



# The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion  
November – 2019

## Peace



On November 11th we observe Remembrance Day to honor the brave men and women who have served Canada in times of war, military conflict and peace and the sacrifices they have made for our freedom.



## Lest We Forget



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## **President's Report**

I wish to welcome everyone back after a great summer during which we featured family BBQ's, Wing Nights, and our annual Canada Day Celebrations.



**Doug Rivers**  
**President**

All of our fall programs are underway with Fish Fries, Beef on a Bun, Trivia, Progressive Euchre and all of our sport events starting a new season.

Many people coming back for the first time since the "summer break" are very surprised with the new look of the canteen. Thanks again to Marv Turpin and Wayne O'Conner for the great job of painting the old paneling.

It may come as a surprise to some of you, but all of our events are run by volunteers. Without them, you would not be taking part in any of the fun things we do now. In many cases it is the same volunteers week after week. We need more people to get involved so we can give some of the regulars a break now and then. We don't ask much, just a few hours of your time. If you would like to help out, please leave your name and number at the bar, or contact any member of the executive.

It will soon be Remembrance Day, and we need as many people as we can get to distribute poppies. This is a very important time of 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 have. You do not need a Legion uniform to volunteer for poppy distribution. If you do not feel you are up to distribution, there is also a need for in-house help. Please contact our Poppy Chairman, Jim Byron to see how you can help!

We have several events upcoming including a Halloween Dance, the L. A. Christmas Draw, the Sports Turkey Roll, the Christmas Eve Open House, and the New Year's Eve Party. Please plan to come out and support these fun events, and remember friends and family are always welcome.

***Doug Rivers*** - President Branch 36

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## Ways and Means Report

We recently introduced the Royal Canadian Legion, Ontario Command “Lest We Forget” Break Open ticket at the branch. The initial reaction from our customers is positive and I hope that this will result in an increase in sales. These tickets are available at the bar.



**Peter Howard**  
**Ways and**  
**Means Chair**

I will be meeting with our supplier, Arrow Games, to discuss other potential fund-raising products.

**Peter Howard** - Ways and Means Chair

## Honours and Awards Report

All members of Branch 36 who are Veterans are invited to attend the Veteran’s Christmas dinner Wednesday, 4th December. Tickets are available at the bar for \$5 and it will be returned at the dinner.



**Al Boyle**  
**Honours**  
**and Awards**  
**Chair**

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 getting them a ticket.

**Al Boyle** - 3rd Vice President and Honours and Awards Chair

## **Sports Report**

Our fall and winter sports programs have started with Men's Snooker on Mondays, Women's Snooker and Shuffleboard on Wednesday.

On Thursday Men's and Women's Dart leagues are on and we also have Sunday Mixed Darts.

The competitive season of Legion sports kicks off on Saturday, 14th December with Zone Snooker which we are again hosting at Branch 36.

In the New Year all the other Zone and District sports activities are scheduled. This includes Euchre, Cribbage, Snooker, Open, Mixed and Senior's Darts and Washer Toss.

These event dates will be posted as they come up on the Sports Bulletin Board.

If you are interested in any of these activities come in and sign up.

Finally I would like to congratulate our 3 golf teams of Brian Holme and Ian Sutcliffe, Mark Johnston and Nick Seifert, Ed Desroches and Rob Beeson who qualified in the District Golf Tournament and represented Branch 36 at the Provincial Golf Tournament.

P.S. Mark down Friday, 6th December on your calendar for the Annual Sports Christmas Turkey Roll - we will be selling tickets for this very shortly.

**Stan Sklepowicz** - Sports Chair



**Stan  
Sklepowicz  
Sports  
Chair**

### **\*\*\* Upcoming Event\*\*\***

**The Veterans Christmas dinner is coming up on Wednesday 4th December with the Bar opening at 5:30 and the Dinner starting at 6:00pm.**

**Veterans - Get your tickets at the bar**

## Canteen Report

The canteen is looking much brighter and "fresher" thanks to the new paint job, and we are striving to make it even brighter still by improving lighting.

