



# The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion

February - 2021

## Fall Work Party Volunteers Get the Job Done



Branch 36 was closed most of the year but the grounds still needed cleaning. The Fall Work party volunteers brought their own equipment and cleaned up the property.



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## **President's Report**

Like yourselves I do not know what the future holds for us. I do know that we will remain closed until we are out of this lockdown, until we are out of the Red Zone, and until we can have at least 50 persons in the building again.



**Doug  
Rivers  
President**

We are able to carry on thanks to 4 main reasons

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- 1) We are very grateful for a Federal grant of \$10,846.05 which we received on Dec. 31.
- 2) Memberships. Thanks to everyone who have renewed their memberships so far. As of Dec. 30, our total membership we 348. We are still looking for more!
- 3) Donations. We have received numerous donations from individuals, and all of our sports leagues. These have definitely helped when it comes time to pay the bills. Thank you to all who have made these special contributions.
- 4) Perogy Nites: These have been our main source of income since the shut-down. They will be starting up again after the holidays on Friday Jan. 8. They are take-out only, and orders can be placed on-line at <https://teamperogy.ca/order-online/> and you will be given a designated time to pick-up your order. Walk-ups will also be accepted. Please do not call the branch to place your order.

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support for Branch 36 and we will continue to keep you updated as to our status as we move forward.

On behalf of the executive and myself, I wish you all a happy, safe and prosperous New Year.

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

## Membership Report

Although the branch has not had much to offer the membership over the past year, I am very much taken by the support for the branch and Legion as a whole.

Several members have given me money to pay the dues of some of our older and less able senior comrades. I find this to be an act of concern and kindness. You know who you are, and I thank you so much.



**Mike Alkerton**  
**Membership**  
**Chair**

At the time of writing (early January) we have 375 members paid for 2021.

Now ! here is the hard part - to bring us up to last year's numbers we have 225 comrades who will no longer be in good standing after January 31.

While the branch is closed you can mail your dues in, or stick a cheque in our mail box at the front of the branch. You can even go online to [www.legion.ca](http://www.legion.ca) and pay your dues direct to Dominion Command and they will send us our portion in about a month.

When we get through this pandemic (I'm hating that word COVID-19), I hope we can get back to our normal fish fries, barbecues, meat draws, trivia, all the sports and all the other groups and just plain socializing.

So again, please try to bring a new member this year (***“Just Bring One”***) as the Branch really needs your help.

As always, any concerns: questions, e-mail changes and address changes, phone number changes, etc. please give me a call at home.

P.S. dues are still \$55.00

**Mike Alkerton** - Membership Chair (905 628-2822)

## Veterans Christmas Dinner Report

Provincial and Municipal rules have been set up to protect your health and fight the spread of the Pandemic COVID-19. These rules severely limited the number of people allowed within our building, as well there are the requirements for social distancing and the wearing of masks.



**Al Boyle  
Honours &  
Awards Chair**

With your health and these rules in mind, Branch 36 was forced to cancel the 2020 Veteran's Christmas Dinner this past December. Our deepest apologies to you.

We do hope that in 2021 and hopefully with the pandemic under control, we will again be able to Honour you, our Branch 36 Veterans

**Al Boyle** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President and Honours & Awards Chair

### To the membership

Please be reminded that 2021 dues are now due. You are no longer in good standing if your dues are not paid by January 31, 2021.

You can send a dues cheque for \$55.00 to the Branch by mail, or drop it in our mail box, or pay online (go to Legion.ca web site and follow the guide for paying dues).

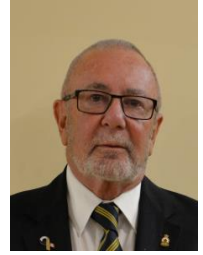
If you know someone who was in the armed forces or RCMP they can get 1 year membership "free". Go to Veteran Welcome program at Legion.ca.

