



# The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion  
November – 2014



**Lest We Forget**



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## **President's Report**

I would like to welcome everyone back to our branch and hope that everyone had a very enjoyable summer. Now it is time to get back to the normal routines of fall and winter. It's great to see the sports leagues starting up and bringing you back into the Branch.



**Gord  
Sharpe  
President**

Remembrance Day is fast approaching and it would be wonderful to see as many members as possible signing up to distribute Poppies. It only takes a couple of hours of your time to make this campaign successful. This is a very important time of the year to show your support and respect to all of the Veterans that have sacrificed so much so that you and I can enjoy the life and freedoms that we do. You do not need a Legion uniform to volunteer. All of the money collected by our Branch stays in our area to support local hospitals, long term care facilities, and Cadets, etc. If you don't feel that you can volunteer in this way there is also a need for in-house help. Contact our Poppy Chairman, Jim Byron to see how you can make a difference. Thank you.

Always keep in mind that our Branch is fueled by volunteers. If it wasn't for these hard working individuals we wouldn't have the great Branch that we have. If you are interested in helping out with any of the events that are held, please leave your name and phone number with the bar steward on duty or speak to any member of the executive. We are always interested in finding new volunteers to help out around the Branch. Please come out and use your talents whatever they might be from the handyman to the cook we can use you!!!

It's that time of the year again! Time to renew your Membership. Our Membership Chair, Mike Alkerton or any of the bar stewards will be happy to accept your dues for next year and even use our ATM to pay them. Renew by November 30th and be eligible for the "Early Bird" draw and win your dues back.

We have been pleased to welcome several new members to our branch over the past few months. It is good see our numbers growing. If you see new faces please take a moment to show them what a friendly organization that they have become a part.

We have several events planned for the upcoming months and it would be great to see as many members as possible out to support them.

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## House Report

Wow, time flies eh, it seems like only yesterday we were trimming trees for Spring cleanup and we're now approaching our Fall cleanup. We will have a few less leaves to pick up now that those 5 trees are gone, so maybe we can now create more inside DEEP CLEANING - so I'll make a list of jobs.



**Paul Penney**  
House Chair

If you happen to see something that would improve our Branch, or that needs fixing, don't hesitate to mention it please and we'll do our best to look after it, but other than the Wentworth room air conditioning, we're not too bad off mechanically. It's all small items to deal with, which we can handle and your volunteering certainly helps.

Enough said, we'll see you at the Fall clean up party on November 2nd. Thanks again.

**Paul Penny – House Chair**

### ***Cactus Festival Kickoff***



Cheri Harrington, 3rd Vice President created a Cactus Fest Kickoff meal event in August, and Cheri and her husband Francis are pictured celebrating orders from diners for Pulled Pork that they prepared.

## Ways & Means Report

“Autumn, the year’s last, loveliest smile”

Yes, summer is gone before it really even started this year...let’s hope winter does the same. Our summer was one of change this year with the cancellation of Family BBQ’s due to lack of volunteers. I would love to change that for next year. Our Fish Fry’s were well attended and we appreciate your support.

We also did something a little different, by hosting our first (and probably annual) Cactus Festival Friday night kick-off. Our Pulled Pork sandwiches and farm fresh corn on the cob, along with entertainment by the “Ramblers” was a huge success.

I would like to send out a HUGE thank you to Paul Penney, Jack Murnaghan, Francis Harrington, Rachel Harrington, Andrew S, Olivia Harrington and my cleanup crew Frank and Kathy Jones.

I would also like to note the generosity of Brenn B & Cranston Farms for the beautiful, fresh corn, and Hickory Pit Smokehouse for the delicious Pulled Pork. Without great food and great volunteers, I couldn’t have pulled it off !

Coming soon - Watch for our new legion booklets on the tables of the club room, where you will find information about events, sports, membership and more !

Also, if you have any ideas or comments regarding events at the Legion, please feel free to contact me or use the “Suggestion Box” located by the entrance to the office. I am open to all suggestions.

***Cheri Harrington*** - 3rd Vice President and Ways & Means Chair



**Cheri  
Harrington  
3rd Vice  
President  
and  
Ways and  
Means  
Chair**

Is it my imagination, or do buffalo wings taste like chicken?

Just remember...if the world didn't suck, we'd all fall off.

