



The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion

February – 2019

Breakfast with Santa a Success thanks to Volunteers



Breakfast with Santa was a success thanks to the volunteers pictured above left to right: Caitlin and Leanne Robinson, Joe Thorogood, Janice Mancini, Dave Hawthorne, front: Santa and Cathy Belmore.



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President's Report

Happy New Year everyone! 2018 was another banner year here at Branch 36, and we are looking forward to an even better 2019.



Gord Sharpe
President

This winter has been very dismal so far with many dark days and dreary nights! What better way to keep active and amused than to come out and support your Legion!

The in-house sports leagues are back in action after the winter break and there are also lots of inter-Legion tournaments coming up to take part in. Be sure to check out the Bulletin boards, Branch website and The Bullytin newsletter.

You won't want to miss out on our regular weekly and monthly events, as well as all of the special events that our wonderful Entertainment committee have planned for you - starting with our annual Valentine Dance with Peter and the Elegants. Be sure to get your tickets early as we have had a sell-out crowd for the last three years!

Please keep in mind that the Branch is open to all day every day, not just for special events. Come in and join friends - old and new, in a stimulating conversation, or enjoy a quick game of pool. It's a great place to drop in, warm up and relax. Invite your friends to come with you to check out our facilities and let's all encourage new membership!

I would encourage you to attend the weekly Saturday Meat draw, you never know who you are going to meet. We have been getting quite a good crowd and there is always room for you.

I would like to thank my Executive, the Ladies Auxiliary, and all of the other volunteers who work so hard to keep our Branch running smoothly. It certainly makes my job easier! We need some new faces in our volunteer pool to help fill in, when the regulars get busy with the many things that life throws at you!

If you would like to join our group of volunteers please don't be shy! You will be welcome! Please feel free to talk to me at the club or any of our Executive, or leave your contact information with the bartender.

On a final note - I would like to add a word of caution. It's winter again and although we haven't had much winter weather yet, you never know when it will appear, so please be careful on the sidewalks and in the driveway and parking lot. Although we do our best to keep them clear of ice and snow the weather can be very unpredictable! Your safety is important to us! Thank you.

Gord Sharpe - President Branch 36

Membership Report

As of this date (8th January, 2019) the paid Branch membership is down from last year at this time by 47.

Over-all we are down about 150 from our total 2018 membership numbers.

I would urge (Plead) with those members who have not yet renewed their Legion membership for 2019. So in order to have a strong say in Legion matters we must have a strong and solid membership.

To those who brought new Legion members – THANK YOU" ! but, we have not recruited as well as we did in previous years. The old slogan "JUST BRING ONE still rings true.

As always if you have any concerns or questions please call me. Thankyou, ***"Just Bring One"***



Mike Alkerton
Membership
Chair

Mike Alkerton - Past President and Membership Chair
(Branch - 905-627-7221 or Home - 905-628-2822)

P.S. You can pay your membership dues by cheque (by mail), or at the Branch Cash or Debit machine behind bar. The dues are still the same as last year \$55.

Youth Education Report

As we await the Remembrance Poster & Literary Contest results from the Zone and District, I wish to share one of the many warm stories that I experienced while coordinating the contest with a local school.

In early November, I had an appointment to drop off a poster at Rehoboth Christian School in Copetown. The poster, as can be seen in the photo, had a collection of pictures of the school's previous award winners. I had thought that it would be a nice thing to do for a school that has remarkably supported Remembrance so well for 40 years,

When I got to the school, I was surprised to find that the entire student council was waiting for me. Some of the students were thrilled to see themselves pictured on the poster as far back as four years. It was a great moment, one worthy to Remember.

Tony Bratschitsch - Youth Education Chair



Tony Bratschitsch
Youth
Education
Chair

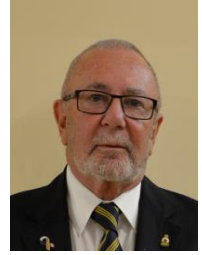


Canteen Report

I would like to thank everyone who helped me out this last year, especially all of the great bar staff, and Gord Sharpe, Dale Lucking, Mike Alkerton, Stan Sklepowicz and Peter Whittaker just to name a few.

