



# The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36 - 862 members

The Royal Canadian Legion  
November – 2011



**Lest We Forget**



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## President's Report

Comrades, I hope you all had a great summer and are looking for some other form of entertainment for the fall and winter. We are now back into our busy season, with Fish Fry nights on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month, followed by "Open Mike" and the Beef on a Bun nights run by the Ladies Auxiliary, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month. Check the white board and your email for entertainment details.



**John  
Murphy  
President**

As mentioned in the previous Bullytin this is our 85<sup>th</sup> year. We had a Dance on September 24<sup>th</sup> to commemorate it. It was a great success. Entertainment was supplied by "The Liverpool Four" and 160 members and guests attended. A great time was had by all.

At our last General Meeting we initiated 4 new members, so if you see a new member in the Branch say hello and Welcome them..

Our Poppy campaign and "Remembrance Day" is fast approaching. Comrades Gerry Belec and Cheri Harrington will have correspondence in this Bullytin. Please read it and sign up for your Poppy duty. As Legion members we must remember that when we took our Legion oath we committed to help with the Poppy Campaign. What's a couple of hours distributing Poppies or making an extra pot of stew? Remember, there are always ways to help.

I look forward to seeing you at the Remembrance Day ceremonies so watch your email or check the white board for service times, everybody is welcome.

Our Annual Veteran's Christmas Dinner is Wednesday, 7th December. The sign up sheet and phone call list will be available soon.

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me, or speak to me at the Branch

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to you all.

## House Report

Comrades, as you can see (I hope) there have been a few changes to our hall upstairs. The bar area has been rebuilt. The ceiling and beams have been repainted and it has really brightened up the hall. We also had a movable wall installed at the end of the hall, which makes it much more appealing. Other projects are in the works and will be done on an on-going basis.



**Mal Horner**  
House Chair

**Attention Comrades:** Every year we collect CANNED GOODS for needy families, and this year is no different. There are people in the community that we can help by donating food at this festive time of year when we are giving thanks for what we ourselves enjoy. Donations can be brought to the Branch until December 20<sup>th</sup>.

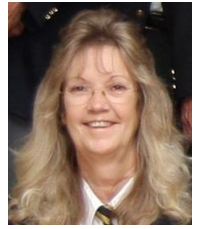
Thank you for your support !!!

## **2011 Cactus Festival Parade**



In August, in the 2011 Dundas Cactus Festival Parade Frank Holk, Paul Penney, Dorothy Foord and Joe Freelove rode in Paul's 1937 Chrysler Royal Phaeton representing Branch 36 and giving thanks to all our Veterans.

## Ways & Means Report



**Dawn  
Lewis  
Ways &  
Means  
Chair**

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Susan, Terry, and Al for all of their sweat and dedication to the Branch while they stood outside, in the heat, over the summer. We simply could not have done it without them and I can't begin to thank them enough. That doesn't mean that the people that worked inside had it easy either. We all know who they are and how much they enjoy being in the spotlight, so we won't mention any names. Their job didn't end when dinner was finished. We still had all of the dishes and clean up to do. This is by no means a complaint. The BBQ's are a huge success and the profits all go back to the Branch to do whatever is needed to keep our old building in good shape. Thank you to each and every one of you for your support.

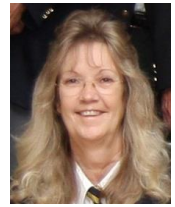
Now, on to the Fish Fry's. First of all, I would like to ask you to speak up if ever you get a meal that you are not completely happy. We will do our best to fix it. If we don't know that there is a problem, we can't fix it. If you're not happy, we're not happy. **If you don't enjoy your meal please speak up.** We will replace it on the spot, or at no charge at the next Fish Fry. The choice is yours. No one should go away from a Fish Fry hungry or unhappy.