## **Canteen Report**

With the start of the fall and winter sports programs for this year attendance is really picking up at the Branch and we have activities going every day of the week.

Don't forget we have a Keurig coffee maker at the bar, and the bar steward will brew a cup just for you!

The Presidents Meat draws at 3:00pm every Saturday afternoon have restarted, and we hope you ..... come out and support us, and maybe win some choice meat while you're here. You could even bring friends to the draws with you.



**Doug Rivers**  
**1st Vice**  
**President**  
**and**  
**Canteen**  
**Chair**

***Doug Rivers*** - 1st Vice President and Canteen Chair

## **Special Events Report**

The building of Branch 36's float for the Dundas Cactus Festival parade was a great success and all who rode on the float in the parade enjoyed it.

## **Remembrance Day Parade and Service Schedule**

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.

On Tuesday, 11th November the Remembrance Day Parade will form up at Sydenham and King Streets in Dundas with the following schedule:

10:15am - Parade fall in

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

10:45am - Remembrance Service at memorial

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

***Dave Hawthorne*** - Special Events Chair

## Membership Report

To those of you who have already renewed your membership - Thank You !

The “Early-Bird” drive is now underway. If you renew your membership before 30th November you could win back your dues. There will be a draw for four (4) lucky members.

We lost about 35 members last year so we must recruit new members. I urge you to “Just Bring One” new member in to the Branch. The membership is very important to the health of the Branch.

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

**“Just Bring One”**

***Mike Alkerton - Membership Chair***



**Mike  
Alkerton  
Membership  
Chair**

## Bursary Report

The Royal Canadian Legion, and also Branch 36 award Bursaries to post-secondary students. If you need, want, or have a question about the Bursaries that are available please contact me.

***Mike Alkerton - Past President and Bursary Chair***

## 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**

**Jim Byron**

**Faye Kielty**

**Wayne O'Connor**

**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 11th, 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 11th to remember.

Please forward your donation to:  
Branch 36, 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  
**Jim Byron**  
Chairperson  
The Poppy Fund Committee



**Jim Byron**  
Poppy Fund  
Chair

### 2014 Poppy Campaign

\*\*\* Poppy Distributers Needed \*\*\*

Campaign Dates: October 31st, November 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 10th

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

**Jim Byron – Poppy Campaign Chairman**

## **Branch 36 - Upcoming Events**

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

6 chances to win every week

### **Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm**

2 chances to win every week - put your Looney in an envelope at the Bar with your name and phone number

## **October 2014 Events**

Friday - 24th - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm

Friday - 31st - 2014 Poppy Fund Campaign Kick Off Day

Friday - 31st - Halloween Dance - Open 7pm / music at 8pm

## **November 2014 Events**

Sunday - 2nd - Fall Work Party - 9:00am

Tuesday - 4th - Colour Party Practice - 7:00pm

Tuesday - 11th - Remembrance Day Parade and Service

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

Friday - 14th - Trivia Night - 7:30pm

Saturday - 15th - Dundas Modular Railway Flea Market - 10-3pm

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

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

## **December 2014 Events**

Wednesday - 3rd - Veterans Christmas Dinner - 5:30pm

Friday - 5th - Sports Turkey Roll, Early Bird Draw & L.A. Draw - 7pm

Friday - 12th - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm

Friday - 12th - Trivia Night - 7:30pm

Wednesday - 24th - Carol Singing Contest - Noon-5pm

Thursday - 25th - Christmas Day - Branch Closed

Friday - 26th - Boxing Day - Branch Closed

Wednesday - 31st - New Year's Eve Celebration - 8pm

## **January 2015 Events**

Thursday - 1st - New Years Day - Branch Closed

Friday - 9th - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm

Friday - 9th - Trivia Night - 7:30pm

Tuesday - 20th - Monthly General Meeting - 7:30pm

Friday - 23rd - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm

## **February 2015 Events**

Friday - 13th - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm

Friday - 13th - Trivia Night - 7:30pm

Tuesday - 17th - Monthly General Meeting - 7:30pm

Friday - 27th - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm

# Poppy Fund Report

The Poppy Fund would like to request Branch approval for the following expenditures:

Blackadars	- \$1,500.00
Wentworth Lodge	- \$1,500.00
Highgate Retirement Home	- \$1,500.00
Shalom Village	- \$1,500.00
Dundas Navy League	- \$2,000.00
735 Firebird Squadron	- \$2,000.00
2865 Artillery Army Cadets	- \$3,000.00
Bob Kemp Hospice	- \$1,000.00

With a partial payment for supplies towards this year's Poppy Campaign the balance of the Poppy Fund is currently \$61,463.66. As mentioned in the last Bullytin, the official start for the Poppy Campaign is October 31st. I hope you'll all mark this on your calendars and look forward to your participating.

