



The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion
November – 2012

Remembrance



Veterans are remembered in Dundas with memorials located at the Community Center, Grove Cemetery, St. Augustine's Cemetery and Legion Park.

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President's Report

Comrades, I apologize to the Wednesday Shuffleboard League for omitting their support to the Branch in my last report. Along with financial support, they contribute a great deal of entertainment on Wednesday evenings.



**John
Murphy
President**

We are now back into our busy season with Fish Fry nights on the 2nd Friday of each month followed by Open Mike, and the Beef on a Bun nights run by the Ladies Auxiliary on the 4th Friday of each month. This is the "2/4" rule! Check the white board and your email for entertainment details.

At our last General Meeting we initiated new members, so if you see a new member in the Branch say hello and welcome them. My challenge to all members is to bring one new member to the Branch in the next 6 months. Are you prepared for this challenge?

Our Poppy campaign and Remembrance Day are fast approaching. Comrades Gerry Belec and Cheri Harrington will have correspondence in this Bullytin. Please read it and sign up for your Poppy duty. As Legion members we must remember that when we took our Legion oath we committed to help with the Poppy Campaign. This is comrade Gerry Belec's last year as Poppy Chair so let's give our best effort. Gerry's devotion to our veterans has been outstanding.

What is a couple of hours distributing Poppies or making an extra pot of stew or some squares? It is tremendous and your responsibility. You do not need a Legion uniform, just a willingness to fulfill your oath. There are always many ways to help. See anyone on the Executive if you have questions.

I look forward to seeing you at the Remembrance Day ceremonies so watch your email or check the white board for service times. Everybody is welcome.

Our Annual Veteran's Christmas Dinner is Wednesday, 5th December. The sign-up sheet and phone call list will be available soon.

The Annual L.A. Holiday Raffle begins November 1st. There is an amazing array of prizes including a BBQ, a printer, dance lessons, a garden bonanza, jewelry, gift certificates and much more. Tickets are available Monday nights, Thursday nights, Saturdays and during the Fish Fry and Beef on a Bun events.

On November 12 our "Coppers for Comrades Campaign" commences. Bring in your pennies and all funds will be used to update the main club room where our veterans and a majority of members spend most of their time. Just imagine white walls or new chairs or new tables?

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me, or speak to me at the Branch.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year to all.

John Murphy - President, Branch 36

House - Grounds Report

The Fall season is upon us and this Years Fall clean up work party will be held on November 04, 2012 starting at 9.00am. There will be a sign up sheet posted on the Events Bulletin board. Lunch will be provided to all the volunteers. It is only a couple of hours of light work and a great lunch is served. There are outside and inside tasks available.



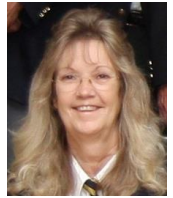
**Hal
Hamilton
Grounds
Chair**

"Many Hands Make Light Work"

Hal Hamilton - Grounds Chair

All people have the right to stupidity but some abuse the privilege

Ways & Means Report



**Dawn
Lewis
Ways and
Means
Chair**

Congratulations to all the lucky people that won turkeys at the Thanksgiving Turkey Roll. All tickets for this event were sold, which is a good thing, but the turnout for the spins on the wheel, well, not so much! If you have any ideas that would help put bums in the seats at the branch I would love to hear them. You can talk to me or any other member of your executive. We would really like to hear your suggestions. There is a suggestion box outside the entrance way that leads to the office. Put your suggestions in writing and drop them in the box. We even supply the paper and the pen!

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the Legion is a "Not For Profit" organization. It is run by members who volunteer their time to make this a Branch that each of us can be proud to call 'Our Branch'. All of the money that is raised by the Branch either goes back into the Branch to keep it running (it's an old building that requires a regular dose of TLC) or to support our Veterans and various sports leagues in town, like minor hockey, soccer, baseball, etc. Bring a friend with you the next time you stop by, and introduce them to the Legion and everything that we represent. Membership applications are at the bar. You DO NOT have to be a veteran or family of a veteran to become a member of the Legion.

