



# The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion  
November - 2024



## Lest We Forget



**A soldier on the Dundas War Memorial is ALWAYS ALERT guarding the freedoms that we enjoy, and that were fought for, and guarded by our Canadian Armed Forces in many Wars and Peacekeeping Missions around the world.**

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## **President's Report**

You've probably seen lots of things happening around the Legion the last few weeks. There was a movie shoot in town that rented the Legion for a few days. Some of the proceeds were used to do small updates around the Branch.



**Janice Mancini  
President**

We were given the beautiful red velvet curtain in the front window replacing the faded blue one.

Gord Sharpe had the roll call of veterans repaired, re-matted and reframed. Watch for its return to the window box soon along with some new wreaths.

The photograph of King Charles III has finally arrived and is out for framing as well.

In the next few weeks, we'll be up and running with 2 new Point of Sale (POS) systems for the Clubroom and Banquet Hall Cash Registers.

New electrical is being added for a 2nd Automatic Door Opener (ADO) in and out of the lobby. Coming soon is electrical for a 2nd much needed air conditioner in the Clubroom, and our long-awaited new sign for the front of the building. Finally, a new 2 door cooler for the Banquet Hall bar will allow for much needed space for cold drinks.

None of these upgrades would be possible without the funds provided by the Catch the Ace Team!

Many thanks to our Executive and Volunteers that supported the 32-week event! We can't wait to see what this year brings!

Wishing You All a Safe and Happy Holiday Season

***Janice Mancini*** - President Branch 36

## Ways and Means Report

Comrades,

As I write this report, we are in week 11 of Dundas Catch the Ace 2.0 and are already seeing great results, we are selling tickets at four times the rate we saw last time.

Our week 11 jackpot is expected to hit \$74,000 compared to the previous week 11 jackpot of \$17,000, let's hope we continue to hold on to the Ace!

Our Wednesday nights are a full house, especially since the introduction of our food offerings, so come on down and join in the fun.

**Peter Howard** - Chair. Ways and Means Committee.



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

### Food Banks and YOU

You might easily have to use a Food Bank someday, so why not make a contribution to the food bank now. Branch 36 has a box in the clubroom for your food bank contributions NOW.

Each time you come into Branch 36 bring a non-perishable food item with you and make a contribution to the food bank.

**Please make your contribution NOW!**

### Remembrance Day Parade & Service - 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2024

10:15am - Fall in at Dundas Firehall at Memorial Square  
10:30am - Parade to War Memorial at Community Center  
10:45am - Remembrance Day Service and Wreath laying  
11:00am - There may be a "Feu de Joie" 4 rifle salute at the beginning and end of the 2 minutes silence

Program to follow: March back to Branch 36 for reception and presentations at 12:00 noon

## **Banquet Hall & Wentworth Room Rentals**

**The Banquet Hall is available for rental for \$650.00  
For details email the office @ rclbr36@cogeco.net**

**The Wentworth Room is \$200.00 or Free for members in good standing. It can accommodate from 5-70 people and can be used for retirement parties, memorial services, meetings, birthdays, and any other function you may require. Just send us an email if you would like to book the room and we'd be happy to help!**

## **Join the Branch 36 Colour Party**

It takes many people to keep our award winning Colour Party active, and the active numbers are getting low, which means we may not be able to show as many flags as everyone enjoys seeing on parade.

If you're interested, come to one of our practices on most second Tuesdays of each month from September to May at 7pm in the upstairs Legion Banquet Hall. Meet and talk to our members. We also help new Colour Party members with Legion uniforms. Come out and see us in the Remembrance Day Parade.

**Call Greg Sherring - Colour Party Commander at 905-385-5539.**

## **Fall Work Party**

Fall is here and we are asking for volunteers for our Fall Work Party to get the building and grounds ship-shape in time for Remembrance week and to show our veterans that we care.

If you are coming add your name to the sign-up sheet in the clubroom so we know how many we will have to feed. Everyone is welcome to come as we have various jobs to be done. This year's work party starts at 9:00am on Sunday, 3rd November, 2024 and a light lunch will be served to all those who attend.

## Ladies Auxiliary Report

During World War 1, as wounded veterans returned home, women were asked to help with their recovery by visiting hospitals, sending parcels to the hospitalized and to needy families. These ladies served the Veterans and their dependents. Thus, our Ladies Auxiliary unofficially became a reality (*information taken from Ontario Legion Command website*).



