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Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion

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President's Report

Comrades,

First of all, I would like to welcome our new executive members on board for the 2023 / 2024 season. Robert Bolton, Charlie Parsons, Tammy Mansfield, & Bert Richards. With new people, come new ideas. Looking forward to the new year ahead with this great bunch of people!



**Janice
Mancini
President**

I would also like to extend a thank you to John Niessen for his service over the past year as a Bar Steward. Welcome to our 2 newest Stewards, Robin Mueller, and Debbie MacLean. Rob is filling in for Al Ingram while he is on vacation, while Debbie will replace John Niessen.

Hopefully you have noticed the work going on around the club. Lots of repairs are being tended to by Paul Penney. He had our new railing on the patio made & installed. Thanks to Bill Ralston and Rob Bolton for spending the weekend tarring the patio, painting the steps and cleaning up the area. Thanks to Ken Ingram for installing the carpeting on the patio step outside - Safety first! Please be careful entering and exiting the building.

We had our first Canada Day Pig Roast on 1st July. Hoping to continue this tradition next year. It was a great turnout as usual. Thanks to Rob Wright, and his son Chris, for taking care cooking the pig! We've had 2 of our 3 planned Family BBQ's as well. Thanks to all our volunteers that make these events possible. Hope to see you on 20th August for our final Family BBQ.

Watch for information regarding "Legion Week" coming in early September. Hope you will get out and support your legion, play some games, & have some fun.

Janice Mancini - President, Branch 36

**My wife told me to stop impersonating a flamingo.
I had to put my foot down.**

Ways and Means Report



Peter Howard
Ways and
Means Chair



Exciting news, we now have the AGCO license for an on-line Catch the Ace lottery. Ticket sales commence on 7th August with the **first weekly draw 16th August**, subsequent draws will be held every Wednesday at the Dundas Legion. Tickets can be purchased at www.dundascatchtheace.com. This website also contains all the details of how to purchase tickets and how the lottery works.

Proceeds will not only benefit the Dundas Legion but will also go to The Dundas Terry Fox Run and McMaster Childrens Hospital Foundation. This is a great opportunity to not only help our Legion, and the many local community groups that we support, but also to benefit two local charity organizations that I am sure you are all familiar with.

Come and join us every Wednesday night at the Legion to experience the on-line draw taking place at 8pm, see you there.

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

Bursary Report

There are Bursaries available to some members and children. Affiliated members and children are not eligible for a Bursary.

If interested please call me at Home: 905-628-2822 or the Branch: 905-627-7221

Mike Alkerton - Bursary Chair

Colour Party Report

The Colour Party participated in the Welland Rose Festival Parade on Sunday, 18th June - 4 members attended the last-minute invitation. Steve Holgate participated in his first major parade since getting his medical permission to return to his duties. Well done, Steve.



**Greg
Sherring
Colour Party
Commander**

The Colour Party has been given the Executive Room to expand our operations as we have out-grown our previous accommodation - "Room to breathe".

The Colour Party will be parading in this year's Cactus Festival on Thursday, 17th August, beginning at 4:30pm marching off from the Dundas Drive-In Park.

The Remembrance Day Parade on Saturday, 11th November will have all Colour Party members are in training for our major event of the year.

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

Poppy Fund Report

The following payments were made to:
Youth and Education cash awards totaling the amount of \$955
Youth and Education medallions totaling the amount of \$440.70



**Jim Byron
Poppy Fund
Chair**

The current balance of the Poppy Fund as of 26th May is: \$99,870.14

A request for Special Use Form to pay for the Annual Veterans Dinner was requested by Jim Byron and seconded by Chris Slote.