**Jim Byron** - Poppy Fund Chair (905-578-2758)

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## Ladies Auxiliary Report

Hello from your Ladies Auxiliary. Well, we've hit the new business year running. Our September meeting was a poor turnout as we had a few still on vacation and a few that were under the weather, but despite that we managed to get the ball rolling. Our thoughts and prayers go out to our shut-ins and hope that we'll see them soon.



**Debbie  
Cooley  
President  
Ladies  
Auxiliary**

Our September 26th Beef Nite was very well received and we were kept hopping for nearly the full 2 hours. Thanks to all for coming and we hope you will be there again for October 24th as we will not only have our usual Beef and Lasagna dinners but we will also be having our annual perogy and cabbage roll dinners on the menu.

The preparations for our annual Fund Raising event have also started in earnest. Letters have gone out to all the local venues and crafters of Dundas and area. Tickets should be ready to sell by the end of October and through November. So come in and see what all the prizes are this year and put your tickets in whatever prizes you wish to win. Our top prize this year is a laptop computer and wireless printer. So come out and get your tickets and remember ALL proceeds from this draw go to our local veterans and community.

See you at the Legion

**Debbie Cooley** - Branch 36 Ladies Auxiliary President

## Presidents Report continued.....

Some of the events include the Halloween dance, L.A. Christmas Draw and our Sports Christmas Turkey Roll, Christmas Eve Open House, a New Years Eve party and the list goes on. Also don't forget the old favourites such as Trivia nights after the Fish fry. Be sure to check the website often for updates and new events that are planned for the Branch and remember you can always bring your friends and family to these events.

This is your Branch. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please feel free to speak to any member of your executive. We were elected by the members to work for you. I look forward to seeing you at the Branch.

**Gord Sharpe** - President Branch 36

## Sick Report

### July 2014

31st - Roy Gunn at General - pneumonia

### August 2014

2nd - Don Brooks at Villa - heart attack - palliative care

101th - Ron Wilson at St.Joe's - infection

21st - Ron Wilson at home

25th - Visited Ron Wilson at home

### September 2014

16th - Dennis Moyer had hip surgery

17th - Dennis Moyer at home



**Stan Hicks**  
**Sick / Last**  
**Post Chair**

**Stan Hicks** – Sick and Last Post Chair **Phone 905 627-9999**

### **Last Post**

**Don Brooks - August 6th, 2014**  
**Edmund Winch - September 2nd 2014**  
**John(Jack) Vissor - September 3rd, 2014, 2014**

***We Will Remember Them***

### **Christmas Food Drive**

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

**Thank you for your support !!!**

## Youth Education Report

This year's Annual Poster & Literary Contest project based on the theme of Remembrance is now in full swing. We are visiting schools with information packages and a news release has just been issued. Our deadline for submissions to the branch is 11<sup>th</sup> November and we have to forward our winning entries to the Zone before the end of the same month.



**Tony  
Bratschitch  
Youth  
Education  
Chair**

This year's objectives have been extended to encourage more participation from our own Branch members in the roles of school visits and judging. This is an experience that deserves to be shared because of the magnificence of the student's work. By now, most of us have heard about Srinidhi Shaw's (Westdale Secondary School) 2nd place finish in the 2013 Dominion Senior Colour Poster Contest; however, we also had seventeen other awards achieved last year including Mark Elgersma (Rehoboth Christian School) winning 3rd place at the Provincial Command senior level with his remarkable poem. Every student who submits an essay, poem or poster in this contest is a true winner.

This annual contest is a great way for the members of our branch to reach out to our neighbours and students to share our message of duty, service and love of our Canadian values.

Please contact me at [tony@bratschitsch.com](mailto:tony@bratschitsch.com) if you are able to participate.

