



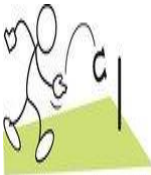
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Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion
August – 2012



Cadets from #2685 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps prepared Veteran's grave markers, cleaned up Veteran's grave sites in Grove Cemetery and St. Augustine's Cemetery before placing the markers on the graves.



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President's Report



**John
Murphy
President**

Well the summer is almost over, and what a summer it has been, hot, dry, and not long enough. Let's hope that fall brings an equally enjoyable Indian summer.

Although the summer is traditionally a quiet time thank you to those members who supported us throughout that time. Without your support we would be struggling like many other branches and only open on certain days or operating on shorter hours.

Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary, Ladies Darts, Men's Darts, Dundas Valley Mixed Dart League, Ladies Snooker, Men's Snooker, our winter Sunday Fun Dart League and the summer Thursday Dart League and the Dundas Modular Railway Club for your financial donations to the Branch. These funds will allow us to continue with our renovations to your Branch.

And lastly thank you to all those unsung heroes who work very hard behind the scenes at our Fish Frys, Beef on a Bun, Barbecues, President's meat draws, and all our Branch hosted sports events, without your help we would never be successful.

Let's make 2013 the best year yet for membership recruitment. Anyone can become a member. Forms are available at the bar for friends, family and neighbours. No money is required when the completed form is dropped off. New members will be called. Memberships are great stocking stuffers! You can make a difference.

Our General Meeting will be Tuesday September 18. Come out and have your say and/or show support for your executive. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to talk to me in the branch, or leave a message with the office and I will contact you.

John Murphy - President, Branch 36

Ways and Means Report

I have to start this report with a HUGE HUGE thank you to everyone that has made the Family BBQ's possible this year. First, to Susan Shantz, Terry Walton, and Al Bury for their years of sweat outside on the grills. As many of you already know they have decided to hang up their aprons. Thanks to each of you for all of your help and dedication.



**Dawn
Lewis
Ways &
Means
Chair**

Next on my list are Joe Thorogood and Dave Howlett. They saved my butt at the June BBQ by stepping up and manning the grill. Not many of you would even know that we didn't have a cook until the very last minute, and that we weren't sure exactly what was going to happen. Thanks guys. Joe also manned the grill for the July BBQ along with Jarius deZeeuw. Pamela Jamieson did the running for us. You all did a fantastic job and are welcome to volunteer to help again anytime (PLEASE).

Rob and Chris Turner have offered their grill skills for the BBQ which takes place on the 19th August. This is a great way to finish up the Cactus Festival. After a weekend downtown what could be better than a nice juicy steak with baked potatoes and all the fixings. Hope to see you all at the Branch with friends, family, and neighbours. This will be the last BBQ of the season.

I would be amiss if in addition to the cooks that I failed to thank Marie Kob, Marilyn Latchford, Sandra Hicks and all of the bar stewards for all of their hard work. Thank You. Thank You.

The Thanksgiving Turkey Roll will be held on Friday September 28, at 8pm following the L.A. Beef on a Bun. Mark this one your calendar. You can come to the Branch enjoy a great meal and then possibly take home a turkey. Tickets will still be \$5.00 each for 40 chances to win and spins on the wheel will be pending. Tickets will be available by the end of August. If you can help me out by selling a book (or more) I would really appreciate it. See me at the Branch or ask the bar steward and we'll have you set up in no time. Thanks in advance for your help and support

in everything that I do to try to raise funds to keep the Branch strong.

On a last note, as most of you know, the Fish Fry's continue year round, always on the second Friday of each month. A really HUGE Thank you to the dedicated crew that makes this happen each month for you. This crew consists of (but is not limited to), Peter Martin, Fay Jolly Keilty, Dale Lucking, Marie Kob, Marilyn Latchford, Sandra and Stan Hicks, Wayne O'Connor and myself.

Once again, THANK YOU to everyone that helps to keep me on track, and makes sure that I don't forget what it is that I'm supposed to be doing next Thanks again for all of your help and support.

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

Colour Party Report

On Sunday June the 3rd, 7 members of the Colour Party attended Church Parade along with 9 members of the cadet corps. The addition of the cadet corps was a welcome addition. It has been brought to my attention that the Colour Party from Branch 163 has been disbanded due to a lack of participation from Branch members. I hope that our Branch will not have this happen. If you are capable of carrying a flag we could use your assistance. Many hands make light work!



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

On Saturday June 23rd, 4 members of the Colour party were joined with 7 members of Stoney Creek Branch to present the Colours at the Zone B Sports day which took place at the Mohawk Sports Park in Hamilton. As always we welcome anyone who would be interested in joining the Colour Party and assistance will be given to anyone requiring a uniform.