**Sue Sklepowicz**  
**Ladies Auxiliary**  
**President**

We continue to support our Legion, Veterans and Community.

Funds raised are then utilized to make donations to the following:  
**Branch 36, Veterans**, (Poppy fund, Parkwood Hospital, Service Dogs, Veterans Affairs and Veterans Homelessness) **Community** (Food Bank, Christmas Gifts for Senior/Vets in Nursing Homes, Salvation Army Christmas Program, Women's Shelters, Local Schools Graduation Bursaries, Bursaries to support post-secondary full-time education and Dundas Community Services).

We try to ensure that the activities are planned for all to enjoy.

### Upcoming Events

Beef Night: 4th Friday of the Month 5:30-7:30pm (Not December)

Euchre to follow Beef Night 7:15pm registration, 7:30pm play \$5

Afternoon Euchre: 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month 1:30pm registration, \$5

Paint Night: Friday, 15th November at 7pm. \$50. See posters in Legion. If interested contact Barb Smith 356 366-2464.

Annual Christmas Draw held in conjunction with the Legions Turkey Roll on Friday, 6th December. Items will be on display and tickets available beginning 8th November. If you have something to donate to this event, please contact Deb Gibbins at 905 703-1985

More Events to Come (Dates to still be determined)

Purse Campaign

2nd Paint Night

Tupperware Bingo

Spring BBQ Draw

Spring Market and Tea House

**Sue Sklepowicz** - President Ladies Auxiliary (905-537-

# **“Lest We Forget”**

## **Annual Poppy Day Fund Campaign For the Relief of Veterans, their Widows and Orphans**



### **Poppy Fund Committee**

Jim Byron

Chris Slote

Stan Hicks

Wayne O'Connor

Mark Mainprize

Dear Comrades and Friends:

I would like to take this opportunity to bring your mind once again to our Annual Poppy Day Campaign.

One day each year we ask the people of Canada to wear a Poppy in remembrance of the thousands of brave men and women who gave their lives so that we may live in freedom, with the right to worship God in our own way.

Throughout the country thousands of Canadian service men and women returned to their families, and due to the ravages of war suffer from disability, sickness, unemployment and the penalty of growing old and need assistance.

In 1926 we assumed an obligation to assist Veterans, their widows, and their wives and families in the many difficulties which constantly confront them – such as sickness, pensions.

We, your Dundas Poppy Committee, remember 365 days of the year, so we ask that on November 11th, you will remember the sacrifices made by Veterans for us, and wear a Poppy.

Any donations to our Poppy Fund will be gratefully received and acknowledged with a tax receipt.

Please forward your donation to:

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 36  
280 King Street West,  
Dundas, Ontario L9H 1W1

Cheques should be made payable to - **“DUNDAS POPPY FUND”**. An official receipt will be forwarded for Income Tax purposes.

***“A Poppy is easier to carry than a Cross”***

Yours Sincerely

**Jim Byron** (905-578-2758) Poppy Fund Chair

**\*\*\* 2024 Poppy Campaign \*\*\***

**Poppy Distributers Needed**

Campaign Dates: October 25th, 26th, 28th, 29th, 30th, and 31st, November 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th.

A sheet has been posted in the Branch asking you to supply your name and date(s) available and your phone number.

**Jim Byron** - Poppy Campaign Chairman (905-578-2758)

**Dundas Poppy Fund Report**

Very generous donations have been made in the memory of: Caroline Grant Pope and Marilyn Grant Kellet.

On 7th September, I attended the Annual Poppy Seminar.

At the General Meeting on 17th September, 2024 I submitted requests to the membership and received approval for the following expenditures:

Veterans Annual Dinner	- \$ 1,505.00
Storage (2022)	- \$ 350.00
Storage (2023)	- \$ 350.00
Storage (2034)	- \$ 350.00
2865 Army Cadets	- \$ 2,000.00
735 Air Cadets	- \$ 2,000.00
Navy League of Dundas	- \$ 5,000.00



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

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I have sent in the financial information from October 1st, 2023 to December 31st, 2023 to CRA.

This will bring us into alignment with Dominion Command who changed our year end.

The order for our Poppies and Wreaths have been submitted

The current balance of the Poppy Fund as of September 15th is: \$ 59,115.70

**James Byron** - Poppy Fund Chairman (Phone 289-309-2907)

**Banquet Hall Report**

Bookings are starting to pick up. If you need to reserve a room, please don't delay or you may miss out!