Any questions call Mike @ 905-628-2822

**Mike Alkerton** - Membership Chair

## Canteen Report

As you can imagine, things have been pretty slow for our bar staff and custodian. Al and Sue were able to work shortened days and hours while we were open. Judy H, Judy W, Elaine, Leanne and Peter have not worked since the shutdown in March, and Glen comes in mainly after Perogy Nites.



**Doug  
Rivers  
Canteen  
Chair**

I want them all to know we are thinking of them and are looking forward to the time we can all see their happy smiling faces again.

***Doug Rivers*** - President and Canteen Chair

## Sports Report

We tried to start some in-house sports in October which lasted until we were shut down again. I want to thank the people who came and played. It was great to be able catch up and do some kabitzing. Hopefully we can get something going in the new year once it is safe again



**Stan  
Sklepowicz  
Sports**

Stay safe and see you soon.

***Stan Sklepowicz*** - Sports Chair

### Who Did it?

**A high-cost lawyer, a low-cost lawyer and the tooth fairy were sitting at a table in a bar. There was a \$20 bill on the table.**

**There was a power failure and the lights in the bar went out. When the lights came back on the \$20 bill was gone.**

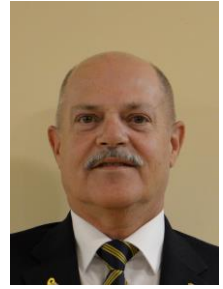
**Who took the \$20 bill when the lights went out?**

*See page 16 for the answer,,,,,,*

## 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

### **AFTER the Pandemic is OVER**

#### **Banquet Hall Rental**

**The Banquet Hall will be 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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## Colour Party Report

Here we are, the first month of a new year and still dealing with the Corona-19 virus.

We are now in the midst of the second wave and are back into another lock down.

Last Remembrance Day, there was a small gathering at the Cenotaph to pay ones respects as wreathes were laid and salutes were given. It was a far cry from ceremonies of years gone by, but on that day everyone had a thought of the fallen.

With a new year on the horizon and everyone doing their part to stop or at least curve this virus, we can always keep a glimmer of hope that brighter days are ahead so we can get back to our normal way of life.

Until then - Smile and say hello to someone. The power of a smile and a friendly hello can brighten somebody's day.

**Happy New Year from your Branch 36 Colour Party !**

**Dorothy Foord, Geoff Hodgson, Chris Slote, Gary Jameson, Jan Whiting, Tony Bratschitsch, Mark Mainprize, Joe Sherring, Steve Holgate and myself, Greg Sherring.**

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



**Greg  
Sherring  
Colour  
Party  
Commander**

### Strange but True

Everyone knows the nursery rhyme "Mary Had A Little Lamb," but you probably didn't know this was based on a true story. Her name was Mary Sawyer. She was an 11-year-old girl and lived in Boston and one day was followed to school by her pet lamb.

## Attention Comrades – Perogy Night

Perogy night will be starting up again Friday, 8th January from 4 to 6:30 and will continue each Friday until Friday, 26th February.

Orders can be placed online at <https://teamperogy.ca/order-online/> until 5:00 pm on Wednesdays and you will be given a designated time to pick-up your order on Friday.

Walk up orders will be accepted and all pandemic regulations will be adhered to.

**Please do not call the Branch to place an order.**

**Help support your Branch by having a great meal**

**Doug Rivers** - President, Branch 36



**Doug  
Rivers  
Canteen  
Chair**

An advertisement for Kim Place Carpentry. The top part features a logo with the letters 'KP' in white on an orange square background. To the right, the name 'Kim Place' is written in a cursive font, and 'CARPENTRY' is in a bold, sans-serif font. Below the logo, it says 'HOME RENOVATIONS' on the left, 'SINCE 1981' in the center, and 'LICENSED CONTRACTOR' on the right. At the bottom, there is a dark grey bar with the phone number '905-520-4440' on the left, a crossed-hammers icon in the center, and the address '1905 HWY #5 WEST TROY, ONTARIO, L0R 2B0' on the right.

