair	Position	Chair
President	Ed Schelenz	Honours and Awards	Stephane Guy
Immediate Past President	Stephane Guy	Hospitality/Entertainment	Angele Guy
1st Vice President	Dave Sereda	Housing	Jim Duff
2nd Vice President	Bert Boehme	Leadership and Development	Bert Boehme
3rd Vice President	Lyle Brennan	Legion Seniors	Lorette Ellis
Chairman	Dave Cole	Long Range Planning	Stephane Guy
Treasurer	Diane Craig	Membership	David St Amand
Secretary	Pam Hall	Poppy Campaign	Lyle Brennan
Sergeant at Arms	Stephane Guy	Poppy Trust Fund	Jim Duff
Bar Officer	Dave Sereda	Public Relations (Website, Scrapbook, Bulletin)	Debi Sereda
Cadets	Patrick Makison	Sports/Track and Field	Joe Guitard
Community Liaison	Dave Sereda	Veterans' Service Officer	Lorette Ellis
Constitution and Laws	Dan Desmarais	Ways and Means	Lorette Ellis
Finance Officer	Bert Boehme	Youth Education/Bursary	Lyle Brennan
Grants and Assistance	Dave Voisey		
Non-Executive			
Chaplain for Legion Tributes	Reverend Margo Whittaker	Hospital Visits Co-ordinator	Louise Laflamme



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“Supports RCL Branch 641 Barrhaven and our Veterans”

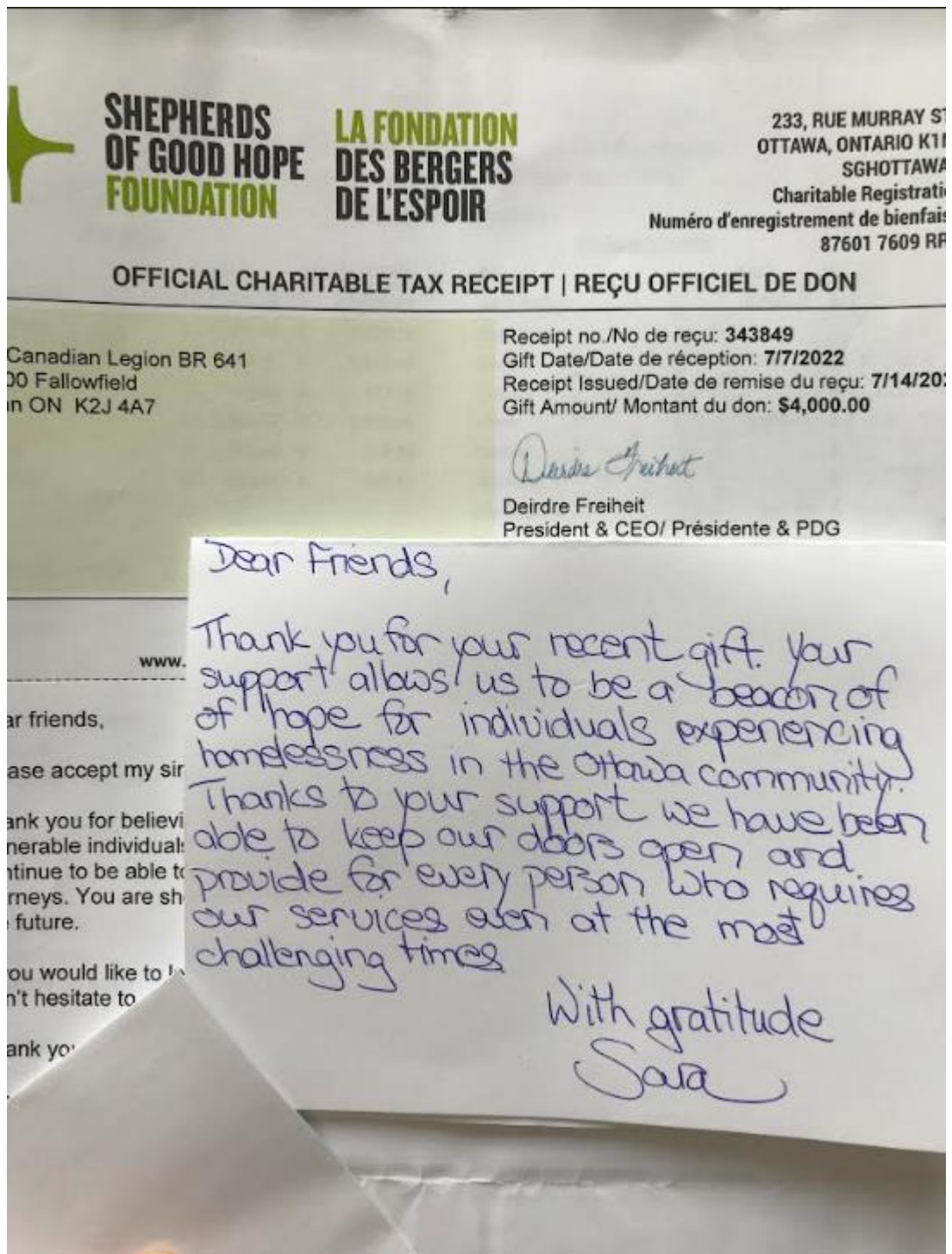
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Thanks!

