



The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion
February – 2013



Branch 36 Colour Party present colours at a ceremony celebrating the 198th birthday of John A. McDonald – Canada's first prime Minister at his statue in Hamilton.

Photographer Barry Gray – Hamilton Spectator



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President's Report

Welcome to 2013 Comrades. The focus for the Branch this year is "Membership". It is important that we keep our membership strong. This is vital so that we can continue with our mission of serving veterans which includes serving military and their families and to promote remembrance and to serve our community country. Please see Comrade Mike's Membership rep



**John
Murphy
President**

We have had positive feedback with the introduction of the direct debit machine for membership and Banquet Hall rentals.

If you would like to be on our email list for notices regarding upcoming events at the Branch, please leave your email address with a Bar Steward. This list is kept confidential.

We are planning our 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt. It will be on Saturday, March 30th in the morning. Last year a "hopping" good time was had by all. We expect that the Easter Bunny will be in attendance. More information will be forwarded via the website and email.

If you have been up to the Banquet Hall since December you will have noticed that new chairs were purchased for the room. It is a very positive change. Some of the old chairs went for recycling and others are being used downstairs.

In an effort to upgrade the Club Room and Wentworth Room including purchasing new chairs we are collecting pennies with our "Coppers for Comrades" program. There is a container at the Branch for your donations.

We are selling one of a kind Christmas ornaments for the Club Room Christmas tree. These are hand painted wooden ornaments that carry your name or the name of a loved one or a favourite holiday greeting. The cost is \$10.00 per ornament and they will be hung on this tree every year. They are unbreakable

President's Report continued

and examples and order forms are available at the Branch. We hope to sell 500 and have already had a fantastic response to the initiative. These are available for a limited time and only in 2013.

Thank you to all who have supported these programs and we are looking for your continued support throughout the year.

If you can offer your support to the Branch in any way, please let me know.

Please watch the white board and the Bullytins for notices of General Meetings. These are your opportunities to address your Executive.

As always, I am available at any time to speak with anyone who has a question or concern.

John Murphy - President, Branch 36

Shirts that cost more than a weeks worth of groceries are like horseshoes that cost more than a horse

Ways & Means Report

Our Fish Fry's continue to be the best in the area and they also continue to grow larger every month. Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

As many of you know, we have now opened the Banquet Hall for all of the Fish Fry's. This allows you the option of having your dinner upstairs or downstairs. You still place your order downstairs as usual and just let us know that you would like your dinner upstairs. The hall is bright and the tables are a little larger allowing for larger groups to



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

Ways & Means Report continued

sit together more comfortably. I would like to thank Lynn Horner, Rick Valois, and John Murphy for their help. We were short staffed recently and they offered their help, which was very much appreciated. I would also like to remind you that if you have a problem or a comment about your dinner, to please speak up. We can't fix the problem, if we don't know there is a problem. It's also very nice to hear that you enjoyed your dinner. Your comments, both good and bad are what make this such a great event.

I would also like to thank Suzi Murphy and Tammy Valois for providing cupcakes and cookies for desert. These treats are not a part of the Fish Fry and the money raised from the sale of these delicious treats will be going towards the Legion gardens in the spring.

The 'Blue Books' will be making a come back to the tables in the near future. Be sure to watch for them to find updates for special events and happenings around the Branch. If you would like something mentioned (advertised) in the books, please see me at the Branch or leave a message with the bar steward, including all of the details (type of event, date, time, etc.) and I will make sure that it gets added to the books.

Also, if you have any ideas for events please speak up. We would be happy to hear all of your ideas to make our Branch even better.

Have a safe, healthy, happy new year. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Branch.

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

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

Why are they called stairs inside but steps outside?

Colour Party Report

On December 24th the Colour Party sold tickets for a draw that helped us pay for 3 new flags and other equipment that we required.

On January 13, 2013 seven members paraded in downtown Hamilton in honour of the 198th birthday of Sir John A. Macdonald, Canada's first Prime Minister.

As always we welcome anyone interested in joining the Colour Party and assistance will be given to anyone requiring a uniform.

James Byron - Sergeant at Arms & Colour Party Commander



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

Membership Report

While writing this report on 16th January we have 210 members who have not renewed for 2013.