They all helped make my job easier and I want you all to know that its greatly appreciated. Also just a heads up that we will be closed on Sundays starting April 21. (Except for Family BBQ's).

Doug Rivers - 1st Vice President and Canteen Chair



**Doug
Rivers
Canteen
Chair**

Colour Party Report

We practice on the 2nd Tuesday of each month except August and November.

If you would like to join us, just come to one of our practices or talk to me or any member in the Colour Party. Help is also provided to get a uniform.

Two dates are already booked for us parade the flags this year. The first is the Honour and Awards Banquet, Sunday March 3, 2019 and the second is the annual Church Parade, Sunday June 2, 2019. A 3rd possible date will be to parade flags at a Canadian Semi-Pro / American University football game at Tim Horton's Field in the spring of 2019.



**Greg Sherring
Colour
Party
Commander**

Greg Sherring - Colour Party Commander - 905-578-2758

2018-2019 Early Bird Winners

**Peter Freeland
Patricia Copeman**

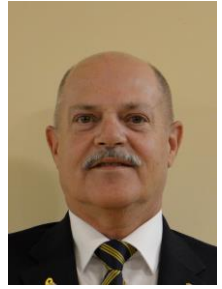
**Matthew Stempian
Sandra Hicks**

The "Early Bird" draw is held each year among those Branch 36 members who pay their Legion dues before 30th November. Draws are and if your name is drawn you will be an Early Bird Winner and you will get your membership dues returned.

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
Veterans
Services Chair

Rick Valois - Veterans Services 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 available at no charge for use on a first come basis and 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.

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Ladies Auxiliary Report

Dear Comrades, I hope your Christmas/New Years holiday went splendidly and wishing you and yours all the best for 2019.

Well, last night was the first monthly meeting of 2019 and your auxiliary came out swinging. We served breakfast and lunch at the first of 3 snooker tournaments at the branch in January.

We are sending 2 teams to Zone cribbage on the 20th at Br.163 - Mt. Hamilton. Good luck ladies.

At the District Singles and Doubles darts tournament held in Port Rowan back in October, out of the 3 singles and 3 doubles teams we sent only 1 doubles team qualified to go on to Provincials. Congratulations to Terrie Gubbins and Terry Kobylinski. The rest of us girls just had a really good time.

At this time I would like to send out to everyone involved with our annual Christmas draw a HUGE heartfelt THANK YOU. Because of all the local vendors, craftsmen/women, the individual people that just wanted to contribute, for their generous donations towards our prize table, the sellers of tickets and the buyers of same, the Branch itself for donating the 3 turkeys that went with the food baskets and Turkey Dinner Fixings prize and an even bigger hug goes out to Judy Hall-Wright for her dedication towards keeping us all organized for this major event every year.

Because of these wonderful people, we were able to raise over \$2,000.that went to provide a wonderful Christmas to 11 seniors in Blackadars nursing home, and we were able to give the Salvation Army a generous donation toward helping a local family have a great holiday too.

Our Honors and Awards dinner is coming up quickly so please check in at the branch for your tickets and see if you have a service pin due.

UPCOMING: Beef on a Buin & Progressive Euchre Nights: Jan. 25th, Feb. 22nd, Mar. 22nd, Apr. 26th and May 24th. Again, All the Best in 2019. See you at the club.



**Debbie
Cooley
Ladies
Auxiliary
President**

Debbie Cooley - President Branch 36 Ladies Auxiliary

Bursary Report

2018 Belec Bursary is closed for this year. I am shocked by how "few" students applied.

The Legions Ontario Command Bursary is open until March, 2019 and we have the forms here at the Branch.

We have handed out very few of these Bursary forms also.

If you feel you qualify please contact me for eligibility or any other questions.



