



The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion

October – 2010



*Remembrance...
pass it on!*

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President's Report

Comrades, I hope you all had a great summer and are looking for some other form of entertainment for the fall and winter. We are now back into our busy season, with Fish Fry nights on the 2nd Friday of every month, and the Beef on a Bun nights run by the Ladies Auxiliary, on the 4th Friday of every month. Each is followed by entertainment.



**John
Murphy
President**

We are trying a new form of entertainment called, “Open Mike Night” where guests who have a musical or other form of entertainment skill come out and share their talents with us, why not come out and enjoy their efforts. 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 in the branch say hello.

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

As we are coming into the fall season and like every year before we start asking for volunteers for the fall work party to help get the building and grounds ship shape for Remembrance week.



Hal Hamilton
House Chair

A sign-up sheet will be posted by the door next to the smoking area door. Everyone is welcome to come as we have inside and outside jobs to be done.

This years work party will be held on Sunday, 7th November, 2010 starting at 8.00am. Lunch will be served to all those who attend.

“Many Hands Make Light Work”

Branch 36 enters float in Cactus Festival Parade



Branch 36 had a float in the 2010 Cactus Festival Parade. The float is seen above as it proceeded along Park Street.

Photo supplied by Murray Floyd.

Ways & Means Report

It is with great sadness that I lost my cochair of the Ways & Means Committee. I can't begin to tell you how much Wayne McKay is missed. We Will Remember Him.



**Dawn Lewis
Ways and
Means Chair**

The BBQ's are all packed up for the season, but the Fish Fries continue year round. They are as always, on the second Friday of each month. Come one, come all! Best price, Best people, and the Best Fish'n Chips in the entire area. I have not heard of anyone leaving hungry, and believe me, I know some pretty hungry people. We won't mention any names but you and most others know who you are! I would also like to take this opportunity to say that if you're not happy with your meal, or any part of it, please speak up. If we don't know that there is a problem, we can't fix it. We're not happy 'till you're happy!

The Thanksgiving Ham and Turkey Roll was almost a complete sell out. Thank you to everyone that sold some tickets, bought some tickets and helped out with the draw. I couldn't have done it with out you. Thank you.

The Christmas Turkey Roll is on Friday December 3rd, at 8pm. Tickets will be available in early November at the usual \$5.00 each for forty chances to win. The L.A. will also be holding their annual Christmas Draw on the same evening so be sure to mark that date on you calendar. It will be great night to be with great people and to go home with something to enjoy for Christmas.

Be sure to get here early. The place will be packed.

Finally, for those of you who were not at the last General

Meeting - I have lost my hearing. I am now clinically deaf. If you speak to me and I don't respond it may be that I am ignoring you, but it's most probably because I don't hear you. Please face me when you are speaking to me, so that I can read your lips, and please also be patient with me when I ask you to repeat yourself. If I give you an answer to a question that you didn't ask, you now have two options. Accept the answer that you were given or ask the question again. I've lost my hearing, not my sense of humor! My lip reading is getting better, but it's far, far from perfect. This is by no means a request for sympathy of any sort, just a request for your patience. Apparently, some of the answers that I give to questions that I thought you asked, when you actually asked something completely different are quite humorous, so is the look on your face when you hear the right answer to the wrong question!

Special Events Report

On Wednesday, 11th November the Remembrance Day Parade will form up at Sydenham and King Streets in Dundas. All Legion members and veterans are urged to attend, either as part of the parade, or at the War Memorial outside the Community Centre on King Street West.

10:15am - Parade fall in

10:30am - Parade marches off to Memorial at Community Center at King and Market Streets

12 noon - After the service the parade will march to the Branch for refreshments.

Sports Report - John Murphy

The triathlon was held on Sept. 25th and a great time was had by all who participated. There were lots of prizes for everyone. Watch the notice boards for the Legion sports event sign-up sheets with dates and locations.



**Gord Sharpe
Special Events
Chair**

Membership Report

“Good News” - the dues for 2011 will remain at \$45.00. Please try to be an **“Early Bird”** - that is paid membership before November 30th.