I would like to apologize to every one for not having a fish fry in October. It simply could not be done, and we hope that this allowed you to spend a little more time with family and friends over the Thanksgiving weekend. We will be having a Fish Fry in November. The date has been changed to the third Friday (November 18) for this month only, due to Remembrance Day falling on the second Friday. This day will remain as a day of Remembrance. It's a day to remember and thank all of our Veterans for the sacrifices they have made so that we are able to enjoy life as we know it. We Will Remember Them.

I'd also like to thank Brian and Jordan for their help on the Q's after the Cactus Fest parade. You did a great job guys. Thank you.

## **Canteen Report**

The Branch is now back on winter hours, which means that we are open longer most nights and we are now open on Sunday afternoon for those of you who would like to stop by and enjoy some time with friends and a chilled beverage.



**Dawn Lewis  
Canteen  
Chair**

Things have started to pick up around the Branch now that summer vacations are over and winter sports have begun. We're all looking forward to seeing some of the faces that have been missing during the summer.

We've done our very best to keep prices as low as possible at the Branch, but we simply can't afford to absorb any more price increases on beer and coolers. We have had to increase the prices, but we did it with the members in mind and we have kept the increases as low as possible.

The Wentworth room has dates available as well if you are looking for a place to host a birthday party, anniversary, bridal or baby shower. There is no cost for the use of this room and if you're interested in booking it please call the Branch. It is booked on a first come, first served basis.

## **Special Events Report**

On Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> November the Remembrance Day Parade will form up at Sydenham and King Streets in Dundas. All Legion members and veterans are urged to attend, either as part of the parade, or at the War Memorial outside the Community Centre on King Street West.

10:15am - Parade fall in

10:30am - Parade marches off to Memorial at Community Center at King and Market Streets

10:45 - Remembrance Service at memorial

12 noon - After the service the parade will march to the Branch for refreshments.



**Gord Sharpe  
Special  
Events Chair**

## Membership Report

Just a reminder your dues for 2012 are \$50.00. I would urge you to renew as soon as possible. After a long day and slow summer the Branch financial situation will be better if you re-new early. Be an Early Bird and if you pay your dues before 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2011 you will win back your \$50.00.



**Mike Alkerton**  
**Membership**  
**Chair**

Recruiting has not been as good as other years. Bring in a friend or relative and show them what we have to offer. If we try to “Just Bring One” we can help keep our membership numbers solid.

If you wish to receive your Bullytin over the internet let me know along with your email address. It will save the Branch printing, stationery and postage stamps which are .67c and going up in January.

If you're not getting Legion magazine in the mail and want to receive it please let me know and I will look into it.

As always any concerns or questions please contact me.

**Mike Alkerton - Membership Chair**

**“Just Bring One”**

## Banquet Hall Rental

The Banquet Hall is available for rental. For details call the office at (905) 627-7221.

The Wentworth Room downstairs is also available for use on a first come basis. It will accommodate from 5-65 people. It is used for memorial services, meetings, birthdays, retirement parties, and any other party you can think of. Just call the office to book the room - (905) 627-7221. There is no charge.

# ***"Lest We Forget"***



## **Annual Poppy Day Fund Campaign**

For the Relief of Veterans, their Widows and Orphans

### **Poppy Fund Committee**

Gerry Belec

Faye Kielty

Cheri Harrington

Alan Magson

Stan Hicks

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 gratefully 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.

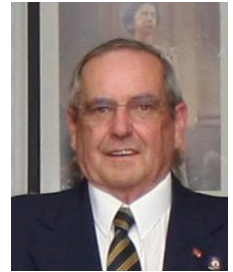
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Cheques should be made payable to **The Dundas Poppy Fund**.  
An official receipt will be forwarded for Income Tax purposes.