Mike Alkerton
Membership Chair

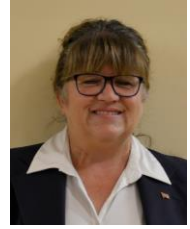
Mike Alkerton - Past President and Bursary Chair

A banner advertisement for Kim Place Carpentry. The background is a light grey with a wood-grain texture at the top and bottom. On the left is a logo with the letters 'KP' in white on an orange square. To the right of the logo, 'Kim Place' is written in a cursive font, and 'CARPENTRY' is in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below the logo, it says 'HOME RENOVATIONS'. In the center, there is an orange semi-circle containing the text 'SINCE 1981' and a crossed-hammers icon. On the right, it says 'LICENSED CONTRACTOR'. At the bottom left, it lists 'PHONE 905-520-4440'. At the bottom right, it lists '1905 HWY #5 WEST TROY, ONTARIO, L0R 2B0'.

A banner advertisement for FRID & NAGY Collision Service Ltd. The background is white. At the top, 'FRID & NAGY' is in a large, bold, black font, followed by 'COLLISION SERVICE LTD.' in a smaller, bold, black font. Below that, '10% OFF ALL LABOUR' is in a very large, bold, black font. Underneath, '(10% discount does not apply to parts or insurance claims)' is in a smaller, black font. There are three bullet points, each with a car icon: 'Specializing in Foreign and Domestic Cars', 'Free Estimates', and 'Complete Auto Body Repairs & Painting'. At the bottom, 'JOE NAGY' and 'JEREMY CULP' are listed in bold, black font. Finally, the address '347 Hatt Street, Dundas, Ontario L9H 2J2' and phone/fax numbers 'Telephone: 905-627-4055 Fax: 905-627-9977' are provided.

Entertainment Report

I must say THANK YOU ! to all who helped make these events successful for everyone: Turkey Roll / Ladies Auxiliary Draw, Veterans Christmas Dinner, Breakfast with Santa, Christmas Eve celebration, and New Year's Eve party.



Janice Mancini
Entertainment Chair

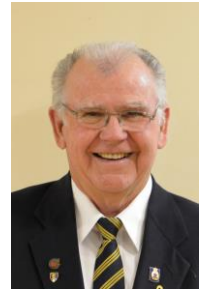
Upcoming events – February - Valentine Dance get tickets now its always a sellout / March - St.Patricks celebration – Wear Green - it's FREE

Thankyou again to who made these events so great and also everyone who attended and made them great successes !

Janice Mancini - 3rd Vice President and Entertainment Chair

House and Grounds Report

Two new hot water tanks have been installed. Gord Sharpe and crew insulated office wall while the tanks were out. We were hit by graffiti artists on the building ,we repainted and covered it up. Let's hope they don't come back !!!



Paul Penney
House Chair

On Sunday, 4th November, 2018 we held our Fall Work party to prepare the Branch and grounds for Remembrance Day and the following volunteers were members of the crew: Mike Alkerton, Yves Cayen, Jordan Deneau, Peter Freeland, Fred Haddock, Judy Hall-Wright, Stan Hicks, Steve Holgate, Brian Holme, Brody Howlett, Dave Howlett, Gary Ingram, Roy Laufman, Bill Leckie, Janice Mancini, Denny Moyer, Larry O'Connor, Wayne O'Connor, Charlie Parsons, Paul Penney, Kim Place, Bill Ralston, Doug Rivers, Linda Rivers, Helmut Schiller, Leo Shaidle, Gord Sharpe, Mary Whittaker, Peter Whittaker.

It is only through Volunteers that we are able to keep the Branch and its grounds looking so good year-round.

Paul Penney - House and Grounds Chair
"Many Hands Make Light Work"

2018 Poppy Campaign Report

I would like to thank Dara Coulter for doing the Fiscal Review for Fiscal year 2018. This is part of the 3-step review that our Poppy Fund is required to do.

The Branch 36 Poppy Fund is a registered charity with Revenue Canada and allows our Poppy Fund to issue tax deductible receipts for donations made to the fund. This also means we must provide information to Revenue Canada.

