



The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion
December – 2010



Picturesque as it may be, the above was only a small part of what was raked up and hauled away by our work party who cleaned up the Branch for Remembrance Day.



Happy
Holidays



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President's Report

It was my honour to represent the Branch at our Remembrance Day ceremonies.



**John
Murphy
President**

All three service branches (Army, Navy, Airforce) were well represented along with members of the Hamilton Wentworth 11th Battery and our own Veterans and Branch members. Our Branch padre, Archdeacon Jim Sandilands, provided spiritual guidance and words of remembrance.

A heartfelt "**Thank You**" to Comrades Gerry Belec and Cheri Harrington who were outstanding in their role as Poppy Campaign Co-chairs. Their Poppy Committee was tireless in its efforts. Thanks to all the Poppy Volunteers and thanks to those who supplied food for them. As Legion members we must remember that when we took our Legion oath we committed to help with the Poppy Campaign. What's a couple of hours distributing Poppies or making an extra pot of stew? Remember, there are always many ways to help.

Much gratitude goes to all those who helped feed the Veterans, their families, Branch members and cadets who returned to the Branch after the ceremony.

On December 15th we have a special General Meeting at the Branch to approve new Branch by-laws. All members are invited.

Please welcome Jordan Deneau and Brody Howlett as your new Sports Chairmen. They are enthusiastic, welcome additions to our Executive.



Our Annual Veteran's Christmas Dinner is on December 8th. We have a choral group and Highland Dancers for entertainment.

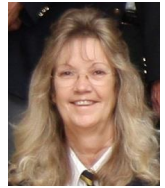
On January 22, 2011 we will have our annual Robbie Burns Dinner. Tickets will be available in the New Year and many reservations have already been submitted. Come join us for a great evening.

Wishing Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year to all.

John Murphy – President

Ways & Means Report

First of all, I would like to thank Sandra and Stan Hicks for the wonderful job they did at the October fish fry. We were short staffed and all it took was one phone call and we were right back on track. They did an absolutely wonderful job and we would not have been able to pull it off without them. Thank you both so much.



**Dawn Lewis
Ways & Means
Chair**

I'd also like to remind you to put your loonie in an envelope for the Saturday 4:30 meat draw. Put your name on it, and your phone number if you can't be there, and drop it in the box by the entrance to the washrooms. You still have two chances to win a great cut of meat for a dollar.

The Sports Turkey Roll is on Friday December 3rd, at 8pm. Tickets are available at the bar or from a number of Branch members. They are \$5.00 each and are good for 40 chances to win. You don't have to be there to win. This Turkey Roll sells out fast so be sure to get



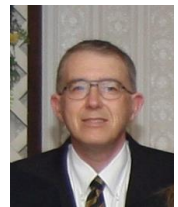
your tickets early. The Ladies Auxiliary. are also having their Christmas Penny Sale draws for some pretty great prizes on the same night, so the place will be really busy. Come early to get a seat.

The Fish Fry's continue throughout the year on the second Friday of each month. Don't forget to bring everyone that you know for the best Fish 'n Chips (or Chicken) in the entire area. If you would like to volunteer to help out with the Fish Fry's, see me at the Branch or leave a note for me with the bar steward. Many hands make light work, and each month thanks to you and your word of mouth the Fish Fry's keep getting bigger and better. We have a very dedicated group of volunteers that makes this happen and I don't think that I can say 'Thanks' enough. It may be a lot of work but we also have a lot of laughs while we're at it and it just seems to make the effort worthwhile. Thanks again to everyone involved, and thanks to all of you for making this such a success. We really appreciate your support.

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

Public Relations Report

In June we entered the Branch 36 Bullytin in the Royal Canadian Legion's Bulletin competition. Jim Whitfield, our Legion Zone Commander recently presented us with a plaque and told me the Branch 36 Bullytin won the Bulletin competition at the District level. The plaque has been mounted in the Branch so all may see it. It is only with the help of Branch 36 members that the Bullytin is what it is today. With your help and suggestions we can improve it and win the provincial level next year.



