



The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion
December - 2008



Can you identify this crew member of HMCS Chambly in 1941? See Page 10 for details.



Happy
Holidays



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President's Report



It was my honour to represent the Branch at our Remembrance Day ceremonies this past Nov.11. The rain held off and all in attendance enjoyed The music supplied by the Parkside High School Orchestra and the timely fly past with the 'Lancaster' bomber escorted by the 'B52 Mitchell' bomber and the 'Fairey Firefly'.

The parade was a little smaller this year but well attended by cadets from all 3 service branches and members of the Hamilton Wentworth 11th Battery including Captain Jones, who took the salute, and of course our Veterans and Branch members. Also present was our Branch padre Rev.Sandilands who provided spiritual guidance and words of remembrance.

A big thank you goes to comrade Gerry Belec and his Poppy committee for their tireless work. So much work done by so few. Thanks to all who supplied the food for the Poppy Volunteers.

Perhaps next year you could offer some help. We should all remember when we took our Legion oath we committed to help in the Poppy campaign. What's a couple of hours selling Poppies, or making an extra pot of stew? There are many ways to help. Why not ask?

Another thank you also goes to all those who helped to feed the Veterans, their families and friends, and cadets who returned to the Branch after the ceremony.

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President's Report *Continued*

In the last Bullytin I asked for volunteers to champion the 2 vacant Executive positions. Let us welcome Eamon Morgan to the Executive as Entertainment Chairman. If you have any questions or ideas about entertainment please talk to comrade Eamon when you see him in the clubroom.

We are still looking for a House Chair. Please let me know if you are interested.

John Murphy - President



House Report

The Fall “Let’s Clean up the Branch for our Vets” work party went very well. Thirty-two members turned out to help clean, sweep, polish, rake, clean up the garden and generally get the facility ‘ship-shape and Bristol fashion’ for Remembrance Day.

Thank you to all who helped. I don’t have enough room to name them all but their ages ranged from 20 to 85. Thanks again, great job!

Thank you to Barry Peer who answered the call for a tiler. Barry installed new tile in the men’s washroom for us, and the end result looks great. If you need flooring work done in your home call Barry. His number is available through the office

John Murphy - House Chair

Entertainment Report

The Veteran's Christmas Party will be held on Dec. 10th with entertainment by the "Dundas Concert Band" and highland dancers from the "Dundas School of Highland Dance".



We will also have Karaoke on Dec. 12 (Fish Fry Friday) with Dorrie - 7:30-11:30pm.

This year our Christmas Eve Carol Singing Contest will be hosted by Jane Wright from 2-5:30pm.

Our New Year's Eve Pot Luck Dinner and Dance starts at 8:00pm till New Year. There will be hats streamers, horns and entertainment with Jim Byron and his Hi Fi music. Come out and help us usher in 2009!

Robbie Burns Supper tickets will go on sale soon. Get yours before they sell out again this year.

Watch the white board for upcoming entertainment details.

John Murphy & Eamon Morgan - Entertainment Chair

Ways & Means Report

Things around the Branch are picking up now that the colder winter weather is starting to settle in. The Fish Fries continue to be a great success and we appreciate all of the support from the members, and their friends and families. Please remember that the Fish Fries are always on the 2nd Friday of the month and are open to everyone.

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Ways & Means Report *Continued*

Please tell everyone that you know what a great meal you get at a great price. We are only too happy to add another 50 or 60 meals to the night. We wouldn't want anyone to go away hungry.

The Saturday Afternoon meat draw is still a hit around the Branch. Remember to put your Loonie in the box on the bar near the entrance to the washrooms. There are two chances to win a great piece of meat. Al always finds wonderful surprises. If you can't be at the Branch on Saturday at 4:30 write your name on the envelope as well as your phone number and we'll call you when you win.

As you may or may not know, Ways & Means is a major contributor to the support of the Branch. All of the money that our committee raises helps to pay for things that need to be done around the Branch. If you have any suggestions that might help us raise even more necessary cash please let us know. You can see us at the Branch, or can leave us a note in the suggestion box near the entrance to the bar, or with the bar staff and it will be forwarded to us.

Thanks again for all of your support, and we hope to see you often in the Branch. Remember to bring your friends and family in for a chilled beverage and hopefully you might be able to help us increase our membership.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Dawn Lewis, Al Blackburn, Wayne McKay
Your Ways & Means Committee.



Canteen Report

Everything is going well on the bar. We have 2 new drinks on the bar – Glenfiddich and Jack Daniels. We are also trying to get another draught beer on tap, so put any suggestions you have in the jar on the bar.

The Legion will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

We are open December 24th until 5:00 pm. Come on out and sing a few songs and have a good time. On December 31st there is a pot luck supper and entertainment until 1:00 am for New Year's Eve.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Lynn Horner - Canteen Chair

Poppy Fund Report

The Dundas Poppy Fund committee would like to thank all Legion Members, Friends, Volunteers and Merchants from Dundas, Ancaster Meadowlands, Westdale and the surrounding area for their generosity, time and assistance during our recent 2008 Poppy Campaign.

Many Thanks to All

Gerry Belec - Poppy Fund Chair

Membership Report

“Just Bring One”

So far, YOU, the ‘Early Bird’ members have been renewing quite well, but as of this Bullytin, there are still about 400 who have not renewed.