Please continue to come out and bring your friends and family to enjoy the best Fish and Chips (or Chicken and Chips) in the region. Fish Fry's as usual are always on the second Friday of each month. I can promise you that you won't leave hungry. If you should ever not be happy with your meal, please speak up. We will do our very best to make it right. We're not happy if you're not happy, but we can't know unless you tell us.

In closing I would like to thank everyone again for their support, and their friendly reminders about what I'm supposed to be doing, and when I'm supposed to be doing it. I really do appreciate it. Thanks.

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

Special Events Report

On Sunday, 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 for the Remembrance Service 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.



**Gord Sharpe
Special
Events Chair**

Gord Sharpe - Special Events Chair & 2nd Vice President

Sports Report

During Legion Week we held a Sports Triathlon at Branch 36 that consisted of Horseshoe, Snooker and Darts competitions. Brody Howlett won the Triathlon this year.

As information becomes available about Legion Sports Tournaments I will post sign-up sheets for them in the Branch, so keep an eye on the board next to the side door. All Branch 36 members can enter these events which are held at various Legion Branches and a good time is had by all who enter.

On Friday, December 7th we will hold the Sports Turkey Roll and the tickets will be available in November. If you can sell some Sports Turkey Roll tickets let us know so that we will again have a successful sold out event.



**Jordan
Deneau
&**



**Brody
Howlett
Sports
Co-Chairs**

Membership Report

Our “Early Bird” drive has started. Thank you to those of you who have paid your dues for 2013. I would urge those who have not paid to try and get your dues in as soon as possible. It makes our job easier and helps the financial health of the Branch after the slowest summer I can remember.

If you can't get to the Branch you can mail in your dues and we will return your 2013 membership card within a week or less.

We will have an “Early Bird” draw for those members paid by November 30th - you could win your dues back.

If you would like to have our newsletter The Bullytin sent to you electronically via email, as opposed to a hard copy, please send your email address to us and let us know. This saves us the cost of printing and postage.

We lost quite a few members last year for various reasons so recruiting new members is important to the strength of the Branch. Try to “Just Bring One” new member with you. We have a lot to offer.

Hope to see you at the Branch and as always, if you have any concerns or questions please contact me.

The Branch does not keep member's phone numbers so when you pay your 2013 dues, if there is a star punched on your card would you please give us your phone number so that our Honours and Awards chairman Gary Jameson can contact you.

Mike Alkerton - Membership Chair

“Just Bring One”

Falling down is not defeat. Defeat is when you refuse to get up.



**Mike
Alkerton
Membership
Chair**



Remembrance Day

Valley City Branch 36 Dundas
2012 Annual Poppy Day

The Veteran

*The old soldier sits by his invalid bed
And thinks of the past and the life that he led
When he was a private back in the war
The places he went and the sights that he saw
The battles he fought over many a year
The comrades he lost, that will bring forth a tear
He will remember them all of his days
The friendships he made in his memory stays
He will always wear a poppy with pride
And wishes his comrades could be by his side
But they are all gone now and he stands alone
The last of his regiment left in the home
We must not forget them, for they paid the price
For our freedom they paid the supreme sacrifice*

Author: Jim Lee - Branch 36

"Lest We Forget"



Annual Poppy Day Fund Campaign

For the Relief of Veterans, their Widows and Orphans

Poppy Fund Committee

Gerry Belec
Jim Byron
Stan Hicks

Cheri Harrington
Alan Magson
Faye Kielty

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 their wives 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 sacrifices made by Veterans for us, and wear a Poppy.

Any donations to our Poppy Fund will be gratefully received and acknowledged with a receipt.

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

Please forward your donation to:

**The Poppy Fund,
Branch 36, Royal Canadian Legion,
280 King Street West,
Dundas, Ontario L9H 1W1**

Cheques should be made payable to The Dundas Poppy Fund. Please mark the enclosed envelope as to whether you require an official receipt for Income Tax purposes.

