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Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion

February – 2010



**Branch 36 members gather on Christmas Eve and take part in a carol singing contest.**

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## President's Report

Welcome to 2010, this promises to be an exciting year at the branch. Everyone I have talked to has a positive outlook about the economy, unlike the beginning of last year. This all bodes well for the health of the branch. Our Christmas and New Year celebrations went very well with both events being well attended.



**John  
Murphy  
President**

By the time you read this our 4th annual Burns supper will be over and we will be looking forward to our Support the Troops dance on Feb 13<sup>th</sup>. The entertainment will again be supplied by The Grumpies. Anyone who was there last year will tell you they were great. The tickets are available at the bar \$10.00.

Mother Nature seems to be giving us a break with only one snowplough expense so far. Let's hope this is the winter that wasn't.

The next General Meeting will be on Wednesday March 17<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. It is important that you keep yourself informed about what is happening within your Branch and this is a good way to have your say.

Thank you to all those unsung volunteer heroes who tirelessly help throughout the year. Without You there would be no Branch. The Legion runs on volunteers. If you have a skill or just want to help let us know. I'm sure we can find something for you to do. Thanks again.

**John Murphy**

## Ways & Means Report

The Ways and Means Committee would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. We're really happy to see that so many of you have had your fill of turkey for awhile and decided to join us for the first fish fry of the new year. Another success thanks to you the members, and the families, and the friends, and the neighbors, and well, you get the picture. Now it's time to start thinking about everyone that you haven't told yet, and get them in here on the second Friday in February for the next Fish Fry. Who knows, they just might enjoy themselves so much that they will want to tell their friends about us. Maybe they might even be interested in becoming a member of our Branch.

We are also planning on having another "Parking Lot/Trunk Sale in the late Spring, (maybe around the end of May) so start setting aside the treasures that you no longer want or need. Who knows just how much someone else will pay you for it. We have a lot of fun and we make some money doing it! These are the things that help keep our Branch as strong as it is. We'll give you more info closer to the time.

If you have any other suggestions for things that you would like to see happening, please let us know. No idea is a bad idea, any idea will definitely be considered.

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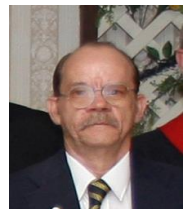
### Ways And Means Committee



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



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



**Wayne McKay**  
Committee Member

Finally, don't forget to put your Loonie in an envelope with your name on it and drop it in the box near the entrance to the washrooms. There are always two great selections of meat to be won every Saturday at 4:30 following the Presidents Meat Draw at 3pm.

Thanks for everything that you do to make everything that we do such a success.

**Dawn Lewis**

**Christmas Eve - Aah contentment at last**



Paul Penney, Mike Alkerton(Santa), Brian Holme and Wayne Birch enjoy watching comrades take part in Christmas Eve caroling contest.

## Colour Party Report

The Colour Party has had another busy month. On Sunday January 10<sup>th</sup> we paraded in downtown Hamilton to celebrate the birthday of our first Prime Minister - Sir John A. Macdonald.



**James Byron**  
**Colour Party**  
**Commander**

Once again marching behind our own Dundas piper Don Muir, we gathered at the statue of Sir John at the corner of King and John for a short ceremony. We were accompanied by 2 Mounties and 2 members of an Honour guard wearing uniforms from the 1800's.

In attendance were a large number of politicians and dignitaries including TVO personality Steve Paikin. We made such an impression that the organizer of the event ran down the street as we were leaving to take our flags back to my van and thanked the Colour Party personally for attending and let them know we made a favorable impression on everyone in attendance. As always we have openings in the Colour Party for new members.

If interested please contact me through the Branch.

**James Byron**

### **Attention Comrades: Easter Ham & Turkey Roll News**

The next Turkey Roll will be held on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2010. Be sure to get your tickets early, as all tickets for the last Turkey Roll were sold out before the event. Spins on the wheel to follow.

## Membership Report

To those “Early Birds” and others who renewed before 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2009  
THANKYOU !



**Mike  
Alkerton  
Membership  
Chair**

We still have about 250 members who have not renewed. I would urge you to do so before 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2010. You can drop by the Branch, or if you can't make it in, mail in your dues and we will return your card by mail.

Dues are still \$45.00/

The “Early Bird” winners for 2010 were Paul Jefferson, Kelly Younger and Mike Williamson.

