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Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion

February - 2023

Remembering



Wreath displayed in the Branch 36 indoor display for Remembrance Day 2022.



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President's Report

Happy New Year Comrades!

It's great to be back & see all of you out & about in this springlike weather!



**Janice
Mancini
President**

I would like to thank all executive, committees, volunteers, & our Ladies Auxiliary for an outstanding 2022! We had a lot of obstacles to deal with the past year! We worked around them with the commitment each of you made. Without all of you, we couldn't have accomplished what we did. THANK YOU for your perseverance!!

Together, let's make 2023 even more memorable!

Watch for the Memorial Banner Program coming this year!

Janice Mancini - President Branch 36

Interesting Canadian Facts

The only walled city in North America is in Canada. It is the beautiful Quebec City. The French and then the English built up these walls and other fortifications during the 17th and 19th centuries. Quebec City is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the oldest cities in North America. it dates back to 1608 when it was founded by Samuel de Champlain.

Child-resistant containers used for medications and hazardous products were invented in Canada. Dr. Henri J. Breault, director of a poison control centre saw kids poisoned by medicine, and hazardous products around the home, especially Aspirin bottles. He invented child-resistant containers which were later mandated by the Canadian government, and incidents of poisonings dropped by more than 90 per cent.

Special Events Report

The November 11, 2022, Remembrance Day parade was one of the largest in the past seventeen years that I have been a member of the Legion and a participant of the parade. Although light rainfall occurred just after we arrived at the Cenotaph it didn't seem to dampen anyone's spirits for the occasion.



**Greg
Sherring
Special
Event Chair**

A heartfelt thankyou to Christopher Redford, Co-ordinator of the Heritage Presentation, Veterans Committee Liaison, Tourism and Culture Division, City of Hamilton for expediting the permits and getting all the people and departments informed to have the parade set and on time, and guiding city staff and I, through the permit process as no-one, even himself, had handled this job or process since 2019 due to personnel retiring or changing jobs during the two-year cancellation due to the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic.

An honorable mention to the Commanding Officers of the RCSCC Dundas Sea Cadets, 2865 Hamilton Wentworth Artillery Cadets and 735 Firebird Squadron Air Cadets. Without them for running and supervising the cadets during the all-night vigil at the Cenotaph, and for supplying cadets to carry Flags in the Colour Party and the Royal Canadian Artillery for supplying the rifles for the realistic end to the 2-minute silence:

Lieutenant Karen Ellis, Commanding Officer, RCSCC Dundas, Sea Cadets
Major Don Bryce, Commanding Officer, 2865 Hamilton Wentworth Artillery, Army Cadets

Major David Forster, Commanding Officer, 735 Firebird Squadron, Air Cadets
2nd Lieutenant Massoud Farahbakhsh, 11th Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery

Without them our parade may very well have been one of the smallest parades in Dundas.

Planned 2023 Events: D-Day and Church Parade on Sunday June 4, 2023.
Remembrance Day Parade on Saturday November 11, 2023.

Greg Sherring - Special Events Chair

Membership Report

To those of you who have renewed for 2023 Thankyou. To the 125 or so who have not, would you please drop by the Branch, mail it in or pay online at Legion.ca. Paying at the Branch is a lot easier for us.



**Mike
Alkerton
Membership
Chair**

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Youth Education Report

Once again, local students had submitted essays, poems and posters for the Remembrance Literary & Poster Contest. The first place winners of ten categories were submitted to the Youth Education Zone Commander. Recently, I was informed of the following results for our student entries from the Zone B6 judging results:



**Tony
Bratschitsch
Youth
Education
Chair**

Black & White Poster Contest

Two first place winners (Junior and Senior)

One second place winner (Primary)

One third place winner (Intermediate)

Colour Poster Contest

One first place winner (Senior)

One second place winner (Junior)

Two third place winners
(Primary and Intermediate)

Essay Contest

One first place winner (Intermediate)



Poem Contest

One first place winner (Senior)

This means that one-half of our ten Branch winners have earned 1st Place standing at the Zone B6 level. Nine of our ten Branch winners placed in the top three of their categories. The five first place Zone B6 winning entries have been sent to the District for the next round of judging. After that, if any of those win, would be the Provincial and Dominion levels of judging.

We also plan on having a 2nd Awards ceremony in our Branch this year to host the many students who have participated in this contest.