We are currently examining various options and we hope you will notice quite a difference in the near future. We have also applied for a grant to replace the flooring in the canteen, but will not know the status of our request until the spring of 2020.

Thank you to Gord and Joy Sharpe and Peter Howard for their work on this floor grant application.

**Doug Rivers** - President and Canteen Chair



**Doug Rivers**  
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 Monday 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.

**Dave Hawthorne** - 2nd Vice President and Special Events Chair



**Dave  
Hawthorne**  
Special  
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## Membership Report

“**Early Bird Draw**” for those members who renew by 30th November. You can win and have your dues refunded. There will be four (4) draws. Better odds than any lottery.

To those 123 members who have already renewed (7th Oct) – Thank you.

I must again ask you, our members to try to “**Just Bring One**” - - we are ‘not’ recruiting well this year.

As always, any questions or concerns about membership please contact me.

See you at the Branch.

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



**Mike  
Alkerton  
Membership**

## 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

**\*\*\* 2019 Poppy Campaign \*\*\***

**Poppy Distributers Needed**

Campaign Dates: October 25th, 26th and 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st, November 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th.

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

The Annual Poster & Literary Contest "season" started a bit earlier this year with a request from Immaculate Conception Catholic Elementary School in Ancaster for information as their school year started.

Last year, the school had students who submitted remarkable poems and posters dedicated to Remembrance. The photo below was taken after a presentation ceremony that was conducted in front of 650 students, teachers and parents. One teacher later said "**the Legion has a Remembrance message for people of all ages**", which was a great message.



**Tony  
Bratschitsch  
Youth  
Education  
Chair**



Father Duffy, Pastor, Tony Bratschitsch, Br.36 Youth Education Chair and Sue Verrelli, Principal accompany students Sydney Bernal and Olivia Almeida after presentation of their awards.

***Tony Bratschitsch*** - Youth Education Chair

## Poppy Fund Report

A generous donation was made to the Poppy Fund in remembrance of Lloyd Theodore Cooke.

At the General Meeting on September 17, 2016 a motion was raised to make donations to the following organizations:

Dundas Navy League (Sea Cadets) \$3500.00  
2865 Army Cadets \$3500.00  
Dundas Air Cadets 735 Squadron \$3500.00  
Shalom Village \$1500.00  
Salvation Army \$5000.00  
Blackadar's \$2000.00  
Chartwell Willowgrove \$1000.00  
Chartwell Georgian Retirement \$1000.00  
Highgate Retirement \$2000.00  
Wentworth Lodge \$2000.00  
Meadows Long Term Care \$2000.00  
Meadowlands Retirement \$1000.00  
Veterans Dinner \$1500.00  
Storage Costs \$350.00

**Total \$29850.00**

The current balance of the Poppy Fund as of September 17th is:  
\$71,670.30

Last year we lost a very dedicated Poppy volunteer and driver – Jimmy Belogh. If anyone is able to provide driving service in Dundas, we need help on the first day of the Poppy campaign to get the boxes out and on the day and to be picked up after November 11th.

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



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

### Fall Work Party

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, 3rd November, 2019 and a light lunch will be served to all those who attend.



### **Need a gift for a Legion member?**

Why not a jacket, tee shirt or other item with the Legion crest. A catalogue is kept in the office that contains a multitude of items. The catalogue even has jewelry. We can order things for you. Ask to see the catalogue.

### **Food Banks and YOU**

Food banks have always existed in one form or another to help our fellow Canadians. When I worked at Home Depot, our social committee decided that we should all get together and make donations to a local Food Bank. We were able to collect and donate over half a ton of food for Thanksgiving in just 3 weeks.

