



# The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion  
November – 2015



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## Lest We Forget



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## President's Report

I would like to welcome everyone back from summer hiatus to the many fall/winter activities which are offered here at our branch. Please take a look at what is offered and come out to support the sports leagues, activities and dinners. Most of all come out and have a good time!



**Gord  
Sharpe  
President**

Before going any further I would just like to offer my congratulations to our "Bullytin" editor Peter Whittaker, who has again taken Honours at the Zone B conference for his great work on this publication by winning the Class "B" award for his work! I was happy to receive this award on his behalf at the Zone B conference held in Simcoe October 2nd-4th, 2015.

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, then 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. Renew by November 30th and be eligible for the "Early Bird" draw.

We have been pleased to welcome several new members to our branch over the past year. It is good see our numbers growing. If you see new

faces please take some time to get to know them and help get them acquainted with all that Branch 36 has to offer.

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. Some of the events include the Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Draw and the 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

### **Entertainment Report**

The Turkey and Tunes night was a great success again this year. Thank you to all who sold tickets for us. Without the support of our members this wouldn't be possible. Trivia Nights return October 9 after Fish Fries and will run until the summer, and look to the info board for information posted on a possible addition to the club's entertainment!



**Chris  
Turner**  
Entertainment  
Chair

**Chris Turner** - Entertainment Chair

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## House and Grounds Report

Comrades! Isn't it amazing how the time flies, we are now thinking Fall Work Party cleanup, I'm thinking Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> November will be the date, if anyone can think of something which would improve the look of our Branch please tell comrade Gord Sharpe or myself.



**Paul  
Penney  
House &  
Grounds  
Chair**

I have repaired another section of block wall by the back door(it's ongoing), we'll try to stay ahead of it. Gord and I are going to grind a slab of uneven concrete at the front ramp entrance soon. If any of you have ideas about easier ways of doing this let us know. All in all it's an old building but we love her, she'll still be standing long after we're gone.

Enough said, I'll put up a signup sheet for the Fall Work Party, thank you all.

***Paul Penney* - House Chair    "Many hands make light work!"**

### **Branch 36 member becomes Life Member of Legion**



Marie Kobylinski holds a certificate presented to her by Gord Sharpe, Branch 36 President. Marie became a Life Member in the Royal Canadian Legion, recognizing her long service to Branch 36 and her never-ending volunteerism helping Branch 36 members and events.

## **Canteen Report**

With the startup of fall activities namely Monday and Thursday darts, our upstairs staff will be quite a bit busier. As always, our staff continue to do a great job that is greatly appreciated. As this is the last Bullytin before Christmas, on behalf of myself and all of our bar staff we wish you all a Merry Christmas, and successful New Year.



**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.



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

## **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 Wednesday, 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

A diplomat is someone who can tell you to go to hell in such a way that you will look forward to the trip.

## Membership Report

The 2016 year membership renewals have started important to the financial health of the Branch after a long slow summer. I would ask you to please try and renew as soon as possible,

In order to keep our numbers we must recruit new members. If we all “**Just Bring One**” the Branch will remain healthy.

Would any new members who have yet not been initiated please try to get to the next Branch General Meeting to get initiated.

Remember you can now pay your dues by cash, cheque or debit here at the Branch. If you mail in your dues we will return by mail.

If you have any concerns or questions please contact me.

**Mike Alkerton** - Membership Chair

**“Just Bring One”**



**Mike  
Alkerton  
Membership  
Chair**

## Bursary Report

Bursaries for students attending Post-Secondary Education are available. Contact me for details of the Legion Bursaries and the Belec Bursaries and who is eligible to request them.

**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**

**Chris Slote**

**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** (905-578-2758)  
Chairperson  
The Poppy Fund Committee



**Jim Byron**  
**Poppy Fund**  
**Chair**

**\*\*\* 2015 Poppy Campaign \*\*\***

**Poppy Distributers Needed**

Campaign Dates: October 30th and 31st, November 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th and 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 (905-578-2758)**