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



Yours Sincerely  
**Gerry Belec**  
Chairperson  
The Poppy Fund Committee



**Gerry Belec**  
Poppy Fund  
Chair

## 2011 Poppy Campaign

### Poppy Distributers Needed

Campaign Dates: **October 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> - November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>h</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.**

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

Thank you  
**Gerry Belec** – Poppy Campaign Chairman

## **Branch 36 - Upcoming Events**

Every Saturday President's Meat Draw - 3-4pm

Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm

### **October – 2011**

Friday - 28<sup>th</sup> - Beef on a Bun or Lasagna Rollups - 5:30-7:30pm

Friday - 28<sup>th</sup> - Entertainment - Uncorked - 7:30-10:30pm

### **November - 2011**

Sunday - 6<sup>th</sup> - Fall Work Party - 9am - Volunteer to cleanup the branch for Remembrance Day

Friday - 11<sup>th</sup> - Remembrance Day parade and Service

10:15am - Parade fall in Memorial Square / Dundas Firehall

10:30am - Parade moves off

10:45am - Service begins at Community Center memorial

12 noon - Branch Reception

12:30pm - Presentations

Friday - 18<sup>th</sup> - Fish Fry - 4:30-7pm

Friday - 18<sup>th</sup> - Open Microphone Night entertainment – 7-9:00pm

Friday - 25<sup>th</sup> - Beef on a Bun or Lasagna Rollups - 5:30-7:30pm

Friday - 25<sup>th</sup> - Entertainment - Bill Dickinson - 7:30-10:30pm

### **December - 2011**

Friday - 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sports Turkey Roll and Ladies Auxiliary Draw - 8pm

Wednesday - 7<sup>th</sup> - Veterans Christmas Dinner - 6pm

Friday - 9<sup>th</sup> - Fish Fry - 4:30-7pm

Friday - 9<sup>th</sup> - Open Microphone Night entertainment - 7-9:00pm

Saturday - 24<sup>th</sup> - Carol Singing Competition - Noon to 5pm

Saturday - 24<sup>th</sup> - Closed at 5pm

Sunday - 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day - CLOSED

Monday - 26<sup>th</sup> Boxing Day - CLOSED

Saturday - 31<sup>st</sup> December - Welcome New Year with us.

### **January - 2012**

Saturday - 7<sup>th</sup> - Branch 36 Hosts Zone Snooker Tournament

Friday - 13<sup>th</sup> - Fish Fry - 4:30-7pm

Saturday - 14<sup>th</sup> - Branch 36 Hosts District Snooker Tournament

Friday - 27<sup>th</sup> - Beef on a Bun or Lasagna Rollups - 5:30-7:30pm

### **February - 2012**

Friday - 10<sup>th</sup> - Fish Fry - 4:30-7pm

Friday - 24<sup>th</sup> - Beef on a Bun or Lasagna Rollups - 5:30-7:30pm

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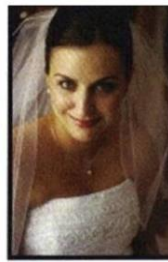
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## **Ladies Auxiliary Report**

The LA beef on a bun nights are under way and we are pleased to introduce Lasagna Roll-Ups as a second choice on our menu. Please come out and enjoy a hot meal for a great price and bring the family along with you.

The upcoming beef nights are as follows: October 28th, November 25th, January 27th, 2012 and February 24th, 2012. Please note there is no beef on a bun night in December.

Our annual draw will once again be underway beginning in the first week of November. Please keep an eye for signs around the Legion and watch for some wonderful items once again this year. The draw will run throughout the month of November and the final draw date will take place on Friday December 2nd at the Legion Turkey Roll.

Congratulations to Terry Kobylinski and Terrie Gubbins for placing 1st in the LA Singles and Doubles Dart Tournament. Debbie Cooley and Bettina Slaughter placed 3rd, Dana Dilabbio and Sue Sklepowicz placed 4th and Lorrie Deneau and Marie Kobylinski placed 6th. Way to go everyone. As for the singles, Terry Kobylinski placed 5th and Terrie Gubbins placed 6th. Good luck to all at the District Tournament which will be held at Br. 58 on November 19th.

