



The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion
October – 2009



Memorial Honouring Canada's Veterans

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President's Report



**John
Murphy
President**

Comrades, we are now into our busy season, with the 2 / 4 theme well underway. The 2nd Friday of every month is our Fish Fry night, and the 4th Friday of every month is our Beef on a Bun night run by the Ladies Auxiliary. Each is followed by entertainment. Check out our website and/or the white board for up-to-date information on any changes to this schedule due to holidays, and come out and join us!

At our last General Meeting we initiated 12 new members! Welcome! If you see them say hello.

The Legion is run by volunteers. There is one committee still needing a chair - the House committee. If you have some time and talent please put your name forward. What better way to show your support for our Veterans than keeping the Legion in ship-shape condition.

Remembrance Day is fast approaching. Comrade Gerry Belec has an insert in this Bullytin. Please read it and sign up for Poppy duty. Remember when we took our oath as Legion members we swore to help in the "Poppy Campaign". All we need is two hours of your time.

I look forward to seeing you at the Remembrance Day parade and service, everybody is welcome.

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me, or speak to me at the Branch.

John Murphy – President

House Report

We are getting ready for the fall Work Party. This year we will gather on Sunday, November 8th - starting at 8:30am.

We have specific tasks that need to be done and the old adage “Many hands make light work” really rings true. “The More the Merrier” also works so please put your name on the Work Party sign up sheet.

Come out and help us get the Branch ready for November 11th and show our veterans we care.



**John
Murphy
House
Chair**

Building Facelift Work Completed by Volunteers



Wayne O'Connor and Paul Penney help in the final stages of the facelift to the Legion building exterior.

Ways & Means Report

Things are starting to warm up around the Branch with more people coming in for meat draws and sports. We're really happy to see you back. The November Fish Fry is, as usual, the second Friday of the month (Nov. 13th). Once again, we're asking you to tell everyone that you know about the great meals that we serve. We've set a goal of 250 meals for this one. Please come out and help us meet it. We won't disappoint you if you don't disappoint us. While you're here for dinner, Mike tells me it's not too early to get in on the Early Bird Membership Draw. If you can't make it in to the Fish Fry there's always the Saturday Afternoon Meat Draw at 4:30pm following the Presidents Meat Draw at 3pm. Mike (or any of the Bar Stewards) would be more than happy to take your 2010 Legion dues.

We still have space in our Youth Dart League for youth between the ages of 10 and 18. We have a lot of fun and the kids make new friends and learn to play a sport that is helpful with their sportsmanship and math skills. This league is open to boys and girls and the parents do not have to be Legion members in order for them to participate.

Please take the time to enjoy your Branch and support all of the things that are happening here. It's your support that makes the Branch as successful as it is. *Continued next page...*

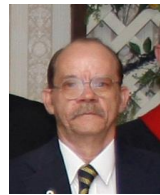
Your Ways & Means Committee



Dawn Lewis
1st Vice President



Al Blackburn
3rd Vice President



Wayne McKay
Committee Member

Ways & Means Report *continued*

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who stepped up and helped me in every possible way when my Mom (Joan) passed away. My family and I will be forever grateful.

Dawn Lewis - 1st Vice President, Ways & Means Chair

Special Events Report

On Wednesday, 11th November the Remembrance Day Parade will form up in Memorial Square at King and Sydenham streets in Dundas.



**Gord Sharpe
Special
Events Chair**

All Legion members and veterans are urged to attend, either as part of the parade, or at the War Memorial itself outside the Dundas Community Centre at King Street and Creighton Road.

10:15 am - Parade will fall in

10:30am - Parade marches off to Memorial at Community Center located at Creighton Road and King Street

12 noon - After service parade will march to the Branch 36 Legion site at 280 King Street

A Smile is contagious; just smile at someone and see their reaction.

Membership Report

Not much to report except the “Early Bird” Draw has started for members who renew their dues before November 30th. There will be a draw and you can win back your dues.



**Mike
Alkerton
Membership
Chair**

We must recruit new members to keep up our strength. So if you just “BRING ONE” we will maintain our numbers. Remember that membership is the life blood of the Legion. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me or Suzi Mellen.

P.S. The dues are still \$45.00.

“Just Bring One”

Canteen Report

We have a new bartender. His name is Ben Richardson. Welcome Ben. Nice to have you on board.



**Lynn Horner
Canteen**

One of our bartenders had to resign and we would like to wish her well in her future endeavors - good luck Codie.

Everything else seems to be going well.

