



The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion

February - 2020

Fall Work Party Volunteers get the job done



Brian Holme and Stan Hicks mount new flags at the front of Branch 36 while others in the background work on the gardens. Volunteers made up the 2019 Fall Work Party and worked to make Branch 36 look its best inside and out for Remembrance Day.



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President's Report

This being the first Bullytin of the new year, I would like to thank the executive, committee members, paid staff, Ladies Auxiliary, and all the Volunteers who have helped us, and who have made all of our events successful.



**Doug
Rivers
President**

A very sincere Thank You.

FOOD for THOUGHT: Ever wonder when you place and pay for your order and pick it up on Fish Fry night how it all happens? Read the following and remember it is done by Legion members like you, who volunteer.

Event is advertised in the media, Legion outdoor sign updated.

Fish is ordered, delivered, put in freezer, taken out, fillets put on trays in cooler.

Inventory is done on everything from oil, batter mix, fries, chicken, salt, pepper, ketchup, vinegar, mayonnaise, relish, coleslaw, dressing, bread, butter, lemons, knives, forks, plates, and to-go boxes.

Anything we need has to be purchased.

Coleslaw has to be chopped, mixed and put in containers.

Mayonnaise and relish are mixed, tables are set up with condiments both upstairs and down.

Order books are readied, the float counted, orders taken and sent upstairs.

Fish batter is mixed, fish, chicken and fries cooked, orders are plated and down in the dumbwaiter. Downstairs dumbwaiter unloaded, orders checked and numbers called out.

Condiments checked and restocked as needed.

At 7:00 p.m. the last order is taken, bookwork is done, then comes clean-up.

Everything has to be cleared, cleaned and put away. Dishes, pots and pans used in kitchen all have to be washed and put away.

Then we are done. Literally.

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The entire procedure repeats itself every Fish Fry night, and much the same for the Ladies Auxiliary Beef on a Bun, the Wing Nights and the Family BBQ's.

All done by Volunteers.

We can always use your help, and if you wish to do so call us.

Thank You

Doug Rivers - President Branch 36

Membership Report

Thanks to all who were “**Early Birds**” and the winners of the Early Bird Draw.

- #133 - Peter Freeland
- #164 - Bill Williamson
- #169 - Wendy Torresin
- #275 - Herb Gallifent



Mike Alkerton
Membership
Chair

We still have 150 members who have not renewed yet. I send out notices at the end of January, when you are no longer in good standing, so save us a dollar(\$1.00) and come in and pay your dues, or failing that mail us a cheque and I will return your updated membership to you.

We have not received as well as other years so try to “**Just Bring One**” new member to the branch.

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

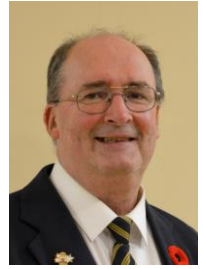
Thanks

Mike Alkerton - 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

This is my 7th year as Chair of the Youth Education program and my focus has been on the annual Poster and Literary Remembrance Contest. Before that, I was an assistant for a couple of years. During those nine years of my involvement in the branch's contest, I have seen and read some amazing posters, poems and essay submitted by students from Grade 1 to Grade 12. The hardest part of the contest is "judging".



**Tony
Bratschitsch
Youth
Education
Chair**

Sometimes, there are student submissions that clearly stand out from the rest. They are the "no brainers" that are placed aside as first place winners in their category and age group. Often, our branch's first place winners will continue to garnish more awards at the higher levels, such as Zone, District, Provincial and Dominion. It's a thrill to go to the schools to present the awards to the students - sometimes, as many as five sets of certificates, cash, pins and medals - for the same submission.

However, most of the time, the judging is much tougher. I use to spend large amounts of time trying to determine the best of three or four fantastic poems or essays. A while ago, I found that our branch's quality of judging was much better when I had help from more judges who were keen and motivated. Therefore, every year, I request and get judging assistance from members of my local Toastmaster club - Valley Town Toastmasters. Some of those Toastmasters are also members of our Legion. Yet, often, there will be six, seven or eight of us, who are judging, deadlocked on our selection of winners and runners-up. We would take the time to debate our choices and then cast our votes for our favourite picks. Personally, I often find that my own choices are not voted by the judging group as the best; however, over the last five or six years, the first-place winners from the 15 age/category groups that we submit to the Zone have won a majority of "Gold" awards. During the last few years, our student submissions have pulled in 10 or 11 of the 15 possible top awards.

