



The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion

May - 2023

100 Year olds Honour us, and are themselves Honoured



Everyone at the 2023 Honours and Awards Ceremony were honoured by three Veterans who are 100 years of age old - Leo Shaidle, Stanley Clelow and Herbert Hauser.



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President's Report

Good day Comrades!

It looks as though spring has finally sprung!! It's great to have some sunny weather and warmer days to look forward to.



**Janice
Mancini
President**

I would like to thank our Membership Committee for the great work they do retaining and welcoming new members. It shows in our numbers. We are still the largest Membership in our Zone.

I would also like to thank our Honours and Awards Committee for the fabulous job they did on the Branch 36 2023 Honours and Awards, Ladies Auxiliary Birthday Party, and Veterans Luncheon, without our Volunteers, we could not pull off this 3 in one party. It seems to be growing larger and larger every year.

Thanks to our Nevada sales we have finally been able to make donations to local organizations. Big thank you to Peter Howard for taking the lead and getting Nevada up and running.

A huge thank you to our Poppy Chair Jim Byron and the rest of his massive team of volunteers. As always, another successful campaign means donations to those in need in our community.

I would also like to congratulate Jim Byron for being named the 2023 Branch 36 Legionnaire of the Year. When you see him congratulate him on this honour. From what I have been told this gives him authority over the Branch TV cable remote.

To anyone I may have missed, I also thank you, our Volunteers! Without each of you, we would not be as successful as we are!

Janice Mancini - President Branch 36

Sports Report

To start I need to make a correction: Our snooker team who won Zone consisted of Glen Ehrlich, Neil Pratt, Brian Stroud and Doug Lappin. Sorry about the mix-up.



**Stan
Sklepowicz
Sports Chair**

Congratulations to Mark Johnston and Darryl Doolittle in reaching Provincial 8 ball recently.

Mixed darts was held at our branch and was a great success with all branches from our Zone being represented.

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Ways and Means Report



On 4th March, 2023 Graham Smith, Director Special Events of Dundas Minor Hockey league, along with Brenainn Smith and Olive Smith, under 11 Minor House League representatives accepted a cheque for \$1,000 from Peter Howard, 3rd Vice President of Dundas Legion Branch 36.

Branch 36 continues to support local organizations. Using the proceeds from the sale of Nevada tickets, we recently donated \$1,000 each to Routes Youth Group, Dundas Little League, Dundas Junior Blues C and Dundas Minor Hockey.

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

Bursary Report

Closed for the year. It was very disappointing this year. I know of no students who received a bursary.

Why? The Provincial Command has lots of money for this purpose and nobody seems to want it.



Mike Alkerton
Bursary
Chair

Mike Alkerton - Bursary Chair (905-628-2822)

Always Remember: They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. We will remember them.

Trivia Nights enjoyed by all who play



Chris and Rob Turner run the Dundas Legion Trivia Nights so well they are enjoyed by everyone who comes out to play Trivia at Branch 36.

Banquet Hall Report

Dates are filling up quickly in the Banquet Hall.

If you are planning an event in 2023, please call the Legion to book your space as soon as possible.

Don't miss out!!!!

Janice Mancini - President and Banquet Hall Chair



**Janice
Mancini
Banquet Hall
Chair**

Colour Party Report

The Colour Party is well on their way to getting back to pre-covid parades and are available when asked to carry the flags for most worthwhile occasions.

The Colours were carried for the February 28th Zone Meeting at Branch 36.

The Colour Party was also on hand for our General/Executive Meeting on March 21st as well as this year's Honour & Awards Banquet which was held on Sunday March 26.

Upcoming events for the Colour Party:

Saturday April 29th: The 100TH Birthday celebration for Veteran Leo Shadle at our Legion Banquet Hall.

Friday May 5th: Attending the Annual "Liberation of the Netherlands" church service with wreath laying, guest speakers and Parade at St. Elizabeth's Village at Hamilton's west mountain location on Rymal Road at Garth Street.



