



# The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion  
December – 2009



**Corporal Chris Klodt and Bill Williamson, Veterans young and old, attend Remembrance Day service.**



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## President's Report



**John  
Murphy  
President**

It was my honour again this year to represent the Branch at our Remembrance Day ceremonies this past November 11th. The rain held off and all in attendance enjoyed the music supplied by the Parkside High School Orchestra and the timely fly-past with seven planes this year. The parade was larger this year and was well attended by cadets from all 3 service Branches.

All three service branches were well represented along with members of the Hamilton Wentworth 11th Battery and of course our Veterans, and Branch members. Also present was our Branch padre Rev. Sandilands who provided spiritual guidance and words of remembrance. Taking the salute was Derk Dunford, Argyll and Southern Highlanders, and Mike Johnston, Household Calvary.

A big thank you goes to comrade Gerry Belec, Cheri Harrington and their Poppy committee for their tireless effort. Thanks to all the Poppy Volunteers and thanks to those who supplied food for them. As legion members we should all remember when we took our Legion oath we committed to help in the Poppy campaign. What's a couple of hours distributing Poppies, or making an extra pot of stew? There are many ways to help. Why not ask?

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

**John Murphy**



## Ways & Means Report



Well Comrades, we asked you to tell everyone that know about the fabulous Fish Fry Friday's and it seems that a lot of you were listening. Thanks for all of your support. We fell just short of our goal of 250 meals but we did manage to serve 234 meals. Maybe we can hit the magic number in December. The fish fry will be Friday of 11<sup>th</sup> December. Please tell everyone to tell everyone what a great deal you get for this meal. We think the price is right, the food is great, and the portions are large. Dave Burden will be in following the dinner at 7:30 to entertain for the evening, so please plan on staying around and supporting YOUR Branch. It's you, the members that make our Branch as strong as it is, and we appreciate all of your support. If you would like to see something else happening around the Branch that you think others would be interested in, please speak to me or any other member of the executive. We are open to suggestions and would like to have some fun with you doing something different. Any suggestions???

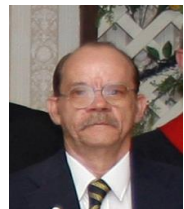
Remember that you do NOT have to be a Member to attend the Branch functions, so if bring your friends and family in and show them around, they will find this is a great place to meet new friends, share a chilled beverage, and just hang out and have some fun. Who knows, they may just be interested in joining the Legion and sharing their knowledge and talents with us. The more the merrier!



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



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



**Wayne McKay**  
Committee Member

## House Report

We had 28 members out to help prepare the branch for the 11<sup>th</sup> November. Thanks to their hard work both inside and out, we were ready to receive our visitors and guests on Remembrance Day.



**John  
Murphy  
House  
Chair**

I would like to welcome Malcolm Skingley and Hal Hamilton to the executive as our new joint House chairmen looking after our House committee needs both inside and out.

**John Murphy**



### *Donation accepted for Troops in Afghanistan*



Linda Sunisloe of Curves Dundas presents donations from Curves members to Mike Alkerton of Branch 36 Dundas, to purchase Tim Hortons for our troops in Afghanistan.

## Your Legion Branch Colour Party needs You

The Colour Party has had a busy month with the Remembrance Day parade, and taking part in the opening ceremonies for the semi-final Tiger Cat football game at Ivor Wynne stadium on November 15<sup>th</sup>.



**James Byron  
Colour Party  
Commander**

Due to resignations we've had, I hope you'll consider joining our group. 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. We meet at 7pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month 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 call James Byron (Colour Party Commander) at 905-578-2758

## Honouring our first Prime Minister



All members are invited to attend a celebration to honour our first Prime Minister – Sir John A. MacDonald on the 10<sup>th</sup> January at Gore Park. A parade will form up at the Plaza Hotel on King St. E. at 1:30 p.m. and march to the statue of Sir John at the corner of King & John Street.

A brief ceremony will take place and the parade will then return to the Lincoln Alexander Convention Centre for birthday cake and coffee. If you have a uniform, please wear it. A Legion and military presence would be nice.

**James Byron**

## Membership Report

Thanks to your co-operation the “**Early Bird**” drive is going very well.

We (You) have been recruiting very well, but we always have room for more members. If everyone “**Just Brings One**” we will continue to be the best Legion branch in the area.



**Mike  
Alkerton  
Membership  
Chair**

For those of you who have not yet renewed I would urge you to do so. If you can't make it to the Branch, mail in your dues and we will return same by mail. The dues structure is the same as past years - \$45.00. To remain in good standing your dues should be paid by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

As always if you have any concerns or questions please contact myself or Suzi Mellen.

**Mike Alkerton**



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## Poppy Fund Report

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who volunteered and took part in the Poppy Fund this year. I would also like to thank all those who prepared the great food for the volunteers who collected for the Poppy Fund.



