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Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion
April – 2009



Can you identify this member of Branch 36 on active duty in post-war Europe? See Page 10 for details.



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President's Report

At long last the winter is almost over. It has been a busy time at the branch with the Fish Fry almost at capacity, and the Beef on a Bun selling out in March. I understand the Ladies Auxiliary will be cooking extra next month(April), but just in case you should be there early. Entertainment is provided so stay a little longer and enjoy the music. Check Eamon's Entertainment Report for April's feature entertainer.



**John
Murphy
President**

Suzi and I attended the District convention in Niagara Falls last week. Along with the reports that were read we had elections for District Commander. Bruce Julian was stepping down to pursue a position at the Provincial level and this created an opportunity for someone else to step up. Sharon McKeon was successful and we wish her great success in her new role.

The general meeting held on March 18th was well attended. This is the perfect opportunity for members to air their views and be involved in the voting process when required. Watch this space for notification of the next general meeting.

Branch elections will be held on Wednesday, May 6th at 8pm sharp. Come out and vote for your new executive. If you are interested in running for office, please let us know and someone will nominate you.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to speak to me in the Branch or leave a message in the office, and I will be happy to call you and address them.

We are having a contest to design a new Branch pin. Please
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President's Report continued

submit your design on an 8½ x 11 sheet of paper (does not have to be artist quality) to the bartender on duty in the Branch. Please include your name and phone number on it.

The Pin designs will be judged during the President's Meat Draw on May 16th. The person who submits the winning Pin Design will receive a Legion membership for 2010.

House Report

When the tile started coming off the floor in front of the bar area, comrades Terry Walton, Al Bury and Sue Shantz stepped up to offer their help in replacing them. This was done over the Easter weekend. That same weekend Paul Penney headed up a team of volunteers to re-paint the outside of the building. Len and Mary Owen, Hal and Linda Hamilton repainted the upstairs dartboards.



**John
Murphy
House
Chair**

Our semi-annual work party will be held on Sunday, 31st May. A sign-up sheet with details will be posted in the Branch at the beginning of May.

Thank you to all who do these things around the building that help keep us up and running safely. Thanks again.

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Youth Education - *Lorne Evans* - Youth Education Chair

Remembrance Poster Winners - Earn Further Honours

Four Students who won first place honours in our Valley Branch 36 competition have won recognition again at the Zone level. Helena Rakic of Westdale, Adrienne McBride, Susan Wilson, and Filip Rakic all of Dalewood, and Gerardo Antonio of Notre Dame have all been awarded prizes at the Zone level. This bodes well for the program, in its first year.

A comrade has suggested that members may be willing to speak at schools, Scouts, Guides, Seniors' centres, etc, about their military and other experiences. If you are interested, please contact me at the Branch, or lornegevens@cogeco.ca.



Jim and Viv Thornton dance at our recent Support Our Troops dance on February 14th.

Ways & Means Report

The weather is warming, and thoughts of the outdoors will soon be with us. We are having Family BBQs again this summer and will feature our famous steak, hamburger and chicken dinners with all the fixin's. The dates for them are June 21st, July 19th and August 23rd and the first BBQ is on Father's Day - June 21st - Give Dad a break and bring the entire family out to the Branch for some food and fun. The BBQs are open to the public, including children and the Branch opens at 2pm so you can enjoy a chilled beverage, and share some laughs with friends and comrades before dinner from 4-6pm.

The Fish Frys also run on the 2nd Friday of the month - We serve the BEST Fish & Chips around – ask anyone. Meat Draws continue on Saturday at 4:30pm so put your Loonie in an envelope, with your name and phone number on it, in the box near the entrance to the washrooms. You have a great chance to win a fabulous cut of meat.

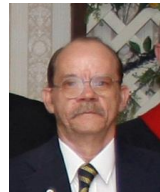
If you would like to see anything happening at the Branch, we are open to suggestions. If you would like to help with something that is already happening at the Branch, we'd be 'REALLY HAPPY' to hear from you. You can see any Executive member, and there is also a suggestion box just outside of the office.