## ***Tony Bratschitch - Youth Education Chair***

### Banquet Hall Report

We have just finished a very busy summer season for the Banquet Hall, and bookings are now coming in for the fall and new year.

If you are planning an event such as a wedding or birthday party, meeting or just plain get-together, we can offer very reasonable rates, and we can supply an excellent catering service. For further information please check out our website at [www.br36dundas.org](http://www.br36dundas.org) or call the Legion office at 905-627-7221.

Doug Rivers - 1st Vice President and Banquet Hall Chair

## Lawn Bowling Trophies donated by Branch 36

A part of the Legions mission is to also serve our communities and our country. This can be done in many ways, and here in Dundas Branch 36 completes this service by holding events of Remembrance open to the community and also by supporting youth sports in our community and overall helping out whenever we are asked where possible.



**Peter  
Whittaker  
Public  
Relations  
Chair**

Most of you may be aware that the Dundas Lawn Bowling Club has existed for many years in the Dundas driving park. It has both adult and youth members who take part in various Lawn Bowling games, tournaments etc.. I recently became aware Branch's support of the Dundas Lawn Bowling Club and Stan Hicks told me that at the club there are 2 prestigious trophies originally donated by the Branch many years ago that are still awarded each year.

Although it has been some years since the trophies were donated to the Lawn Bowling club, the Branch still donates money to help support the club which is now over 100years old.

If you are interested in the game of Lawn Bowling, you can always contact the club and try out this relaxing sport.

*A story exists that Sir Francis Drake - pirate, terrorist and hero - was playing bowls on Plymouth Hoe when told that the Spanish Armada had arrived. He coolly declared that there was time to finish the match and then defeat the Spanish; he lost the game, but won the battle.*

**Peter Whittaker** - Public Relations Chair

Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves for they shall never cease to be amused.

There are very few personal problems that cannot be solved by a suitable application of high explosives.

## **Fulfill your Legion Oath – Distribute Poppies!**

Volunteering to distribute Poppies in the Dundas Poppy Fund campaign is a small part that you can play and make a big difference. Last year your efforts in distributing Poppies resulted in contributions of \$15,000 to the Juravinski Hospital for Cancer Research, and \$15,000 dollars to St. Joseph's Villa in Dundas for use in care of veterans residing at the Villa.

You don't have to take time off work to do it, just volunteer a few hours in one evening and you will make a difference to veterans and the community in which you live. The community out there wants to contribute to the fund, we just have to get out there and receive the contributions and in return a Poppy to recognize the donation.

The sign-up sheet for volunteers to distribute Poppies is now posted, add your name and fulfill the oath you made when you joined the Legion.

***Peter Whittaker*** - Public Relations Chair

### **Sports Report**

The Christmas Sports Turkey Roll is on Friday, 5th December, 2014 so start buying your Turkey Roll tickets now.

The regional sports meeting was on Saturday, 4th October, 2014 and we received the 2014-2015 sports tournament schedule and it will be posted, so that you can sign up to represent Branch 36 at the various Sports inter-Legion Tournaments .

We will be hosting the Provincial Snooker Tournament on Saturday, 7th March, 2015 with registration taking place on Friday, 6th March, 2015.

***Stan Sklepowicz*** - Sports Chair

Last night, I lay in bed looking up at the stars in the sky and thought to myself, "Where the heck is the ceiling?"

## Colour Party Report

On August 14th the Colour Party had members who attended the Cactus Festival and rode on our Legion float in the parade. A good time was had by all !

On September 9th the Colour Party had its first practice for the new year. We had been asked to provide the Colour Party for the Zone "B" convention taking place at Branch 163 on October 4th and 5th.

On October 4th and 5th the Colour Party participated in opening and closing ceremonies for the Zone "B" convention, which took place at Branch 163 (Limeridge). In a competition that took place at the convention the Branch 36 Colour Party won "Best Colour Party Overall" and "Best Marching Unit Overall".

Our Colour Party always has openings for new members. Training and help getting uniforms will be provided. At the moment Dundas has one of the better Colour Party units and we'd like to make sure we keep it that way.

Our next practices will be on Tuesday evening October 14th at 7:00pm and Tuesday evening November 4th at 7:00pm.

**Jim Byron** - Colour Party Commander - 905-578-2758



**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, 2nd November, 2014 and a light lunch will be served to all those who attend.

**Paul Penney** - House Chair