This year, we're going through the same process. Our student submissions in the Poster & Literary Contest may or may not win at higher levels, but no matter what happens, when we go to the schools later, we make them all feel like winners.

Tony Bratschitsch - Youth Education Chair

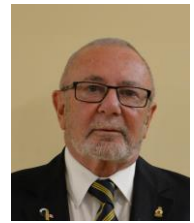
Canteen Report

I am pleased to report that all of our great staff are back for the New Year. We are still waiting to hear the status of our grant request for new flooring for and have purchased a larger TV for the clubroom.

We are also getting quotes on new blinds for the Wentworth Room. Work is proceeding behind the scenes on new lighting over the bar and the excellent repainting project is still ongoing.

The new hi-chairs donated by Rob and Judy Hall Wright have been much appreciated by families with young children especially at Fish Fry nights. Thank You.

Doug Rivers - President and Canteen Chair



Doug Rivers
Canteen Chair

Colour Party Report

With a new year and decade, the Colour Party would like to wish everyone a safe and prosperous 2020. We would like to thank everyone that bought tickets during our raffles after the Remembrance Day Parade on November 11, 2019 as well as last Christmas Eve. The generosity of everyone that bought tickets helps fund the Colour Party with expenses such as uniforms, flags, travel expenses. Congratulations to the winners.

The Colour Party has many events planned so far for this year. The Honours and Awards Banquet, Branch Elections, D-Day and Church Parade, 2020 Dundas Cactus Festival Parade, Supporting the Poppy Campaign and the Remembrance Day Parade.

The Colour is asking if anyone has photos of the Colour Party during any of the Remembrance Day Parades, if they would be so kind, to please send a copy of them to gregsherring@hotmail.com or if you have hard copies, I would be glad to come and pick them up.

The Colour Party is in need of more members as health, vacations and personal commitments require us to reduce the number of flag bearers during events. We can help with uniforms. Any questions, please contact any member of the Colour Party or call or e-mail myself at 905-385-5539 or gregsherring@hotmail.com

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



Greg Sherring
Colour Party
Commander

House Report

Thanks to everyone who took part in the November general cleanup. Thanks to Marv and Wayne for doing the painting that certainly has spruced up our clubroom and Wentworth room. A big thank you to Doug and Paul for doing the much-needed nasty job of deep cleaning the urinals.

We are looking forward to new floor work upstairs in the foyer. Also hopefully we will hear soon about the grant to do the floor in the club room.

If you see anything that you feel needs attention please speak to me, one of the executive or the bartender.



**Gord Sharpe
House and
Grounds Chair**

Gord Sharpe - Past President and House and Grounds Chair
“Many Hands Make Light Work”

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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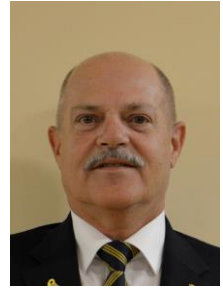
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Veterans Services Report

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

Dundas Poppy Fund Campaign

A number of dedicated volunteers from the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 36 Dundas, as well as volunteers from our community have made up Poppy boxes and delivered them to stores to display. At the same time, they have also given up their time to stand and take donations from people in Dundas, Ancaster, Westdale and Meadowlands to support our charity.

Each year we're asked by contributors where this money goes and I feel because of their generosity, they should be informed. The following are the areas that the money we collected were given during the period from October 1st, 2018 to September 30th, 2019. This is the most recent year that we have completed.

