



# The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion

April – 2010



**Mike Alkerton, Past President Branch 36, reacts to the announcement of his award of the Meritorious Service Medal at the recent Honours and Awards Banquet.**



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## President's Report

Winter is over and we cannot complain about the weather. The Branch has done well with the membership supporting all of our activities including Fish Fry's, Beef on the Bun and our Turkey Roll.



**John  
Murphy  
President**

The general meeting was held on March 17<sup>th</sup>, attendance could have been better. This was your opportunity to express your opinion on how your Executive are running your Branch. Remember decisions are made at these meetings not in the club room. We did welcome 24 new members to the Branch. Say hello when you next see our new members in the club room.

The Branch elections will be held on Wednesday May 5<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm sharp. Come out and vote for your new Executive. If you are interested in running for office let us know and someone will nominate you.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to talk to me, another member of the executive, or leave me a message at the office and I will be happy to call you and address them.

Our Church Parade will be Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2010. Please check the notice board in the club room for assembly details.

We are still in need of a volunteer who has some building skills to champion the House Committee for inside projects. If you can spare a few hours a week and can help please let us know. This is a very rewarding position and you will have lots of help.

**John Murphy**

## Ways & Means Report

Welcome to a new season at Branch 36. Winter sports and events are winding down and plans are being made for the summer months. We hope that you will consider joining us at the Branch for some (or all) of them.

The Fish fry's will continue all summer long on the second Friday of each month and the Family BBQ's are back as well. The first one is on Father's Day, Sunday June 20th. What a great way to tell the Dad's out there that you love them. Treat them to a delicious dinner. The Branch opens at 2:30 so that you are able to enjoy a chilled beverage before dinner. The actual dinner will be served from 4pm until 6pm. The meal consists of steak (cooked to order), chicken, or hamburgers, with potatoes, salads, fried onions, rolls, and all of the fixing's including sour crême, pickles, olives, tomatoes, etc. We are really looking forward to seeing you and your family and friends at these events.

We are also planning our Spring Parking Lot/Trunk Sale. So when you do your Spring Cleaning and/or de-cluttering your house, consider setting the items you no longer want, or need aside, and renting a space in the parking lot to sell these things and make a few bucks (the Branch will also be accepting donations for the Legion table if you prefer).

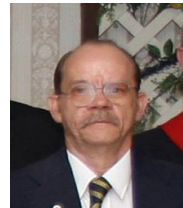
### **Your Ways & Means Committee**



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



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



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

## Ways and Means Report continued

The date has been set for Saturday June 5th. Watch the Blue Books, the White Board, or check the Website for more details.

As well, don't forget that Branch elections are being held on May 5th, at 8pm. Bring your membership card and have your say on who you would like to see running for the Executive, that runs YOUR Branch. Remember these are the people that volunteer to work for YOU. Maybe you might even be interested in becoming an executive member.

Once again, thank you all for your support in all of the events that we hold at the Branch for you, the members. Without you none of this would be possible. Thank You.

### **Dawn Lewis – Ways & Means Chair**

### Special Events Report

On Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2010 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.

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.

### **Gord Sharpe**



**Gord Sharpe**  
**Special**  
**Events Chair**

## House Report

As spring is upon us, we are starting to look outside, and with this in mind it is **RECRUITMENT TIME** once again for volunteers for our **SPRING CLEANUP**.



**Hal  
Hamilton  
House  
Chair**

The cleanup will be on Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup> at 8.30am and if you can spare a couple of hours to help get the Branch ready for the Church Parade add your name to the sign up on the sheet located on the wall beside the office. Just bring a friend, a rake or a broom along with your appetite. Just remember "Many hands make light work".

**Hal Hamilton**

**“Counting on Your support”**

## Colour Party Report

The Colour Party had the chance to present the colours at the Honours & Awards Dinner on 6<sup>th</sup> March - where Suzi Mellen, Greg Sherring and Chris Slote were presented with Certificates of Appreciation.



**James Byron  
Colour Party  
Commander**

Dorothy Foord was presented with an award for long service to the Colour Party.

On 17<sup>th</sup> March at the General Meeting we again presented the colours. As always we have openings in the Colour Party for new members.

**If interested please contact:**

**James Byron (Colour Party Commander) 905-578-2758**

# Membership Report

## Membership

Thank you for your renewals. We are on track to be close to last year's numbers. We are always recruiting new membership so **“Just bring one”**.



**Mike  
Alkerton  
Membership  
Chair**

If we do not have your e-mail address we would like to have it. It will be used only for Branch 36 reports. As always, any questions please contact me.