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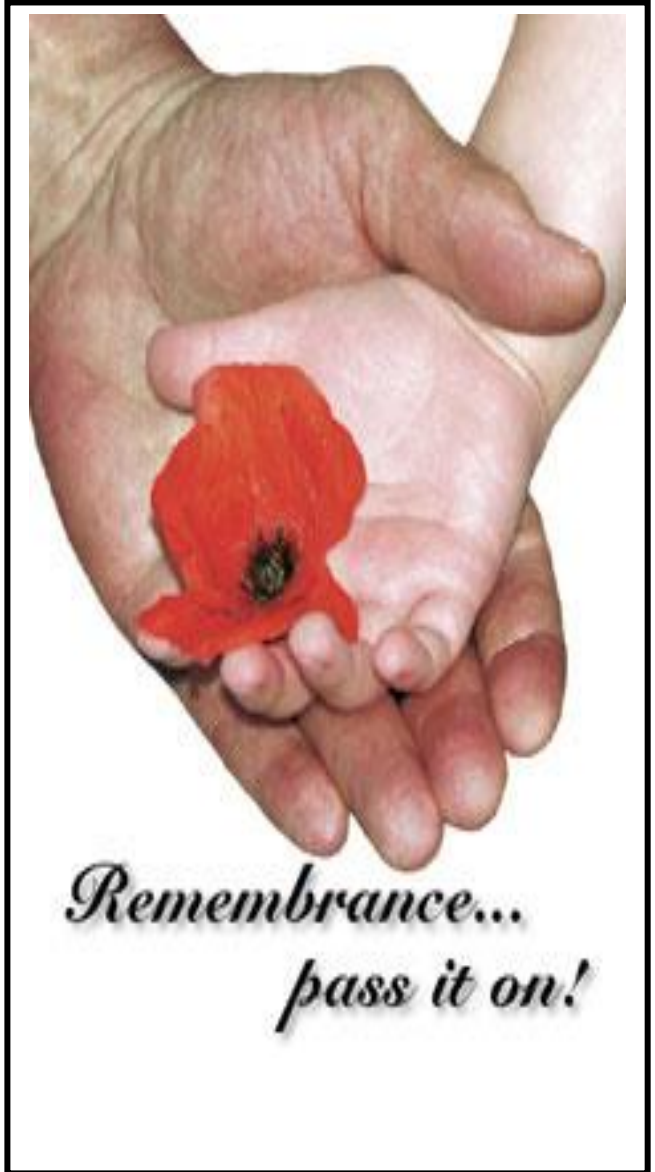
*Keeping you smiling
 from year to year*



Remembrance Day

Valley City Branch 36 Dundas

2009 Annual Poppy Day Campaign



Lest We Forget

Annual Poppy Day Fund Campaign

For the Relief of Veterans, their Widows and Orphans

Poppy Fund Committee

Gerry Belec

Faye Kielty

Cheri Harrington

Alan Magson

Stan Hicks

Dear Comrades and Friends,

May I take this opportunity to bring your mind 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 have 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, death, and 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 greatly received and acknowledged by a receipt.

We welcome you to join us in our Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph, at 10:45 a.m. on November 11th to remember.

Please forward your donation to Branch 36, The Royal Canadian Legion, 280 King Street West, Dundas, Ontario, L9H 1W1. Cheques should be made payable to The Dundas Poppy Fund. An official receipt will be forwarded for Income Tax purposes.

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

Yours Sincerely,

Gerry Belec
Chairperson
The Poppy Fund Committee



Gerry Belec
Poppy Fund
Chair

2009 Poppy Campaign - Poppy Sellers Needed

Campaign dates: October 30th, 31st, November 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th.

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

Thank you
Gerry Belec – Poppy Campaign Chairman

Branch 36 - Upcoming Events

Every Saturday President's Meat Draw -3-4pm
Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm

October - 2009

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

Friday, 9th October - John Henderson entertains - 7-11pm

Monday - 12th October - THANKSGIVING - CLOSED

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

Friday, 23rd October – Mike Woods entertaining – 7-11pm

November - 2009

Wednesday - 11th November - Remembrance Day Parade

All Legion members and veterans invited to take part

10:15am - Parade falls in at Memorial Square/Dundas Firehall

10:30am - Parade marches off to Memorial

10:45am - Memorial Service commences

12 noon - Parade marches off to Branch 36 Legion site

12:30pm - Presentations

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

Friday - 13th November - Fish Fry - Brett Butler entertaining
from 8-11pm with Country Music

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

December – 2009

Wednesday - 9th December - Veteran's Christmas Party - 6pm

Friday - 11th December - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm

Friday - 25th December - Christmas Day - CLOSED

Saturday - 26th December - Boxing Day - CLOSED

Thursday - 31st December - New Year's Party - 8pm

Invite friends and relatives to Legion events !