**Peter Whittaker
Public Relations
Chair**



Colour Party Report

The Colour Party took part in the Remembrance Day parade with our own Bill Armstrong leading the parade with our National Colours. Two members of the Colour Party were absent due to illness or vacation. Cadets from all three branches of the service stepped in to help out the parade as well as “Artillery George”. Without their support the Colour Party would have been much smaller and not so nearly as impressive. I’m hoping to get a copy of the Cable 14 showing of our parade on CD for anyone who would like to borrow it.



**James Byron
Colour Party
Commander
&
Sergeant-at-
Arms**

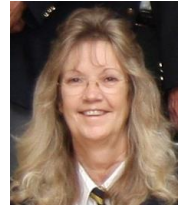
Our next appearance will be at the ‘General Meeting’ taking place on December 15th. As always we have openings in the Colour Party for new members. If interested please contact me at 905-578-2758.

James Byron - Colour Party Commander



Canteen Report

Things have been going well and its great to see so many people back out on a regular basis. It would also be really nice to see a few more faces enjoying the many talents of the people at the 'Open Mike' on the Friday night after the Fish Fry or Beef on a Bun meals.



**Dawn
Lewis
Canteen
Chair**

If you have any other ideas to put bums in the seats during the evenings, please let us know. We're open to suggestions.

Dawn Lewis - Canteen Chair



Membership Report

“Early Bird” is doing well. As of this printing 50% of our members renewed!!

NOW! The other 50% I would urge you to drop by the branch or mail in your dues. Remember dues are still \$45.00. Recruiting is going well, but the more the merrier.



**Mike
Alkerton
Membership
Chair**

“Just Bring One”

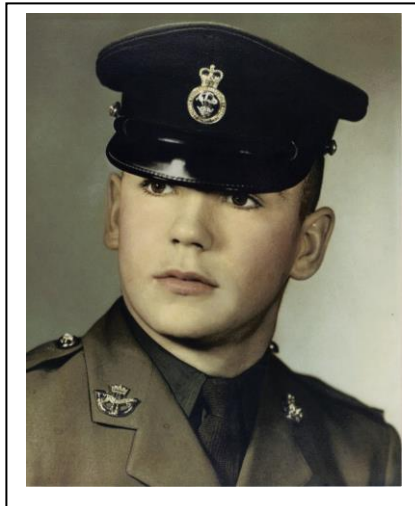
Any questions or concerns please contact me.

P.S. To represent the branch at any Legion functions you must be initiated.



Mike Alkerton - Membership Chair

Identify your fellow Legion Member



**Do you recognize the Branch 36 veteran pictured above.
Turn to page 15 to see if you are correct.**

Poppy Fund Report

First thanks to my co chair Cheri Harrington her help this year, and all of the people who were out campaigning. With all the weather we had - no rain or snow, it was a very good year.

Special thanks to Mike Alkerton, Jim Kielty, Mal Horner, Roy Laufman, Stan Hicks and Al Boyle for the fine jobs they did, and to all those who helped separate and roll the coins.

Thanks to Leo Daigle for the use of his coin counting machine from the Pioneer Gas bar. It sure saved a lot of time wrapping coins.

Now for the good news - this was one of the best years we ever had.

Gerry Belec – Poppy Fund Chair



Gerry Belec
Poppy Fund
Chair



Bursaries Report

Bursaries are available for children and grandchildren of Ordinary members. Some changes have been made. Please see me.

Mike Alkerton - Past President and Membership Chair

ATTENTION – Branch is **CLOSED** - December 25th, December 26th, December 27th and December 28th

Turkey Roll News: The Sports Turkey Roll is on Friday, 3rd December, 2010. Get your tickets early, as all tickets sold out for the last Turkey Roll before the event.

