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Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion
February – 2014



At the Branch 36 Veterans Christmas Dinner everyone was entertained by singer Jane Weston and a full orchestra while enjoying their meal.

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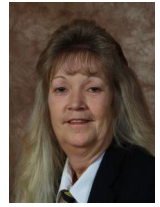


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President's Report

We are now into a new year at the Branch. Things have been quite busy throughout the holiday season. It's always great to see the Membership out enjoying themselves with friends and family.



**Dawn
Lewis
President**

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members who have paid their dues for the year and remind all the members who have not that it's not too late. You can find Mike Alkerton around the Branch almost every day, and he would be more than happy to renew your membership for you. Memberships may also be paid at the bar to any of the Stewards on duty. We accept cash, cheque, and debit.

Our annual Honours and Awards Banquet is fast approaching. It will be held on March 8, 2014. Please be sure to check your Membership card to see if you are eligible to receive a "Years of Service" pin. All members that have a card that ends with either a 1 or a 6 (6, 11, 16, 21, etc.) are eligible to receive a pin. You have to attend the banquet in order to be presented with your pin. Tickets will be available at the bar in the near future.

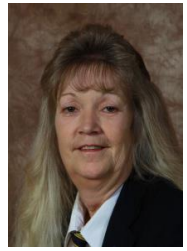
If you know of a member that you feel deserves to be recognized for outstanding service to the Branch, please leave a note in the box outside of the office or hand it to the bar staff and they will make sure that it is forwarded to the Executive. We are looking for Legionnaire of the Year, Certificate of Appreciation, Certificate of Merit, etc. Please help us to make sure that these Members are recognized. Remember that your Branch is run by volunteers. Without the volunteers, we wouldn't have such a strong and well run Branch.

As many of you know we have lost several of our Members over the past year and it is becoming more and more important that we all try our best to add new Members in order to keep our branch strong. Once again, we ask you to "Just Bring One".

Dawn Lewis - President Branch 36

Ways & Means Report

The Fish Frys have continued to be a major fund raiser for our Branch and the fish fry crew has you, the membership, and your families and friends to thank for this. We work hard to put on a great dinner at a reasonable price.



**Dawn Lewis
Ways
and Means
Chair**

Please remember that if you are ever NOT happy with your meal for any reason that you need to speak up. We will be happy to make it right for you. We can't fix a problem if we don't know about it. You have a choice of having your meal replaced immediately, receiving a certificate for a free meal at the next Fish Fry or having your money refunded. Good news travels fast, but bad news travels faster. Please remember that we're not happy, if you're not happy.

The Family BBQs will be returning to the Branch again this summer. We look forward to seeing you at both of these functions. If you are interested in helping out, we would be overjoyed to welcome you aboard. Volunteers run this Branch, so don't be shy. There are lots of things that need to be done so I'm positive that we will be able to find a job for you.

A big "Thank You" to Suzi Murphy for making and selling cupcakes each month for the fish fry's and to John as well, for helping to sell them. All of the proceeds from these sales go into a garden fund which helps to keep our Branch looking great outside during the warmer months.

With all of the help from you, the membership, and the countless hours that member volunteers put in, I would to say "Thank You" once again.

You make it very easy to be proud to say "I'm a member of Valley City Branch 36, Dundas.

Dawn Lewis - Ways and Means Chair

Poppy Fund Report

Our Poppy Fund campaign was a long one but thanks to the very generous help of our volunteers we managed to have a successful one. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who gave so willing of their time and money to help us.

Air, Army and Sea cadets also volunteered and were in on Saturdays to take donations at different locations in Dundas, Ancaster & Westdale. It was a pleasure to have their support and we were able to make donations to each of the cadet groups on November 11th.

I'd like to mention that this was my first year and without the help of Cheri Harrington I'm sure it would have been impossible to accomplish what we did. I hope that next year each of you will consider helping out for a 3 hour stretch. It doesn't seem like much when I compare that to a guy like George Martin who spent 6 hours each and every day taking donations at Metro in University Plaza.

