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Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion
November – 2018



Lest We Forget



Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

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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. There is a broad selection so please take a look at what is offered and come out to support the sports leagues, activities, dinners, etc. Keep up to date with the newsletter and web site! Enjoy all that your branch has to offer! Many thanks to all of the executives and our entertainment committee for their commitment and hard work!



Gord Sharpe
President

This Fall we celebrate the 92nd anniversary of the inception of this branch, that's 92 years of service to our veterans, our members and our community. We will be marking the occasion again this year with a special evening featuring the music of "Little Peter and the Elegants" - always a favourite! Plan to come out and join us for an evening of entertainment, celebration and lots of fun!

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 who 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.

The end of the year is fast approaching and we all know what that means? 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.

This is your Branch. Yours to enjoy all of the wonderful events offered throughout the year, comradeship with other members and the pride of being part of an institution which has lasted 92years! Come out and bring your friends! Invite them to join! There is always room for one more! I look forward to seeing you at the Branch.

Please keep in mind that all of our wonderful events don't just happen. There are many wonderful volunteers behind the planning and implementation. We appreciate all of our workers and welcome anyone who would like to lend a hand at any time. It was great to have some new volunteers taking part in our summer activities.

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.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please feel free to speak to any member of your executive.

Gord Sharpe - President Branch 36

Food Banks and YOU

Food banks have always existed in one form or another to help our fellow Canadians.

Branch 36 has over 700 members and we should be able to make a good collection of food for a local Food Bank during this giving season.

You might easily have to use a Food Bank some day, so why not make a contribution to a food bank now. Branch 36 has a box in the clubroom for your food bank contributions NOW.

Each time you come into Branch 36 please bring a non-perishable food item with you and make a contribution to the food bank.

Please make your contributions NOW !

Sports Report

It's the week after Thanksgiving and leaves have turned so fall is in full swing. Fall House sports have begun with men's and lady's darts and snooker as well as shuffle board, and it seems we have a full complement in each activity with everyone have a fun time.



**Stan
Sklepowicz
Sports
Chair**

I want to thank Brian Holme for organizing and running the summer Duffer's league. It sounded like they had a great time and are forward to doing it again next year. If you are interested in doing some golf next summer talk to Brian - he is always looking for another foursome.

Our competitive season will be starting January with Br. 36 hosting zone snooker on the 5th, followed by all the other indoor events. If you are interested in competing keep an eye on the Sports Board as I will be posting the sign-up sheets there.

Finally, our annual Sports Turkey roll will be on the 7th of December. Come on out for a fun filled evening and bring your friends. Make sure you buy your tickets (Al usually has some at the bar) and possibly take out some books and sell some to family and friends.

Thank you and see you at the Turkey Roll.

Stan Sklepowicz - Sports Chair

*** Upcoming Event***

The Veterans Christmas dinner is coming up on Wednesday 5th December with the Bar opening at 5:30 and the Dinner starting at 6:00pm.

Veterans - Get your tickets at the bar

Canteen Report

November is a busy month with the Fall Work Party, Remembrance Day, a Fish Fry, Trivia Night and a Beef on a Bun night.

On Friday, 30th November a Wing Night so popular during the summer months will be held. It is from 5:30 to 7:30pm. You can get 1 pound of Wings with mild, medium, hot or honey garlic, veggies and dip for \$10, and Fries can also be purchased for \$3. All are welcome



Doug Rivers
Canteen
Chair

Doug Rivers - 1st Vice President and Canteen Chair

Special Events Report

Remembrance Day Parade and Service Schedule

Preparations are well under way for this year's Remembrance Day Service on 11th November. This year it falls on a Sunday and we hope to have a great turnout of Branch 36 members.

The parade starts at Sydenham Square by the Firehall at 10:15am and proceeds up King Street to the War Memorial. Please try to attend and honour those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.



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Events
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Dave Hawthorne - Special Events Chair

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Membership Report

Renew before Nov.30 and be an EARLYBIRD and YOU COULD WIN BACK your dues. The branch along with the membership committee would appreciate your co-operation.

Your dues can be paid by cheque, cash or debit at the branch. If you mail in a cheque we will return your 2019 sticker to you. Your dues MUST be paid at the branch.

You cannot pay directly to Dominion Command in Ottawa. The dues remain the same at \$55.00.

In order to stay strong we must bring in new members. The ***Just Bring One*** theme has been a good recruiting tool for years and it still works.

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

Thanks

“Just Bring One”

Mike Alkerton - Past President and Membership Chair
(Home 905-627-2822 / Branch 905-627-7221)



**Mike
Alkerton
Membershi**

Banquet Hall Rental

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

The Wentworth Room downstairs is available at no charge for use on a first come basis and will accommodate from 5-65 people.

It can be used for retirement parties, memorial services, meetings, birthdays, and any other function you may require. Just call the office to book the room (905) 627-7221.