**Gerry Belec**  
**Poppy**  
**Fund**

The money collected by the Poppy Fund is used for contributions to local residences where Veterans reside, and last year a substantial contribution was made to the McMaster University Medical Center's Childhood Cancer Research.

Collecting donations for the Poppy Fund is an activity for which the Branch attempts to supply manpower. Our Branch has over 800 members, and if more Legion members had volunteered, we would have collected even more money for the Fund. So next year please volunteer, even if only for an afternoon or evening, and Thank You again to all of those who volunteered this year.

**Gerry Belec**



### **Attention Comrades: Sports Turkey Roll News**

The next Turkey Roll will be held on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> December, 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

## **Branch 36 - Upcoming Events**

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

### **December - 2009**

Friday - 4<sup>th</sup> - Sports Turkey Roll - 8pm

**Wednesday - 9<sup>th</sup> - Veteran's dinner – bar opens 5:30pm –  
sit down to dinner – 6pm**

Friday - 11<sup>th</sup> - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm

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

**Thursday - 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Carol contest - Branch closes 6pm**

Friday - 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day - CLOSED

Saturday - 26<sup>th</sup> - Boxing Day – CLOSED

**Thursday – 31<sup>st</sup> - 8pm - New Year's Eve Pot Luck Party  
with Jim Byron and the Hi Fis**

**Welcome in the New Year 2010 with us**

### **January - 2010**

Friday - 1<sup>st</sup> - New Year's Day - CLOSED

Friday - 8<sup>th</sup> - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm

**Friday - 8<sup>th</sup> - Join Desi's tribute to Johnny Cash – 7-11pm**

Friday - 22<sup>nd</sup> - Beef on a Bun - 5:30pm - 7:30pm

**Friday - 22<sup>nd</sup> – Dave Burden from - 7-11pm**

**Saturday - 23<sup>rd</sup> - Robbie Burns Supper – 5:30pm**

### **February – 2010**

Friday - 12<sup>th</sup> - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm

**Saturday - 13<sup>th</sup> - “Support the Troops Valentine’s Dance”  
with The Grumpies – all proceeds go to support our troops  
- Tickets available in January - this dance sold out last  
year!**

See entertainment report page 9

**Invite friends and relatives to Legion events**

## Ladies Auxiliary Report

Ladies Auxiliary's 2nd annual draw is on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. at the Legion Sports Turkey Roll. Purchase tickets (25 for \$5) from any Aux. member. Tickets on sale at the legion: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. 4-9pm, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> Nov. 3-5pm, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2-4pm, Monday 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. 8-10pm, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> Nov. or 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 8-10pm.



**Terrie  
Gubbins  
President  
Ladies  
Auxiliary**

Prizes: 48" TV set (used - was in the main room at the legion), Maple Leaf Jersey signed by Daryl Sitler, Support Our Troops Legion Jacket, Digital Camera, Digital Photo Frame, GPS System, Food Hamper with Turkey and \$30 worth of Fortinos Gift Certificates, Christmas Village House, Animated Mrs. Claus, Kiss T-Shirt with Kid Rock Bobble Head, Handmade Quilted Carry Bag, Skin Creams.

## Entertainment Report

### December

11<sup>th</sup> - Dave Burden 50's 60's 70's music – 7-11pm  
31<sup>st</sup> – Join us at this New Year's Eve party with Jim Byron and the Hi Fis and pot luck supper  
And dance the night away.



**Eamon  
Morgan  
Entertain.  
Chair**

### January

8<sup>th</sup> - Desi and his tribute to Johnny Cash - 7-11pm  
29<sup>th</sup> - Dave Burden back by popular demand – 7-11pm

### February

13<sup>th</sup> - Valentine's Dance "SUPPORT OUR TROOPS"  
All proceeds go to support our troops. \*Prizes\* - The Grumpies music Great Turnout last year – get your tickets before they're all gone. Tickets on sale late January.

## Sick Report - Stan Hicks



**Stan Hicks  
Sick / Last  
Post Chair**

## November - 2009

Dorothy Morgan – St.Joes  
Bill Kelly – Mac

Sandra Hicks, Chris Slote, Gloria Vandergeld, Larry Shea and Jim Thornton have been in and out of hospital and are all on the road to recovery.

### **Last Post**

Sadly, since our last report we lost **Theresa Williams**, Ladies Auxiliary Past President and for about 25 years a tireless worker for the Poppy fund.

Also **Mel Stack**, husband of our secretary Sue Best.

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## Serving Members Take Salute at Remembrance Day



Derk Dunford, Argyll and Southern Highlanders, and Mike Johnston, Household Cavalry take salute.

### Banquet Hall Report

Are you planning a get together for the holidays? Why not use the Wentworth Room for your next event! We are available for parties of up to 60 people and it is always free to Legion Members. Call the Legion office 906 627 7221 for available dates and we will reserve the room for you. Book now and thank us later!