“A Poppy is easier to carry than a Cross”



Yours Sincerely,
Gerry Belec - Poppy Fund Chair

2012 Poppy Campaign

Poppy Distributers Needed

Campaign Dates: October 26th, 27th, 29th, 30th, 31st, and November 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th.

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

Thank you.

Gerry Belec - Poppy Fund Chair



**Gerry Belec
Poppy Fund
Chair**

Branch 36 - Upcoming Events

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

October 2012 Events

Friday - 26th October - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm
Friday - 26th October - Trivia Night - 7:30pm

November 2012 Events

Sunday - 4th November - Fall Work Party - 9:00am
Friday - 9th November - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm
Friday - 9th November - Open Microphone Night - 7:00pm
Sunday - 11th November - Remembrance Service
10:30am - Parade marches to Memorial at Community Centre
10:45am - Memorial service commences
12:00 noon - Reception
12:30pm - Presentations in Banquet Hall upstairs
Tuesday - 20th November - Monthly General Meeting
Friday - 23rd November - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm
Friday - 23rd Nov.-Modular Railway Open House - 5:30-7:30pm
Saturday - 24th Nov.-Modular Railway Open House-10-3:00pm

December 2012 Events

Wednesday - 5th - Veteran's Dinner – bar opens 5:30pm - sit down dinner - 6pm
Friday - 7th - Sports Turkey Roll & L.A. Annual Draw - 8pm
Friday - 14th - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:30pm
Friday - 14th - Open Microphone Night - 7-9pm
Tuesday - 18th - Monthly General Meeting in the Wentworth Room - 7:30pm
Monday - 24th - Christmas Eve Day - Noon-5pm Choir Singing Competition Closing at 5pm.
Tuesday - 25th - Christmas Day - CLOSED
Wednesday - 26th - Boxing Day - CLOSED
Monday - 31st - New Year's Eve Celebration - 8pm
Welcome in the New Year 2013 with us

Invite your friends and relatives to Legion events !

Ladies Auxiliary Report

Well the LA season is underway and we are pretty busy. The Beef on a Bun nights are back in action once again. This year there will be a few changes with different menu items being added every now and again. Please watch monthly for the upcoming dinner. The next Beef on a Bun nights are as follows: October 26th and November 23rd. There is no Beef night in December. We're planning a homemade cabbage roll and perogy night either in October or November so keep your ears open and come on out and enjoy.



**Terrie
Gubbins
President
Ladies
Auxiliary**

Our annual draw will take place once again this year throughout the month of November beginning on November 1st. The final draw will take place on Friday, December 7th. Dana Dilabbio and Suzi Murphy have worked very hard to pull it all together and we have some wonderful prizes this year already. Thank you to everyone who took letters around in the summer to get the ball rolling and to help make it a success.

We hosted Zone Singles and Doubles Darts on September 23rd. In the Doubles the team of Terry Kobylinski and Terrie Gubbins placed 2nd and Dana Dilabbio and Sue Sklepowicz placed 8th. As for the Singles Deb Cooley placed 2nd, Terry Kobylinski placed 4th, Stephanie Cooley placed 8th and Sue Sklepowicz placed 11th. Congratulations to all and good luck at District on November 17th in Acton.

As we all know November 11th is Remembrance Day. Please remember our fallen.

We are always looking for new members. If you have any questions about the LA please don't hesitate to contact me.

Terrie Gubbins - Ladies Auxiliary President

When looking for the remote, it's always in the last place you look.

Sick Report - Stan Hicks

August – 2012

- 03 - Dave Paterson fell broke shoulder - is at home
- 09 - Lloyd Hannis at General
- 16 - Jack Chadwick at St.Joe's - no visitors
- 23 - Lloyd Hannis at home
- 23 - Frank Holk at General
- 27 - Leo Shaidle in for surgery - left hand - at home
- 30 - Talked to Leo Shaidle - feeling better
- 30 - Frank Holk had IV removed - feeling better
- 30 - Tammy Valois - in for surgery