I would urge you to get down to the Branch, or if you can’t make it, please mail in your dues and we will return your membership to you by mail.

All members paid by November 30th will be eligible for the “Early Bird Draw”.

We do send out emails notifying members of upcoming events at Branch 36. To do this we have a distribution list of email addresses of Branch 36 members. This list is used only for Branch business and your email address is kept private.

When you renew your membership please supply the email address to which we can send Branch announcements. If we don’t have your email address we can’t email you with news of events taking place at the Branch.

As always, if you have any concerns, or questions please contact me. See you at the Branch.



Mike Alkerton – Membership Chair



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Ladies Auxiliary Report

Our Beef-on-a-Bun nights are well underway and things are going great. The next one will be held on Friday, November 28th followed with entertainment by Mike Woods, and then Friday January 23rd. Please remember there will **NOT** be a Beef-on-a-Bun night in December.

Would you be interested in winning a T.V. or a DVD or maybe a Tampa Bay Devil Rays signed baseball jersey? If so, come on out and get in on the draw. We will be having these items and a few more on draw tables at the Legion on **November 27th, 28th, and 29th** and the draw will take place on the last day. Please come out and support your LA and try to win some great prizes while doing so.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the LA please talk to one of our members. Come on out and help support your Branch!

The LA wishes you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Terry Gubbins - President - Ladies Auxiliary

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Keeping you smiling
from year to year

You were asked to identify the crew member on the front page. A recent picture of him appears below on the right.



If you guessed Eugene Tobin – you were right !

Remembrance Day Salute



Youth Education

This year, the Branch initiated a Remembrance Poster Contest for local and regional schools. Several dozen registration packages were sent out to Public, Separate, Christian elementary and secondary schools. Some very high quality posters have been received for judging. Winners will continue up the ladder to further competition. This is a good start for the program. I would like to thank the following comrades for their encouragement and assistance: John Murply, Mike Alkerton, Dale Lucking, Gerry Belec, Suzi Mellen, Jim Sherring, and Jackie Ralston – Br.50, Burlington.

Lorne Evans - Youth Education Chair

Honours & Awards Report

The time of year when we honour members who have given their time and expertise to better the Branch is fast approaching. There are many people – members and non-members, who work hard to make the Branch a place we can be proud of, and a place where you can go and have a good time, be it dancing, karaoke or playing sports. So please, if you know of anyone who deserves recognition let me know as soon as possible. There are a number of awards that can be given out so don't hesitate to contact me.

Season's Greetings !

Suzi Mellen - Honours and Awards Chair



Sports Report

All the inter-Legion sports are up on the board, check them out and sign up. Please check the sign-up deadlines and make sure you remember the time and location of your sports event. I will post the names of the people who have had their entry fee paid for by the Branch.

We need more participation in euchre and crib, so put a four-person team together and come out for some fun. Just as a reminder, if your entry fee is paid, you or a substitute must attend the event or the entry fee must be paid back to the Branch.

Our goal for 2009 is "**LET'S BRING IT BACK IN 2010**".

There has been interest in starting a horseshoe league or a night for pick-up partners. If you're interested let me know. Plans are in the works to rebuild the horseshoe pits next spring.

Sports Turkey Roll tickets are on sale. If you can help sell tickets please see me. The draw is on December 5th and there will be spins on the wheel afterwards. So, come out and have some fun. I will see you there.



Len Owen - Sports Chair

Attention Comrades: SPORTS TURKEY ROLL NEWS

The next Turkey Roll will be held on Friday, December 5th. Be sure to get your tickets early, as all tickets for the last Turkey Roll were sold out before the event. Tickets are available at the bar and from volunteer ticket sellers.

Colour Party



The Colour Party recently led off the Remembrance Day Parade in Dundas and did a great job representing the Legion.

We are looking for additional Colour Party members so that we can always turn out a full unit. We lead off the Parade when our Legion members are marching in the D-Day or Remembrance Day Parades in Dundas.

If you are interested in joining the Colour Party, please leave a message for me at the bar or office, and thanks again to the Colour Party members for their great turnout.

Jim Byron - Colour Party Commander

Branch 36 - Upcoming Events

DECEMBER 2008

Friday, 5th December - Turkey Roll - 8:00pm
Join us for a fun night.

Friday, 12th December - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm
and Karaoke with “Dorrie” - 7:00pm

Wednesday, 24th December - 12:00 noon - 5:00pm
Christmas Celebration and sing-along – ‘Tis the Season

Thursday, 25th December - Christmas Day – CLOSED
Friday - 26th December - Boxing Day – CLOSED

Wednesday - 31st December - New Year's Eve
Come and enjoy our Pot Luck Party - 8pm
Hi Fi's Welcome 2009

JANUARY 2009

Thursday, 1st January - New Year's Day - CLOSED

Friday, 9th January - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm

Friday - 23rd January - Beef-on-a-Bun 5:30-7:30pm

Saturday - 24th January - Robbie Burns Supper
Details and Tickets available at the Bar in December.
A great dinner – a great dance !!!

New Legion Members are Always Welcome !
Invite friends and relatives to Legion events.

