



The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion
February - 2009



Can you identify this member of Branch 36 receiving medical attention circa 1950? See Page 10 for details.



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President's Report



Welcome to 2009 and another exciting year at Branch 36. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that the economy is tight, your wallet will be tight and it is our hope that what little you have left for entertaining you will spend on nights at your Branch with us. Please read on for the announcements contained within this Bullytin with dates and times.

January was a difficult month for us. We have paid almost one year's snow removal expenses in one month and having to close the branch early on 2 occasions due to the weather has resulted in a reduction in revenue. This always has a knock-on effect where we might not have the funds available to do the things the "Legion" does, and does so well. I hope you will come out and support your branch.

Thank you to Paul Penny, who has helped with the snow maintenance (have you seen the pile at the horse shoe pits?), without his help our costs would have been even higher. Thanks again Paul.

The next General Meeting will be held on March 18th at 8pm so please mark your calendar and attend. It is important that you know what is happening with your Branch and you always have the opportunity to voice your opinion and vote when required.

The Burns supper was another sell-out (4 in a row), and everyone in attendance had a great time.

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President's Report continued...

We will have a few more tickets for sale next year so watch for the signs in December and get your tickets early as we anticipate another sell out.

John Murphy - President

House Report

We have had a few minor repairs to keep us busy over the past months and are in the planning stages for the Banquet hall face-lift some time in the spring.



If you are interested in becoming the House chairperson we are interested in talking to you. The building is getting old and in need of a gentle massage every now and again. If you have the time and the patience please talk to us, we could use your help.

John Murphy - House Chair

Entertainment Report

On Saturday, February 14th we held our 'Support the Troops – Valentine Dance'. Music was provided by The Grumpies band. All proceeds went to our Support the Troops fund and everyone had a good time.

On Friday, 27th February after the Beef on a Bun, Mike Woods will be providing entertainment from 7:30 to 11:30pm.

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Entertainment Report continued...



Watch the white board to see who will be entertaining after the Fish Fry on Friday, 13th March.

On Friday, 27th March, Mike Woods will be returning by popular demand to entertain you. Check him out from 7:30-11:30pm after the Beef on a Bun.

Join us regularly for an evening of free entertainment.

Eamon Morgan – Entertainment Chair

Ways & Means Report

We would like to thank everyone for spreading the word about our Fish Fry's. They are continuing to grow each month. Even when the weather is not great outside, everyone still continues to trek through it to enjoy a great meal. And now for the bad news - we will not be having a Fish Fry in April, but will be back as usual in May.

The Easter Ham & Turkey Roll will be held on Friday, April 3rd. The draws start at 8pm, and there will be spins on the wheel to follow. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are good for 40 chances to win either a ham or a turkey. Your ticket is returned to the drum so you may win more than once. You don't have to be at the draw to win, we will call you to let you know what you have won and you can stop by the Branch to pick it up. You can increase your chances of winning by coming out to the Branch and taking your chance on the spins of the wheel that follow the main draw. We hope to see you there.

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Ways & Means Report continued...



Please keep in mind that the Fish Fry's will be continuing throughout the summer months and we will once again be having the Family BBQ's beginning in June. All of these events are open to the public and children are welcome to attend.

It's been a long cold winter, and we've missed seeing some of your smiling faces. Now that the weather is beginning to look a little better we hope to see more of you, not just at the events, but around the Branch in general. There's always something going on, so stop by, enjoy a chilled beverage, and get caught up with some friends and comrades.

The Saturday Afternoon Meat Draw is also still going on weekly. Put your Looney in an envelope with your name in it, (and phone number if you can't be there), and drop it in the box near the entrance to the washrooms. You can't get a better cut of meat for a buck anywhere. Remember that you don't have to be there to win, and you have two chances for a buck. The cuts of meat are always great and you can't beat the price. We hope to see you around the Branch.

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

Canteen Report

By popular demand our new beer on tap on the bar is Budweiser. Thanks to our members for your input. Everything is going well on the bar.



Lynn Horner - Canteen Chair

Membership Report

“Just Bring One”

The renewals for 2009 are coming in a little slower than last year.