Our income for the year totaled \$86,157.74

Cost of supplies	\$19,147.19
Support of cadets	\$10,500.00
Juravinski Cancer Clinic	\$15,000.00
St. Joseph's Villa	\$15,000.00
Belec University Scholarships	\$ 2,000.00
Salvation Army (Food Bank /Drop In)	\$ 5,000.00
Nursing & Retirement Homes	\$ 9,031.84
Support of Veterans	\$18,118.69
Youth & Education	\$ 2,326.97

Starting on December 14th, 2018 - 192 poinsettia plants were delivered to our Veterans and widows who reside in retirement and nursing homes. Needless to say, they enjoyed being remembered at this time of year.

Our total expenditures during this period totaled \$91,124.69

James Byron - Poppy Fund Chairman

Bursary Report

Branch 36, in memory of the late Gerry Belec, awards 5 bursaries of \$500 each year.

As of today (2nd January, 2020) I have received only 3 (THREE) requests. The deadline is 16th January, 2020 - I just don't understand why we have not received requests for all 5 bursaries.



Mike Alkerton
Bursary Chair

The Legions Ontario Command Bursary is open until March, 2020 and we have forms here at the Branch.

If you have any questions about Belec Bursaries, or Legion Command Bursaries please feel free to contact me.

Mike Alkerton - Bursary Chair

(Branch - 905-627-7221 or Home - 905-628-2822)

An advertisement for Kim Place Carpentry. It features a logo with the letters 'KP' in a stylized orange and white font. To the right of the logo, the text 'Kim Place' is written in a cursive font, and 'CARPENTRY' is in a bold, sans-serif font. Below the logo and text, there are three orange curved banners. The first banner says 'HOME RENOVATIONS', the second says 'SINCE 1981', and the third says 'LICENSED CONTRACTOR'. At the bottom, there is a dark grey bar with white text. On the left, it says 'PHONE 905-520-4440'. In the center, there is an icon of crossed hammers. On the right, it says '1905 HWY #5 WEST TROY, ONTARIO, L0R 2B0'.

An advertisement for FRID & NAGY Collision Service Ltd. The text is centered and reads: 'FRID & NAGY COLLISION SERVICE LTD. 10% OFF ALL LABOUR (10% discount does not apply to parts or insurance claims)'. Below this, there are three car icons followed by the text: 'Specializing in Foreign and Domestic Cars', 'Free Estimates', and 'Complete Auto Body Repairs & Painting'. At the bottom, the names 'JOE PIERCEY' and 'JOE NAGY' are listed, followed by the address '347 Hatt Street, Dundas, Ontario L9H 2J2' and the phone/fax numbers 'Telephone: 905-627-4055 Fax: 905-627-9977'.

Entertainment Report

Thank you to everyone who attended the New Year's Eve celebration at the Branch.

Thank you also to everyone who donated food to the food bank, and especially to everyone who brought in various pot luck meals that were enjoyed by everyone who came to the event - no-one went hungry at this event.



Barb Smith
Entertainment
Chair

The Valentine Dance with music from Little Peter and the Elegants will be held 14th February and tickets will be on sale soon. The St. Patrick Day celebration will be held in the clubroom on 14th March, it's a free event and the public is also welcome.

Barb Smith - Entertainment Chair

Ladies Auxiliary Report

I hope this finds everyone recuperating from a very successful and enjoyable holiday season.

The Ladies Auxiliary thanks all the vendors, ticket sellers, crafts people and patrons for another successful Christmas Fund Raiser that came to a great conclusion at the Branch 36 Turkey Roll on December 6th. This allowed us, with the help the Salvation Army, to help a family to celebrate Christmas merrily. We also gave 10 seniors at Blackadar's Nursing Home a Christmas, that we hope cheered them a little more, as they have no close family members to share it with.



Debbie
Cooley
Ladies
Auxiliary
President

At the Zone Cribbage Tournament in Stoney Creek on 24th November, half our team had to bow out, but the Burlington Br.60 L..A. had the same problem. We combined our teams and had the Br.36/60 DunBur or BurDun team to represent us both. An enjoyable afternoon was had by all thanks to L.A. Zone Commander Jackie Ralston and L.A. Secretary Judy Ramsey from Br. 60. Sadly our team placed 7th out of 7 teams. Barb Smith and myself were surprised how badly the cards were for us, having played together many times before and usually been able to turn a bad round into something better, we could do nothing but laugh and wish the ongoing teams the best of luck.