Payable to Branch 36 Dundas - \$450.00

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

Ladies Auxiliary is looking for New Members

We are always looking for new members. We are involved in fund raising events that include: Monthly Beef on a Bun Night, Evening and Afternoon Euchre, Spring BBQ Raffle, Spring Market and Tea House and the Christmas Draw

Funds raised are then utilized to make donations to:

- Our own Branch 36
- Ladies Auxiliary Command programs including Bursary Fund (Children and grandchildren of LA
- members can apply for \$1,000 per year bursary to support post-secondary full time education),
- Parkwood Hospital (Veteran's Hospital) and Charitable Foundation (Veterans Welfare, Programs
- for Aging Veterans, Medical Research and Equipment)
- Salvation Army Christmas Program providing Meals and Gifts for a Family of Four.
- Blackadar Continuing Care Centre providing Christmas gifts for residence that have no family
- Dundas Community Services is an organization that supports individuals, families, seniors, and
- persons with disabilities through a wide range of programs, services and info.

Help Us Help Our Community. If you are interested in joining us please call me: **Sue Sklepowicz** (905) 537-7862

Nunavut

Canada's newest territory is Nunavut. Nunavut separated from the Northwest Territories in 1999.

The capital city of Nunavut is Iqaluit.

Nunavut is Canada's largest area by landmass. Nunavut actually takes up one-fifth of Canada's total land area. Mind-blowing!

Ladies Auxiliary Report

The summer is quickly coming to a close. It has been nice to take a short break from all our activities but it is time to get back into the swing of things.



**Sue
Sklepowicz
President
Ladies
Auxiliary**

Our first Spring Market and Tea House was a great success as was the BBQ raffle. The winner of the BBQ and accessories was our own Deb Gibbins. Congratulations.

Thank you to all who support our events.

Upcoming Activities

Afternoon Euchre returns the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month starting Thursday, 7th September, 2023 through to 16th May, 2024. A \$5 registration fee is required and it starts at 1:30pm.

Beef Night is the 4th Friday of the month from September to May (excluding December) from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

Beef Night is followed by Euchre. Registration is at 7:30pm with a \$5 registration fee.

November will see the return of our long-awaited full Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Draw. Displays and ticket sales will begin Thursday, 9th November, 2023. The draw will take place on Friday, 1st December, 2023 in conjunction with the Legion Turkey Roll.

The Ladies Auxiliary is looking for suggestions for new home-made donations. Enquiries can be sent to Judy Hall Wright at judywright818@gmail.com

Yours in comradeship

Sue Sklepowicz - Ladies Auxiliary President – 905-537-7862

Canteen Report

Canteen - welcome to Rob Bolton, the new Canteen Chair.

If you have any suggestions that might improve the Canteen, talk to Rob Bolton or myself, Janice Mancini - Branch 36 President.

Janice Mancini - President and Canteen Chair



**Janice
Mancini
Canteen
Chair**

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Judy Shepalo has moved to New Zealand and we wish to Thank Her for being one of the Sponsors of the Branch 36 newsletter "The Bullytin"

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Sports Report

Happy Summer.

We are about to complete the 2023 competitive season with district golf.

Our horseshoe team of Janice Mancini and Deb Gibbins (subbing in for Barb Smith) competed in District horseshoes.



**Stan
Sklepowicz
Sports
Chair**

We will be hosting washer toss next year as the team of Barb Smith and Sue Sklepowicz won Zone. Jason Lewis / Jordan Deneau and Brett Taylor / Bill Ralston also advanced to District.

As a reminder, Winter Sports will be registering in early September.

If you want to play darts, snooker or shuffleboard check in the website for details.

Stan Sklepowicz - 2nd Vice President and Sports Chair

Before it was called Dundas

The location of Dundas was previously a small community known as Coote's Paradise, named after Captain Thomas Coote, a British Army officer stationed in the Niagara area during the American Revolutionary War, who frequently hunted in the waterfowl abundant marshland.

Cootes Paradise also appears in the diary of Elizabeth Simcoe, wife of John Graves Simcoe, the first Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada in 1796.

The formation of actual the town of Dundas began with the surveying of plots of land by Lieutenant-Governor Simcoe in 1797.

Public Relations Report

In June Tammy Mansfield began training to send emails to the media for Branch 36 events and to post events on Cogeco Cable 14 TV. She will help media relations for Branch 36 events.