Dawn Lewis



Al Blackburn

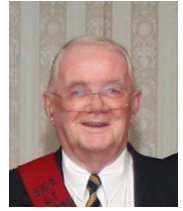


Wayne McKay

Your Ways & Means Committee

Remembrance Activity Report

On Saturday, 6th June, 2009, Branch 36 and the #2865 Royal Canadian Artillery Army Cadets will be doing the Annual Cross replacements for Our Fallen Comrades at Grove and St. Augustine's Cemeterys. The cadets will be returning to the Branch and treated to a BBQ.



**Murray
Floyd
Sgt. at Arms**

Thanks to Bill Hyslop for arranging this participation by the cadets and the Branch and its' members for their support.

Jim Sherring – Br.36 Legionnaire of the Year - 2009



Mike Alkerton – Past President and Membership Chair, and John Murphy – Branch President, present Jim Sherring with the Legionnaire of the Year award for 2009.

Membership Report

Again this year the branch has responded well to the “Early Bird” campaign. Fifty-five per cent of members were “Early Birds”; however, we can’t get complacent and must always be recruiting. So if you have a friend or relative that you think might like to join bring that person to the Branch.



Mike Alkerton
Membership
Chair

We have a lot of activities going on – Sports, Meat Draws, Dinners, Entertainment and just plain socializing.

Our Branch, because of your help, is now the second largest in our Zone. I would like to keep it that way as it allows us to do what we are supposed to do for the veterans and the community.

The Legion provides Bursaries of up to \$500 towards the post-secondary education for children, grandchildren of veterans.

If you have any concerns or questions about membership in the Legion please call me.

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Ladies Auxiliary Report

Our final Beef on a Bun night for this season will be held on Friday May the 22nd. The Beef on a Bun nights will commence once again beginning in September. The tentative dates are as follows: September 25th, October 23rd, and November 27th.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support.

The Ladies Auxiliary is more than meets the eye. If you think you may be interested in joining, but are unsure of what we are about, and what we stand for, please don't hesitate to contact Comrade Terrie Gubbins at 519-448-9930 or Comrade Terry Kobylinski at 905-627-3088.

We are always looking for new members to join our small but mighty team.

Yours in Comradeship,

Terrie Gubbins - President - Ladies Auxiliary



**Terrie Gubbins
President
Ladies
Auxiliary**

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Sick Report - Stan Hicks



**Stan Hicks
Sick / Last
Post
Chair**

February - 2009

- 07 - Anne White home for weekend
- 10 - Gerhard Fellner at Henderson
- 15 - Ed Ward at Home
- 17 - Ray Makepeace at home
- 19 - Harold Hall at home
- 20 - Eric Finch not very good
- 20 - Harold Hall surgery - all okay
- 27 - Jim Genrick at Henderson
- 28 - Pat O'Connor at Mac
- 28 - Jerry Shaw at home after knee surgery

March - 2009

- 06 - Kevin Pugh at Mac - blocked artery
- 09 - Jim Genrick at home
- 09 - Audrey Ritchie at Mac
- 10 - Visited Harold Hall at Mac
- 10 - Audrey Ritchie at Mac
- 10 - Anna White at Mac
- 10 - Dave Stewart Jr. discharge - Yorkview
- 10 - Kevin Pugh at home
- 10 - Anna Flaherty at home
- 12 - George Rankin at General - stroke
- 13 - Dorothy Paterson at Mac - stroke - no visitors
- 16 - Wilf Coon at Mac
- 17 - Jim McHugh at home

- 18 - Jim Genrick at home
- 18 - Harold Hall on life support - no visitors
- 18 - Anna White at Blackadar
- 26 - George Hill at Mac for tests
- 26 - Mel Stack at Mac
- 26 - Wilf Coon at Mac
- 26 - Audrey Ritchie at Blackadar
- 26 - Ron Anderson at Mac - stroke
- 26 - Harold Hall at Mac ICU - not very good
- 26 - Ron Anderson still at Mac - tests

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- 02 - Ron Anderson at home

Last Post

- Eric Finch – February 20, 2009**
- Don Birnie – February 23, 2009**
- Harold Hall – March 31, 2009**
- W.P.Nicholson – April 1, 2009**
- Frank Westoby – April 3, 2009**

We Will Remember Them

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 Stan Hicks - you were right!