**Mike Alkerton**

## Bursary

If grandchildren or children of Ordinary or Associate members are in post secondary school they may be eligible for a Bursary from the Legion. Please contact me if you have questions.

**Mike Alkerton**

**“Just Bring One”**

  
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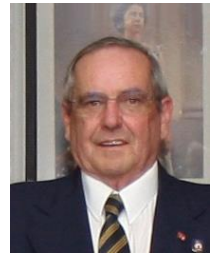
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## Poppy Fund Report

At the recent Honours and Awards Banquet we were 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.

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



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

### Post Euchre Practice Party



**Marianne Jansink, Sally Lennard, Maggie Mulder, Edna Hall, Fay Pearlman, Joan Chontos and Bonnie Patro all met at Joan's house to practice Euchre for the Zone Euchre Tournament held at the Branch on 20th February, 2010.**

## Branch 36 - Upcoming Events Calendar

**Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm**

### May 2010 Events

**Wednesday – 5<sup>th</sup> May** - Annual Branch Elections - 8pm

**Friday – 14<sup>th</sup> May** - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm

**Saturday – 22<sup>nd</sup> May** - Perennial Plant Day - 11am-1pm

**Friday – 28<sup>th</sup> May** - Beef on a Bun - 5:30pm-7-30pm

**Saturday – 30<sup>th</sup> May** - Spring Work Party - 09:00am

### June 2010 Events

**Sunday - 6<sup>th</sup> June** - Branch 36 D-day Church Parade

09:45am - Fall in at Branch

10:00am - March Off

10:30am - Church Service at St.James Church Melville Street

All Legion members are welcome to attend service

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

**Sunday - 20<sup>th</sup> June** Branch open 2pm - Family BBQ - 4-6pm

### July 2010 Events

**Friday –Thursday - 1<sup>st</sup> July** - Canada Day – 2-5pm

Good Neighbor BBQ - Hot Dogs and Burgers for neighbors  
of Royal Canadian Legion Valley City Branch 36

**9<sup>th</sup> July** - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm

**Sunday - 18<sup>th</sup> July** Branch open 2pm - Family BBQ - 4-6pm

### August 2010 Events

**Friday - 13<sup>th</sup> August** - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm

**Sunday - 22<sup>nd</sup> August** Branch open 2pm Family BBQ 4-6pm

**Invite friends and relatives to Legion events**

## Ladies Auxiliary Report

The upcoming beef on a bun nights will be held on Friday April 23rd and Friday May 28th. These are the last two for this season. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our customers, supporters and helpers. We couldn't accomplish it without you.



**Terrie  
Gubbins  
President  
Ladies  
Auxiliary**

Our Birthday Banquet/Branch Honours and Awards was a complete success. We would like to congratulate the following recipients of service pins and certificates:

### Service Pins

Kay Southall - 50 year pin - Way to go Kay

Anne Hayes - 35 year pin

Jean Miller - 35 year pin

Debbie Cooley - 30 year pin

Terry Kobylinski - 15 year pin

Terrie Gubbins - 15 year pin

Sue Skelpowicz - 10 year pin

### Certificates of Merit

Terry Kobylinski

Terrie Gubbins

### Certificates of Appreciation

Gerry Hopkins, Sue Sklepowicz, Dana Dilabbio, Debbie Cooley, Pat Raynsford, Lorrie Deneau, Suzi Mellen and Marie Kobylinski.

Congratulations to all and thank you for all of your time and efforts to ensure our organization is a success.

The LA Singles and Doubles Provincial Darts is being held in Pickering on Saturday April 24th. Sue Sklepowicz is partic-

pating in the singles and the teams of Sue Sklepowicz and Dana Dilabbio as well as Terry Kobylinski and Terrie Gubbins are participating in the doubles. On April the 10th the LA Team District Dart tournament is being held in Waterdown. The teams of Debbie Cooley, Lorrie Deneau, Pat Raynsford and Marie Kobylinski as well as Terry Kobylinski, Sue Skelpowicz, Dana Dilabbio and Terrie Gubbins will be attending. Good luck to everyone in both tournaments.

If you know of anyone that is interested in joining the LA please ask them to talk to one of our comrades with any questions so that we can educate future members on our organization.

Yours in Comradeship,

**Terrie Gubbins – Ladies Auxiliary Chair**

### **Attention Gardeners! - Perennial Plant Recycling Day**

Are you dividing or pulling out any perennials this spring? We could reuse them here at the Branch, just drop them off at the Branch between the **11am and 1pm on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2010.**

We will recycle your perennials and help beautify the property. They will be placed in our horseshoe pits area, and along the outside of the fence on the Peel Street entrance to the Branch. You will be able to see your plants grow again.