Branch 36 - Upcoming Events

December – 2010

Friday – 3rd - Sports Turkey Roll, Ladies Auxiliary 3rd Annual Penny Sale Draw - 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

Wednesday - 15th - GENERAL MEETING - 8pm - All members are welcome to come and vote on Branch Bylaws

Friday - 24th - Christmas Eve Day - Noon-5pm Choir Singing Competition

NOTE: Branch CLOSED Saturday 25th, Sunday 26th, Monday 27th, Tuesday 28th

Friday - 31st - 8pm - New Year's Eve Pot Luck Party

Welcome in the New Year 2011 with us

January – 2011

Friday - 14th - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm

Friday - 14th - Open Microphone Night - 7:00-9:00pm

Saturday - 22nd - Robbie Burns Supper - 5:30pm Bar, 6:30pm Dinner & Entertainment

Friday - 28th - Beef on a Bun - 5:30pm-7:30pm

Friday - 28th - Entertainment - Mike Woods - 7:00-11:00pm

Saturday - 29th - Tony Lambert Snooker Tournament-10-6pm

Sunday - 30th - Tony Lambert Snooker Tournament - 10-4pm

February – 2011

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

Friday - 11th - Open Microphone Night - 7:00-9:00pm

Friday - 25th - Beef on a Bun - 5:30pm-7:30pm

Friday - 25th - Entertainment - Dave Burden - 7:00-10:00pm

Ladies Auxiliary Report

The Ladies Auxiliary draw is currently underway and going very well. The final draw date is on Friday December 3rd and coincides with the Legion Turkey Roll. Come on in and check out the prizes. You get 25 tickets for just \$5 and you get to choose which prize(s) you want to put your tickets into.



**Terrie
Gubbins
President
Ladies
Auxiliary**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dana Dilabbio for all of her hard work and dedication. We wish everybody good luck and we want to thank you for making this draw a wonderful success.

Our next Beef on a Bun will be on Friday November 26th from 4:30 to 7:30. There will NO Beef on a Bun held in December but we will be back again in January. The first three 2011 dates are as follows: January 28th, February 25th and March 25th.

Thanks to all who attend our functions for your ongoing support.

The Ladies Auxiliary District Singles and Doubles Dart Tournament is being held at Branch 163. Good luck to all our ladies who qualified.

Working as a team helps us reach our goals. If we don't work together it effects us all.

Yours in Comradeship,

Terrie Gubbins - President - Ladies Auxiliary



Sick Report - Stan Hicks

October - 2010

- 15 - Ken Slote at Mac
- 15 - Gerry Pack at General
- 15 - Ian Taylor in & out of hospital
- 15 - Paul Penney in & out of hospital
- 20 - Brent Anderson in & out of hospital - stint
- 21 - Gerry Pack at home - out & about
- 22 - John Toomey at St.Joe's
- 22 - Wes Brindle moved to St.Joe' Villa
- 22 - Ian Taylor - out & about
- 27 - Visited John Toomey at St.Joes - having test



**Stan Hicks
Sick & Last
Post Chair**

November - 2010

- 05 - Ron Wilson at Mac & General - heart stint
- 09 - Harol Farmer at Idlewyld Nursing Home
- 10 - Ron Wilson at home
- 11 - Bill Terry at General
- 12 - Bill Terry at General ICU - stroke
- 18 - Kenny Slote at Mac



Last Post

**Marion Donald – October 26th, 2010
Bill Terry – November 13th, 2010**

We Will Remember Them

Old Friends Remembered



Butch O'Neill, Murray Floyd and Stan Rankine get ready to take part in the Remembrance Day Parade.

Attention Comrades: Every year we collect **CANNED GOODS** for needy families, and this year is no different. There are people in the community that we can help by donating food at this festive time of year when we are giving thanks for what we ourselves enjoy. Donations can be brought to the Branch until December 20th.

Thank you for your support !!!

Banquet Hall Report

We still have a few spaces in the Banquet Hall or Lounge for parties this holiday season. Please call to book.

A reminder: you may not bring anything to drink into the lounge when you book it - this includes non alcoholic beverages as well.



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.

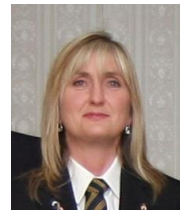
We will see you all next year!

Gord Sharpe - Special Events Chair



Honours and Awards Report

The 2011 Honours & Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2011. Mark your calendar for this exceptional evening!



**Suzi Mellen
Honours
and Awards
Chair**

Calls will be made to those eligible for years of service pins. These calls will commence in early February. If you think you are eligible for a pin and have not received a call by February 15th, please call the Branch. Tickets for the evening, including a full roast beef dinner and are only \$20.00 per person. Tickets will be available on February 1, 2011. We have sold out in the past two years so get your tickets early.