We are also looking for someone to train to help maintain the Branch 36 web site. Anyone who is interested can contact myself or Janice Mancini, Branch 36 President.

Peter Whittaker - Public Relations Officer



Peter Whittaker
Public
Relations
Officer

Veterans Services Report

Comrades, as your Branch Service Officer I can best assist the Veterans of 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

Entertainment Report

Hello Comrades

Hope you're all enjoying your summer and how hot, hot, hot it's been.

Canada Day, 1st July, was brought in with a bang and a great turnout. Our first annual pig roast was an oinking hit, and we must thank the Bluegrass Jam band for the entertainment.



**Debbie
Gibbins**
Entertainment
Chair

Summer BBQ's, featuring Al Jordan, have been well attended. One

BBQ remaining, 20th August, bar opens 2 p.m., BBQ 4-6 p.m. Come on out for a great steak dinner and meet up with old friends.

Don't forget wing nights. Great turn out for July with live entertainment with Zachary & James. Next Wing Night, Friday, 11th August, 5:30-7:30pm, with live entertainment featuring the Schmo Bros (acoustic classics) 7:00-10:00pm so bring your dancing shoes.

Huge event coming 2nd December. You won't want to miss this. Stay tuned!

Debbie Gibbins - Entertainment Chair

Banquet Hall Report

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

Branch 36 has Roast Pig on Canada Day



Our Canada Day Pig Roast was enjoyed by everyone with a ticket. Rob Wright and his son Chris obtained the pig and took care in roasting it.

Membership Report

Last year was one of our better membership years thanks to your help. As of this Bullytin we have 638 members of all ranks which is the largest in our Zone and District.



Mike Alkerton
Membership
Chair

This year I will be getting a lot of help from Charlie Parsons. Charlie is a past Executive member who has come back on board and would like to help on the Membership committee,

I hope you the membership, will co-operate with Charlie, as you have with me, over the past number of years. As we have not had an increase (“AS YET”) in per capita from Ottawa I see no need to raise the dues this year. The yearly dues will remain at \$55.00.

You can pay online at Legion.ca, by mail (cheque), but what we like to see is You the member come in and pay in cash or Debit at the bar. Bring a friend with you.

Remember our motto “**Just Bring One**” and we will stay at the top of the pile. The Membership year and “**Early Bird**” contest will start in September after Labour Day.

Charlie and I thank you for your co-operation in advance and as always, if you have any concerns or questions, please call me.

Yours in Comradeship

Mike Alkerton - Membership Chair (Branch: 905-627-7221 / Home: 905-628-2822)

The longest highway in the world is the Trans-Canada Highway.

This incredible highway goes from coast to coast, spanning over 7,604 kilometres (4,725 miles).

Special Events Report

On Sunday, 4th June Branch 36 held its D-Day Service at St. James on Melville Street

The Remembrance Day Parade and Service are on Saturday, 11th November, 2023. Please attend and show thanks to the many men and women who sacrificed their lives for our freedom.

The parade forms up at Sydenham and King Streets (TD Bank) at 10:15 am and will march to the cenotaph for the Remembrance service. We hope all Legion members will take part in the parade and service. If you cannot take part in the parade, we welcome you to attend the service and come to Branch 36 afterwards.



**Greg
Sherring
Special
Events
Chair**

"We Will Remember"

Greg Sherring - Special Events Chair

Sunday - 5th November - Fall Work Party - 9:00am

Volunteer some time to help spruce up the Branch for the Branch 36 Remembrance Day Parade.

Both inside and outside tasks are available - Add your name to the sign-up sheet next to the smoking entrance doorway.

Good to forgive, best to forget.

A friend is someone who knows all about you and loves you just the same.

It takes as much courage to have tried and failed as it does to have tried and succeeded.

Branch 36 Patio Area Remodeled



The patio area at the side of Branch 36 has been remodeled with new black top, astroturf and a safety railing outside the doorway.