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

Membership Report

For the first time since I can remember our numbers have dropped below 800. This is not good for the health of the Branch, or the Legion in general.

I would ask you the members to help me recruit New members. Bring a friend or relative in to the Branch - show them around, see what we have to offer – Sports, Entertainment, Social Activities and our main job - Remembrance (Poppy distribution).

The Dues for 2012-2013 will remain the same at \$50.00. There has been a slight increase per capita in the amount we send to Legion Command, but the Branch will absorb this.

The “Early Bird Campaign” will start in the 3rd week of September. This is very important to the financial health of the Branch after a long, slow, hot summer when business is not good. - And! If your dues are paid by 3rd November, we have some “Early Bird” draws in which you can win your dues back.

Paying early sure does help the work of the Membership committee, Also if have any questions please get in contact with me – There are no stupid questions.



**Mike
Alkerton
Membership
Chair**

“Just Bring One”

Mike Alkerton - Past President and Membership Chair

Bursary Report

Bursarys are available to children or grandchildren of Ordinary, Life or Associate members. They must be for full time post secondary students. If you are interested in this please see me.

Mike Alkerton - Bursary Chair

Ladies Auxiliary Report

Summer is going by fast and we hope everyone is having a safe and healthy summer. Before we know it we'll be back in full swing once again. The Beef nights will be back with added and different menu items from time to time.

Keep an eye out each month for an update on what we are serving. The dates are: September 28th, October 26th and November 23rd.

Once again the L.A. will be holding their annual draw throughout the month of November. The draw has been a huge success in the past and we would like to keep that motivation going. If you are interested in donating towards the draw please contact me. Watch for notices around the branch for the dates and let's make this draw as successful as past years.

On the sports front the L.A. will be hosting the L.A. Singles and Doubles Zone Dart Tournament on Sunday September 23rd. Good luck to all that participate.

The L.A. is always looking for new members with new and fresh ideas. If you are interested in becoming a member please contact us so we can answer any questions or misconceptions you may have.

Yours in Comradeship,

Terrie Gubbins - Ladies Auxiliary President



**Terrie
Gubbins
Ladies
Auxiliary
President**

Wentworth Room

The Wentworth Room on the main floor is available to anyone in the community for luncheons for functions of 5-65 people. The room can also be used for Birthdays, Retirements, Showers, Meetings and Memorials, etc. Please remember you may bring tea and coffee only, but pop, juice and water are available at the bar. There is no charge for use of the Wentworth Room.

For information call the Branch 905-627-7221.

Banquet Hall Report

Recent renovations along with fine food and great staff have made the Legion Banquet Hall a great option for your upcoming events.

Bookings are already coming in for 2013, so if you're looking for a location for a meeting, stag and doe, or a catered event such as a wedding reception, be sure to check us out. Visit our website at www.br36dundas.org for more details regarding rental rates and meal plans.

Call 905-627-7221 for further information.

Doug Rivers - Banquet Hall Chair



**Doug
Rivers
Banquet
Hall
Chair**

Tasty food at July BBQ



The talents of Jarius deZeeuw and Joe Thorogood on the BBQ grill made the July BBQ a great success. Volunteer yourself and make Branch 36 even more successful.

Public Relations Report

The Legion provides Remembrance, Social, Sports, and Community activities for members, but you may not be aware of the Member Benefits Package.



**Peter
Whittaker
Public
Relations
Chair**

The RCL MBP is a way to serve all Legionnaires and their families and to help maintain and attract new members. As the list grows, savings offered more than offsets the cost of membership in the Legion. I would ask you to give favourable consideration to all of our proud MLB partners.

Arbor Memorial Services - 10% discount on pre-arranged funeral, burial or cremation and a 5% discount if you don't preplan.

Ancestry.ca - exclusive one-time offer of 50% off a world deluxe annual membership

Carlson Wagonlit Travel - exclusive discounts on vacations, rentals and airport parking

Connect Hearing - 10% discount on hearing aids, five years of complimentary batteries and a 15% discount on Everyday Listening Products

Dell Canada - Up to 30% in savings on carefully selected computers and 10% off all Dell mobility products

Home Hardware - have committed to contribute \$20,000 annually to the Royal Canadian Legion's National Youth Track and Field Championships

ICI Paints and Betonel stores - which offers 25% off its paints when you purchase from one its 210 stores

MBNA Canada Bank - whose commitment translates to significant financial support of The Legion's national programs

Medipac Travel Insurance - discounts on travel insurance and shares a support with your Branch every time a member purchases travel insurance

Philips Lifeline Canada - offering members and their dependents two months free service when they subscribe to their personal response and support services

Relocation Services Group - from whom you can expect a cash rebate of up to 3.25% per \$1,000 of value of your home sale or purchase