Tony Bratschitch - Youth Education Chair

Canteen Report

Look for some new additions to our bar selection, namely Tequila Rose, Jagermeister, and Fireball whiskey.

We are always open to any suggestions to improve our selections to make your Legion experience a pleasant and enjoyable one. With the prices of everything rising we are working hard to maintain our present rates, but if they continue to escalate we may have to make some adjustments. (just saying).



**Doug
Rivers
Canteen Chair**

Doug Rivers - Past President and Canteen Chair

Sports Report

The New Year started off with our Branch hosting District snooker on the 7th January, 2023. Unfortunately we will not be sending a team to Provincials this year. Our team of Doug Lapin, Glen Ehrlich, Kevin Cornell and Brian Stroud successfully defended our Zone championship.



**Stan
Sklepowicz
Sports Chair**

Our Zone cribbage team of Mike Horner, Elmer Cantello Rob Winch and Jason Lewis have qualified for District.

Mark Johnston and Darryl Doolittle will be representing us at District 8 ball in Port Colbourne.

We have other teams representing our legion at Zone darts, upcoming over the next month.

As part of these tournaments we will be hosting mixed doubles darts in March.

For our card players there will be zone euchre upcoming.

If any of these events interest you keep an eye on the sports bulletin board at the legion or online on our website.

Stan Sklepowicz - 2nd Vice President and Sports Chair

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.



Rick Valois
Veterans
Services Chair

To take the first step to your possible VAC benefits contact the Branch for an appointment.

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 5-65 people.

It is used for memorial services, meetings, birthdays, retirement parties, etc.(Some Conditions Apply).

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Colour Party Report

Your Colour Party would like to thank those that came out to the branch on Christmas Eve for an afternoon get together. A heartfelt appreciation to those that bought raffle tickets to support the Colour Party.

Congratulations to the four draw winners of two bottles of red wine. Without your support, the Colour Party wouldn't be able to function. Carrying the flags in the Dundas and area parades throughout the year is a joy not only to the spectators, but also to the Colour Party.

The Branch 36 Colour Party would like to give a shout out and a thank you to: RCSCC Dundas Sea Cadets, 2865 Hamilton Wentworth Artillery Cadets, and 735 Firebird Squadron Air Cadets, as well as their past and present Commanding and Support Officers for training and allowing the cadets to stand in, and carry with the Colour Party on numerous parades.

The Colour Party needs more members. Member numbers are getting low due to health, family obligations and scheduling conflicts. Other branch Colour Parties have folded due to non-involvement. Don't let this happen to your Colour Party.

Come to the Legion on the second Tuesday of most months and watch a practice, talk to the members. If you have any questions, call me, the Colour Commander, at 905-385-5539 or 905-537-5995, or e-mail me at gregsherring@hotmail.com. You can also call the branch at 905-627-7221.

Greg Sherring - Colour Party Commander

Poppy Fund Report

Donations were made to the Poppy Fund in the name of: Ernie Brown, Terry & Betty Holk, Len Chetwyn, Clint & Nell Vannatter, Verna Vannatter, Art Vannatter, Velma Krawchuk (Vannatter) and David Peck.

This year number of Poppy Volunteers was small but the results were amazing. Last year we took in



Greg Sherring
Colour Party
Commander



Jim Byron
Poppy Fund
Chair

donations of around \$41,000 and this year so far I've deposited \$68,412, and still have deposits to make. Our volunteers were willing to take donations, feed the volunteers and spend time sorting and rolling coins. Truly a joint effort. Thank each and every one of you.

A special thanks goes out to Marilyn Ouelette for the donation of a coin sorting machine. It's amazing how fast it gets the job done.

During this period your Poppy Fund made a donation of \$5,000 to the Juravinski Cancer Clinic and a donation of \$5,000 to "RUC to Remember" to help homeless veterans.

During December, 135 poinsettias were delivered to the vetrans/widows in the local retirement and nursing homes.

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

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for your membership card at the bar in the clubroom.

Thank you all for your support. As always if you have questions or concerns contact me at home at 905-628-2822 or at the Branch at 905-627-7221.

“Just Bring One”

Mike Alkerton - Membership Chair

P.S. Yearly dues are still \$55.00.