”Lest We Forget”



Annual Poppy Day Fund Campaign For the Relief of Veterans, their Widows and Orphans

Poppy Fund Committee

Jim Byron

Wayne O'Connor

Faye Kielty

Stan Hicks

Chris Slote

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

***** 2018 Poppy Campaign *****

Poppy Distributers Needed

Campaign Dates: October 26th, 27th and 29th, 30th, 31st and
November 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 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)

Youth Education Report

This year's Remembrance Poster & Literary Contest is under way. Mailings have gone out to over 30 schools in our area and media releases will soon be released. It already seems that some of last year's successes have spun off because there have already been a number of recent family and student inquiries. Last year, our Branch student entries garnished a remarkable number of 47 awards including 8 first-place winners among the seven branches in our Zone.



**Tony
Bratschitch
Youth
Education
Chair**

One of nicest aspects of the Poster & Literary Contest is that it's the students from Grades 1-12 that express their feelings and understanding of Remembrance. Many of them always seem to come through each year with very perceptive, touching and thought-provoking sentiments of the sacrifices made by other young people of earlier times.

Likewise, I always look forward to seeing and reading their essays, poems and posters when they are submitted to the Branch after Remembrance Day. It also seems that the student submissions are getting better and better, each year. Right now, Remembrance is very strong among the students in the area.

Tony Bratschitsch - Youth Education Chair

Honours and Awards Report

All members of Branch 36 who are Veterans are invited to attend the **Veteran's Christmas dinner** Wednesday, 5th December. Tickets are available at the bar for \$5 and it will be returned at the dinner.

While dining you will be entertained with music and songs from the Silver Swing band and singer Jane Weston. The bar opens at 5:30pm with dinner at 6:00pm.

Any Veteran who requires a caregiver can have them enjoy the dinner also by just getting them a ticket.

Bill Ralston - Honours and Awards Chair



**Bill Ralston
Honours
and Awards
Chair**

Poppy Fund Report

Our order for Poppies and Wreaths has been received and placed in storage. We'll have a selection of about 10 different types of Poppy pins. The newest pin to be added will be the one honouring our countries action in Korea.



**Jim Byron
Poppy Fund
Chair**

This year our campaign will start on October 26 and will finish November 10, 2018. I hope those of you who are generous enough to volunteer will mark this on your calendars. Looking forward to another successful year.

I would like to request the approval of the General Meeting for permission to spend the following amounts from the Poppy Fund.

- Sea Cadets - \$3,500.00
- Army Cadets - \$3,500.00
- Air Cadets - \$3,500.00
- Branch Storage - \$350.00
- Elevator Maintenance - \$5,500.00
- Blackadar Retirement - \$2,000.00
- Highgate Retirement - \$2,000.00
- Wentworth Lodge Retirement Residence - \$2,000.00
- Meadowlands Retirement Residence - \$2,000.00
- Shalom Village Retirement Residence - \$1,500.00
- Chartwell Willowgrove Retirement Residence - \$1,000.00
- Meadowlands Long Term Care Facility - \$1,000.00
- Salvation Army - \$5,000.00

Total Expenditures - \$32,850.00

The current balance of the Poppy Fund is \$76,764.25

Jim Byron - Poppy Chairman (905-578-2758)

If you always do what interests you, at least one person is pleased.
If at first you don't succeed, try reading the instructions.



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Ladies Auxiliary Report

Hello Comrades,

Your Ladies Auxiliary has come back this September with enthusiastic energy. Our first Beef on a Bun night was a great success. Thank you for your participation.

We hosted the L.A. Singles and Doubles Darts tournament. Debbie Cooley came in 1st for Singles. In Doubles Terry Kobylinski and Terry Gubbins placed 2nd. Barb Smith and Stephanie Cooley placed 3rd and Debbie Cooley and Carly Arnold placed 4th.

We welcomed Kim Bandy-Bollert to our fold tonight at our October meeting after she had a “trial by fire” on the September Beef on a Bun night.

The next Beef on a Bun nights are scheduled for 26th October
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Debbie Cooley
President
Ladies
Auxiliary

and 23rd November and will start again in the new year on the 25th January, 2019.

The Branch 36 Sports Turkey Roll and the Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Draw are to held on Friday, 7th December. The doors will open at 7:00pm for purchase of draw tickets and the draws will start at 8:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

See you around the club.

Debbie Cooley – President, Branch 36 Ladies Auxiliary

Sick Report

August 2018

17th - Chuck Clarkson - foot surgery - at home

22nd - Trevor Meldrum at St.Joe's

September 2018

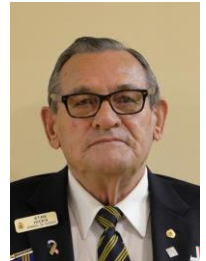
2nd - Trevor Meldrum moved to Victoria Garden in Hamilton

10th - Bill Westoby at General - shoulder surgery

12th - Bill Westoby at home

28th - Gary Livingston at General

29th - Gary Livingston at home



Stan Hicks
Sick
and
Last Post
Chair

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

Last Post

Linda Abt - 2nd August, 2018
Paul Plante - 31st August, 2018
Stan Rankine - 9th September, 2018
Trevor Meldrum - 13th September, 2018

We Will Remember Them

House Report

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 year's work party starts at 9:00am on Sunday, 4th November, 2018 and a light lunch will be served to all those who attend.