If you have not renewed by now, I would urge you to mail in your dues, or drop by the Branch. Our membership numbers have remained strong and we cannot afford to lose people.

When members renew their membership, we have been asking for their email address. We regularly send out notices of events taking place at the Branch, and try to keep you the membership up-to-date on Branch activities. It should be noted that member's email addresses are kept secure, and are used only for Branch business.

If you get an email address, or change your current email address, please notify the branch office by sending an email to: br36dundas@cogeco.net and supply your full name and ask that your email address be added, or updated.

At the General Meeting in March, we will have a mass initiation. I would also request your attendance at this meeting. We are more than a social club, the General Meeting is where much of the business of the Branch takes place, and where you the membership can learn more about the Branch, and offer input, and have questions answered

As always any concerns or questions please contact me.

Mike Alkerton - Membership Chair



Ladies Auxiliary Report



The LA will be celebrating their 64th birthday in combination with the Branch Honours & Awards Dinner. If you are interested in attending this event the tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the bar at the Legion.

The next beef on a bun nights are as follows: February 27th, March 27th, and April 24th. The cost is \$8 per dinner. Please come out and enjoy a wonderful dinner while supporting your LA and your branch.

If there are any men or women out there that would be interested in sharing their Veteran's stories or war stores please contact LA President Terrie Gubbins. We would like to compile these stores and hopefully print them for everybody's reading pleasure.

The LA is always looking for new members. If you are interested in becoming a member or you have any questions in regards to this please contact Terrie Gubbins for information.

Terrie Gubbins - President - Ladies Auxiliary

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Sick Report

November

- 23 - Joan Lewis in St.Joe's - Surgery
- 26 - Dawn Lewis at Mac.
- 26 - Joan Lewis at home

December

- 02 - Dawn Lewis at home
- 02 - Marv Turpin at St.Joe's - Surgery
- 03 - Dave Stewart Sr. at Mac. - Short stay
- 03 - Harry Chapman at hospital - Grimsby
- 06 - Stan Thachuk in St.Joe's
- 09 - Talked to Marv Turpin - sore but out and about
- 10 - Jim Whitlaw at St.Joe's - test
- 10 - Ray Makepeace at St.Joe's
- 11 - Jack Sullivan in hospital - Alberta
- 11 - Eric Finch moved from Henderson to St.Pete's
- 14 - Anne White at Mac. - broke hip
- 15-16 - Vivian Thornton at Mac - tests then home
- 16 - Jim Whitlaw at General - triple bypass
- 23 - Shirley Renton at St.Joe's - heart
- 28 - Mel Stack at Mac - 3 days then home
- 29 - Ray McClemon at Mac - home Jan 03-04

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Sick Report continued...

January

- 02 - Jim Whitlaw at home
- 02 - Charlie Readman - General Hospital - bypass
- 03 - Eric Finch at St.Pete's
- 07 - Dave Stewart Jr. in hospital - Mac
- 08 - Anna Flaherty at St.Joe's
- 08 - Harold Farmer in and out of hospital - at home
- 15 - Mel Stack at Mac
- 17 - Harold Hall at hospital - came home Jan 18
- 27 - Mel Stack back at Mac

February

- 03 - Anna Flaherty coming along very slow

Stan Hicks - Sick and Last Post Chair

Last Post

Harry Chapman - December 21st, 2008
Eugene Tobin – January 8th, 2009
J.G.Chamberlain – January 22nd, 2009
Pat Legere – February 3rd, 2009

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Identify the Legionnaire

You were asked to identify the Branch 36 member on the front page of this Bullytin. A recent picture of him appears below on the right.



If you guessed Bill Hyslop – you were right!

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.

Suzi Mellen - Honours and Awards Chair

Youth Education Report



This past autumn, over 40 area students submitted some very creative work in our Branch's first recent Remembrance poster contest. Every school that participated shared in over \$300 in prizes. One student, Helena Rakic, of Westdale Secondary School, advanced as a winner from our area, to win further honours at the Zone level as well.

February is the month for the Legion's Public speaking competitions, and we hope for an equally enthusiastic and successful response in this contest. Whatever we learn in this 2008-09 inaugural year will certainly help us in our future endeavours. Thank you to all our supporters.