An advertisement for FRID &amp; NAGY Collision Service Ltd. The text is centered and reads: 'FRID &amp; NAGY COLLISION SERVICE LTD. 10% OFF ALL LABOUR (10% discount does not apply to parts or insurance claims)'. Below this, there are three bullet points with car icons: 'Specializing in Foreign and Domestic Cars', 'Free Estimates', and 'Complete Auto Body Repairs &amp; 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'.

## House Report

The Veteran member's military medals have been moved into the case where the Past Presidents pictures were formerly displayed.

Bollards were installed in the parking lot to protect the air conditioning unit with the supervision of Wayne Peters.

Thanks also to my helpers Doug Rivers and Paul Penny with these projects.

Stay Safe. Hope to see everyone soon.

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



**Gord  
Sharpe  
House  
Chair**

### COVID-19 Symptoms and Action to take

New or worsening cough

Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

Temperature equal to or over 38°C

Feeling feverish

Chills

Fatigue or weakness

Muscle or body aches

New loss of smell or taste

Headache

Gastrointestinal symptoms (abdominal pain, diarrhea, vomiting)

feeling very unwell

If you're experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, contact your local public health authority and isolate yourself at home for 14 days to avoid spreading it to others.

Most people with mild symptoms will recover on their own.

*Source Government of Ontario*

## Poppy Fund Report

On December 9th, Chris Slote and I delivered 148 poinsettias to our Veterans and widows in 11 Nursing and Retirement homes in Dundas and area. We also gave out 60 books of 10 postage stamps to our Vets since our Veterans Christmas Dinner was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.



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

The current balance of the Poppy Fund as of November 30th is: \$56,184.13

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

### **10 amazing facts about Canada's geography**

- Canada has the longest **coastline** in the world. ...
- There are millions of lakes in Canada. ...
- The world's oldest known rocks can be found here. ...
- Little Manitou Lake in Saskatchewan is Canada's version of the Dead Sea.
- Regina is the geographical centre of North America. ...
- Six Canadian cities have more than 1 million residents. ...
- Largest and smallest provinces and territories.



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## **Honours and Awards Report**

The 2021 Honours and Awards Ceremony was planned for Sunday March 7th.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we are not allowed to host events with large numbers of people so Branch 36 regrets we have had to cancel the 2021 Honours and Awards Banquet. Our deepest apologies to all.



**Al Boyle  
Honours &  
Awards Chair**

Our plan for the future will be to look at March 2022 and put into place a ceremony that will cover all Branch 36 members due their years of Service pins for the two years 2020 and 2021.

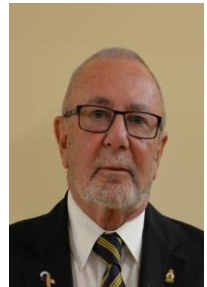
**Al Boyle** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President and Honours & Awards Chair

## **Banquet Hall Report**

It sure will be nice when we can start booking the Banquet Hall and the Wentworth Room for events again. Stag and Does, Weddings, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Banquets, and Celebrations of Life are all things that help keep your Legion going.

Here's hoping we can start filling the building again soon.

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



**Doug  
Rivers  
Banquet Hall  
Chair**

### **Interesting facts about Canada**

Canada has 198 jails but the world's smallest jail is in Rodney, Ontario; it's only 24.3 square metres (270 square feet).

Daylight savings time does not occur in Saskatchewan.

There are 522 airports with paved runways, but there are 931 airports with unpaved runways.

## 2020 Remembrance Day in Dundas



The Dundas Remembrance Day parade and service were cancelled due to the pandemic but some Branch 36 Legion members and the Colour Party attended a short service at the Dundas War Memorial.

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## Ladies Auxiliary Report

Dear Comrades,

Hope this finds everyone safe at home and having had an enjoyable holiday season for as far they could.