The balance of the Poppy Fund is currently \$110,410.06 The Poppy Fund made donations to Blackadar's, Wentworth Lodge, St. Joseph's Villa, Highgate Retirement Home and Shalom Village in the amount of \$1,500.00 each.

Jim Byron - Poppy Chairman- 905-578-2758

Membership

Thanks to those members who have renewed their 2014 dues. As of this printing we still have 175 members who have not renewed their memberships.

The Branch did not recruit well in 2013 and is not doing well in 2014. Last year for various reasons



**Jim
Bryden
Poppy Fund
Chair
&**



**Cheri
Harrington
Poppy Fund
Co-Chair**



**Mike
Alkerton
Membership
Chair**

our total membership dropped about 4% which is not good for the health of the Branch.

If you have not renewed as of January 31st you will no longer be in good standing and will not receive your copy of the Legion Magazine. Please make an effort to renew. You can mail your dues in and we will return your card by mail, or you can drop by the Branch and pay with your debit card, cash or cheque.

We as Branch members must try a little harder. If everyone will “Just Bring One” new member in we will be in good shape. Many branches are slowly dying so don't let this happen to Branch 36.

If for any reason you have decided not to renew we would like to know! If you wish to give us a reason as to why, we would appreciate it.

Notices will be sent out to each member who has not renewed their membership so please act on this as soon as possible.

As always if you have any concerns or questions please contact me.

Mike Alkerton - Membership Chair

“Just Bring One”

Colour Party Report

On November 11th the Colour Party was proud to take part in the Remembrance Day parade. Eight members joined 9 of our cadets and veterans in representing our Branch.

Thanks to very generous donations made to our fund raiser on Remembrance Day, we were able to purchase additional equipment for the Colour Party. We purchased 5 new flag poles with appropriate tops and a new sling. We are also in the process of having new shoulder flashes made.



**James Byron
Colour Party
Commander**

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Remembrance Day, we were able to purchase additional equipment for the Colour Party. We purchased 5 new flag poles with appropriate tops and a new sling. We are also in the process of having new shoulder flashes made.

As some of you may already know, our Colour Party is sometimes requested to provide our services for others. We have been asked to parade at the Quad Arena on Mohawk Road. Some of the hockey games are between Canadian and American teams, and with that in mind we have purchased a fringed American Flag with an Eagle standard for it.

As with most things, many hands make light work. Our Colour Party always has room for new members. Training and help getting uniforms will be provided. At the moment Dundas has one of the better units and we'd like to make sure we keep it that way.

James Byron - Colour Party Commander - 905-578-2758

Ladies Auxiliary Report

The Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank everyone who donated to our annual draw, individuals and businesses alike. Without you we wouldn't be able to accomplish all of the things that we do each LA season. We would also like to thank all of the members who manned the tables throughout the duration of the draw, handing out letters to our local businesses and doing any pick-ups required. Lastly, we would like to thank Terry Kobylinski, Dana DiLabbio, Judy Hall-Wright and Jennifer Brooks for doing all the leg work to make it happen.



**Terrie Gubbins
Ladies
Auxiliary
President**

Because of our annual draw we were able to purchase Christmas gifts for seniors without families at Blackadar's Nursing Home. We were also able to provide a Dundas family with Christmas Eve dinner, Christmas morning breakfast, lunch and dinner as well as enough Christmas gifts for a family of four and Boxing Day breakfast all through the Salvation Army. When hearing about a

Dundas family who lost everything in a fire right before Christmas we reached out and donated towards helping them. We will be able to continue our increased donation to the Ontario Bursary to assist the students towards their education and in turn their futures. It is planned to continue the Valentines for Vets as well.

This year we asked all of the elementary schools within the Dundas community if they would be interested in having their classes write a letter to a Veteran or a Soldier currently serving. On Remembrance Day we went to the various schools and picked up a total of 153 letters. We sent these letters to Veterans within our community as well as to Soldiers in various countries around the World. We have received responses and those have been forwarded on to the schools. It was quite an uplifting experience and we thank all of the students for taking the time to Remember.

Our upcoming Beef on a Bun nights are as follows: January 24th, February 28th, March 28th, April 25th and May 23rd. Please watch for various additions from time to time. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Zone Darts will be held on February 16th at Branch 551. Good luck to all that attend.