**Mike
Alkerton
Membership
Chair**

After a slow summer it improves the financial health of the Branch. There will be a draw for free memberships after November 30th - one draw for every 100 members who have paid up membership. It also makes the work of your committee a little easier.

If you can't make it in to the Branch, send it by mail and we will return same to you.

We recruited well last year and have transferred the members of Branch 343 to our roster so our membership is up.

We can't sit back and do nothing so I ask you to **“Just Bring One”** and we should stay as the strongest branch in the Zone if not the District.

Email - If we don't have your current email address we would like to have it. It is only used to notify you of coming events and Branch business, and is kept secure, and is not handed out to anyone. We had some problems with Hotmail and Yahoo addresses, but I think we have that straightened out.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions feel free to call me or see me at the Branch.

“Just Bring One”



Remembrance Day

Valley City Branch 36 Dundas

2010 Annual Poppy Day Campaign



Lest We Forget, Lest We Forget

"Lest We Forget"



Annual Poppy Day Fund Campaign

For the Relief of Veterans, their Widows and Orphans

Poppy Fund Committee

Gerry Belec

Cheri Harrington

Stan Hicks

Fay Kielty

Alan Magson

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 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

Veterans for us, and wear a Poppy.

Any donations to our Poppy Fund will be gratefully received and acknowledges by a receipt.

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

Please forward your donation to:

Branch 36 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

2010 Poppy Campaign

Poppy Distributers Needed

Campaign Dates: **October 29th, 30th – November 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th and 10th.**

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

Branch 36 - Upcoming Events

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

October - 2010

Friday - 22nd October - Beef-on-a-Bun - 5:30-7:30pm
Friday - 22nd October - Mike Woods entertaining - 7-11pm
Friday - 29th - Halloween Dance - 8:30pm-12:30am

November - 2010

Sunday - 7th - Work Party - 8am – Volunteer your time – Add your name to the sign-up list next to the smoking entrance.
Thursday - 11th - 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
12:00 noon - Parade marches off to Branch 36 Legion site
12:30pm - Presentations
Friday - 12th - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm
Friday - 12th - Open Microphone Night - 7:00-9:00pm
Friday - 26th - Beef on a Bun - 5:30pm-7:30pm
Friday - 26th - Open Microphone Night - 7:00-9:00pm

December - 2010

Friday - 3rd - Sports Turkey Roll - 8pm
Wednesday - 8th -Veteran's dinner - bar opens 5:30pm - sit down to dinner - 6pm
Friday - 10th - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm
Friday - 10th - Open Microphone Night - 7:00-9:00pm
Friday - 24th - Christmas Eve Day - Noon-5pm Choir Singing Competition
Saturday - 25th - Christmas Day - CLOSED
Sunday - 26th - Boxing Day - CLOSED
Friday - 31st - 8pm - New Year's Eve Pot Luck Party
Welcome in the New Year 2011 with us

Invite your friends and relatives to Legion events !

Ladies Auxiliary Report

The LA held their first beef on a bun night of the season on September 24th. We held a draw for 2 free meals for the October beef on a bun night and the winner was Fred Lutz. Congratulations Fred.

The next beef on a bun nights will be held on Friday October 22nd and Friday November 26th. Dinner is served from 5:30 to 7:30.

Our annual draw is coming with many great prizes in store. The draw will run throughout the month of November and the winners will be drawn on Friday December 3rd. Many Dundas area businesses have contributed, which will go a long way to helping the draw be a big success. A great big thank you goes out to all the businesses in Dundas that contributed, and to Dana DiLabbio for speaking to them and getting them involved.

If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a member of our Auxiliary please speak to one of our members.