## **Branch 36 - Upcoming Events**

President's Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 3pm

Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm

### **October 2015 Events**

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

Friday - 30th October - 2015 Poppy Fund Campaign Kick Off Day

### **November 2015 Events**

Sunday - 8th November - Fall Work Party - 9:00am

Tuesday - 10th November - Branch 36 Colour Party Practice - 7:00pm

Wednesday - 11th November - Remembrance Day Parade and Service

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

10:30am - Parade marches to Memorial at Community Centre

10:45am - Memorial service commences

Program to follow after service

Parade marches to Branch 36 site

Reception 12 noon

Presentations 12:30pm in Banquet Hall upstairs

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

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

Saturday - 14th November - Dundas Modular Railway Flea Market - 10am-3pm

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

### **December 2015 Events**

Friday - 4th December - Sports Turkey Roll, Early Bird Draw

& Ladies Auxiliary Annual Draw - 7pm for tickets - draws at 8:00pm

Tuesday - 8th December - Branch 36 Colour Party Practice - 7:00pm

Wednesday - 9th December - Veterans Christmas Dinner Bar - 5:30pm

Friday - 11th December - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm

Friday - 11th December - Trivia Night - 7:30pm

Thursday - 24th December - Carol Singing Contest - Noon-5pm - Branch closes at 5:00pm

Friday - 25th December - Christmas Day - Branch Closed

Saturday - 26th December - Boxing Day - Branch Closed

Thursday - 31st December - New Year's Eve Celebration - 8pm - FREE ADMISSION to all

### **January 2016**

Friday - 1st January - New Year's Day - Branch Closed

Friday - 8th January - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm

Friday - 8th January - Trivia Night - 7:30pm

Friday - 19th January - General Meeting in Wentworth Room - 8pm

Friday - 22nd January - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm

### **February 2016**

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

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

Friday - 26th - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm

# Poppy Fund Report

In keeping with long established procedures, the poppies and wreaths for our Poppy campaign have been received. The campaign this year will start on October 30th. Once again we will need our cadets to help set up the boxes the week before the campaign officially starts and I've made arrangements with Rich Valois to organize them.

I'm hoping that all Legion members will be able to volunteer once again for this worthy cause.

I received approval at the General Meeting on September 15th for the following expenditures:

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| Elevator expense - \$4,305.00          | Wentworth Lodge - \$2,000.00          |
| Storage expense - \$350.00             | The Salvation Army - \$3,000.00       |
| Shalom Village - \$2,000.00            | Highgate Retirement Home - \$2,000.00 |
| Blackadar's - \$2,000.00               | The Dundas Sea Cadets - \$3,000.00    |
| 286 Artillery Army Cadets - \$3,000.00 | 735 Firebird Squadron - \$3,000.00    |

The current balance in the Poppy Fund Trust is \$61,624.53

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



**Jim Byron**  
**Poppy Fund Chair**

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## Ladies Auxiliary Report

Dear Comrades,

I hope this finds you all well. Our new season has started and our first Beef on a Bun nite (Sept. 25th) was a great success thanks to all both behind the scenes and those who came with their appetites. Our October Beef nite on the 23rd will also have perogies by Terry Kobylinski and cabbage rolls by Terrie Gubbins recipes. The last couple of years this October event has been very successful.



**Debbie  
Cooley  
President  
Ladies  
Auxiliary**

November's Beef nite is on the 27th and as there isn't one in December as it's too close to Christmas our next one isn't till January 22nd. Again thanks to all our patrons for helping us raise monies for the branch and our community.

Our annual Christmas fund raiser is right this minute getting under way, thanks to convenor Judy Hall-Wright. Some of our local vendors, venues and our own members have already been donating prizes. Tickets should be available by the end of Oct./beginning of Nov. and will be sold right up to and including the night of the draw at the branch's annual Christmas turkey draw (Dec. 4th I believe).

Please come out and put your tickets into whatever prize you'd like to win. These proceeds go towards supporting a family thru out this holiday season and also towards some veteran seniors that don't have any family nearby. So please come out and make some very deserving people have a better holiday season at a time when things can get very stressful.

Again thanks to my very hard working Ladies and to all our supporters.

Yours in Comradeship

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

## **Sick Report**

### **August 2015**

3rd - Viv Thornton at General - resting  
3rd - Jim Lewis moved to Villa  
7th - Bill Stewart at St.Joe's  
14th - Viv Thornton at General - stroke - at rehab  
18th - Ron Wilson at St.Joe's ICU  
20th - Gary Mitchell at St.Joe's - not very good  
22nd - Bev Brooks at Hospital  
27th - Bev Brooks at home  
27th - Vivian Thornton at home  
28th - visited Ron Wilson at St.Joe's



**Stan Hicks  
Sick / Last  
Post Chair**

### **September 2015**

3rd - Jim Thornton at General  
8th - Joe Freelove at Juravinski - now at Blackadar's - had a fall(hip)  
10th - Jim Thornton at home  
17th - Ron Wison at Hospice in Guelph  
17th - Bev Brooks had pacemaker installed  
17th - Gary Mitchell at Juravinski  
21st - Edna Hall at St.Joe's - hip