Shown right is a thank you note from the [Shepherds of Good Hope Foundation](#) for the branch donation of \$4,000 to this very worthwhile charity. This donation was made from funds raised during the 2021 Poppy Campaign.



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16th Annual Barrhaven Legion Golf Tournament

It would be an understatement to say this event was a successful and fun day for 144 golfers and 20+ volunteers. The planning was done – the sun shone, the volunteers set up and the golfers arrived. Following a hiatus of two years due to COVID-19, everyone was thrilled to be back together once again.

Here are just a few of the pictures from the event, thanks to our tournament photographer, Donna Craig. [All of the pictures can be found on our website.](#) (As these are on our branch Facebook page, you need to have Facebook to be able to see them.)



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Many thanks to the team behind the BBQ steak dinner, our friends from the Manotick Legion, Andy Moore, Brian Osborn, Cathie Moore, Irene Mayer and Jo Dozois.



There are a lot of people to thank: all our sponsors, especially our Title Sponsor, Moussa Group, and our Dinner Sponsor, Kevin Rattray Dentistry, all our hole sponsors and those who donated money and gifts to the tournament.



Thanks to golfer and branch volunteer Shawn McDonald (shown left) who collected \$403 in donations from the golfers during the dinner – and thanks to all of the golfers for their generosity.

Thanks also to our bartenders (shown right) Lorna McIsaac, Gerry Langevin, Lyle Brennan and Diane Craig, and who donated their tips from the day, amounting to \$378.



These two donations were donated to the Land and Building Fund and a brick on Memorial Wall will be added to acknowledge these donations.

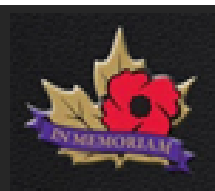
Thanks to tournament organizer, Dave Sereda (shown right) for once again planning such a successful event for our branch. It takes months of planning to put this fundraiser together. **Although the numbers are still being finalized, this event, our largest fundraiser of the year, raised over \$9,000 for the branch. This was the best year ever!**

Thank you to all our volunteers and everyone who made this tournament another success. See you next year!





Last Post We Will Remember Them



Myrna Helen (Leech) Hay – 1937-2022

After a short illness, Myrna Helen Hay (nee Leech) passed away peacefully in the ICU at the Ottawa Civic Hospital. She will be sadly missed by her children Jim (Maggie) and Dave (Heather), along with her grandchildren Kimberley, Tommy, and Jeffrey (Jenny). She will also be remembered by her extended family in the community and at Manordale Public School.

Our sincere condolences go to Myrna's family.



Notes from the Editor

Debi Sereda



Our membership continues to grow and we are so happy and lucky to have so many members to make our branch strong, vital and financially sound. As you know, we don't employ anyone at the branch – we operate solely on the generosity of our volunteers. As president Ed Schelenz says, "Volunteers Make it Work."

If you have a few spare hours and want to help to make a difference in our community, please reach out and we will find a "job" for you!

As we near the end of the summer, just a note that Friday dinners will resume in September. Please check our [Calendar of Events](#) to find out what's being served and who's playing at the branch.

Stay well. Enjoy your Legion. Volunteer.

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