**Greg Sherring
Colour Party
Commander**

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Wednesday May 31st: Invited with the Dundas Drum and Pipe Band for a “House of Providence Picnic” at St. Joseph's Villa at 12:30pm on Overfield Street. in Dundas.

Sunday June 4th: At St. James Anglican church for the Annual D-Day Service.

Thursday August 17th: The Colour Party has been accepted to march right behind the Dundas Drum and Pipe Band in this year's Annual Cactus Parade starting at the Drive-In Park.

The Colour Party has a new member, Robert Bolton, a Veteran of 12 years from the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders.

We welcome back Steve Holgate who has been given the medical clearance to resume his duties and carrying of Colours

Greg Sherring - Colour Party Commander - 905-385-5539

Membership Report

This year has been a good year for renewals. We had over 600 paid members for 2023, making us the largest Branch in our District and seventh largest in Ontario.

Thanks for your help and co-operation; however, we still have about 40 members who are outstanding. Let's hope we can get them back.



Mike Alkerton
Membership
Chair

As always, we are still recruiting so if you “**Just Bring One**” to the Branch we can remain strong and a leader.

The Branch Elections are coming up. Please try to attend. If you would like to help on any committee you will be very welcome. In order for this Branch to stay solvent we must have volunteers. “**Step Up**” and give a few hours. It can be fun.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at home:

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905-628-2822 or at the Branch 905-627-7221.

Or you can email me, the Branch email address is on the front of The Bullytin newsletter.

Many thanks to all, and remember to **“Just Bring One”**

Mike Alkerton - Membership Chair

Ladies Auxiliary Report

The Ladies Auxiliary in conjunction with the Legion Honours and Awards and the Veteran’s Luncheon celebrated our 78th Birthday.



**Sue
Sklepowicz
Ladies
Auxiliary**

A certificate of appreciation was presented to Judy Hall Wright for all her hard work on behalf of the LA, particularly her work with the Christmas Draw.

Mary Johnson, Gerry Hopkins and Marie Kobylinski earned their 30 year Service Pins and Nancy Gadoury was presented with her 55 year Service pin. The event was well attended with our own LA members as well as representatives from all our LA zone members.

Canadian Tire in Dundas has again graciously donated a BBQ for this year’s Spring Draw. The BBQ is on display in the club room and the draw will take place during Beef night on Friday May 24th. Tickets are available at the bar or from any LA member.

We held our second paint night on Fri March 31. What a huge success. We had 47 participants in this event. Everyone went home with their own unique picture. Stay tuned for our fall event.

Our members continue to be highly involved in LA Sports programs. We had a team of Dorothy Cayen, Margaret Beacroft, Brenda Robinson and Karen MacKenzie who recently participated in LA District Cribbage.

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Congratulations to those players that will be moving on to Provincial LA Darts. Singles: Sue Sklepowicz, Doubles: Terry Kobylinski, Terrie Gubbins. Two Teams: Terry Kobylinski, Terry Gubbins, Sue Sklepowicz, Carly Arnold and Barb Smith, Teresa McConnell, Brenda Robinson and Karen MacKenzie.

On Saturday, May 6th and Sunday May 7th we will be hosting a Spring Market and Tea House open 10:00am-4:00pm both days. Please come out and support the Ladies Auxiliary. The Market will have crafts and artisans. Come find that unique gift for Mother's Day. Enjoy sandwiches, sweets and beverages in our Tea Room. Participate in the Loonie Sale.

We have just initiated and welcome another new member to our Ladies Auxiliary. It is wonderful to see our membership expanding.

Sue Sklepowicz - President Ladies Auxiliary - 905 537-7862

Sports Report continued

Congratulations to Ray and Terrie Gubbins on moving on to District.

Our branch was well represented for all the other Dart events in our Zone but unfortunately no team moved on. This concludes indoor Sports for our Zone.

Golf, Horseshoes and Washer Toss will follow this summer for the outdoor portion of Zone play. Keep an eye on the Sports bulletin board for signup sheets.

Within the branch, most Winter Sports are winding down and will be concluded by May. I believe Summer Darts, Golf and possibly Horseshoes will be starting. Please keep an eye on the bulletin board and our website for further details.