We need your suggestions for Legionnaire of the Year (including rights to the remote) and also Certificates of Appreciation and Merit. Please leave a note in the suggestion box or speak with me.

John Murphy for Suzi Mellen - H & A Chair



Youth Education: Remembrance

The Dundas Valley Branch 36 Youth Education Committee is very pleased to announce the completion of our recent 3rd Remembrance competition. Approximately 100 posters, essays, and poems were submitted by various local and area elementary and secondary schools, and colleges. Special thanks are due to Tony Bratschitsch and Richard Parrish of Valley Town Toastmasters, and Mike Alkerton, who helped with the organizing and judging of a large number of submissions. Winners are as follows:



Lorne Evans
Youth
Education
Chair

Junior Poster (black and white): 1st - Esther Kranendonk, 2nd Julia Byl, 3rd - Joel Naves **Junior Posters (colour):** 1st - David Elgersma, 2nd - Henriette Koonstra, 3rd - Gerrit Vandenberg **Senior Posters (black and white):** 1st- Sydney Kennelly, 2nd - Michelle Audet, 3rd - Anna Hirst and Chelsea Vandermaart **Senior Posters (colour):** 1st - Angelica Zelenovich, 2nd - Olivia Vandenberg, 3rd - Evelyn Boekestein and Alexis Vase **Intermediate Poetry:** 1st - Stephanie Neven, 2nd - Vanessa Wursten, 3rd - Talaya Koppelaar **Senior Poetry:** 1st - Michelle Lobbezoo, 2nd - Amber Vlietstra, 3rd - Stephanie Elgersma **Intermediate Essays:** 1st - Justine Van Dyk **Senior Essays:** 1st - Kaitlin Dendekker, 2nd - Ian Jonkman, 3rd - Jiang Hao Jun and Alisha Jonkman

We wish to commend the teachers, students, and parents who continue to participate in this important aspect of Canadian citizenship.

Lorne Evans - Youth Education Chair



Sports Report

Sign-up sheets for various Legion sporting activities are posted on the wall next to the smoking tent door. Why not sign up for one?

They are lots of fun, you get to represent the Branch and will often get you out of town to a town you've always wanted to visit. Who knows, you might even bring back a trophy.



The sports you can choose from vary greatly. Sign up, represent the Branch and have some fun.



**Jordan
Deneau
&**



**Brody
Howlett
Sports
Co-Chairs**

Entertainment Report

Friday - 24th December - 12-5pm Choir Singing

Friday - 31st - 8pm - New Year's Eve Party

Saturday - 22nd January - Robbie Burns Supper

Friday - 28th January - Mike Woods

Friday - 25th February - Dave Burden



Eamon Morgan - Entertainment Chair



**Eamon
Morgan
Entertainment
Chair**

President's and Weekly Meat Draws

The President's and Weekly Meat Draws occur every Saturday from 3 to 4:30pm. If you're looking to relax on a Saturday afternoon why not drop by the Branch and win a meat prize while you're here. A total of 8 draws take place and everyone has a good time.

House Report

I would like to thank all the members who gave up time to the work party on November 07, 2010. Your time and commitment is greatly appreciated. I also would like to thank Peter Martin for his time and preparation of the lunch meal that was served.



**Hal
Hamilton
House
Chair**

A Branch 36 Thank You to the following: Mike Alkerton, John and Maryann Blair, Donny Brooks, Terry Calder, Jordan Deneau, Lorrie Deneau, Murray Floyd, Sandra and Stan Hicks, Geof Hodgson, Brody Howett, Kathy Howett, Marlyn Latchford, Roy Laufman, Peter Martin, Len Owen, Jack Murnaghan, John Murphy, Larry O'Connor, Paul Penny, Brian Poole, Darren and Liam Rust, Leo Shaidle, Jim Sherring and Peter Whittaker.



Identify the Legion member – Answer



If you guessed Paul Penney you were right. Paul was a paratrooper in Germany with the 2nd Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry from 1962 to 1965.

Volunteers at Work



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