We really need some new members to help us continue our efforts to serve our Branch and our community. If you have any questions about becoming a member please call me and I'd be more than happy to answer any questions you may have. Believe it or not we're not all about making sandwiches.

Yours in Comradeship,

Terrie Gubbins - Branch 36 Ladies Auxiliary President



**Saturday, 8th February, 2014 - Valentine Dance
with music from Little Peter and the Elegants**



Tickets \$15 now at the bar. \$20 at the door.

Youth Education Report

In the Legion's Annual Remembrance Literary and Poster contest a total of 67 entries were submitted by young people in the Dundas Legion area, including five students from one family.

These entries were judged at the local level and winners were sent on to be judged at the District level, where they will compete against submissions from entries submitted by other branches in the Hamilton Zone.

There were 13 winning entries from Dundas at the Zone level and these were sent on to be judged against other Zone's at the District level.

This was my fourth year involved in this event but my first as Chair. It has never failed to amaze me how passionate our community's youth are towards the principles of duty, loyalty and recognition of sacrifice. Many of them "humanized" those principles with their submissions and a couple of posters provided imagery that words can not produce.

I wish to acknowledge the help from Imelda Esporlas-Jewer, Judy Shepalo, Karen Wood and Nina Goncharenko of the local Valley Town Toastmasters club with this very worthwhile project. Judy and Karen are also members of Branch 36.



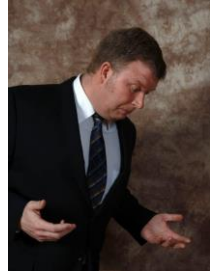
**Tony
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Tony Bratschitsch - Youth Education Chair

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Entertainment Report

Little Peter and the Elegants are back by popular demand for our Valentine's Dance February 8th. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. A late night "dinner" is included. The Band goes on at 8, doors open at 7. Limited tickets are available and this is open to the public, so please pick up your tickets soon. Tickets are available at the bar.



**Bob Turner
&**

Open Mic will follow the Fish Fry's in February and April. Please come out and show off your talents. All are welcome. Trivia Night will again follow the March Fish Fry. Teams of up to 5 members are welcome. Individuals or Pairs are always welcome and can join together or be placed with another team. \$5 per team member.



**Chris Turner
Entertainment
Co-Chairs**

For St Patrick's Day we will again be bringing in Jane Watson to DJ our party. Please come out and enjoy a great time! This is a free event brought to you by the Fundraising done by the Entertainment Chairs at the Fish Fry's.

Chris Turner - Entertainment Co-Chair

Sick Report

October 2013

4th - Dave Paterson at Gen. - shoulder
7th - Jarius deZeeuw moved to Villa – rehab
8th - Mike Empey at Gen. ICU - bypass
18th - Mike Empey at Gen. after surgery - No Visitors
18th - Bill Hyslop at Gen. - had surgery heart valve
18th - Wilf Coon at Juravinski – surgery
21st - Visited Wilf Coon at Juravinski - feeling good
21st - Visited Jim MacLean at St. Joe's - feeling good
21st - Visited Barry Stoltz at Gen. - his talking slow
21st - Visited Dave Paterson at Gen.
21st - Visited Mike Empey at Gen. - slow but better
21st - Visited Bill Hyslop at Gen. ICU - could not see



**Stan Hicks
Sick and Last
Post Chair**

25th - Jim MacLean at home
25th - Mike Empey at home
25th - Len Sharpe at Gen. - In and Out after surgery
25th - Bill Hyslop at Gen. - had surgery

November 2013

1st - Barry Stoltz at Gen. - had a set back - as per Brian Stroud
3rd - Kevin Townsend at St.Joe's - appendix surgery
8th - Wilf Coon at home
8th - Kevin Townsend at home
8th - Bill Hyslop at Gen. - looking a lot better per Mike Alkerton
19th - Mike Alkerton visited Bill Hyslop at Gen. - looking good
23rd - Wilf Coon out and about
23rd - Jarius deZeeuw out and about - getting better
27th - Bill Hyslop moved to Juravinski - rehab
29th - Jarius deZeeuw at home