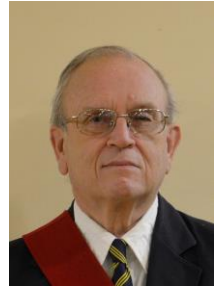
A number of organizations make donations to the Branch 36 Poppy Fund because we are a registered charity and others in the area are not registered as charities with Revenue Canada.

Generous donations were made to the Poppy Fund in the name of: John Hutcheson

This Holiday Season our Poppy Fund delivered 192 poinsettias to Retirement and Nursing homes in our area to the Veterans and their wife and widows who live there.

The current balance of the Poppy Fund at the end of November is: \$111,699.48

James Byron - Poppy Fund Chairman - 905-578-2758



Jim Byron
Poppy Fund
Chair

A real estate advertisement for Judy Shepalo. On the left is a circular portrait of Judy, a woman with short grey hair, wearing a yellow top. To the right of the portrait, the text reads: "Judy Shepalo" in a large, green, cursive font, followed by "Real Estate Specialist" in a smaller, green, sans-serif font. Below this, contact information is listed: "Mobile: 905.517.6494", "Office: 905.304.3303", "Fax: 905.574.1450", "Email: judy@judyshepalo.ca", and "Web: www.judyshepalo.ca". At the bottom of the advertisement, there is a black banner with the text "Compassionate • Connected • Trusted" in white. Below the banner is the RE/MAX logo, which includes the text "RE/MAX®" and "Escarpment Realty Inc. Brokerage" with a small registered trademark symbol. Below the logo, it says "Independently owned and operated".

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Honours and Awards Report

This year's awards ceremony will be on Sunday, 3rd March. Tickets will be on sale Monday, 12th February. Cost of Dinner and Menu will be announced shortly at the Branch and by e-mail to Branch 36 members who have supplied their email addresses.

A list of those members eligible to receive Service pins will be posted in the Branch, and also on our website. If your name is not on the list and you feel you should receive a Service please contact the Branch.

If you are not at the dinner and would like a year Service pin the cost is \$5.00.

Bill Ralston - Honours & Awards Chair

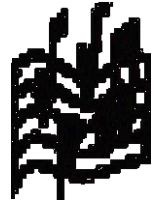


Bill Ralston
Honours &
Awards
Chair



**Valentine Dance - Saturday,
9th February, 2019 with music from
Little Peter and the Elegants**

Tickets \$25 now available at the bar.



Banquet Hall Report

There is a small item which should be clarified regarding rental of the Wentworth Room.

If you book the Wentworth room during hours in which we are normally closed, a flat fee of \$100.00 will be charged to cover the expense of bringing in bar staff.

For hours in which we are normally open, there is still no charge for the room.

Doug Rivers - 1st Vice President and Banquet Hall Chair



**Doug
Rivers**
Banquet Hall
Chair

Your Poppy Fund Contribution at Work



Wentworth Lodge residents Bill Murphy and Eric Mills show Jim Byron, Branch 36 Poppy Fund Chair an adjustable lunch room table that was purchased with a Poppy Fund cheque presented to Karen Allcraft, Lodge Administrator.

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Memorials - Monuments - Grief Counseling - Pre-Planning - Seminars - Pet Funerals

Sports Report

The new year has begun and so has the Legion competitive season.

We hosted Zone Snooker and came away with another first place finish. The team of Mark Johnston, Nick Siefert, Dave Puddy and Ken Wilson will be representing Branch 36 at District - again being hosted by Branch 36.



**Stan
Sklepowicz
Sports
Chair**

The following day Branch 36 competed in Team Darts and the team of Brodie Howlett, Jordan Deneau, Rob Winch and Curtis Holme are going to Zone.

Zone Cribbage and Single / Double Darts are on the horizon, with Euchre and Master Darts following.

If you have any interest in competing, please keep an eye on our Sports Bulletin Board and sign up (remember you must have your 2019 sticker on your Legion membership card when you compete).

