



# The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion  
August – 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

Comrades, welcome to the end of the summer that wasn't. In these tough economic times the Branch fared well, thanks in part to the Fish Fry and Barbecue teams, and also those members who continue to support the Branch with visits over the last few months.



**John  
Murphy  
President**

There are some fun things in place for the fall so read on, or check the white board or Dawn's 'Whats on at the Branch book' which can be found in the club room.

The Heart and Soul of the Branch is its membership and its volunteers, so talk up the Branch, tell your friends why you are a member, and if asked consider volunteering.

As always if you have questions or concerns please talk to me or leave me a message with Dale and I will get back to you.

## House Report

This summer we carried out some minor repairs to the roof, air conditioners and the beer cooler. We do have some projects planned for the fall but we need a 'House Chairman' to help coordinate these activities.



**John  
Murphy  
House  
Chair**

If you are mechanically inclined and have a few hours a week to spare why not volunteer for this rewarding Chairmanship. You will have lots of help.

## Banquet Hall Report

We had quite a few bookings this summer which helps with the bottom line.

I am happy to announce that “Kristen Blair”, a new member this year has stepped up and taken on the Position as “Banquet Chairperson”.



**John  
Murphy  
Banquet  
Chair**

Let's all welcome Kristen and wish her well the next time you see her in the branch.

### Movies Anyone?

Are you looking for somewhere to go on a Wednesday afternoon that is entertaining and also have friends close at hand, and you don't want to go into the city?

Why not attend a movie?

Branch 36 will begin showing a different movie for Legion members and their guests every Wednesday afternoon in the Wentworth room.

If you would like to get out of the house, meet friends and take in a movie, why not come on down to Branch 36 starting Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2009.

For more details call the Branch 905-627-7221

If corn oil comes from corn....where does baby oil come from?

Sign in the window of a shop in Campbeltown, Scotland.

**‘We would rather do business with 1000 Al Queda terrorists than one single British soldier!’**

You may be outraged at the thought of such an inflammatory statement; however, we are a society which holds freedom of speech as perhaps our greatest liberty. It is only a sign, you may say. What kind of business would dare to post such a sign?

A Funeral Parlour - Who says morticians have no sense of humour?

### *Young Piper in Training*



Lucas Hunt , grandson of Dundas Pipe Band Leader, Don Muir, gets in some serious practice as a piper.

## Ways & Means Report

Welcome back from summer. We've missed some of you but are always glad to see our Legion friends around the Branch.

The fish fries continue to do well over the summer and will be continuing on the second Friday of the month throughout the winter. The Family BBQs have also been very well attended and we have just one left before we call it a season. It will be held on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Tell your friends, tell your family, and tell everyone what a great meal we put on at a fabulous price. We have also decided as many of you know to add hotdogs to the menu for the kids. They seem to be going over well also.

If there is something else that you would like to see happening at the Legion please speak to any one of your Ways & Means Committee members or leave a note in the suggestion box outside of the office.

The regular Saturday afternoon meat draws continue. Remember that you don't have to be there to win and you don't have to be a member to enter this draw. We're more than happy to give you a call and let you know that you have won a wonderful cut of meat. The cost is still only a loonie and you still have two chances to win. Put your name on an envelope (phone number, if you can't be there), drop a loonie in the envelope and drop it in the box.

Remember that this is the committee that raises most of the money for things that need to be done around the Branch and every Member of the Branch benefits from the things that you do to support us. Thanks for all your support and ideas and your help. We appreciate each and every one of you. Hope to see you around the Branch.

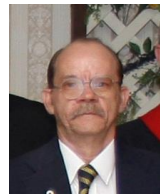
### Your Ways & Means Committee



**Dawn Lewis**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**



**Al Blackburn**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President**



**Wayne McKay**  
**Committee Member**

## Colour Party Report

### **Your Legion Colour Party needs You !**

The Colour Party has had a few members resign this summer and needs some volunteers for upcoming events. We already have an interesting group and invite you to bring your own character to join us.



**James Byron  
Colour Party  
Commander**

The time required is a couple of hours each month. If a uniform is required the Colour Party is willing to help with the cost.

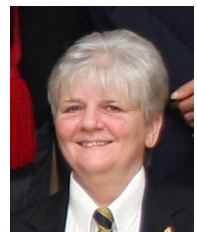
Meetings take place the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in the Banquet Hall upstairs. Please keep in mind that although the Colour Party represents our military heritage, no military background is required and Ladies are welcome. It's our Branch that we represent on Remembrance Day, Initiation meetings and Church Parade.

**If you are interested please contact: James Byron (Colour Party Commander) 905-578-2758**

## Canteen Report

The Canteen is doing well. The Branch goes back to winter hours on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2009.

We will be closed on Labor Day – Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2009.