Stan Sklepowicz - 2nd Vice President and Sports Chair

Poppy Fund Report

I would like to request permission to provide funding to the following:

St. Joseph's Villa - \$22,312.50 for replacement specialty bathtub.

Blackadar Continuing Care Centre - \$1,884.84 for "pitched seats".

Wentworth Lodge - \$2,217.45 for 8-foot bench.

Juravinski Cancer Clinic - \$5,000.00 for IV pumps for Hematology Unit.

Branch 36 Dundas - \$6,842.78 for elevator maintenance.



Jim Byron
Poppy Fund
Chair

The current balance of the Poppy Fund as of February 28th, 2023 is: \$126,995.92

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

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Honours and Awards Report

The Veteran's Dinner, Honours and Awards and Ladies Auxiliary Birthday Banquet for all of Branch 36 Branch 36 Dundas Legion was held 26th March, 2023.



**Al Boyle
Honours &
Awards Chair**

The event went off very well, all pins and awards were presented including an award to Past Presider Doug Rivers presented by Mike Alkerton. Pins were presented by Charley Parsons, Doug Rivers, Janice Mancini and assisted by Shirley Beaton. There were just over 100 tickets sold. I was pleased to introduce 14 Veterans who were present. Of the 14 Veterans, 3 were at or above 100 years of age. Rick Valois and
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Why not be a VOLUNTEER

In this issue of The Bullytin are pictures of events occurring at Branch 36 and the volunteers who help make these events successful.

The VOLUNTEERS in the pictures help run events, and without them there would be no events.

You can be a VOLUNTEER and help make the Branch a great place to visit. Speak to a volunteer and ask how you can take part and help.

Ladies Auxiliary Spring Market and Tea Room

**Saturday and Sunday, 6th & 7th May, 2023
10:00am-4:00pm**

**Come find that unique gift for Mother's Day
Home made products**

Enjoy sandwiches, sweets and beverages in our Tea room

Free Admission - Everyone Welcome

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

Canteen Report

We will be bringing our staff up to date with the new smart serve regulations that take effect on July 1st, 2023.



Doug Rivers
Canteen
Chair

We will also be offering a first-aid course later in the summer.

The branch will be going on summer hours after the Victoria Day(Monday 22nd May) weekend.

We will be closed Sunday's and Monday's (with the exception of Family BBQ's) until after the Labour Day weekend.

Doug Rivers - Past President and Canteen Chair

Sunday - 28th May - Spring Work Party - 9:00am

Volunteer some time to help spruce up the Branch.
Bring your brooms, rakes and blowers.

There will be both inside and outside tasks. **Add your name to the sign-up sheet next to the side door.**

Ladies Auxiliary Volunteers prepare Beef on a Bun



Ladies Auxiliary Members Karen MacKenzie, Brenda Robinson, Stephanie Cooley and Terry Kobylinski are the volunteers working in the Branch 36 kitchen preparing the Beef on a Bun orders.

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Public Relations Report

Fish Fry, Trivia, Beef on a Bun and Euchre end each summer, and are replaced with the popular. Wing Nights, and one Sunday each month we hold a Family BBQ. We also hold a Canada Day BBQ. Please attend these events at your Branch during the summer, and in doing so help your Legion survive financially. Thank You.

Peter Whittaker - Public Relations Chair



Peter Whittaker
Public
Relations Chair

Entertainment Report

Comrades, I would like to introduce myself as the new Chair of Entertainment.

On Friday, 17th March, 2023 we celebrated St. Patrick's Day in good ole Irish fashion with a Fish Fry, Trivia and some late-night pizza. It was a great turn out! A BIG thank you to the Turner brothers for their wit, charm and commitment to our Trivia Nights!



Debbie Gibbins
Entertainment
Chair

Save these DATES ! ! !

On Saturday, 22nd April, we will be hosting Blurred Vision, a classic rock band, for a night of dancing. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the bar.