It is that time of year to start thinking about renewing memberships. All senior members pay \$12.00 and all regular members pay \$14.00. Please have all dues paid and up to date by December 31st, 2011.

If you have any questions about the LA please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours in Comradeship,

**Terrie Gubbins - LA President**



**Terrie  
Gubbins  
President  
Ladies  
Auxiliary**

**Sick Report - Stan Hicks Phone: 905-627-9999**

**August - 2011**

- 8<sup>th</sup> - visited Jim Lee at home (foot)
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Chuck Clarkson at home
- 13<sup>th</sup> - John Westlake at home - new valve
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Bill Williamson II at General -had a fall
- 16<sup>th</sup> - visited Bill Williamson at General - feeling better
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Dale Edwards at St.Joe's - low blood
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Dale Edwards at home
- 21<sup>st</sup> - visited Bill Williamson II at the General
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Len Wickens had heart stent(s) installed
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Bill Williamson II at home - a little weak
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Jim Lee at Joe Brant - surgery on foot
- 31<sup>st</sup> - Stan Hicks had surgery - cataracts - both eyes

**September - 2011**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Gerry Pack at General - fluid built up - heart
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Bonny Patro at General
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Bonny Patro had surgery
- 5<sup>th</sup> - visited Bonny Patro at General - feeling better
- 5<sup>th</sup> - visited Gerry Pack at General - having heart stent(s) installed
- 5<sup>th</sup> - visited Wilf Coon at home - waiting for surgery date
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Bill Hyslop had a fall at home
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Gerry Pack to have open heart surgery
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Bonnie Patro at home
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Dawn Lewis at St.Joe's
- 17<sup>th</sup> - talked to Bonnie Patro - feeling better
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Jack Neale at General
- 19<sup>th</sup> - visited Dawn Lewis at St.Joseph's - a little better
- 19<sup>th</sup> - visited Gerry Pack at General to have heart surgery 20<sup>th</sup>Sept.
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Dawn Lewis at home
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Gerry Belec at London hospital - lung check-up
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Geoff Hodgson at Juravinski hospital for hip surgery
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Pat Raynsford at Juravinski hospital for hip surgery
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - visited Jack Neale at General - fluid - lung/heart
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - visited Gerry Pack at General - heart surgery - sore
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - visited Gerry Hodgson - feeling good at Juravinski
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Pat Raynsford very sore after hip surgery - Juravinski
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Jack Neale at home
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Wilf Coon in and out - light surgery - is at home
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Sue Best at home - high blood pressure
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Geoff Hodgson at home
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Pat Raynsford at home
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Gerry Pack at home
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Dan Cornell at St.Joe's - light surgery



**Stan Hicks  
Sick / Last  
Post Chair**

## Last Post

**Jason McDonough - August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**Anita Parsons - September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011**

*(above - Wife of 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Charlie Parsons)*

## ***We Will Remember Them***

### **Youth Education Report**

For the fourth year, Valley City Branch 36 Youth Education Program will offer students throughout the region the opportunity to describe their impressions of the service and sacrifice that Canadian men and women have made over many decades to preserve Canadian and world freedom.

Students from grade 4 through grade 12 are challenged to submit colour posters, black and white posters, poetry, and essays on the theme of Remembrance.

Recently, the students involved have submitted excellent work. Last year, we had several zone and district winners in various aspects of the competition. Students enjoy the recognition and the prize money that their success earns, and teachers often include this project in their curriculum.

If your children or grandchildren are interested in these meaningful opportunities, please tell them to contact the branch or have their teachers contact the branch. Information on the Remembrance program competitions is being forwarded to regional schools now. We hope that our student participants will continue to build on recent successes this year.



**Lorne Evans  
Youth  
Education  
Chair**

## Fulfill your Legion Oath – Distribute Poppies!

At our last General Meeting Poppy Fund Treasurer Cherie Harrington reported on how the Fund has been used. Votes were held among Legion members on future uses of the Poppy Fund. It is used in many ways to help Veterans and our community. It has been used for Cancer Research, Veterans support at St. Joseph's Villa and other senior care residences and donations made to army, air and sea cadets.