The Ladies Auxiliary hasn't had a meeting since March 2020, nearly a year ago. As you may have guessed, we have had to cancel our Beef Nights and our annual Christmas Raffle Fund Raiser.



**Debbie Cooley**  
**President**  
**Ladies**  
**Auxiliary**

We still went shopping for the seniors that had no one to be with them or at least phone at Christmas as well as sending our support to the Salvation Army who passed this on to a local family that especially needed it.

We are keeping up with all our community obligations and if at any time our own club needs anything, they know they can depend on us to be there for them. Should a cheque need to be sent anywhere, we get the motion to pay via phone tag with our members and then I meet Gerry Hopkins, our treasurer, on her front stoop and sign some cheques. Not the fastest way to do things but we get things done and still follow the new COVID-19 rules of health and safety.

At this time, I would like to send out our deepest sympathetic thoughts and prayers to the family of Lorraine Park. Lorraine was a member of the Stoney Creek Legion and its Auxiliary. Lorraine passed on December 24th, 2020. A very dear lady and friend to we who knew her. Past L.A. Sports Officer who believed in fair play and a well fought game of cards or especially darts. She will be very sadly missed.

On a brighter note, our own Dana Dilabbio was HOME FOR CHRISTMAS!!! YAAAHHH. Continued good reports please Dana.

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Again, I hope this finds y'all in good health and safe either at home or taking great precautions to stay safe and healthy. My biggest wish and prayer this year is that we can get this pandemic beat and we can gather once again.

Love and God Bless

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

### **Ways and Means Report**

With lockdowns due to the Corona virus, it has been difficult to get some traction for our prop-osed “**Catch the Ace**” raffle; however, I will continue to pursue this and also to look at other potential fundraising possibilities.

I would like to thank all my fellow comrades on the Executive for welcoming me to the team and for showing this “New Kid” the ropes.

**Peter Howard** - Ways and Means Chair



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

### **Food Bank Contributions well received**

**Thank you for your many contributions to our Food Bank Drive.**

**Everything was given to the Dundas Salvation Army for distribution.**

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

**Sick Report**

**October - 2020**

15th - Dana Dilabbio in hospital and home  
20th - Fred Green not very good

**November - 2020**

28th - Dana Dilabbio at hospital

**December - 2020**

4th - Dana Dilabbio at home  
10th - Janice Mancini at hospital, hip and home  
20th - Ken Alkerton in hospital

**Stan Hicks** - Sick and Last Post Chair



**Stan Hicks  
Sick  
And  
Last Post  
Chair**

<b>Last Post</b>
<p><b>Fred Green - 29th October, 2020</b>  <b>Bernard Selway - 13th November, 2020</b>  <b>Brent Anderson - 22nd December, 2020</b></p>
<b><i>We Will Remember Them</i></b>

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

**Stan Hicks** - Last Post Chair



## **Branch 36 - Upcoming Events**

**Although Branch 36 is closed due to COVID-19 rules, we are still holding Perogy Nights – where Perogy dinners can be picked up from the Branch.**

### **January 2021 Events**

Friday, 8th January – Perogy Dinner Night - 4:00-6:30pm

Friday, 15th January - Perogy Dinner Night - 4:00-6:30p

Friday, 22nd January - Perogy Dinner Night - 4:00-6:30pm

Friday, 29th January - Perogy Dinner Night - 4:00-6:30pm

### **February 2021 Events**

Friday, 5th February - Perogy Dinner Night - 4:00-6:30pm

Friday, 12th February - Perogy Dinner Night - 4:00-6:30pm

Friday, 19th February - Perogy Dinner Night - 4:00-6:30pm

Friday, 26th February - Perogy Dinner Night - 4:00-6:30pm

**Hopefully the future will be brighter, meanwhile stay safe and healthy.**

**Answer to question on page 5**

**It had to be the high-cost lawyer because the other two are just figments of your imagination.**

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