To the membership

Please be reminded that 2022 dues are now due. You are no longer in good standing if your dues are not paid by January 31, 2023.

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 at 905-628-2822

Mike Alkerton - Membership Chair



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Ladies Auxiliary Report

The Ladies Auxiliary of Branch 36 Dundas is completely dependent on its volunteers. I am so proud to be the president of an amazing bunch of ladies. This month we were able to welcome 3 new members.



Sue Sklepowicz
Ladies
Auxiliary
President

I would like to thank all who participated in the joint LA / Legion food and clothing drive.

Our Christmas Draw in conjunction with the Legion Turkey Roll was a huge success. Thank you to all who joined in and to those who donated one of the wonderful gifts.

As in the past, we were able to support a family through the Salvation Army with Christmas meals and presents as well as gifts for residents without any family at Blackadar's.

LA sports have started in full force. Euchre has already been played. Single/Double Darts have been played at both the zone and district levels and we have a few players moving on to provincials in April. Crib and Team Darts for zones were played in January.

We have started up afternoon euchre and in January it will be held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 1:30pm. Euchre will also be held on Beef Nights (4th Friday of the month), with registration at 7pm. All Euchre events have an entry fee of \$5/person.

In November we had our first Paint Night. It was a huge success and all participants went home with their own unique version of the selected painting. We will be hosting another one on Friday 31 March, 2023. Picture of the painting will be posted by end of January. Cost is \$45 beginning at 7pm. If interested please contact Barb Smith 365 366-2426 to reserve your spot.

New this year, we will be hosting a "Spring Market and Tea Room" on Saturday 6th May and Sunday 7th May. Come out and possibly find a unique gift for Mother's Day. If you are looking for more information or possibly renting a table for this event please contact Dorothy Cayen at (905) 308-5779.

I am looking for some assistance from our Legion members, I am currently trying to update our wall of previous presidents with 5x7

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portraits - we are missing 2 very important ladies. If anyone has any contact information for a family member that might be able to assist me for the following: Teresa Williams or Virginia Lawrence please contact me at 905 537-7862.

Sue Sklepowicz - President Branch 36 Ladies Auxiliary

Banquet Hall Report - February 2023

We are continuing to receive a lot of inquiries for bookings. There are quite a few rentals already in place.

Call the office if you need a great space to hold your party!

Janice Mancini - President and Banquet Hall Chair



Janice Mancini
Entertainment
Chair

Honours and Awards Report

The Honours and Awards Event Committee is working and the event will be held on Sunday, 26th March at the Branch.

We have a new name for this enlarged event now – Veterans Luncheon, Honours & Awards Lunch, and L.A. Birthday celebration.

Doors will open at 12noon and lunch will be at 1.00 PM. Tickets go on sale at the clubroom bar between Monday, 13th February and Sunday, 19th March, 2023.

Lists of members names being due a service pin, will be posted on notice boards, and you will be contacted by us if we have your phone or E mail numbers to confirm your attendance on March 26.

If you believe you are due a service pin and don't see your name or hear from us, please contact us and we'll get things corrected.

Al Boyle - 1st Vice President and Honours and Awards Chair



Al Boyle
Honours and
Awards Chair

Branch 36 Halloween Dance Enjoyed by Everyone



Costumed Dancers rest during the Branch 36 Halloween Dance.

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Public Relations Report

As Public Relations Chair I make everyone aware of events taking place at Branch 36. It's quite easy, we have template email letters to the media already addressed. I make copies of the template for the events, update event details and then send them out to the media via the internet.

I would like to show someone how to do it - you don't have to have a computer. Please call me if you are interested so we can work together to do the next issue in April.

Peter Whittaker - Public Relations Chair (905-627-5126)



**Peter
Whittaker
Public
Relations
Chair**

Ways and Means Report

Sales for the new "Ace, King, Queen" Nevada tickets commenced at the bar in November and have exceeded our expectations, many thanks for your support.

In addition to raising much needed funds for Dundas Legion, the sale of these tickets will enable us to support a number of local charities including Salvation Army, Routes Youth Group, Army cadets and many more.