### **October 2015**

1st - Dale Edwards at Juravinski - hip and elbow  
2nd - visited Dale Edwards at Juravinski - broken hip and elbow  
2nd - visited Gary Mitchel at Juravinski  
5th - Paul Penney at St.Joe's - surgery  
5th - Jim Neadles - surgery hip

**Stan Hicks** – Sick and Last Post Chair    **Phone 905 627-7445**

### **Last Post**

**Jim McHugh - 2nd August, 2015**  
**Jim Lewis - 30th August, 2015**  
**Walter Turner - 17th September, 2015**  
**Peter James(Jim) Genrick - 17th September, 2015**  
**Ron Wilson - 21st September, 2015**  
**Susan Best - 30th September, 2015**  
**Gary Mitchell - 4th October, 2015**

***We Will Remember Them***

## Youth Education Report

The 2014 Branch Remembrance Poster & Literary Contest is underway. By Remembrance Day, we expect to receive a good number of poems, essays and posters from Grade 1-12 students in our surrounding area.

Last year, there were 15 category winners forwarded to the Zone and District for further competition with 3 of them ultimately winning Gold awards at the Ontario Command level. Those students are Mark and Laura Elgersma of Reheboth Christian School and Srinidhi Shaw of Westdale Secondary School.

The Royal Canadian Legion has been conducting this contest across the country for over 50 years. It is an excellent way of connecting our country's greatest resource - our children - with the best values that our society has to offer as embodied by the Legion.

Regards,

**Tony Bratschitch** - Youth Education Chair



**Tony  
Bratschitch  
Youth  
Education  
Chair**

## Banquet Hall Report

We have great facilities available to host your Event whether it be a small informal party or a large catered affair.

If you are planning a stag and doe, wedding reception, birthday party, anniversary or just a get together, check out our hall and compare our very reasonable rates and services.



**Doug Rivers  
Banquet Hall  
Chair**

For further information visit our web site and contact us at 905-628-7221.

**Doug Rivers** - 1st Vice President and Banquet Hall Chair

## Our Branch 36 Legion Building - a short history

The building known today as Branch 36 of the Royal Canadian Legion has had a long and varied history.

It was built in 1846 by dissenters from the Dundas Presbyterian Church and was known as the Blue Stone Church and used until 1861. In 1872 It was sold to the Episcopalian Methodists who used the building until 1877.

It then went on to be used for many purposes, such as a stable, a planing mill, for dances and bingo games.

Since 1946 the building has been used as Valley City Branch 36 of the Royal Canadian Legion.

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

### Veterans Services Report

Comrades, as your Branch Service Officer I can best assist the Veterans of our branch by identifying those with unmet health needs and possible benefits from Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) and all referrals are kept confidential.

To take the first step to your possible VAC benefits contact the Branch for an appointment.

**Rick Valois** - 2nd Vice President & Veterans Services Chair



**Peter  
Whittaker  
Public  
Relations  
Chair**



**Rick Valois  
Veterans  
Services  
Chair**

### 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 !!!**

## **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**

Fall is here and Branch 36's Men's and Women's Sports leagues for Darts, Snooker and Shuffleboard have started. If you are interested in joining any of these Sports leagues at the Legion, I believe there are still openings.

Zone and District Legion Sports tournaments will be starting in January. The dates are pending and will be posted as soon as I get them on the Sports board next to the side door to the Legion.



**Stan  
Sklepowicz  
Sports Chair**

Come and join the fun and remember that the Sports Turkey Roll is on its way, so keep your eyes open for posters with more information.

***Stan Sklepowicz*** - Sports Chair

## Colour Party Report

Our next practice will be on October 6th with a final practice before Remembrance Day on November 10th.

Our Colour Party always has openings for new members. A few extra members would make it easier in case of illness or unavailability. Training and help getting uniforms will be provided. At the moment Dundas Branch 36 has an Award winning unit and we'd like to make sure we keep it that way.



**James  
Byron  
Colour Party  
Commander**

Our next practices will be:  
Tuesday evening November 10th at 7:00 pm.  
Tuesday evening December 8th at 7:00 pm.

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

**"The harder you fall, the higher you bounce."**

**Accept that some days you're the pigeon and some days  
you're the statue.**

**Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.**

### 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, 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 and a light lunch will be served to all those who attend.

**Paul Penney** - House Chair