We are filling up quickly in December and into the new year.

**Janice Mancini** - President and Banquet Hall Chair



**Janice Mancini  
Banquet  
Hall Chair**

<b>Last Post</b>
<b>Mike Alkerton - 16th September, 2024</b>
<b><i>We Will Remember Them</i></b>



**Bill Ralston  
Last  
Post Chair**

## Veterans Services Report

Comrades, as your Branch Service Officer I can Best assist Veterans at 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.



**Rick Valois**  
**Veterans**  
**Services**

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

***Rick Valois*** - Veterans Services Chair (905-393-2463)

### **Branch 36 Colour Party Leads off Parade**



**The 49th Dundas Cactus Festival Parade was held on Thursday, 16th August. The Parade was led by the award winning Branch 36 Colour Party.**

## Canteen Report

Our new POS system has arrived and we are almost ready to start using them! We are busy updating the menu, pricing, & then training.

The new pop cooler for the banquet hall is now on order! We are just waiting for delivery!

**Janice Mancini** - Canteen Co-Chair



**Janice Mancini**  
Canteen  
Chair

## Entertainment Report

Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November - Mudmen - 7-11pm.  
Wear your plaid shirt to show your Mudmen support. Enjoy an evening of Celtic music and stories from Canada's Celtic Rock Warriors. Tickets \$25 available at the Dundas Legion bar and at the event.

Join us on Christmas Eve Day Noon to 5pm in the Clubroom for some snacks and music by DJ Jane Watson.

On Tuesday, 31st December, 2024 we will celebrate the New Year with music from DJ Men in Black with free admission - All welcome. Bring a can for the Food Bank.

**Debbie Gibbins** - Entertainment Chair



**Debbie Gibbins**  
Entertainment  
Chair

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### Branch 36 Upcoming Events

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

Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm

Every Wednesday - Dundas Online Catch the Ace Draw - 8pm

### November 2024 Events

Sunday - 3rd - Fall Work Party - 9am - Bring your tools

Thursday - 7th - Thursday Afternoon Euchre - 1:30pm

## **November 2024 Events continued**

Friday - 8th - Fish Fry Night - 4:30-6:30pm

Monday - 11th - Remembrance Parade Service - 10:30-12noon

Tuesday - 12th - Branch 36 Colour Party Practice - 7pm

Wednesday - 13<sup>th</sup> - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7pm

Friday - 15th - Trivia Night - Signup - Open to Everyone - 7pm

Thursday - 21st - Thursday Afternoon - Euchre - 1:30pm

Friday - 22nd - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm

Friday - 22nd - Progressive Euchre - 7:15pm

### **Saturday - 23<sup>rd</sup> - Mudmen - 7-11pm**

Wear your plaid shirt to show your Mudmen support. Enjoy an evening of Celtic music and stories from Canada's Celtic Rock Warriors. Tickets \$25 available at the Dundas Legion bar and at the event.

## **December 2024 Events**

Thursday - 5th - Thursday Afternoon Euchre - 1:30pm

Friday - 6th - Turkey Roll and Ladies Auxiliary Draw - 7pm

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

Wednesday - 11th - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7pm

Friday - 13th - Fish Fry Night - 4:30-6:30pm

Thursday - 19th - Thursday Afternoon Euchre - 1:30pm

Friday - 20th - Trivia Night - Signup - Open to Everyone - 7pm

Tuesday - 24th - Carol Singing Contest - 12noon-5pm

Wednesday - 25th - Christmas Day - **BRANCH CLOSED**

Thursday - 26th - Boxing Day - Branch Open 4pm to 9pm

Tuesday - 31st - New Year's Eve Celebration - 8pm

## **January 2024 Events**

Wednesday - 1st - Boxing Day - Branch Open 4pm to 9pm

Thursday - 2nd - Thursday Afternoon - Euchre - 1:30pm

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

Wednesday - 8th - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7pm

Friday - 10th - Fish Fry - 4:30-6:30pm

Thursday - 16<sup>th</sup> - Thursday Afternoon - Euchre - 1:30pm

Friday - 17th - Trivia Night - Signup - Open to Everyone - 7pm

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

Friday - 24th - Progressive Euchre - 7:15pm

**Live up to your Legion oath and volunteer to distribute Poppies. Volunteer sign-up sheet is be posted in Branch**