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 !**



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**Sick Report**

**August 2019**

15th - Randy Kynast – out and about after surgery

27th - Dale Lucking had surgery

**September 2019**

16th - Karen Birnie having treatments

24th - Bob Raynsford at Juravinski

27th - Bob Raynsford at home

**October 2019**

3rd - Gary Paris at St.Joe’s – short stay



**Stan Hicks  
Sick  
and  
Last Post  
Chair**

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

**Last Post**

- Joe McGarr - 7th August, 2019**
- Ernie Griffiths - 15th August, 2019**
- Edna Hall - 17th September, 2019**
- Len Chetwyn - 26th September, 2019**
- Harold Garland - 8th October, 2019**

***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.

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**"Many hands make light work!"**

***Gord Sharpe*** - House Chair and Past President



**Gord  
Sharpe  
House  
Chair**

**Banquet Hall Report**

We already have bookings for the Banquet hall into October of next year.

This is the ideal venue for your birthday party, stag and doe, wedding, anniversary or any occasion you may want to celebrate.

For information on availability and rates, please call 905-627-7221 and our staff will be more than happy to assist you.

***Doug Rivers*** - President and Banquet Hall Chair



**Doug Rivers  
Banquet  
Hall  
Chair**

**Paul Wright Photography**

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## Bursary Report

Bursaries are available for full time students at the Provincial Level and at the Branch level.

Please contact me at home (905-628-2822) or at the Branch (905-627-7221) for details.



**Mike  
Alkerton  
Bursary  
Chair**

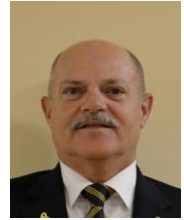
**Mike Alkerton** - Bursary Chair

## 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 Thursday, 19th December..


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


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## Entertainment Report

On Saturday, 26th October from 8pm to 12mid-nite we will be hold our FREE ADMISSION Halloween Dance celebration in the clubroom with DJ Jane Watson providing music. There will also Best Costume Prize, 50/50 draw, Pizza slices \$2.50.



**Barb Smith**  
Entertainment  
Chair

On Tuesday, 24th December from 12noon to 5pm we will hold our Christmas Eve celebration and the popular Christmas Carol singing contest - DJ Jane Watson will provide music.

On Tuesday, 31st December at 8pm come to our New Year's Eve celebration with music supplied by DJ Mark Panopoulos. Bring pot luck to share and ring in 2020 with your Legion family.

On Saturday, 15th February, 2020 we will hold our popular Valentine's dance with music supplied for the 8th 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.

**Barb Smith** - Entertainment Chair

## Colour Party Report

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



**Greg  
Sherring**  
Colour Party  
Commander

Practices are at 7pm on 2nd Tuesday each month (EXCEPT on 5th Nov.) upstairs at the Branch.

**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 2019 Events**

Sunday - 3rd - Fall Work Party - 9:00am

Tuesday - 5th - Branch 36 Colour Party Practice - 7:00pm

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

Monday - 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

Tuesday - 12th - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00pm

Friday - 15th - Trivia Night - Sign up at 7:30pm - Starts at 8:00pm

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

Friday - 22nd - Progressive Euchre - 7:30pm

Saturday - 23rd - Dundas Model Train Show and Sale - 10-3:00pm

### **December 2019 Events**

Wednesday - 4th - Veterans Christmas Dinner - 5:30pm

Friday - 6th - Sports and Ladies Auxiliary Turkey Roll – 8:00pm

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

Tuesday - 10th - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00pm

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

Friday - 20th - Trivia Night - 7:30pm

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

Wednesday - 25th - Christmas Day - Branch Closed

Thursday - 26th - Boxing Day - Branch Closed

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

### **January 2020 Events**

Wednesday - 1<sup>st</sup> - Boxing Day - Branch Closed

Friday - 10th - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm

Tuesday - 14th - Branch 36 Colour Party Practice - 7:00pm

Tuesday - 14th - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00pm

Friday - 17th - Trivia Night - Sign up at 7:30pm - Starts at 8:00pm

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

Friday - 24th - Progressive Euchre - 7:30pm

Saturday - 25th - Tony Lambert Memorial Snooker Tournament

Sunday - 26th - Tony Lambert Memorial Snooker Tournament