You could also stay afterwards for the Presidential Meat Draw at 3pm as this will be the last Presidential Meat Draw until next fall. Thank you.

**Suzi Mellen**

## Sick Report - Stan Hicks

### January 2010

- 13 - Marv Turpin at home
- 14 - Jim McHugh at home
- 15 - Chuck Clarkson at Mac

### February - 2010

- 1 - Chuck Clarkson at home
- 1 - Dick Howarth - out and about
- 4 - Marg Mulder at General
- 11 - Marg Mulder at home
- 11 - Austin McManamy moved to St.Joe's villa
- 12 - Jim McHugh - out and about
- 13 - Murray Floyd at Mac for tests
- 18 - Bob Jennings at General for tests
- 19 - Murray Floyd still having tests
- 22 - Ed Graham at General
- 24 - Howard Wilson at Mac

### March 2010

- 4 - Bob Jennings at home
- 4 - John DeWilde at home
- 8 - Bev Hudson at General
- 15 - Bruce Delottinville
- 15 - Bev Hudson at home
- 30 - Marv Turpin at St.Joes



**Stan Hicks  
Sick / Last  
Post Chair**

### **Last Post**

**Bill Place – 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2010**  
**Fred Kraav – 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2010**  
**Ed Grahams – 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2010**  
**Don Clark – 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2010**  
**Kelly Arnold – 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2010**

**We Will Remember Them**

## Marie Kobylinski - Legionnaire of the Year – 2010



Marie Kobylinski was presented with the Legionnaire of the Year award by John Murphy, President of Branch 36, and given control of the remote for the TV in the club room by last year's Legionnaire of the year Jim Sherring.

### Banquet Hall Report

Hello fellow comrades, I would like to take this time to remind you that the Banquet Hall and Wentworth room are always available. The Banquet Hall can be booked with a deposit for any event you need to plan and the cost is always friendly to your wallet. The Wentworth Room is also available free of charge to anyone.

All bookings can be made by calling the Legion office at 905-627-7221. Should you need your event to be catered, our chef can make a great meal for a great price and will leave you satisfied and smiling.

**Kristen Blair** - Banquet Hall Chair

# Honours and Awards Report

With thanks to all attendees, the annual Honours and Awards and Ladies Auxiliary 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday Banquet was an unprecedented success.



Congratulations to:

**Marie Kobylinski - 2009 Legionnaire of the Year**

Congratulations to:

**Al Magson and Paul Penney**, who were awarded **Lifetime Legion Memberships**

Congratulations to:

**Mike Alkerton** who was awarded the **Meritorious Service Medal**

and to all of the other recipients of pins and certificates.

An album of photographs of the event is available in the Branch for you to enjoy.

Next year's event will be on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2011. The sooner you become a member, the sooner you will have your 5 year membership pin.

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## Sports Report

Congratulations to two of our mixed dart teams that qualified to play at District in May, and our euchre team that won Zone and will be playing at District in April.



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

I would like to form a Sports Committee. If you are interested in joining me on this committee please come and see me.

There are still some events on the sports board so take a look and sign up.

Yours in Sports

**Len Owen**

### Do you have any Canadian Tire Money?

**We continue to collect Canadian Tire Money at the Branch to use for the purchase of gardening material. There is a collection box near the information board. Your donations are appreciated. If you don't have any Canadian Tire Money, why not drop in some coins?**

**Thank you - Suzi Mellen**



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## Youth Education Report



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

I am very pleased to report that, in the second year of the Youth Education programme's re-introduction, a number of Branch 36 Valley City Legion student participants in our Remembrance poster, poetry, and essay competitions, as well as in Public Speaking, have won further honours at the Zone level, and beyond! They are as follows:

Remembrance Colour Poster: Senior - Bronze Medal (Zone)

Remembrance Poetry: Junior – Bronze Medal (Zone)  
Intermediate - Silver (Zone)  
Senior - Silver (Zone)

Essay: Intermediate – Silver (Zone)  
Senior – Gold (District) - Advancing to Provincial

Public Speaking: Senior - Gold (Zone) - Advancing to District

A great deal of appreciation has been expressed by teachers, parents, principals and students regarding the Branch's support and generosity towards local youth.

I hope to continue to build on this year's successes.

If you have access to a computer with internet access you can view this Bullytin online at the following link:

<http://www.br36dundas.org/bullytin/bullytin.htm/1005.doc>

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