Travelodge Canada - up to 15% discounts to members and their families

Sick Report - Stan Hicks

April - 2012

3rd - Marg Festing at JVC - hip replacement
4th - Kathy Howlett at General
5th - Jim Layne out and about - feeling much better
6th - Kathy Howlett at home - out and about
12th - Suzi Murphy at General - surgery – out
16th - Joan Alkerton at JVC - hip surgery
20th - Ron Kenyon at JVC - dizzy and chest pains
20th - Bruce Delottinville at General - surgery
20th - Lloyd Hannis at General - lungs
22nd - Visiting Lloyd Hannis at General
22nd - Visiting Marg Festing at the Villa
22nd - Bruce Delottinville at home
23rd - Ron Kenyon at home
24th - visited Bruce Delottinville at home
27th - Lloyd Hannis at home

May - 2012

1st - Ron Kenyon out and about
2nd - Marg Festing at the villa
9th - Dana Dilabbio has foot cast on - at home
9th - Mary Ann Blair has broken wrist - at home
9th - Vivian Thornton at home after foot surgery
10th - Lloyd Hannis out and about
14th - Bill Kelly in and out of hospital
16th - Bill McPhail at St.Joe's - surgery - in and out
16th - Ivan McLean at General - knee surgery - no visitors
17th - Talked to Bill McPhail - feeling good
19th - Ivan McLean at home
25th - talked to Ivan McLean - still sore
30th - Fred Lutz hip surgery - Mississauga

June - 2012

18th - Fred Lutz at home at daughters in Oakville
23rd - Howard Wilson at St.Joe's
24th - visited Fred Lutz at Oakville then to Fred's home in Hamilton
25th - talked to Howard Wilson's wife - no surgery yet
25th - Ivan McLean out and about
26th - Maggie Mulder at St.Joe's
27th - Howard Wilson at St.Joe's - hip surgery
28th - Maggie Mulder at St.Joe's had surgery
29th - visited Maggie Mulder at St.Joe's - sore
29th - visited Howard Wilson at St.Joe's after his surgery



**Stan Hicks
Sick / Last
Post
Chair**

July - 2012

4th - Maggie Mulder at home - slow

4th- Dana Dilabbio had surgery - left foot

6th- Dana Dilabbio at home

16th- Stan Hicks has pneumonia in left lung - being treated

19th- talked to Dana Dilabbio at home - coming along slowly

19th- talked to Howard Wilson at daughter's home - home next week

23rd- Howard Wilson at home

23rd- Kathy Howlett at home

28th- Glen McMurray in and out of hospital

30th- talked to Glen McMurray - sensation in chest

Last Post

Rene Slote - May 14th, 2012

Ed Ward - June 1st, 2012

Marg Festing – July 24th, 2012

(Past President L.A. and Past Zone Commander L.A.)

We Will Remember Them

House Report

A new air conditioner was installed in the canteen area and has been very effective in dealing with this summer's heat waves.

The air conditioner in banquet hall had been blowing insulation into the room. We lifted the unit on the roof and re-insulated and that seemed to fix the problem.

A special thanks to Mike Alkerton and Paul Penny for their help in completing both jobs.

The T.V. set in the Wentworth room has been replaced with an HD set. Thanks to the Men's Dart Club for their donation to purchase it.



Gord Sharpe
1st Vice
President
&
House Chair

Gord Sharpe - House Chair

Entertainment Report

Hopefully everyone has had a safe and fun Summer! Dave Burden will help us get back in to the swing of things after the Fish Fry on Friday, 14th September, with his acoustic Rock and Country covers from the 50's to the 80's.

Open Microphone Night will be return after the Fish Fry starting In October.

We will also be introducing a Trivia Night after the Beef on a Bun in October.

Please keep your eyes open for more information, as we are in the process of planning a DJ Dance some time in the Fall. Please be sure to join us!

The Shuffleboard league will be having a sign up night on Wednesday, 12th September at 7:30pm. Feel free to come try it out and play a few games for fun. The league will begin September 26th.

Chris Turner and Bob Turner - Entertainment Co-Chairs

Special Events Report

Many thanks to all those who helped in building the Legion's float for the Cactus Festival parade. Also thanks to those who participated by manning the float during the parade.

It was another successful event which helped to bring the Legion to the attention of the public.

Gord Sharpe - Special Events Chair



**Chris Turner
Entertainment
Co-Chair
&**



**Bob Turner
Entertainment
Co-Chair**



**Gord
Sharpe
Special
Events
Chair**

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Sports Report

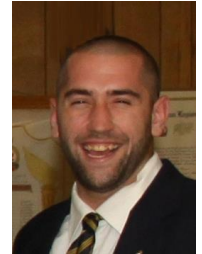
Branch 36's Youth Darts played in a Provincial Youth Darts Tournament at Branch 258 in Scarborough. Mitchell Purchase, Rachel Harrington, A.J. Lewis and Curtis Holme, won the Provincial Youth Darts Seniors Teams championship. Travis Hopkins and A.J. Lewis won the Provincial Youth Darts Seniors Doubles championship.

