



# The Bullytin

**Valley City Branch 36**

**The Royal Canadian Legion  
October - 2008**



**Pictured above is the memorial donated by Branch 36 and placed in Veteran's Park in Highland Hills, off Governor's Road in Dundas.**

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## **President's Report**

Comrades, we are now into our busy season with 2-4 themes underway; the 2nd Friday every month is our Fish Fry, and (usually) the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday every month is our Beef on a Bun. Watch our website for any changes to this schedule and come out and join us!

At our last General Meeting we initiated 12 new members! Welcome! If you see them say hello.

The Legion is run by volunteers. There are 2 committees needing a chair – Entertainment and House. If you have some time and talent please put your name forward. What better way to show your support of our Veterans than keeping them entertained and the Legion in ship shape.

Remembrance Day is fast approaching. Comrade Gerry Belec has an insert in this Bullytin. Please read it and sign up for Poppy duty. I look forward to seeing you at the Remembrance Day parade and service.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me or speak to me at the Branch.

***John Murphy - President***

## **House Report**

Our Fall Clean Up party is scheduled for Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>. This is a fun day, so sign up at the Branch. Upgrades continue to our washrooms which are nearing completion. Any “tilers” out there? Next we will brighten up the Banquet Hall.

***John Murphy - House Chair***

## **Entertainment Report**

Entertainment is being planned for our Fish Fry and Beef on a Bun nights. Mike Woods will be here on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>! Please see the white board in the Branch, or visit our website.

***John Murphy - Entertainment Chair***

## **Ways & Means Report**

The Fish Fries are a huge success each month, and they seem to continue to grow in popularity. This is a very good thing for the Branch, as the Ways and Means Committee is a major source of income for the Branch. We appreciate each and every order and try our best to get them out of the kitchen as quickly as we possibly can. So this means we are still looking to increase our business to the extent that there are more bums than seats. Remember to tell your friends and neighbours about the great food and the great prices, as well as the chilled beverages and camaraderie that happen here on the second Friday of each month. Just a reminder that you do not have to be a member to enjoy and children are welcome.

Once again, remember this is your Branch and it is only as successful as you make it, so please bring your friends and come on out and have some fun. If you have any ideas to make the Branch more fun or entertaining, please let us know.

***Dawn Lewis - Ways and Means Chair***

### **Attention Comrades: TURKEY ROLL NEWS**

**The next Turkey Roll will be held on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to get your tickets early, as all tickets for the last Turkey Roll were sold before the event. Tickets will be soon be available at the bar, and from volunteers.**

## Sports Report

By now most of the house leagues are under way, but there is always room for one more, so drop in and check on the league of your choice.

Watch the sports board in November for the posting of all inter-Legion sports.

We need more participation so sign up. Each and every sport gives you a chance to meet and form a friendship with other Legion members.

The more participants we have in an event the better chance of winning and hosting it the next year. When we host an event it is a great financial help to our legion, so the theme for 2009 is:

**"LET'S BRING IT BACK IN 2010."**

Please remember when you sign up, and the Legion pays your entrance fee – you must attend the event, or have someone take your place. Those who sign up and do not attend after the entrance fee has been paid will be charged back the amount paid by the Legion.


### ***Len Owen - Sports Chair***



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# Remembrance Day

Valley City Branch 36 Dundas

2008 Annual Poppy Day Campaign



*Remembrance...  
pass it on!*

# **Lest We Forget**

## **Annual Poppy Day Fund Campaign**

*For the Relief of Veterans, their Widows and Orphans*

### **Poppy Fund Committee**

Gerry Belec	Harold Hall
Teresa Williams	Faye Kielty
Cheri Harrington	Alan Magson
Susan Ranni	

Dear Comrades and Friends,

May I take this opportunity to bring your mind to our Annual Poppy Day Campaign.

One day each year we ask the people of Canada to wear a Poppy in remembrance of the thousands of brave men and women who gave their lives so that we may live in freedom with the right to worship God in our own way.

Throughout the country thousands of Canadian service men and women have returned to their families, and, due to the ravages of war suffer from disability, sickness, unemployment and the penalty of growing old, and need assistance.

In 1926 we assumed an obligation to assist Veterans, their widows, and their wives and families in the many difficulties which constantly confront them - such as sickness, death, and pensions.

We, your Dundas Poppy Committee, remember 365 days of the year, so we ask that on November 11<sup>th</sup>, you will remember the sacrifices made by Veterans for us and wear a Poppy.

Any donations to our Poppy Fund will be greatly received and acknowledged by a receipt.

We welcome you to join us in our Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph, at 10:45 a.m. on November 11<sup>th</sup> to remember.