Lorne Evans - Youth Education Chair

Sports Report

Our sports program started on January 3rd with a big win. We entered three teams in the Zone Snooker and they placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Congratulations to Joe McDonald, Jeff Boucher, Peter Leone and Greg Paterson who finished first.

Bill Terry, Graig Wilson, Brian Stroud and Larry O'Connor finished second, and Doug Lappin, Rick Okis, Dave Hardy and Greg (Boomer) Griffith finished third.

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Sports Report continued...

The first and second place teams went on to District on January 17th and the team of Joe, Jeff, Peter and Greg won District. They will now move on to the Provincial finals on March 7th. GOOD LUCK GUYS.

We also had dart players in the singles, doubles and team events on January 24th and 25th. Congratulations to Barry Peer who qualified 4th in singles and Gary Logue, Jim Kielty, Barry Peer and Bill Leckie who qualified 5th in teams. They will be representing Branch 36 at District in St George on February 28th.

Dundas will host District 10 Pin bowling on February 14th at Skyway Lanes.

Branch 36 is hosting the mixed team darts on March 14th (Note that this is a new date because the old date conflicted with Provincial darts).

We still need more doubles and teams so put together a team of 1 male and 1 female for doubles and 2 women and 2 men for teams and sign up.

Len Owen - Sports Chair

Attention Comrades: Easter Turkey Roll News

The next Turkey Roll will be held on Friday, 3rd April, 2009. 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 Report

We would once again like to ask for volunteers to join the Colour Party. The time required is a couple of hours each month with the exception of Remembrance Day and Church Parade. We also serve on occasions such as the Annual General Meeting, Honours & Awards dinner and Zone Meetings.

The Colour Party has also taken part in the concert at Hamilton Place on Remembrance Day, as well as Sir John A. Macdonald's birthday.

If a uniform is required, the Colour Party is willing to help with the cost. Meetings take place the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 or 8:00 p.m. in the Banquet Hall upstairs.

If interested please contact:

James Byron (Colour Party Commander) 905-578-2758

Jim Byron - Colour Party Commander

Memorial Ceiling Tiles

There are still quite a few Memorial Ceiling Tiles ready for those who would like to purchase one to commemorate a loved one or family member.

We have had a lot of very nice comments from visitors to the Branch about the Memorial Ceiling Tiles, and all the proceeds from them goes to our building fund.

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Memorial Ceiling Tiles continued...

The Memorial Ceiling Tiles cost \$20.00 per section (note: 2 sections make up each complete tile). If you wish to purchase a complete tile the cost is \$40.00.

You can have up to 5 lines on the Memorial Ceiling Tile.

If you are interested please contact myself at 905 627 8364, or leave your name and phone number, with a message at the bar and you will be contacted.

Murray J. Floyd - Sergeant-at-Arms

Branch 36 - Upcoming Events

February 2009

Friday - 27th February - Beef-on-a-Bun - 5:30-7:30pm

Friday - 27th February - Mike Woods entertains from 7:30-11:30pm

March 2009

Saturday, 7th March - Honours & Awards and Ladies

Auxiliary Dinner Bar - 5:30pm Dinner - 6:30pm prompt

Tickets \$15.00 available at the bar

Friday - 13th March - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm

Everyone is Welcome

Wednesday - 18th March - Legion General Meeting 8pm

All members should try to get out to this meeting

Friday - 27th March - Beef-on-a-Bun - 5:30-7:30pm

Friday - 27th March - Mike Woods - 7:30-11:30pm

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Branch 36 - Upcoming Events continued...

April 2009

Friday, 3rd April - Turkey Roll - 8pm

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

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

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You can make yourself, or your business, more well known in the local community by becoming a sponsor of the Bullytin, and you will also help us finance the publishing of the Bullytin. If you want more information about becoming a sponsor, or you know someone who could become a sponsor please speak to a Branch 36 Executive member, or contact the Branch 36 office during regular business hours.

Thank You to all the Sponsors who make our Bullytin possible.

Peter Whittaker - Public Relations Officer

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