**Peter  
Whittaker  
Public  
Relations  
Chair**

The Poppy Fund distributes money in your community and the Fund is limited to the amount of money collected in the Poppy Fund campaign. If more donations are collected, the Fund can be used to help even more. All that's needed is for you to volunteer a few hours to collect donations.

I'm happy when I return to the Branch with a Poppy Fund box that is bulging with cash, but I'm saddened when no one appears to continue to collect donations that people want to make. Donations used to be made mainly by adults, who if not Veterans themselves, had family members who were Veterans.

In recent years young people have become big contributors to the Poppy Fund because they have been exposed to the sacrifices made by Canada's armed forces in places like Afghanistan, and have a better understanding of how the world has benefitted from sacrifices made by Canada's Veterans.

Please donate a couple of hours so more contributions can be collected. A sign-up sheet has been posted in the branch, so please put your name down for a few hours. You will be honouring your Legion oath and our Veterans and the community will benefit.

### Bursaries

Bursaries are available for children and grandchildren of ordinary and associate members to assist in their education. If you have questions call or see **Mike Alkerton**

## Entertainment Report

We would like to thank everyone involved for their hard work during the Legion Week. It was capped off with a sold out show by the Liverpool 4, who put on an amazing show!

On Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> October following the Beef on a Bun we'll have the Celtic/Classic Rock group UNCORKED after the Beef on a Bun and on 25<sup>th</sup> November we will have Bill Dickinson, a one man Country act entertaining. No Beef on a Bun is scheduled for December so entertainment has been cancelled. Entertainment notices will be posted in the Branch for the Beef on a Bun event scheduled for January.

Open Microphone Nights are planned following all of the Fish Fry 's beginning November 18, so please invite anyone who would be interested to participate. We have had everything from Comedy to Accordion done, and everything in between, so don't hesitate to come out and show off your talents. Non-Legion members are always welcome to the Open Microphone Night as well, so please bring a friend or let your neighbours know.

We are interested in putting forth some new events for the new year, so bring forth any and all ideas you may have. We've already had a few very interesting ones and will send out notifications once these get booked. Suggestions can be emailed or left in the suggestion box.

We look forward to seeing you at our next event.

## Sports Report

Branch 36 will host the Zone Snooker Tournament on Saturday, 7th January, 2012 and will also host the District Snooker Tournament on Saturday, 14th January, 2012.

***Jordan Deneau and Brody Howlett - Sports Co-Chairs***



**Bob  
Turner  
&**



**Chris  
Turner  
Entertainment  
Co-Chairs**

## Colour Party Report

On August 18<sup>th</sup> members of the Colour Party were proud to participate in the Cactus Festival by riding on the Legion Float in the Cactus Festival Parade.

Recently we've had a number of our members leave because of moves out of the area because of jobs. We now face a critical shortage of members in the Colour Party.

This means that we have openings in the Colour Party for new members. No military experience is required and anyone joining will be assisted in the purchase of their uniform. Service only requires a few hours each month and mainly for Remembrance Day and Church Parade.

It would be of immense help to have a full Colour Party for the Remembrance Day parade. If you are interested please contact me.

**James Byron (Colour Party Commander) 905-578-2758**

Reminders: The Colour Party will hold draws to raise funds after the Remembrance Day services, and also on the afternoon of Christmas Eve - 24<sup>th</sup> December.



**James  
Byron  
Colour Party  
Commander  
& Sergeant  
at Arms**

### **Fall Work Party Volunteers Needed**

Fall is here and we are asking for volunteers for our Fall Work Party to get the building and grounds ship shape in time for Remembrance week and show our veterans that we care.

A sign-up sheet will be posted and everyone is welcome to come as we have various jobs to be done. This years work party starts at 9:00am on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2011. A Light Lunch will be served to all those who attend.