**Lynn Horner  
Canteen  
Chair**

## Membership Report

The “**Early Bird**” membership drive will start the third week of September. I would ask you to try and renew as early as possible. After a long slow summer your early renewals will help the financial health of your Branch.



**Mike Alkerton**  
**Membership**  
**Chair**

Again this year there will a draw for prizes for those members who renew their membership before November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Our numbers have dropped a little from last year due to attrition and non-renewals, so again if we “**Just Bring One**” new member into the Branch we can retain our numbers. Membership is the life blood of the Legion.

If we do not have your email address, would you like to supply it, as we use email reminders to remind members of upcoming events at the branch. Your email address is kept secure and is used only for Branch business, and is not given out to anyone.

The dues again this year are \$45.00. As always if you have any concerns or questions, please contact me.

**“Just Bring One”**

A rectangular graphic with a white background and a black border. At the top, the logo for Vickers-Warnick features the word "VICKERS" in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by a stylized "W" symbol, and then the word "WARNICK" in the same font. Below the logo, the name "John Murphy" is centered, followed by his title "Corporate Manager, Fluid Power & Safety". The contact information is split into two columns. The left column lists "Stoney Creek" with phone numbers for bus (905-662-7737), watts (800-263-6835), and fax (905-662-9424). The right column lists "Rochester" with phone numbers for bus (716-426-2510), watts (800-217-8323), and fax (716-426-2579). At the bottom, the email address "jmurphy@vickers-warnick.com" is centered, and the website "www.vickers-warnick.com" is centered in a larger font.

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## Ladies Auxiliary Report

Another LA season is up and running, which means our Beef on a Bun nights are back. The upcoming dates for the beef on a bun nights are: September 25th, October 23rd and November 27th. All beef on a bun nights run from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Please come out to the Branch and enjoy a wonderful meal for \$8.00 a plate.



**Terrie Gubbins**  
**President**  
**Ladies**  
**Auxiliary**

The Ladies Auxiliary is deeply saddened by the loss of our Life member, Betty Grant. Betty was a wonderful lady and will be greatly missed.

Our upcoming meetings will be as follows: September 8th, October 13th, November 10th and December 8th. The meetings begin at 8:00 p.m. If you know anybody that is interested in joining or would like some information please contact one of our comrades.

Yours in Comradeship,

***Terrie Gubbins*** - President - Ladies Auxiliary



A rectangular advertisement with a black border. On the left is a black and white portrait of a smiling man, Russ Powers. To the right of the portrait, the text is written in a cursive font: "Councillor", "Russ Powers", "Sponsor Branch 36", and "Bulletin". At the bottom, the website "http://www.russpowers.ca" and email "Email: rpowers@hamilton.ca" are listed in a plain font.

## Sick Report - Stan Hicks



**Stan Hicks**  
**Sick / Last**  
**Post**  
**Chair**

### April - 2009

- 06 - George Rankin at General
- 06 - Al Magson has small stroke
- 13 - Ray Makepeace in General - not very good
- 14 - Paul Perreault blocked artery
- 14 - Al Magson feeling better
- 15 - Paul Perreault home
- 17 - Dorothy Paterson at Wentworth Lodge
- 19 - Al Magson out and about - home
- 19 - George Hill home - not very good
- 23 - Mel Jamieson at Chedoke rehabilitation
- 23 - George Rankin home
- 25 - Ray Gunn at General - broken back
- 25 - Dawn Lewis at home from surgery
- 25 - Jeff Hodgson at home from surgery

- 17 - Jim Genrick at General & home
- 20 - Gerhard Felgner at St.Pete's

### May - 2009

- 06 - Dave Stewart Jr. at home
- 14 - Jim Genrick at Mac
- 27 - Jim Genrick at home
- 28 - Leo Shaidle in for eye surgery - home same day

### July - 2009

- 03 - Tony Skarica at home after surgery
- 07 - Paul Penney at home after surgery - right hand
- 17 - Bill Williamson at home after surgery - left hand
- 20 - Dorothy Paterson in hospital

### June - 2009

- 05 - Jim Thornton at Mac
- 07 - Jim Thornton at home

### August - 2009

- 06 - Peter Arnold at home after treatments

## Last Post

- Ray Makepeace - April 20, 2009
- Shirley Renton - April 25, 2009
- Dave Stewart Sr. - May 2, 2009
- Stan Tkachuk - May 14, 2009
- Audrey Richie - June 9, 2009
- Bill Clarkson - June 12, 2009

- Bill McDain - July 6, 2009
- Tony Skarica - July 15, 2009
- Ron Lister - July 21, 2009
- Betty Grant - August 7, 2009
- George Hill - August 11, 2009
- Joan Lewis - August 19, 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 Rankine - you were right!**

### **Special Events Report**

I wish to thank all who participated in the building and decoration of the Branch 36 float for the Dundas Cactus Festival Parade.