Peter Howard - 3rd Vice President and Ways and Means Chair



**Peter Howard
Ways and
Means 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

September - 2022

Tammy Valois fell - slight concussion

October - 2022

Tammy Valois home

Marilyn Latchford - General

Ernie Brown - Juravinski

Brian Mason - had open heart surgery - home and out

November - 2022

Marilyn Latchford home (moved to assisted living)

Ernie Brown - Juravinski

December - 2022

Bill Hyslop - St.Joe's

Hugh Graham home

Sam Caldwell - Villa

January 2023

Yves Cayen - General

Kathleen Sturup – General



Bill Ralston
Sick and
Last Post
Chair

Bill Ralston - Sick and Last Post Chair

Last Post

Rodger Fenton - 30th September, 2022

Jack McCarthy - 26th October, 2022

Bev Hudson - 3rd November, 2022

Karen Birnie - 9th November, 2022

James Bisson - 15th November, 2022

Bob Raynsford - 16th November, 2022

Ernie Brown - 18th November, 2022

Peter Holroyd - 1st December, 2022

Bill Hyslop - 30th December, 2022

We Will Remember Them

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

Entertainment Report

We rang in 2023 with a New Year's Eve party in the clubroom. The turnout was great. Lots of fun **was had by all.**

On February 11th we will be celebrating Valentine's Day with Little Peter & the Elegants. Tickets are available at the bar!

This is usually a sell out so get your tickets before they're all gone.

Janice Mancini - President and Entertainment Chair



**Janice
Mancini
Entertainment
Chair**

Santa visits the Branch 36 Turkey Roll



At the Annual Sports Turkey Roll and Ladies Auxiliary Draw on Friday, 2nd December, 2023 Santa was a surprise visitor and had his picture taken with Mike Alkerton.

Branch 36 - Upcoming Events

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

Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm

February 2023

Thursday - 2nd - "Progressive Euchre" - Sign up/Start 1:30pm - All Welcome

Friday - 10th - Fish Fry - 4:30pm-6:30pm - Eat In / Take Out - All Welcome

Saturday - 11th - Valentine Dance - Music at 8pm - doors open 7:00pm.

Thursday - 16th - "Progressive Euchre" - Sign up/Start 1:30pm - All Welcome

Monday - 20th - Family Day - BRANCH CLOSED

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

Friday - 24th - "Progressive Euchre" - Sign up/Start - 7:15pm - All Welcome

Friday - 24th - Trivia Night - Sign up 7:30pm - Start 8:00pm - All Welcome

March 2023

Thursday - 2nd - "Progressive Euchre" - Sign up/Start 1:30pm - All Welcome

Friday - 10th - Fish Fry - 4:30pm-6:30pm - Eat In or Take Out - All Welcome

Thursday - 16th - "Progressive Euchre" - Sign up/Start 1:30pm - All Welcome

Friday - 17th - Trivia Night - Sign up 7:00pm - Start 7:30pm - All Welcome

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

Friday - 24th - "Progressive Euchre" - Sign up/Start 7:15pm - Welcome

April 2023

Thursday - 6th - "Progressive Euchre" - Sign up/Start 1:30pm - All Welcome

Friday - 7th - Good Friday - BRANCH CLOSED

Sunday - 9th - Easter Sunday - BRANCH CLOSED

Monday - 10th - Easter Monday - BRANCH CLOSED

Friday - 14th - Fish Fry - 4:30pm-6:30pm - Eat In or Take Out - All Welcome

Thursday - 20th - "Progressive Euchre" - Sign up/Start 1:30pm - All Welcome

Friday - 21st - Trivia Night - Sign up 7:00pm - Start 7:30pm - All Welcome

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

Friday - 28th - "Progressive Euchre" - Sign up/Start 7:15pm - All Welcome

May 2023

Wednesday - 3rd - Branch 36 Elections - All Members must Vote - 8pm

Thursday - 4th - "Progressive Euchre" - Sign up/Start 1:30pm - All Welcome

Friday - 12th - Fish Fry - 4:30pm-6:30pm - Eat In or Take Out - All Welcome

Thursday - 18th - "Progressive Euchre" - Sign up/Start 1:30pm - All Welcome

Friday - 19th - Trivia Night - Sign up 7:00pm - Start 7:30pm - All Welcome

Monday - 22nd - Victoria Day - BRANCH CLOSED

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

Friday - 26th - "Progressive Euchre" - Sign up/Start 7:15pm - Welcome

New Legion members are always Welcome

Call or visit the Branch for more information

Invite your friends and relatives to Legion events !