December 2013

5th - Kirk Hopkins at St.Joe's
6th - Mike Alkerton visited Bill Hyslop at Juravinski - doing good
10th - Kirk Hopkins at home
11th - Wayne Binkley at St.Joe's - surgery
13th - Wayne Binkley at home
15th - Pat Raynsford at St.Joe's
17th - Kirk Hopkins out and about
19th - Marvin Turpin at St.Joe's - surgery
20th - Bill Hyslop at home
21st - Marvin Turpin at home
30th - Ray Newington at hospital in Paris

January 2014

8th - Ray Newington moved to Brantford Gen. - palliative care

Last Post

Bonnie Patro - 18th October, 2013
Jack Day - 19th October, 2013
Lloyd Smith - 24th November, 2013
Bill Kelly - 11th December, 2013
Pat Raynsford - 16th December, 2013
Ray 'Fuzzy' Newington - 10th January, 2014

We Will Remember Them



Saturday, 15th March, 2014 – St. Patrick's Day celebration
Music from DJ Jane Watson – Free admission



Honours and Awards Report

The Honours and Awards banquet will be held on Saturday March 8th 2014. Doors open at 5:30pm with dinner to be served at 6:30pm.

A Listing of members who are eligible to receive years of service pins will be posted on the board by February 1, 2014. Tickets will be \$20.00 per person. Tickets to the Honours and Awards and Ladies Auxiliary Awards will be available at the bar after February 10 2014.



**Gary
Jamieson
Honours &
Awards Chair**

Gary Jamieson - Honours and Awards Chair

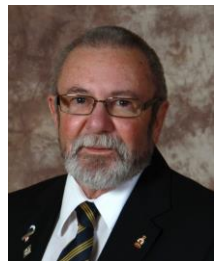
Banquet Hall Report

This has been big year for the Banquet Hall that has included renovations to the stage area, new chairs and this month new tables.

The Banquet Hall rates are among the most competitive in the area, and our catering service is second to none!

If you are planning on an event, please check us out at the Banquet Hall link on our website:
<http://br36dundas.org/hallrental/hallrental.html>

or by calling 905-627-7221 for further information and details.



**Doug
Rivers
Banquet Hall
Chair**

Doug Rivers - Banquet Hall Chair

Everyone makes mistakes. The trick is to make mistakes when nobody is looking.

Bursary Report

I am very disappointed in the number of applications we have received for Bursaries. We did not fill the available applications for the “Belec Bursary” which is processed by the Branch.

The number of applications for the Legion’s Provincial Bursary are also very low. These Bursaries are for the children and grandchildren of all veterans in full time post-secondary education.

Maybe next year ! The money is there for successful applicants.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me.

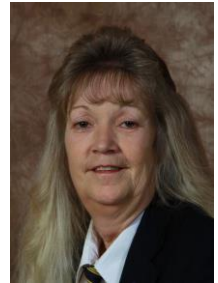
Mike Alkerton - Bursary Chair



**Mike
Alkerton
Bursary
Chair**

Canteen Report

Thanks to you, “Our Branch” is still one of the strongest in the area. Things have been going well in the Canteen. Business has been good over the holiday season with lots of Members out enjoying the entertainment that has been brought in for your pleasure. Please remember that you are more than welcome to bring your friends, family and neighbours into the Branch and show them around, introduce them to other Members, and tell them what we are all about. They do not have to be a Member to enjoy many of the different things that go on around the Branch. The public is always welcome at the Branch.



**Dawn Lewis
Canteen
Chair**

As many of you already know, we have a new Bar Steward at the Branch. Her name is Shari Bernard. Many of you have already met Shari and made her feel welcome. For those of you who haven’t, please feel free to introduce yourselves to her and make her feel welcome. She will be working on both the Canteen bar

and the Banquet Hall bar.

Jarius finally returned home in early December, after his accident in July and has been working very hard learning how to walk again, and regain his strength so that he will be able to rejoin our staff. He has been a real trooper through this ordeal and his hard work is paying off. We continue to wish him well and look forward to seeing him back behind both of the bars at the Branch.