I also wish to thank those that chose to ride on the float even though the heat was exhausting.

I hope next year that we can get more Branch members to ride on the float in the parade.

Thank you again



**Gord Sharpe  
Special  
Events Chair**

Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?

## Youth Education Report

Last fall, Valley City Branch 36 initiated a Remembrance Poster Contest for local and regional students in grades 4 to 12. Registration packages were sent out to Public, Separate, Christian and Hebrew elementary and secondary schools.



**Lorne Evans**  
**Youth**  
**Education**  
**Chair**

Some very fine art work on the themes of Sacrifice and Remembrance was submitted for judging. Cash prizes were awarded in 6 categories, by age/grade, colour and black and white. One of our entrants, Helena Rakic, a grade 11 Westdale Secondary School student, advanced to Zone competition. Her framed art work is hanging to the left of the Branch bar.

This year, we hope to continue to build on our successful inaugural year. Information is being prepared to be sent out to schools shortly. Please encourage your student relatives and friends to get involved. For additional information contact me through Branch 36 at 905-627-7221, or send email inquiries to Lorne Evans at [rclbr36@cogeco.net](mailto:rclbr36@cogeco.net).

Nine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday school. "Well, Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved." "Now Joey, is that really what the teacher taught you?" his mother asked. "Well, no, Mom, but if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"

## Sports Report

I hope everyone had a great summer. After the completion of the last sports event of my first year as Sports Officer, I would like to say it has been a good year at Branch 36.



**Len Owen**  
**Sports Chair**

We will be hosting Zone and District Snooker and Zone Euchre thanks to our winning teams.

We also won District 8-Ball and District Youth Darts. When we bring these tournaments back it is a great benefit to our Legion, so when the 2010 sign-up sheets go up on the Sports Board, take a look and sign-up to play.

The house leagues will be starting in September and all leagues will welcome new players. Come out and have some fun.

The Saturday afternoon horseshoes has been lots of fun and will continue as weather permits. The horseshoe pits were made for members to use at any time, not just Saturdays. Horseshoes, scoreboards and rakes are there for your use. All I ask is that when you're finished your games you rake the pits and put the equipment away.

### ***Len Owen - Sports Chair***

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## How can the Branch website be improved?



**Peter  
Whittaker  
Public  
Relations  
Chair**

The Branch 36 internet website located at [www.br36dundas.org](http://www.br36dundas.org) is a valuable resource originally designed and programmed by Jim Kielty.

I have been maintaining the website for a while now, and have added new pages, and updated others.

I know that not everyone is an internet user, but quite often web sites are not visited because information is not present on the website. I have felt for some time that I should ask you, the membership, if there is anything that you would like to see on the Branch's website.

Can you think of anything that is missing from the website?

Do you have an idea for something that could be included on the Branch website?

The website currently contains a large amount of information about Branch 36 and the activities that take place there.

If you have a suggestion for a subject that could be added to the website please contact me so that we can discuss it.

***Peter Whittaker - Public Relations Officer***

## Entertainment Report

On Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> September, Dave Burden will be returning by popular demand to entertain you. Check him out from 7:30-11:30pm after the Fish Fry.

On Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> September, Karaoke with 'Dorrie' is scheduled from 7:30-11:30pm after the Beef on a Bun.

On Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> October, Grandstand Entertainment with John Henderson - music for all ages from 7pm to 11pm after the Fish Fry.



**Eamon  
Morgan  
Entertainment  
Chair**

## Attention Members who lived on the Home Front


Carolyn Westoby of the Dundas Historical Society is looking for anyone who lived in Canada during World War II and the Korean War. She is trying to make others aware of the experiences of those on the home front during these times of war.

If interested please contact her at 905-627-7412

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## **Branch 36 - Upcoming Events**

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#### **August – 2009**

Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> August – Parking Lot / Trunk Sale – 9am-1pm

#### **September - 2009**

Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> September - Labor Day - CLOSED

Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September - Youth Darts Registration 6:30pm

Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> September - Lady's Darts Registration 7pm

Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> September - Men's Darts Registration 7pm

Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> September - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:30pm

Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> September - Dave Burden from 7-11pm

Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> September – President's Meat Draws – 3-4pm

Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> September - GENERAL MEETING 8pm -

All members are welcome to attend.

Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> September - Family BBQ 4-6pm

Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> September - Start of LEGION WEEK

Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Snooker Challenge vs HAFA

Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> September - Beef-on-a-Bun - 5:30-7:30pm

Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> September - Karaoke 'with Dorrie' - 7-11pm

Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> September - Legion Week Triathlon - 12noon

#### **October - 2009**

Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> October - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:30pm

Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> October - John Henderson entertains - 7-11pm

Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October - 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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