Ladies Auxiliary Report

The new season started off well with our first beef on a bun night which was held on September the 25th. The upcoming beef nights are Friday October 23rd and Friday November 27th. Dinner is served from 5:30 - 7:30 so please come out and enjoy a wonderful meal and help support your LA and your branch.



Terrie Gubbins
President
Ladies
Auxiliary

The LA will be holding their 2nd annual draw during the month of November. Please watch for information around the branch. There will be some wonderful prizes.

The next LA meetings will be held on Tuesday October the 13th, Tuesday November 10th and Tuesday December 8th. All meetings begin at 8:00 p.m. If anyone is interested in helping us help our branch please talk to an LA member today.

Yours in Comradeship,

Terrie Gubbins - President - Ladies Auxiliary

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Sick Report - Stan Hicks



**Stan Hicks
Sick / Last
Post Chair**

August - 2009

- 20 - Ray (Fuzz) Newington had a fall at home**
- 27 - Ray (Fuzz) Newington out and about**
- 27 - Rene Slote at home after short stay in hospital**
- 27 - Mel Stack at Mac - no change**

September - 2009

- 05 - Stella Glover at home - broken arm**
- 05 - Larry Shea at General - heart**
- 12 - Larry Shea at General - no visitors**
- 12 - Mel Stack at Mac - no change as per Suzi Mellen**
- 17 - Hal Hamilton at Henderson - heart**
- 18 - Hal Hamilton - back at Henderson - surgery**
- 18 - Larry Shea - at home of son - pacemaker**
- 21 - Mel Stack moved to St.Pete's**
- 23 - Mel Horner at Mac - no visitors**
- 24 - Mel Horner at Mac - surgery**
- 26 - Mel Horner at home**
- 29 - Talked to Mel Horner - sore and moving**

Last Post

Don Wilson - August 25, 2009
Gerhard Felgner - August 27, 2009
Earl Coleman - September 5, 2009
Gord Poyner - September 21, 2009
(Past President - 1950-1951)

We Will Remember Them

Youth Education Report

As Remembrance Day approaches, Valley City Branch 36 is preparing for our second annual Remembrance Poster Contest for local Grades 4 to 12 students.



Lorne Evans
**Youth
Education
Chair**

Registration packages are being sent to public, separate, and private schools in the region.

Hoping to build on last year's success, we expect to receive more fine Remembrance art work in all six categories by age, grade, colour, and black and white.

Please encourage the students you know to get involved through their schools. Branch members who are interested in helping are welcome to get in touch.

Entertainment Report

On Friday, 9th October, we will have Entertainment with John Henderson – Music for all ages from 7:00-11:00pm




Eamon Morgan
**Entertainment
Chair**

On Friday, 13th November, Brett Baker will return to entertain you from 8-11pm with Country Music after the Fish Fry.



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Sports Report

The triathlon was held on Sept. 26th and a great time was had by all those that participated. There were lots of prizes for everyone.

I have noticed some new players in the house leagues, and that's great but there is always room for more so check them out.



Len Owen
Sports
Chair

This is the Poppy Issue of the Bulletin and the Poppy is our way of showing remembrance of those who served our country past and present.

Please take time out to help sell Poppies and or visit some of our older members who are in the hospital or at home. Let them know you care.

Banquet Hall Rental

The Banquet Hall is available for rental. We will try to accommodate your wishes. The Wentworth Lounge downstairs is available for use on a first come basis. It will accommodate from 5-65 people. It is used for memorial services, meetings, birthdays, retirement parties, and any other party you can think of. Just call the office to book the room - (905) 627-7221. There is no charge.



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Why not put something in your Bullytin?



**Peter
Whittaker
Public
Relations
Chair**

I try to supply information of interest to members, as well as activities taking place at the Branch.

If you have a photograph taken at the Branch, that you think would look good in the Bullytin, please let me know. If you have a suggestion for a topic of interest to members of the Branch, please contact me and we'll see what we can do. It is only through input from you the membership that your Bullytin can be improved.

Peter Whittaker - Public Relations Officer

The teenager lost a contact lens while playing basketball in his driveway. After a fruitless search, he told his mother the lens was no where to be found. Undaunted, she went outside and in a few minutes returned with the lens in her hand. "How did you manage to find it, Mom?" the teenager asked. "We weren't looking for the same thing," she replied. "You were looking for a small piece of plastic. I was looking for \$150."



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Your Branch Colour Party needs You !

The Colour Party had a few members resign this summer and needs a few 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 7:00 p.m. in the Banquet Hall upstairs at the Branch.

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 the Church Parade. If interested please contact:

James Byron (Colour Party Commander) 905-627-7221

Attention Comrades: The Early Bird Drive to renew your membership has started. Members who renew before November 30th will be eligible for a draw to win your dues back. There will be 5 draws.

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