This number seems to be constant throughout the years. I have sent out notices to those members who have not renewed. This is a lot of work and cost to the Branch. I would urge you to drop by the Branch and you can now use your Debit card to pay dues at the Branch, or mail your dues to the Branch. However if you are not going to renew would you kindly drop us a note or email the Branch at rclbr36@cogeco.net to let us know why. We would appreciate it. Thank you.

We are always recruiting new members and ask you to bring in 'Just One' new member. Everyone is welcome, you do not have to have military service. To these new members we will have a mass initiation at the General Meeting in March. You will be notified. Please try to attend and see what the Legion is and does for our Vets and the community.



**Mike
Alkerton
Membership
Chair**

Membership Report continued

Each and every member can promote membership. We have a terrific package for our new members. Details are posted in the Branch and on our website. All members are entitled to a variety of incentives from Dominion Command and these are also listed on our website. For example, you can save up to 30% from Dell, there are exclusive offers from Carlson Wagonlit Travel, 25% off ICI paints, 15% off Travelodge rates and 50% off a World Deluxe Annual Membership from Ancestry.ca.

If someone is interested in membership, simply ask the Bar Steward for a membership form. The person completes the form and returns it to the Branch. The form is reviewed and the person is contacted and membership dues are paid. Anyone can join the Legion, and no military service is required.

If you have any concerns or questions please contact me.

Mike Alkerton - Past President and Membership Chair

Bursaries Report

Bursaries are available to children and grandchildren of Ordinary Legion members, and some others, to assist in their education. Some changes have been made (see me for details).

It is getting late in the school year, but you can still apply for Bursaries if you get your requests in before the end of March.

When we give out a Bursary we rarely hear back from a student. I handed out at least twenty last forms last year and I know that most receive one. It would be nice to hear from these students.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Mike Alkerton - Past President and Membership Chair

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

Ladies Auxiliary(L.A.) Report

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year. This year we gave gifts to seniors without families in a local nursing home. I dropped the gifts off at the nursing home so that the seniors would have them to open on Christmas morning. We also gave a Dundas Family in need all the food they would need for the Christmas Holidays. We want to see this increase in the upcoming seasons and would love to see your support in helping us achieve our goals.



**Terrie
Gubbins
President
Ladies
Auxiliary**

L.A. MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

We accept membership dues all year long. If you are 71 years of age or older you are eligible to pay our seniors rate of \$12.00. All regular memberships are \$14.00. If you have any questions regarding membership dues please contact us.

L.A. Upcoming Meetings and Events

Tuesday 12th Feb. - Monthly Meeting

Sunday 17th Feb. - Zone Team Darts at Br.36 – we are hosts

Friday 22nd Feb. - Beef Night

Tuesday 12th Mar. Monthly Meeting

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L.A. Sports

On Saturday November 17th Terry Kobylinski, Debbie Cooley and Stephanie Cooley attended the Acton Legion for the Singles District Dart Tournament. Terry placed 5th. On the same day the doubles teams of Terry Kobylinski and Terrie Gubbins and Sue Sklepowicz and Dana Dilabbio attended as well. Sue and Dana placed 6th. All qualifying will be heading to Kirkland Lake in April.

L.A. Beef on a Bun Nights

Thanks to all who helped in October with the preparation of Cabbage Rolls and Perogies because without your hard work we couldn't have pulled it off. Keep your eyes and ears open for upcoming surprises being added on Beef nights.

Ladies Auxiliary(L.A.) Report continued

The upcoming Beef nights are as follows: January 25th, February 22nd and March 22nd. The start time is 5:30pm.

L.A. Birthday Banquet & Honours and Awards

The Birthday Banquet & Honours and Awards is being held on Saturday March 2nd. Please watch for tickets going on sale at the legion. If you are entitled to a pin we will be contacting you.

L.A. Annual Draw

Our Annual Draw was a HUGE success - it's amazing what can be done when we all pull together. We had some wonderful prizes on the tables which peaked the interest of everyone. A huge thank you to Suzi Murphy and Dana Dilabbio for pulling it all together and making it the wonderful draw that it was. Thank you to all the volunteers manned the draw table throughout the month of November. It was greatly appreciated. The Dundas Merchants were a huge help towards our draw this year and it's great to see how involved they became. Great job everyone!!!!