"Many hands make light work!"

Paul Penney - House Chair



**Paul
Penney
House
Chair**

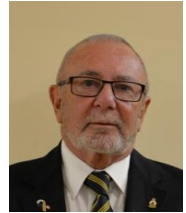
Banquet Hall Report

There is not much to report right now for the Banquet Hall Rentals other than to say that it's probably the best deal around.

If you are planning an event of any sort, don't miss out on our great deals.

Call 905-627-7221 for more information or check out our website <http://br36dundas.org/hallrental/hallrental.html>

Doug Rivers - 1st Vice President and Banquet Hall Chair



**Doug Rivers
Banquet
Hall
Chair**

Paul Wright Photography

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Bursary Report

Bursaries are available to children and grandchildren of ex-service people at both the provincial level and the branch level. Not enough members are taking advantage of this Bursary award.

The award is \$750.00 at provincial level and \$500.00 at branch level. Call me at the branch 905-627-7221.

Mike Alkerton - Past President and Bursary Chair



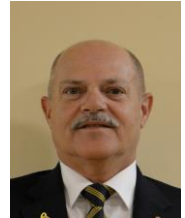
**Mike
Alkerton
Bursary
Chair**

Veterans Services Report

Comrades, as your Branch Service Officer I can best assist Veterans at our branch by identifying those of you 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 - Veterans Services 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 !!!


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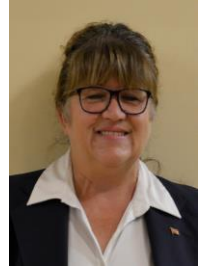
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Entertainment Report

On Friday, November 2nd Little Peter and the Elegants will provide music to help us celebrate the Legion's 92nd birthday - come out and see this great band and dance the night away to the music of the 50's & 60's ! Tickets are available at the bar now for \$25 and a late night snack is included.



**Janice
Mancini
Entertainment
Chair**

On Sunday, 9th December you can have Breakfast with Santa from 10am to 2pm. We will be serving pancakes, sausages, juice & coffee. Tickets are \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 for a family of 5. Tickets will be on sale at the bar starting in mid-November.

On Monday, 24th December from noon to 5pm we will hold our Christmas Eve celebration and the popular Christmas Carol singing contest - DJ Jane Watson will provide music.

On Monday, 31st December at 8pm come to our New Year's Eve celebration with music supplied by DJ Mark Panopoulos. Bring your favorite snack to share and ring in 2019 with your Legion family

On Saturday, 9th February, 2019 we will hold our popular Valentine's dance with music supplied for the 7th year in a row by the popular Little Peter and the Elegants - this 8-piece band dance band helps everyone dance the night away to the music of the 50's & 60's ! A late night snack is also included. Tickets will be \$25 each.

Janice Mancini - 3rd Vice President and Entertainment Chair

Colour Party Report

The Colour Party invites any Legion member to come out and be a part of this award winning group. If you have any questions or just curious, feel free to ask myself or Jim Byron.

Practices will be on the second Tuesday of each month (EXCEPT on 6th Nov.) at 7:00pm in the upstairs hall of our Legion.



**Greg
Sherring
Colour Party
Commander**

Greg Sherring - Colour Party Commander (905-385-5539)

Branch 36 - Upcoming Events

President's Meat Draw - Saturday - 3-4pm - 6 chances each week

Weekly Meat Draw - Saturday - 4:30pm - 2 chances each week

November 2018 Events

Friday - 2nd - Anniversary dance with music from Little Peter and the Elegants - 8-12pm

Sunday - 4th - Fall Work Party - 9:00am

Tuesday - 6th - Branch 36 Colour Party Practice - 7:00pm

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

Sunday - 11th - Remembrance Day Parade and Service

All Legion members and veterans in the community are invited to take part.

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

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

10:45am - Memorial service commences

Reception 12 noon

Friday - 16th - Trivia Night - Sign up at 7:30pm - Starts at 8:00pm

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

Friday - 23rd - Progressive Euchre - 7:30pm

Saturday - 24th - Dundas Model Train Show and Sale - 10:00am - 3:00pm

Friday - 30th - Wing Night - 5:30-7:30pm

December 2018 Events

Wednesday - 5th - Veterans Christmas Dinner - 5:30pm

Friday - 7th - Sports and Ladies Auxiliary Turkey Roll - 8pm

Sunday - 9th - Breakfast with Santa - 10am-2pm

Tuesday - 11th - Branch 36 Colour Party Practice - 7:00p

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

Friday - 21st - Trivia Night - 7:30pm

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

Tuesday - 25th - Christmas Day - Branch Closed

Wednesday - 26th - Boxing Day - Branch Closed

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

January 2019 Events

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

Friday - 18th - Trivia Night - Sign up at 7:30pm - Starts at 8:00pm

Friday - 25th - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm

Friday - 25th - Progressive Euchre - 7:30pm