Those members who are in arrears will receive a notice. Please give it your prompt attention. As always if you have any concerns or questions please contact me.

**Mike Alkerton**

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## Ladies Auxiliary Report

The Ladies Auxiliary hopes everybody had a happy and healthy Christmas and New Years. Now that the holiday season is over we can jump right back into our events.

Our 2nd Annual Draw was held on Friday, December 4th. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people for their donations towards the draw table:

Legion for the 52" TV Set

Brenda Sherring for the Handmade Quilted Purse

Mark Fleming for the Support our Troops Jacket

Cathie Belmore for the Skin Cream Set and Toronto Maple Leaf T-Shirt and Boxer Shorts

Steve Rouw for the Kiss T-Shirt and Kid Rock Bobble Head.

Your generosity is much appreciated and we thank you greatly.

The following people were the winners from the draw: Peter Arnold(Toronto Maple Leaf T-Shirt and boxer shorts), Muriel Hodgson(Skin Cream Gift Set), Grace Scott(Handmade Quilted Purse), Melanie Haworth(Christmas Village House), Len Chetwyn(Kiss T-Shirt and Kid Rock Bobble Head), Ruth Schiller(Animated Mrs. Claus), Dave Seguin(Digital Picture Frame), Kelly Hunter(Signed Toronto Maple Leaf Jersey), Debbie Cooley(Support our Troops Jacket), Cathie Belmore(GPS), Kirk Hopkins(Food Hamper) and Debbie McManus(52" TV). Thank you to all for participating in the draw and making it a success.

The upcoming Beef on a Bun nights are as follows:



**Terrie  
Gubbins  
President  
Ladies  
Auxiliary**

February 26th, March 26th, April 23rd and May 28th. Come on out and enjoy dinner, entertainment and support your LA and your legion all at the same time. If you know of any Legion or LA member who is ill or cannot get out but would love to enjoy our dinner let us know and we'll work out getting dinner out to them. Please contact us for further information.

The Ladies Auxiliary 65th Birthday celebration will be held in conjunction with the Branch Honours and Awards on Saturday March the 6th. We look forward to another enjoyable evening. It is really a great opportunity for all members to see your fellow comrades being recognized for the great work that they do around the branch. If you know of an LA member who would like to attend this night please contact one of our Comrades.

The members of the LA will be participating in all upcoming LA sporting events which are, Cribbage, Darts and Euchre.

If you know of anyone that would be interested in becoming a member of the LA please contact one of our Comrades.

Yours in comradeship,

**Terrie Gubbins – Ladies Auxiliary Chair**

**Congratulations to member Elmer Ernest Cantello on his  
205<sup>th</sup> contribution to Canadian Blood Services.  
Elmer we are proud of you.**

## Entertainment Report

### Friday – 12<sup>th</sup> February - Fish Fry

Entertainment by Mike Woods - 7-11pm

### Saturday – 13<sup>th</sup> February – “Support Our Troops” Valentine’s Dance – 8-12pm

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.

### Friday – 26<sup>th</sup> February – Beef on a Bun

Entertainment - Celtic music from “Uncorked” – 7-11pm

### Friday – 12<sup>th</sup> March – Fish Fry

Entertainment - Country music with Brett Baker – 7-11pm

### Friday – 26<sup>th</sup> March - Beef on a Bun

Entertainment by Mike Woods - 7-11pm

## Canteen Report

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Year.

Every thing is going well in the canteen, if you have any questions or suggestions please let me know.

**Lynn Horner**



**Eamon  
Morgan  
Entertain.  
Chair**



**Lynn  
Horner  
Canteen  
Chair**

## Sick Report - Stan Hicks

### December - 2009

Bruce DeLottinville, Jim Thornton, Dawn Lewis,  
Mac Payne, Ken Slote, Ed Graham, Jim McHugh  
in and out of hospital

Dick Howarth in General

Bill Kelly moved to Bertram Place

Ted Ofield moved to Blackadars

### January - 2010

Bob Potter, Jim Whitlaw, Bill Southall and Marv Turpin in  
and out of hospital

Jim McHugh in General



**Stan Hicks  
Sick / Last  
Post  
Chair**

### **Last Post**

**Herbert Pickett – 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2009**

**Bill Santry – 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2009**

**We Will Remember Them**

## Welcoming in the New Year at the Branch



**Everyone had a good time welcoming in the New Year. Gary and Sue Logue danced, and Debbie Held and Janet Morgan posed for the camera at New Years.**