Stan Sklepowicz - 2nd Vice President and Sports Chair

Paul Wright Photography

pwright.photo

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paul@pwright.photo

Public Relations Report

In 2008 I began working as the Public Relations Officer (PRO). I was asked to fix the Branch 36 website - it could not be used, I fixed the site and then redesigned the Branch newsletter.

I looked at the first word in PRO (PUBLIC), and thought of the word PUBLICITY. I looked at publicizing Branch 36 events - both for you and the public, if we don't publicize our events then no-one will know about them.

I got email addresses for the media, made email templates that can be used to send emails to the media about our events at Branch 36 so they can be more successful.

Well it's been 10 years now and I need your help.

I'm sure some of you may be interested in helping send out emails to the media about Branch 36 events. Some of you may have more expertise, or would like to learn like I did, and maybe even make improvements on publicizing events at Branch 36. Please show your interest by contacting myself or the Branch.

Peter Whittaker - Public Relations Chair



Peter Whittaker
Public Relations
Chair

Your Food Bank Contributions well received

Thank you for contributions to our Christmas Food Bank Drive. Your donations were given to the Dundas Salvation Army for distribution.

Your generosity shows that Branch 36 members assist their fellow citizens and it was greatly appreciated. Thank You.

Sick Report

October - 2019

16th - Gary Livingston at General - new wires

25th - Ron Belmore at Juravinski

29th - Jim Thornton at hospital



**Stan Hicks
Sick
And
Last Post
Chair**

November - 2019

1st - Bob Raynsford at hospital - heart

4th - Brent Anderson at home

6th - Bob Raynsord at home

7th - Ron Belmore moved to St.Peter's

27th - Bill Williamson at hospital - bypass

27th - Ron Belmore at St.Peter's

December - 2019

14th - Frank Rivers at Juravinski - pneumonia

14th - Pat Dumayne at General - broken ribs

20th - Mike Emery at hospital - stents

20th - Bob Raynsford at hospital - heart

24th - Bob Raynsord at h0ome

24th - Pat Dumayne at home

January – 2019

2nd - Jim Bolegoh at General

Stan Hicks - Sick and Last Post Chair

Last Post
Robert John “Flip” Floyd - 16th November, 2018 Frank Rivers - 21st December, 2018
<i>We Will Remember Them</i>

Note: “Thanks” to those Legion members who show up and take part in Legion Services held for our Veteran members who have passed.

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

January 2019 Events

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

Friday - 25th January - "Euchre" - signup 7:30pm - Start 8pm

February 2019 Events

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

Saturday - 9th February - Valentine Dance - Little Peter and the Elegants - Open 7:00pm Starts 8:00pm - \$25.00 per person

Friday - 15th February - Trivia Night - Sign up 7:30pm - Start 8pm

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

Friday - 22nd February - "Euchre" - signup 7:30pm - Start 8pm

March 2019 Events

Sunday - 3rd March - Honours & Awards/Ladies Auxiliary 12:30pm

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

Friday - 15th March - Trivia Night - Sign up 7:30pm - Start 8pm

Saturday - 16th March - Free St.Paddy's Dance DJ J.Watson 8-1am

Wednesday - 20th March - Bi-Annual General Meeting - 8:00pm

Friday - 22nd March - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30p

Friday - 22nd March - "Euchre" - signup 7:30pm - Start 8pm

April 2019 Events

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

Friday - 19th April - Good Friday - BRANCH CLOSED

Sunday - 21st April - Easter Sunday - BRANCH CLOSED

Saturday - 20th April - Easter Egg Hunt - and Colouring contest

Bring a canned food donation for the Food Bank / Hunts - Newborns to 3 yrs: 8:30am Children 4-7 yrs 9am / Everyone else:9:30 am

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

Friday - 26th April - ""Euchre" - signup 7:30pm - Start 8pm

Invite your friends and relatives to Legion events !

New Legion members are always Welcome