**Stan Hicks
Sick / Last
Post Chair**

September – 2012

- 02 - Earl Lewis - right shoulder injury
- 03 - Frank Holk feeling better - still at General per P.Penney
- 13 - Visited Frank Holk at General - feeling better
- 15 - Talked to Tammy Valois - feeling a lot better
- 20 - Bob Page at St.Joe's - Hip
- 24 - Frank Holk at home
- 28 - Lloyd Hannis at General and home
- 30 - Bob Page in rehab

Last Post

Joe Bonner - August 14th, 2012
Ruth Rivers (Ladies Auxiliary) - August 14th, 2012
Jack Chadwick - August 23rd, 2012
Murray MacDonald - September 4th, 2012

We Will Remember Them

Attention Branch 36 members: Remembrance Day, on the 11th November falls on a Sunday and I ask all Legion members to take part in the Remembrance Day Parade and service at the memorial at the Community Center. Thank you.

Peter Whittaker - Public Relations Officer

Banquet Hall Report

The Banquet Hall is available for rental. The Wentworth Lounge downstairs is available for use on a first come basis.

The Wentworth room will accommodate from 5-65 people. It can be used for memorial services, meetings, birthdays, retirement parties, and any other event you can think of.



Doug Rivers
Banquet Hall
Chair

Just call the office to book the room - (905) 627-7221. There is no charge.

Doug Rivers - Banquet Hall Chair

Fall Work Party Volunteers Needed

Fall is here and we are asking for volunteers for our Fall Work Party to get the building and grounds ship-shape in time for Remembrance week and show our veterans that we care.

A sign-up sheet will be posted and everyone is welcome to come as we have various jobs to be done. This year's work party starts at 9:00am on Sunday, 4th November, 2012. A Light Lunch will be served to all those who attend.

A day without sunshine is like, you know, night.



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Canteen Report

The Branch is back on winter hours and all of the winter sports leagues are up and running. The weather will soon make being inside a better idea than being outside. While you're considering how to spend your inside time, how about considering coming by the Branch and meeting up with friends and enjoying catching up on what they've been up to all summer. Enjoy a chilled beverage and some good company.



**Dawn Lewis
Canteen
Chair**

While you're there you could also pay your membership dues for next year and get in on the "Early Bird" draws.

The 'Presidents Meat Draw' is also back with some great meat to be won each Saturday afternoon at 3pm. Watch the 'White' board for more information on what's coming up at the Branch, and be sure to check the Branch 36 website for more updates.

This is YOUR Branch, please come out and enjoy it. Feel free to sit down with a stranger, introduce yourself and make a new friend.

If you have any questions about the Branch, the sports leagues or any of the other events that are going on, please feel free to ask any member of your executive or the bar steward. If the person that you ask can't answer your question, they'll point you in the direction of someone who can.

Dawn Lewis - Canteen Chair and 1st Vice President

Bursary Report

Bursaries are available from Provincial Command for children and grandchildren of Ordinary members and children of Associate members, Please see myself or President John Murphy for further information, or if you have questions.

Mike Alkerton - Past President and Bursary Chair

Entertainment Report

The Open Microphone Nights are starting up again after the Fish Fry on the second Friday of each month, so come on down to the Legion and enjoy some of the talent being presented.

A Trivia night will be held Friday, 26th October starting at 8:00pm.

We are planning a dance which will be publicized in the near future.

If you have an idea or a question about entertainment at the Legion please get in touch.



**Rob Turner
&**



**Chris Turner
Entertainment
Co-Chairs**

Chris Turner - Entertainment Co-Chair

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Colour Party Report

On Thursday, August 16th members of the Colour Party rode on the Legion float in the Cactus Festival Parade. Those on the float had a great time representing the Branch. It's our hope that next year more members from the Branch will be available to ride on the float.



James Byron
Colour Party
Commander

On Tuesday, September 18th we 6 members of the Colour Party and the Colour Party Commander attended the General Meeting to present the Colours and welcome new members to the Branch. We are looking forward to providing help on the Poppy Campaign.

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)

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.

**If you get to thinking you're a person of some influence,
try ordering somebody else's dog around.**

Councillor

**Russ
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