Please forward your donation to Branch 36, The Royal Canadian Legion, 280 King Street West, Dundas, Ontario, L9H 1W1. Cheques should be made payable to The Dundas Poppy Fund. An official receipt will be forwarded for Income Tax purposes.

*“A Poppy is easier to carry than a Cross”.*

Yours Sincerely,

***Gerry Belec***

Chairperson

The Poppy Fund Committee

## **2008 Poppy Campaign - Poppy Sellers Needed**

**Campaign dates: 31<sup>st</sup> October, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> November.**

**A sheet has been posted in the Downstairs Lounge asking you to supply your name, date(s) available and your phone number.**

**Thank you**

**Gerry Belec – Poppy Campaign Chairman**

## Membership Report

**“Just Bring One”**

It's that time again! **The Early Bird Drive** to renew your membership has started. Those members who renew before November 30<sup>th</sup> will be eligible for a draw to win your dues back. There will be five draws.

It is very simple - drop in to the Branch, where myself, John or Stan will be here most weekends. If we are not present, then the Bar Steward will re-new your membership for you. If you can't come in, drop a cheque in the mail and we will return your membership to you.

**Membership is the most important issue facing the Royal Canadian Legion, it is the lifeblood. Without your support it makes it difficult to carry on our mandate to the veterans, their families, and to the community.**

Every year we lose members for various reasons, so it is important that we recruit new members. If we all try to **“Just Bring One”** new member, our problem will be solved. As always if you have any concerns or questions.

Please contact me at the Branch - 905-627-7221 or at home - 905-628-2822. Oh Yes! The dues remain the same at \$45.00.

**Mike Alkerton – Membership Chair**

  
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## **Ladies Auxiliary Report**

The Beef on a Bun nights are starting up again, beginning September 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. The next dates are October 24<sup>th</sup> and November 28<sup>th</sup>.

There will not be a Beef on a Bun night in December.

The Ladies Auxiliary will be holding an Open Mixed Dart Tournament on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Flyers will be posted around the Branch with more detailed information.

***Terry Gubbins - President - Ladies Auxiliary***

## **Special Events Report**

On Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November, the Remembrance Day Parade will form up in Memorial Square at King and Sydenham streets in Dundas.

All Legion members are urged to attend, either as part of the parade, or at the War Memorial itself outside the Dundas Community Centre at King Street and Creighton Road.

All those wishing to be part of the Legion contingent of the parade are asked to fall in at 10:30 am at Memorial Square.

***Gord Sharpe – Special Events Chair***

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## **Canteen Report**

Everything is going fine with the bar, and we are back on winter hours. At the request of a few members we have brought in Jack Daniels to give it a try also Steelback draft and bottles. Try some and give us some feed back.

At the September general meeting we proposed a 6% average increase across the bar, the members present voted in favor with the increase beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>.

***Lynn Horner - Canteen Chair***

## **Royal Canadian Legion – Service Officers**

Throughout the Legion, in some 1,600 branches in ten provincial commands, and in Ottawa, there are service officers whose job it is to assist ex-service persons or dependents with problems relating to disability pensions or other veterans' legislation.

The national and provincial offices not only provide advice but act on behalf of the individual. Every year thousands of representations are placed before the federal government on behalf of "clients". There is no charge for this service which is available to any ex-serviceman or woman or dependent who can qualify for such assistance.

***Bill Hyslop - Branch Service Officer***

## Sick Report - *Stan Hicks*

### August

- 22 - visited Harry Chapman in St.Joe's - (kidneys)
- 22 - visited Jamie Lewis at McMaster

### September

- 02 - visited Jamie Lewis at McMaster - will be home later today
- 04 - Ed Harkot home from hospital
- 09 - Dave Paterson at Henderson - (knee)
- 10 - Earl Coleman - ICU General
- 16 - Harry Chapman at home with daughter

### Last Post

#### September

**Ed Harkot – 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2008**

**Don Lane – 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2008**

*We Will Remember Them*

## Honours & Awards Report

The Honours and Awards Banquet is March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009; however, it is important that we receive nominations for awards as soon as possible as some nominations take months to process.

If you know someone you think deserves an award (someone who you feel has worked above and beyond what is expected of every member) please contact me as soon as possible. You can put your nomination in the box at the entrance to the Legion offices. Please include your name, the nominee's name and the reason for the nomination.

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## Honours & Awards Report - continued from previous page.

Here are a few categories: Certificate of Appreciation, Certificate of Merit, Life Membership and Legionnaire of the Year. If you have any questions about these awards please contact me. Also, please keep March 7<sup>th</sup> open and plan to attend this terrific evening with a superb dinner and dance. Tickets will be on sale in 2009.

### *Suzi Mellen* - Honours and Awards Chair

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