L.A. Reminder

If you are aware of any Member who is ill at home or in the hospital PLEASE CALL Comrade Anne Hayes. Comrade Anne will mail them a card. Also, this applies to any deceased Member and immediate family members. If we are not made aware of these we are not able to send sympathy cards and/or donations in memory of. THANK YOU!

Terrie Gubbins - Ladies Auxiliary President

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Sick Report - Stan Hicks

December - 2012

8th - Fred Lutz in Hospital - Trillium Health Centre (Mississauga)

14th - Fred Lutz surgery

January - 2013

1st - Gerry Belec St.Joseph's – pneumonia - now home

5th - Tom McCann Joseph Brant - stroke

7th - Wilf Coons Juravinski - fractured hip

11th - Bill Williamson General - now home



**Stan Hicks
Sick
&
Last Post
Chair**

Last Post

Dorrie Morden - 6th October, 2012

Gord Cornell - 26th November, 2012

Sammy Yanover - 17th December, 2012

Tom McCann - 6th January, 2013

We Will Remember Them

Honours and Awards Report

Our annual Branch Honours and Awards and Ladies Auxiliary Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, 2nd March, 2013 and tickets will go on sale the 18th February.

Your 2013 membership card needs to read 6, 11, 16, 21, etc. (under years of service) to receive a pin. If you have a star punched into your 2013 Legion Membership card you are entitled to receive a Years of Service Pin at the Honours and Awards Banquet.

I will be making calls in February to all who are eligible for years of service pins. If you believe you are eligible for a pin and have

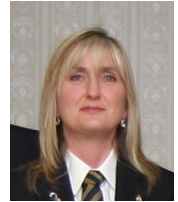
Honours and Awards Report continued

not received a phone call by 18th February, please call the Branch and leave me a message. This event was a sellout last year so get your \$20.00 tickets early.

Gary Jamieson - Honours and Awards Chair

Youth & Education Report

We had an exciting response to our Annual Literary and Poster Contest. Entries were received from four local schools and a home schooled group. There were 23 literary entries and 44 poster entries. We awarded 13 first place, 6 second place and 2 third place winners with a total of \$530.00 in prize money. Thanks to Tony Bratschitsch, Tammy Valois and John Murphy for their assistance with judging. All first place entries have moved on to compete at the Zone level. I will keep you posted on this process.



**Suzi
Murphy
Youth and
Education
Chair**

Suzi Murphy - Youth and Education Chair

Banquet Hall Report

If you are planning a wedding, Stag and Doe, meeting, or any event requiring a banquet hall, please consider the Dundas Legion.

Check out our website for catered menus, pictures, rates, and frequently asked questions at rclbr36@cogeco.net.



**Doug
Rivers
Banquet
Hall Chair**

Please call (905)627-7221 for further information.
Act now, as dates for this year are starting to fill quickly.

Doug Rivers - Banquet Hall Chair

Public Relations Report

I was interested in the Valentine Dance being held Saturday, 16th February. The music will be supplied by a group called Little Peter and the Elegants..

I visited this group's website and was impressed that there are eight people in the group. I listened to the group playing 50's and 60's rock tunes at Mississauga's Bread and Honey festival last year and they are GOOD. They also have testimonials from several of Toronto's radio stations.

Take your sweetheart to this Valentine's dance. You will really enjoy the music that this band provides in our newly decorated hall upstairs which many of you have never seen.

Tickets now at the bar \$10, at the door \$15.



Come to the Valentine Dance



Peter Whittaker - Public Relations Officer



**Peter
Whittaker
3rd Vice
President
and
Public
Relations
Chair**

Christmas Food Contributions well received

Thank you for your contributions of food and a Turkey to our Christmas Food Drive. They were given to the Salvation Army for distribution. Your generosity shows that Branch 36 assists their fellow citizens and it was greatly appreciated.

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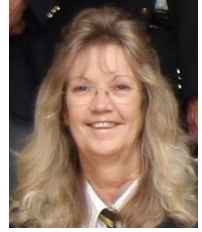
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Canteen Report

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a happy and healthy New Year.