Yours In Comradeship,

Terrie Gubbins
President - Ladies Auxiliary



**Terrie
Gubbins
President
Ladies
Auxiliary**

Bursaries

Bursaries are available for children and grandchildren of ordinary and associate members to assist in their education. If you have questions call or see **Mike Alkerton**

Sick Report - Stan Hicks

August - 2010

15 - Visited Gerry Belec at home

29 - Bob Jennings at General

September - 2010

05 - Jim Thornton at McMaster

09 - Jim Thornton at home

10 - Jim Thornton - feeling better

10 - Bob Jennings in ICU no visitors

14 - Al Unwin at Henderson



**Stan Hicks
Sick / Last
Post Chair**

Last Post

Jim Freeborn - June 11th, 2010

Wayne McKay - August 14th, 2010

Gwen Smith - August 28th, 2010

(Wife of Past President Ron Smith)

Dave Stewart - September 15th, 2010

Al Unwin - September 18th, 2010

Bob Jennings - September 29th, 2010

We Will Remember Them

Youth Education Report

For the third year, Valley City Branch 36 Youth Education Program will offer students throughout the region the opportunity to describe their impressions of the service and sacrifice that Canadian men and women have made over many decades to preserve Canadian and world freedom.



**Lorne Evans
Youth
Education
Chair**

Students from grade 4 through grade 12 are challenged to submit colour posters, black and white posters, poetry, and essays on the theme of Remembrance.

Recently, the students involved have submitted excellent work. Last year, we had seven zone winners, and one district winner: two gold, three silver, and two bronze, in various aspects of the competition. Students enjoy the recognition and the prize money that their success earns, and teachers often include this project into their curriculum.

If your children or grandchildren are interested in these meaningful opportunities, please tell them to contact the branch or have their teachers contact the branch. Information on the Remembrance program competitions is being forwarded to regional schools now. We hope that our student participants will continue to enjoy similar success this year.

Banquet Hall Rental

The Banquet Hall is available for rental. 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.

Fulfill your Legion Oath – Distribute Poppies!

Last year I volunteered time to the Dundas Poppy Fund. Some may think it's difficult handing out Poppies, but it's easy. I took a donation box and poppies to an assigned location and immediately people began to approach me and make contributions, and all I did was gave them a Poppy to recognize their contribution and to thank them.



**Peter
Whittaker
3rd Vice
President**

Several people thanked me for volunteering, and asked what the Legion did with the money. I made them aware that the Legion doesn't keep the money, it belongs to the Dundas Poppy Fund, and it 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 \$10,000 dollars to St. Joseph's Villa in Dundas for use with veterans residing at the villa.

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

While taking donations I wondered why more Legion members don't volunteer a couple of hours to distribute poppies. Was it because they think they will be selling Poppies, like someone sells Girl Scout Cookies? If so, then I think this article will make it clear I didn't sell poppies - I collected donations, and recognized the donations by giving out poppies. As part of our Legion oath, we promise to help the Legion in its goals, and by distributing poppies you are fulfilling that oath. **The sign up list for volunteers to distribute poppies is now posted, add your name and fulfill the oath you made when you joined the Legion.**

Entertainment Report

Friday – 22nd October - Mike Woods 7-11pm

Friday - 29th October - Halloween Dance
8:30pm-12:30am - Tickets \$10 per person

Entertainment - The Grumpies

Funds raised go to Ontario March of Dimes

Light Lunch & Prizes for best home made costumes / 50-50 Draw

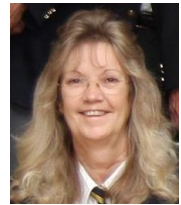
For ticket information call 905-627-7221



**Eamon
Morgan**
Entertainment
Chair

Canteen Report

I'd like you to join me in welcoming Susan Shantz back as a part time steward. It's good to see her friendly smiling face back behind the bar.



Dawn Lewis
Canteen
Chair

The Branch is back on winter hours and sports have started up. The bar staff is very happy for the company. They were a little bit lonely sometimes during the evenings this summer. It's also great to see everyone again that we've missed during the nice summer weather. Welcome back!



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Colour Party Report

The Colour Party took part in the Branch 36 General Meeting held on September 15th.

I'm pleased to announce that we have a new addition by way of Ms. Patty Matthews. We are in the process of getting her equipped to be able to take part in our Remembrance Day ceremony and are extremely happy to be able to welcome her to our ranks.



James Byron
Colour Party
Commander


As always we have openings in the Colour Party for new members. If interested please contact:

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

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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