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Upcoming Beef Nights: There are 5 left for this season on 24th Jan., 28th Feb., 27th Mar., 24th Apr. and 22nd May. **Sports News:** On 23rd Feb. we will participate in the Zone Team Darts in Stoney Creek. Best of luck ladies. **Spring BBQ Draw:** Tickets and more details should be coming before the end of March.

Until next time, Yours in Comradeship,

Debbie Cooley - President Branch 36 Ladies Auxiliary

Legion Branch Poppy Fund

Donations were made to the Poppy Fund in memory of the following:

Len Chetwyn
Alexander Knox Davidson
John Hutchison
Geoffrey Jay
Velma Krawchuk
David Peck
Raymond Shortman
Art Vannatter
Clint & Nell Vannatter
Vern Vannatter



Jim Byron
Poppy Fund
Chair

On December 4th 210 poinsettias were delivered to vets and widows at the various Retirement & Nursing homes in the Dundas, Ancaster and West Hamilton areas.

The current balance of the Poppy Fund as of November 29th is:
\$100,429.00

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



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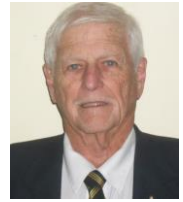
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Honours and Awards Report

The Branch 36 Veterans Christmas Dinner was held 4th December, 2019 and 75 people enjoyed a delicious full Turkey dinner. The Silver Swing band provided a musical interlude enjoyed by all. The Dundas Sea Cadets provided table service at the event.



**Al Boyle
Honours &
Awards
Chair**

Veterans received gifts and Ladies were given Poinsettias supplied by the Dundas Legion Poppy Fund.

Our planning committee will meet 14th January to start planning the Annual Honours and Awards Luncheon which will be held Sunday, March 1st, 2020 at 1:00pm. We will contact all to be honored this year, so we suggest you get a ticket and come. There will be posters at Branch when tickets available.

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



**Valentine Dance - Saturday,
15th February, 2020 with music from
Little Peter and the Elegants**

Tickets \$25 now available at the bar.



Banquet Hall Report

Banquet Hall rentals are going well, and the Wentworth Room is extremely busy.

We are in the process of introducing more liquors (think shots), for the Banquet Hall.

Stag and Does seem to be the norm for the Banquet Hall, but other events such as the Fred Eaglesmith concert, and the Perogy Night dinners have drawn very good crowds.

Contact the Legion at 905-627-7721 for further information on prices and availability for rentals.

Doug Rivers - President and Banquet Hall Chair



**Doug Rivers
Banquet Hall
Chair**

Christmas Eve Singing Enjoyed by Everyone



On 24th December, 2019 Branch 36 held our Christmas Eve celebration with a music from a DJ, and carol singing. It was well attended and we enjoyed ourselves, and the Christmas carol singing contest. This year the carol singing contest was found to be a tie between the Catholics and Protestants.

Circle of Life

Cremation and Burial Centre Inc.

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

Sports Report

The start of the New Year began early this sports season as we hosted the Zone Snooker Tournament in December.

Our team of Mark Johnston, Ken Wilson, Doug Lappin and Jim McLaren came in first and our team of Joe McDonald, Rick Dickens, Dave Puddy and Nick Seifert came second, so we will be hosting the Zone Snooker Tournament again next year.



**Stan
Sklepowicz
Sports
Chair**

Zone Sports start with a bang in January as pretty much every weekend through February has some event being held.

The Inter Branch Legion Sports consist of 8-Ball, Snooker, Team Darts, Cribbage, Darts Singles and Doubles, Sr.Darts Singles and Doubles, Sr.Darts Teams, Euchre, Darts Mixed Doubles, Darts Mixed Teams and Washer Toss.

If you are interested in playing for the Branch in any of the above events, check out the Sports board for the signup sheets for the various sports tournaments.

Stan Sklepowicz - Sports Chair

Paul Wright Photography

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Public Relations Report

I get Branch 36 events advertised in the local media - Print, Radio and the Cable 14 channel.

I make sure these events are on our website so that anyone viewing it can see our event calendar.