Summer BBQ's will be held on Sunday, 18th June, Sunday 16th July and Sunday 20th August with live entertainment featuring Al Jordan. Open from 2:00pm to 6:00pm and the BBQ starts at 4:00pm.

Join us for Canada Day celebrations on Saturday 1st July, 2023 with live music, food, games and activities from 2:00-6:00pm.

Debbie Gibbins - Entertainment Chair

Honours and Awards Report continued

Jim Byron, both presented special pins and gifts to all Veterans present.

All Ladies Auxiliary pins were presented by Sue Sklepowicz. The Branch 36 Ladies Auxiliary are definitely hard workers judging by the \$3,000.00 cheque presented by the Ladies Auxiliary to Branch 36 President Janice Mancini.

Executives from fellow Zone Branches and Zone Ladies Auxiliaries were also present as guests,

Paul Wright photographed all award and pin recipients, and stayed after to take pictures of those who wanted them taken.

Not to be overlooked the Branch 36 Colour Party, the only one in our Zone, did their usual fine job with the presentation and movement of Colours.

My thanks to all the Committee members, who through their hard work enabled this event to take place (Janice M., Peter H., Peter W., Charlie P., Sue K., Barb S. and House, Office, Membership).

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

Last Post
<p>George Palmer - 31st January, 2023</p> <p>Gary Jamieson - 3rd March, 2023</p> <p>Gregory Osborne - 31st March, 2023</p>
<i>We Will Remember Them</i>

Youth Education Report

The student participants of the 2022 Annual Literary & Poster Remembrance Contest will be recognized at an awards ceremony in our Branch on Saturday, 3rd June at 1:00 PM.

Their families, friends and teachers will be invited. Last year, we had about 60 people in attendance and the event went very well.

A lot of that success had to do with the kind support of some of our branch members and Exec. Everyone is welcome to attend.



**Tony
Bratschitch
Youth Education
Chair**

Tony Bratschitch - Youth Education Chair

Volunteers get your copy of The Bullytin to you



Doug Rivers, Wayne O'Connor and Mike Alkerton are all volunteers, who put the February issue of The Bullytin in envelopes to get them to the Branch members.

Branch 36 Upcoming Events Report

President's Meat Draw - Every Saturday until 10th June - 3-4pm
6 chances to win every week

Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 3-4pm
2 chances to win every week

May 2023 Events

Wednesday - 3rd - Annual Branch Elections - Upstairs - 8pm

Thursday - 4th - Afternoon Euchre - 1:30pm
Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th - L.A. Spring Market and Tea Room - 10am-4pm
Tuesday - 9th - Branch 36 Colour Party Practice - 7:00pm
Tuesday - 9th - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00pm
Friday - 12th - Fish Fry Night - 4:30-6:30pm
Thursday - 18th - Afternoon Euchre - 1:30pm
Friday - 19th - TRIVIA NIGHT - Signup 7:00pm Start 7:30pm
Monday - 22nd - May - Victoria Day - Branch Closed
Friday - 26th - Beef on a Bun Night - 5:30-7:30pm
Friday - 28th – Ladies Auxiliary Draw for a BBQ - 7:30pm Tickets available at the bar.
Friday - 26th - Progressive Euchre - 7:15pm
Sunday - 28th - Spring Work Party - 9am

June 2023 Events

Thursday - 1st - Summer Mixed Dart League Registration 8pm
Friday - 9th June - Wing Night - 5:30-7:30pm
Tuesday - 13th - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00pm
Sunday - 18th - Family BBQ - Bar open 2:00pm - BBQ-4-6pm

July 2023 Events

Saturday - 1st - Canada Day Good Neighbor BBQ - 2-5pm
Friday - 14th July - Wing Night - 5:30-7:30pm
Sunday – 16th - Family Day BBQ - Bar open 2:00pm - BBQ - 4-6pm

August 2023 Events

Monday 7th - Civic Holiday - Branch Closed
Friday - 11th August - Wing Night - 5:30-7:30pm
Sunday - 20th - Family BBQ - Bar opens 2:00pm - BBQ - 4-6pm

Bring your Friends to Legion Events - Open to Everyone