Dawn Lewis - Canteen Chair



Councillor
Russ Powers



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Grounds Report

The November 3rd 2013 Fall Work Party was a great success with a total of 24 volunteers present. This allowed us to complete a few more projects. Special thanks to Mary Kobylinski, Bev Westoby and Peter Martin for supplying the Lunch.



**Hal Hamilton
Grounds
Chair**

A very big thanks to the volunteers who came out to support the fall clean up: Stan Hicks, Elmer Cantelo, Leo Shaidle, Bill Leckie, Dave Steele, Dave Howlett, Len Owen, John Murphy, Suzi Murphy, Larry O'Connor, Brett Taylor, Hugh Graham, Roy Laufman, Kim Place, Mickey O'Connor, Sandra Hicks, Denny Moyer, Gord Sharpe, Mike Alkerton, Paul Penney and Bill Ralston.

Hal Hamilton - Grounds Chair

“Many Hands Make Light Work”

Sports Report

On January 4th the Zone Snooker Tournament took place at Hamilton Mountain Branch 163 and the team representing Dundas Branch 36 won.

On January 11th the District Snooker Tournament took place at Welland Branch 4 and the team representing Dundas Branch 36 came second.

On March 1st the Dundas Branch 36 Snooker team will represent the Branch in the Provincial Snooker Tournament being held at Pickering Branch 606.

The Zone Darts Tournament will be held on February 1st and 2nd at Burlington's Branch 60 and Stoney Creek's Branch 662.

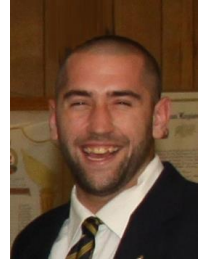
The Legion holds many Sports Tournaments at Zone, District and Provincial levels in various sports (eg. Snooker, Cribbage, Darts, 5-pin Bowling, 10-pin Bowling, Shuffleboard, Euchre, Youth Darts, Mixed Darts, Horseshoes, Golf and Lawn Bowling).

You can enter events and represent your Branch by looking at the notices and signing up on the sign-up sheets that are posted on the Sports board in the Branch next to the side door.

Jordan Deneau - Sports Co-Chair



**Jordan
Deneau
&**



**Brody
Howlett
Sports
Co-Chairs**

Christmas Food Contributions well received

Thank you for your contributions of food and a Turkey to our Christmas Food Drive. They were given to the Salvation Army for distribution. Your generosity shows that Branch 36 assists their fellow citizens and it was greatly appreciated.

Past President receives award



Ontario Lt. Gov. David Onley visited Branch 36 during our Poppy Fund campaign. Mike Alkerton was accompanied by his wife Joan, and met the Lt.Gov. who presented Mike with the Lt.Gov.'s Volunteer Award pin, honouring volunteers who serve as the backbone of not-for-profit organizations and have a direct impact on the people their organizations serve.

Photograph courtesy Cheri Harrington

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Branch 36 - Upcoming Events

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

Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm

February 2014 Events

Saturday - 8th February - **Valentine Dance - music by Little Peter and the Elegants**

Elevator available to get to the Dance.

Tickets \$15 at the bar now or \$20 at the door

Late night snack included. Public is Welcome

Doors Open at 7pm with music at 8pm.

Friday - 14th February - **Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm**

Friday - 14th February - **Open Microphone Night - 7:30pm**

Tuesday - 18th February - **Monthly General Meeting - 7:30pm**

Friday - 28th February - **Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm**

March 2014 Events

Saturday - 8th March - **Honours & Awards and Ladies Auxiliary Presentations Banquet**
Open - 5:30pm, Dinner - 6:30pm

Friday - 14th March - **Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm**

Friday - 14th March - **TRIVIA Night - 7:30pm**

Saturday - 15th March - **St.Patrick's Day Celebration with music from DJ Jane Watson**

7:30pm - Free Admission - you must be 19yrs old

Tuesday - 18th March - **Bi Annual General Meeting - 7:30pm**

Tuesday - 28th March - **Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm**

New Legion Members are Always Welcome

Call or visit the Branch for more information



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