If you are planning a bigger event you can rent the Banquet Hall upstairs, there are still availabilities in the year and we are booking into next year if you are planning ahead! We will try to accommodate to your wishes for the night. Call the Legion office at the number listed to make a reservation. Catering is also available so you can make sure your guests are fed right!

**Kristen Blair** - Banquet Hall Chair



## **Special Events Report**

I wish to thank all those who participated in this year's Remembrance Day parade and service. I would also like to thank all who assisted me in the preparations and routines of the day.



**Gord Sharpe  
Special  
Events Chair**

I hope that everyone enjoyed the day.

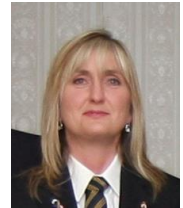
We will see you all next year!

**Gord Sharpe**



## **Honours and Awards Report**

Circle your calendars! March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 is our annual Honours and Awards Banquet! A list of those who are eligible for service pins will be posted in January and if we have your phone number you will be called. Look at your 2010 Membership Card to see if you are eligible - if "years of service" reads 6, 11, 16, 21, 26, etc. then we hope to see you. As we did in 2009, our Ladies Auxiliary will be joining us for the evening. We enjoy a wonderful meal and a dance follows. Everyone is welcome to attend. Those receiving their 40, 45, 50, 55 or 60 year pins will have the cost of their ticket refunded at the door. Tickets will be on sale in January 2010 - get yours early as last year was sold out. Please speak with me if you know someone you think should receive a certificate of Merit or Appreciation.



**Suzi Mellen  
Honours  
and Awards  
Chair**

**Suzi Mellen**

## Youth Education Report

This year's Remembrance contests sponsored by Valley City Branch 36 have been very successful. Over 3 dozen local public and private elementary and secondary schools were invited to participate, and students from grade 3 to grade 12 submitted posters, poetry, and essays on the theme of Remembrance. The work this year was generally very good, and every school which submitted work had students who did exceptionally good work, and who won prizes.



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

In the Remembrance contests the winners were as follows:

**Coloured posters:** Alana Tees - grade 4 Dundana, Taylor Parsons - grade 10 Westmount, Sydney Kennelly - grade 12 Notre Dame House School. **Black and white posters:** Samuel DeBruin - grade 4 Living Hope Academy, Brodie Dendekker - grade 9 Rehoboth. **Poetry:** Sarah Pennings - grade 6 and Sarah Noorduyn - grade 8 and Kimberly deHaan - grade 12 all of Rehoboth Christian School. **Essays:** Andrew Lobbezoo - grade 8 and Amanda Naves - grade 12 both of Rehoboth Christian School.

We thank all the teachers who encourage their students to get involved in our Branch's annual Remembrance observance, and hope to continue to build on each year's success

Special thanks to John Murphy and Suzi Mellen for their assistance in judging a significant and surprising amount of excellent work.

**Lorne Evans**



## Sports Report

The inter Legion sports are now on the sports board and more will added as space permits. Please check them out and sign up for the ones that interest you. You must have paid your 2010 membership in order to participate.



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

We are hosting Zone Snooker on 2<sup>nd</sup> January and District Snooker on 16<sup>th</sup> January so come out and support our teams. We will also be hosting the Zone Euchre on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> and we would like to have at least 10 teams playing for Dundas.

On Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 we will have Euchre games in the Wentworth room, If you don't know how to play Euchre come out and we will teach you.

Wishing all the very best for the holiday season.






**Len Owen**

**Attention Comrades: As usual, we are collecting canned goods for needy families. Donations can be brought to the Branch until December 20<sup>th</sup>.**  
**Thank you for your support**

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## Volunteering - A Satisfying Experience



**Peter  
Whittaker  
Public  
Relations  
Chair**

I recently volunteered time to the Dundas Poppy Fund. Some may think it's difficult but it's so easy. I took a donation box and poppies to an assigned location and immediately people began to make contributions and all I did was hand out the poppies and thank people.

Several people thanked me for volunteering and asked me what did the Legion do with the money. I made them aware that the Legion doesn't keep it, the money belongs to the Dundas Poppy Fund. The Dundas Poppy Fund uses the money in our own community. Last year the Poppy Fund gave \$10,000 to the McMaster University Medical Center Children's Hospital for Cancer Research and gave another \$10,000 dollars to St. Joseph's Villa in Dundas for use with veterans who reside at the villa.

After I finished my allotted time, I went back to the Branch and had my pick of several hot meals available for Poppy volunteers.

While taking donations I wondered why more Legion members did not volunteer a couple of hours to distribute poppies. Was it because they thought they would be selling Poppies, like someone sells Girl Scout Cookies? If so then I think this article may make it clear I didn't sell poppies - I collected donations and gave out poppies. Next time you hear a request for volunteers to distribute poppies, please put your name down for a few hours and you will find it a most satisfying experience.

**Peter Whittaker**



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