New Years Eve Dance



John Murphy and Suzi Mellen, Martin and Cheri Harrington, Frank and Kathy Jones enjoy dancing at Legion New Year's Eve Dance.

Honours and Awards Report

Our Honours and Awards Banquet was a sell-out event - with over 160 people in attendance. It was also a celebration of our Branch Ladies Auxiliary's 64th birthday and many Ladies Auxiliary members were in attendance and were honoured for services to the Ladies Auxiliary and the Legion.



**Suzi Mellen
Honours
and Awards
Chair**

Many Legion comrades were honoured with awards for their outstanding service to the Branch, and years of service pins were awarded to other long-standing comrades.

Jim Sherring was awarded the Legionnaire of the Year award for his many years of service and work for the Legion.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the evening, especially Sandy Jordan, for the fabulous meal enjoyed by all .

Pictures taken at this event can be viewed by linking to the Branch's website using the following link:

<http://www.br36dundas.org/awards2009/awards2009.htm>

Canteen Report

If you see a new face behind the Bar, her name is Cody. She is our newest part-time bartender. Everything is going well.

On June 1st we will be going on summer hours, so check the posting behind the bar to see when we open and close. The times will be posted at the end of May.



**Lynn Horner
Canteen
Chair**

Sports Report

We hosted Mixed Team and Doubles Darts on March 14th, and of the 36 teams that entered our team of Eamon Morgan, Brenda Glass, Karen Pollington and Len Owen came in second. They will represent the Branch at District, on May 9th, at Branch 15 Brampton. If you were in the branch that day you would have noticed that with the approximately 150 dart players it was very busy. It was a really good day for the branch.



Len Owen
Sports Chair

I would like to take this time to thank the ladies who volunteered to cook breakfast and lunch for the tournament, GREAT JOB LADIES.

On April 18th we will have two teams representing the branch. Our winning euchre team will be in Chippawa and our winning 10 pin team will be in Windsor. Good Luck to both teams.

There are still some events on the Sports board so check them out and sign up. It would be great to put your name in my report as a winner and representative of Branch 36.



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Robbie Burns Dinner



Martin and Cheri Harrington enjoy themselves
at Legion's Robbie Burns Dinner

Special Events Report

On Sunday, 7th June, 2009 we will be having our annual church parade. All those wishing to take part please fall in at the Branch at 09:45am.

We will march off at 10:00am and proceed to St.James church on Melville Street.



Gord Sharpe
Special
Events
Chair

For those who cannot march in the parade, but wish to attend the church service, it will start at 10:30am and all are welcome to attend.

Entertainment Report

April 24

Beef on a Bun - Bret Baker - Country Music

May 8

Fish Fry - Fast Lane two guys + piano & drums = one big Sound - Oldies Music

May 22

Beef on a Bun – Dave Burden is back by popular demand



**Eamon
Morgan
Entertainment
Chair**

Poppy Fund Report

At the recent Honours and Awards Banquet I was able to make the following donations for the Branch from the Poppy Fund.

Maureen Ellis from St.Joseph's Villa accepted a cheque for \$10,000 for the St.Joseph's Villa Veterans.



**Gerry Belec
Poppy Fund
Chair**

Parker Neal from McMaster University Medical Centre accepted a cheque for \$10,000 for MUMC Hospital's Childrens Cancer Research.



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Branch 36 - Upcoming Events

APRIL 2009 Events

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

Friday, 24th April - *Bret Baker* - 7:30-11:30pm

May 2009 Events

Wednesday, 6th May - Annual Branch Elections - 8:00pm

Friday, 8th May - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm

Friday, 8th May - *FAST LANE* - 7:30-11:30pm

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

Friday, 22nd May - *Dave Burden* -7:30-11:30pm

Sunday, 31st May -Work Party -9:00am

June 2009 Events

Sunday, 7th June - Church Parade - 9:45, Service - 10:30

Friday, 12th June - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:30pm

Sunday, 21st June - Family BBQ - 4-6pm

July 2009 Events

Wednesday - 1st July - Good Neighbor BBQ - 2-5pm

Friday, 10th July - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:30pm

Sunday, 19th July - Family BBQ - 4-6pm

August 2009

Friday, 14th August - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:30pm

Sunday, 23rd August - Family BBQ - 4-6pm

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

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