I take event pics, that may be sent to the local print media and uploaded to the website. When you take event pics send them to me and I will promote them.

Peter Whittaker - Public Relations Chair



Peter Whittaker
Public Relations
Chair

Ways and Means Report

Watch out for CATCH THE ACE coming in the Spring

Catch the Ace is a weekly 50/50 draw, with the addition of trying to find the Ace of Spades.

At the commencement of the first draw individual cards, from a full pack of cards are placed in sealed envelopes. The winner of the draw receives 20% of the sales and then chooses one of the envelopes, if that envelope contains the Ace Of Spades that card is destroyed and the winner receives an additional 30% of sales, if the envelope does not contain the Ace the 30% becomes the initial progressive jackpot which continues to grow until won.



Peter Howard
Ways and
Means Chair

Peter Howard - Ways and Means Report

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

15th - Deb Cooley at Gen - 2 stints
17th - Deb Cooley at home
17th - Shaun Hodges had a fall
31st - Joy Sharpe had surgery - knee

November - 2019

2nd - Joy Sharpe at home
2nd - Howard Elliott at home - pall care
19th - Stan Sklepowicz had surgery - knee
19th - Jack Murnaghan at hospital
25th - Steve Holgate broken toes
25th - Roy Gunn had surgery
27th - Visited Steve Holgate at home
27th - Roy Gunn up and about
28th - Stan Sklepowicz out about
29th - Roy Gunn at home
30th - Roy Gunn out and about

December - 2019

1st - Jeff Hodgson at Gen – stroke
5th - “Cricket” Walter Willett in Gen - broken neck
6th - Visited “Cricket” Willett at Gen
6th - Visited Jeff Hodgson at Gen
9th - Bob Raynsford at Gen
12th - Bob Raynsford at home
19th - Dana Dilabbio at hospital
26th - Bob Raynsford at Gen
29th - Bob Raynsford at home

January - 2020

3rd - Jeff Hodgson at Rehab at Gen



**Stan Hicks
Sick
And
Last Post
Chair**

Stan Hicks - Sick and Last Post Chair

Attention: Thank You to those Legion members who show up and take part in Legion Services held for our Veteran members who have passed.

Last Post

**Ray Shortman - 2nd November, 2019
Brenda Tebay - 12th November, 2019
Jack Murnaghan - 22nd November, 2019
Christine Theroux - 28th November, 2019**

We Will Remember Them

Branch 36 - Upcoming Events

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

Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm

January 2020 Events

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

Friday - 24th - "Euchre" - signup 7:30pm - Start 8pm

February 2020 Events

Tuesday - 11th - Branch 36 Colour Party Practice - 7pm

Tuesday - 11th - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – 7pm

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

Saturday - 15th February - Valentine Dance - Little Peter and the Elegants - Open 7pm Starts 8pm

Friday - 21st - Handcrafted Stuffed Perogy dinner - \$15 or frozen foods to take home - 4-7pm

Friday - 21st - Trivia Night - Sign up 7:30pm - Start 8pm

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

Friday - 28th - "Euchre" - signup 7:30pm - Start 8pm

March 2020 Events

Sunday - 1st - Honours and Awards Ladies Auxiliary Presentations

Open -12:00noon / Luncheon - 1pm

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

Tuesday - 10th - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7pm

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

Saturday - 14th - Free St. Patrick's celebration dance - 8pm

Tuesday - 17th March - Bi-Annual General Meeting upstairs - 8pm

Friday - 20th - Trivia Night - Sign up 7:30pm - Start 8pm

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

Friday - 27th - "Euchre" - signup 7:30pm - Start 8pm

April 2020 Events

Note: Good Friday falls 10th April which and the Branch is closed so the Fish Fry will be moved to the first Friday - 3rd April

Friday - 3rd - Fish Fry - 4:30-7pm

Friday - 10th - Good Friday – BRANCH CLOSED

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

Tuesday - 14th - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7pm

Friday - 17th - Trivia Night - Sign up 7:30pm - Start 8pm

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

Friday - 24th April - "Euchre" - signup 7:30pm - Start 8pm

Invite your friends and relatives to Legion events