### **House Report**

Hal Hamilton has accepted the position as House Chair. Let's welcome Hal and don't be shy if he asks you for help on the many little things that always need done around the Branch

### **John Murphy**



**John  
Murphy  
House  
Chair**

**Membership is the lifeblood of the Branch. Are your 2010 dues paid? See Mike Alkerton or myself at the Branch – JBO – Just Bring One! It is easy to join, just ask or bring a new member.**

### **Suzi Mellen - Membership Co-chair**

## Honours and Awards Report

Happy New Decade to all! Our annual Honours and Awards Banquet will be held Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 at the Branch. This will also include our Ladies Auxiliary.

I will be making calls in February to those eligible for pins. By 14<sup>th</sup> February, if you believe you are eligible and have not received a phone call, please call the Branch and leave me a message. Your 2010 membership card needs to read 6, 11, 16, 21, etc. (for years of service) to receive a pin.

Tickets will be on sale in February. This event was a sellout last year so get your \$15.00 tickets early. If you would like to nominate someone for an award, please leave a note in the Honours and Awards mail box in the Branch, or see me at the Branch.

This promises to be a great night of celebration with the Hi Fi's providing music for a dance to enhance the evening.

### **Suzi Mellen**



**Suzi Mellen**  
**Honours**  
**and Awards**  
**Chair**

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The following poem was submitted to the recent Branch 36 Remembrance competition by Kimberly deHaan, a Grade 12 student at Rehoboth Christian School.

### *Homeward-Bound*

Dear Rosanne,  
The war stumbles on, As if nothing went amiss,  
For if you are reading this letter, I have already arrived home.  
The fighting was an unending chore.  
Noise presented a constant reminder,  
Of sin being the driving power. So me and the boys, we  
prayed.  
Explosions were a common occurrence, Testing one's will  
past endurance.  
The men on my squad formed a team, Putting our differences  
aside, we fought.  
"Onward! Onward!" was the command. "Fight for what you  
believe in!"  
So I bled for my country, for you, For my unborn child, for  
God. I believed.  
Your love kept me going, Through the brigades, the foxholes,  
the gassing.  
But my time came, For the Lord was calling my name.  
Give our child the love I never could. Tell of the Truth for  
which I stood.  
Together, I know you will cope, But if in doubt, look up for  
reassuring hope.  
I want you to move on in life. Be someone else's wife.  
Love again with all your heart, Don't let it fall apart.  
My Battle has been fought, The Victory is won.

Love, William

## 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 host Zone Snooker on Jan. 2nd and District Snooker on Jan. 16th so come out and support our teams. We also host Zone Euchre on Feb. 20th and we would like to have at least 10 teams playing for Dundas. On Wed. nights from 6:30 to 8:30 we will have Euchre games in the front room, if you don't know how to play come out and we will teach you.

**Len Owen**

**Thanks to all who donated to our Christmas Food Drive.  
Your generosity is appreciated!**

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## Branch 36 - Upcoming Events

**Every Saturday President's Meat Draw -3-4pm**  
**6 chances to win every week**

**Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm**  
**2 chances to win every week**

### February - 2010

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

and entertainment by Mike Woods – 7-11pm

**Saturday - 13<sup>th</sup> - “Support the Troops Valentine’s Dance”** with The Grumpies – all proceeds go to support our troops 8pm to 12 midnight - All are welcome

**Friday - 26<sup>th</sup> - Beef on a Bun - 5:30pm-7:30pm**

and entertainment by "Uncorked" - Celtic Music - 7-11pm

### March - 2010

**Saturday - 6<sup>th</sup> - Honours and Awards Dinner** - Tickets available at Branch. Bar opens - 5:30pm / Dinner - 6:30pm

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

and entertainment by Brett Baker - 7-11pm

**Wednesday - 17<sup>th</sup> - Annual General Meeting**

All members invited - new members to be inducted - 8pm

**Friday – 19<sup>th</sup> - Easter Ham & Turkey Roll - 8pm** – get your tickets early. Spins on wheel to follow.

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**Hope to see you all at the ‘Support the Troops’  
Dance on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2010.**

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