Cadet Liaison Report

Sunday, 4th June, after the Legion church service at St.James, I attended the **Dundas 735 Firebird Squadron Air Cadets** Annual Ceremonial Review where their WO1 was presented with the Legion Medal of Excellence by a member of Waterdown Legion.

Tuesday, 6th June, I attended the **RCSCC Dundas Sea Cadets** Annual Ceremonial Review and was the Reviewing Officer.



Mark Mainprize
Cadet Liaison
Chair

*Thursday, 8th June, I attended the **2865 Hamilton Wentworth***
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Artillery Cadets Annual Ceremonial Review and presented the Legion Medal of Excellence to MWO Kelly.

Tuesday, 13th June, I attended the Sea Cadets Change of Command Ceremony.

Other than summer training camps the cadet units stand down for the summer.

Mark Mainprize - Cadet Liaison Chair

He who walks in another's tracks leaves no footprints.

Happiness is like potato salad – share it and you have a picnic!

Sick Report

Marilyn Latchford fell and is in a home waiting to be placed in a retirement home or a palliative care home

Bill Ralston - 1st Vice President and Sick and Last Post Chair



Bill Ralston
Sick Chair

Last Post

Howard Smith - 5th May, 2023
Helen Nelson - 8th May, 2023
Michael Aucoin - 22nd May, 2023
Leo Laviolette - 27th May, 2023
George Rioux - 14th June, 2023
James Ross Covert - 15th June, 2023
Brian Gordon - 5th July, 2023

We Will Remember Them

New Safety Railing outside Patio Door



Paul Penney, House Chair installs a safety railing on the patio step outside the patio door.

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Branch 36 Upcoming Events

President's Meat Draw - Starts 9th September
Every Saturday - 3-4pm - 6 chances to win every week
Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm

August 2023 Events

Friday - 11th August - Wing Night - 5:30-7:30pm
Sunday - 20th - Family BBQ - Bar opens 2:30pm
Wednesday - 16th August - Catch The Ace - First Draw - 8pm

September 2023 Events

Monday - 4th - Labour Day - Statutory Holiday - Branch Closed
Thursday - 7th - **Mens Thursday Night Dart League Registration** - 7pm
Thursday - 7th - **Ladies Thursday Dart League Registration** - 7pm
Friday - 8th - Fish Fry - 4:30-6:30pm
Sunday - 10th - **Sunday Fun Dart League** - 2pm Signup sheet should be posted on Sports board mid-August.
Monday - 11th - **Monday Night Mixed Dart League** - 8pm - This is the opening night for this league.
Tuesday - 12th - Colour Party Practice - 7pm
Tuesday - 12th - Branch 36 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7pm
Sunday - 17th - Legion Week Starts Today
Tuesday - 19th Bi-Annual General Meeting - 7pm - everyone should attend
Friday - 22nd - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm
Friday - 22nd - Progressive Euchre - 7:30pm – Open to Public
Saturday - 23rd - Legion Week Triathlon - Register 12:00-12:30pm with BBQ from 4-6pm
Monday - 25th - **Women's Snooker League** Starts today - 12noon
Monday - 25th - **Men's Snooker League** Starts Tonight - 7:30pm
Wednesday - 27th - **Shuffleboard Mixed League** - 7:30pm

October 2023 Events

Sunday - 8th - Thanksgiving - Branch Closed
Monday - 9th - Thanksgiving Day - Branch Closed
Tuesday - 10th - Colour Party Practice - 7:00pm
Tuesday - 10th - Branch 36 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00pm
Friday - 13th - Fish Fry - 4:30-6:30pm
Friday - 20th - First Trivia Night of the season - Signup at 7pm. Starts at 7:30pm. Open to the Public - \$5 per contestant with max of 8 on a team, or come and be entertained and learn some Trivia.
Friday - 27th - 2023 Poppy Fund Campaign Kick Off Day
Live up to your Legion oath and volunteer to distribute Poppies.
Volunteer sign-up sheet will be posted in Branch
Friday - 27th - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm
Friday - 27th - Progressive Euchre - 7:30pm – Open to Public