Legion Week is from 16th to 22nd September. On Wednesday of Legion Week we have a Snooker tournament with HAFA at 7:30pm. On Saturday we have a Sports Triathlon at 1:00pm on Saturday open to everyone that includes darts, horseshoes and snooker. Anyone can have fun and all are invited.

Jason Deneau & Brody Howlett – Sports Co-Chairs



**Jordan
Deneau**



**Brody
Howlett
Sports
Co-Chairs**

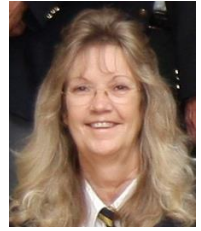
Volunteer cooks make Canada Day BBQ a success



Dave Howlett and Jordan Deneau volunteered and cooked some great food at the Canada Day BBQ.

Canteen Report

First of all I would like to welcome Jennifer Brooks on board as our new bar steward. She has been training upstairs in the banquet hall and will also train downstairs in the canteen. I've heard only good things about Jennifer and I hope that she is here to stay.



Dawn Lewis
Canteen
Chair

It's been a rather quiet summer, but with September fast approaching things will once again be up and running with most of the sports sign ups being held at the beginning of the month.




Remember this is your Branch and it remains strong because of you, the members. Please feel free to bring in friends and family and enjoy a chilled beverage and let them know what the Legion has to offer. Membership dues are reasonable, the people are friendly, and our prices can't be beat.

Dawn Lewis - 1st Vice President and Canteen Chair

Attention Comrades: Turkey Roll News The Thanksgiving Turkey Roll will be held Friday, 28th September, 2012 at 8pm. There will be 40 draws with spins on the wheel to follow. Get your tickets early, as all tickets for the last Turkey Roll were sold out before the event.

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Poppy Fund Report

Looking for a way to cool down during this very Hot summer? Just close your eyes and picture yourself standing in the doorway of Canadian Tire or even Metro on a very cold November day, helping to distribute Poppies !!

Yes, it's nearly that time again. We will be ordering for this year's Poppy campaign very soon, so anyone needing to place an order for a wreath, please contact Gerry Belec. Due to limited storage space, please pick up wreaths prior to 11th November.

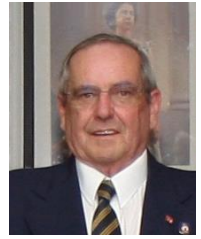
This year's campaign kicks off Friday, October 26th. Sign up sheets for volunteering to help distribute Poppy's as well as donating food for our volunteers, will be posted in the branch at the beginning of October.

At this time, I would like to extend our sincerest thanks to Mr. Gerry Belec for being with the Poppy Fund for the last 20 years.

Gerry has announced that he will be retiring from the Poppy Fund following this year's campaign. He has put a lot of time and energy into the Poppy campaigns each year, and it certainly shows in all the donations we are able to make. He will be sharing his knowledge of the Poppy Fund Campaign with our next Poppy Chairman, Jim Bryon. We welcome Jim and know that everyone will support and volunteer for Jim just as they do for Gerry.

We welcome ALL volunteers to help with the Poppy Fund Campaign.

Cheri Harrington - Poppy Co-Chair



**Gerry
Belec
&**



**Cheri
Harrington
Poppy
Co-Chairs**

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Branch 36 - Upcoming Events

August 2012

Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm
Thursday - 16th - Build Legion Float - 10:00am.
Sunday - 19th - Family BBQ - 2:30pm - Refreshments
- 4:00-6:00pm - BBQ

September 2012

Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm
Monday - 3rd - Labour Day - CLOSED
Wednesday -5th -Youth Darts Registrations - 6:30pm
Thursday - 6th - Womens Winter Darts Registrations - 7:00pm
Thursday - 6th - Mens Winter Darts Registrations - 7:00pm
Sunday - 9th - Sunday Mixed Darts Registrations - 2:00
Friday - 14th - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm
Friday - 14th - Music with Dave Burden -7:30-11:00pm
Sunday - 16th - Legion Week Start date
Tuesday - 18th - Semi-Annual Meeting - 8:00pm
Wednesday - 19th - Snooker Challenge vs. HAFA - 7:30pm
Saturday - 22nd - Legion Week Sports Triathlon - 1pm
Friday - 28th - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm

October 2012

President's Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 3-4pm
Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm
Monday - 8th - Thanksgiving - CLOSED
Friday - 12th - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm
Friday - 12th - Open Microphone Night - 7:30pm
Friday - 26th - 2012 Poppy Fund Campaign Kick Off Day
Friday - 26th - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm
Friday - 26th - Trivia Night - 7:30-10:00pm