**Dawn Lewis
Canteen
Chair**

Things have been going along smoothly in the canteen. It's nice to see people out enjoying themselves with friends and family. Please remember that you can bring your friends into the Branch and introduce them to all of the great things that the Branch has to offer.

If you would like to host a party in the Wentworth Room, please contact the Branch at (905) 627-7221. There is no charge for the room and only a few simple rules. The room is booked on a first come, first served basis. Call the Branch for more details.

There has not been a lot going on in the evenings on Saturday nights, so the Branch has been closing at 6pm; however, if you would like to book something for a Saturday night, I would be more than happy to make sure that there is a bar steward on duty and that the Branch is open. This is your Branch, and you as a member are very important to the success of the Branch.

If you have any comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to any one of your executive members. We are all here to help make our Branch the best that it can be.

Dawn Lewis - 1st Vice President & Canteen Chair

Memorial Ceiling Tiles

In the Branch you will see above you painted ceiling tiles. If you spot a tile that needs updating we would appreciate your input. You may think all of the tiles are filled but tiles are still available and if you would like to participate and purchase a tile contact the Branch office.

As long as there are tests, there will be prayer in schools.

Sports Report

On Friday, 7th December Branch 36 held a very successful Sports Turkey Roll.

On Saturday, 5th January the Zone B6 Snooker Tournament was held at Branch 36. One team from Branch 36 made it on to the District Snooker Tournament which was also held at Branch 36. The snooker team consisting of Jeff Boucher, Doug Lappin, Joe McDonald and Greg Griffiths entered and finished second in this Tournament. This Branch 36 team will play at the Provincial Snooker Tournament being held on Saturday, 2nd March at Br.461 Dunsdon in Brantford.

The following is a listing of upcoming Legion Sports Tournaments:

Saturday - 26th January - Singles & Doubles

Darts - Br.315 Polish Veterans in Hamilton.

Sunday - 27th January - Zone Team Darts - Br.58 Hamilton.

Saturday - 23rd Feb.& Sunday 24th Feb. - Doubles & Teams

Mixed Darts - Branch 622 Stoney Creek.

Saturday, 2nd March - Zone Euchre - Br.163 Hamilton Mountain.

Sunday, 23rd March - Youth Darts - Br.463 South Brant

Jordan Deneau - Sports Co-Chair



**Jordan
Deneau
&**



**Brody
Howlett
Sports
Co-Chairs**

Veterans Services Report

Comrades, as your Branch Service Officer I can best assist the Veterans of our branch by identifying those with unmet health needs and possible benefits from Veterans Affairs Canada(VAC) and all referrals are kept confidential. To take the first step to your possible VAC benefits contact the Branch for an appointment.

Rick Valois - Veterans Services Chair

Poppy Fund Report

On behalf of the Poppy Fund, let us thank everyone who found the time to help out during this past campaign. I can't name everyone here, but to the people who made/brought in food, helped drive poppy distributors to their stores, rolled coin etc., it is truly appreciated and we thank you very much. Without you, our success would not be possible. Even considering the lack of poppy distributors, the ones that were out there (some more than once) were still able to help us meet last year's mark. Remarkable!



**Cheri
Harrington
Poppy
Fund
Co-Chair**

On November 11, the Poppy Fund made \$1500.00 contributions to Blackadar Nursing Home; Salvation Army; Wentworth Lodge; St. Joseph's Villa and Highgate Retirement Home. We also donated to the Navy League, Air Cadets and Army Cadets.

\$1,000 was also donated towards the Veterans Christmas Dinner, and Youth & Education received \$530 for prizes for the local school's poster/literary contests.

In December, on behalf of the Dundas Poppy Fund, Christmas arrangements with personalized Christmas Cards were delivered to Veterans in long term/retirement residences: 13 veterans at Highgate Retirement Home and 8 Veterans at Wentworth Lodge. Blackadar & St. Josephs Villa received a large arrangement each for their lobby areas.

Poppy continues to try & help Veterans (young & old) the best way we can. Please help us to help those who need us. Please feel free to contact us at any time to volunteer, ask questions or let us know of any Veterans who may need our help.

Cheri Harrington - Poppy Fund Co-Chair

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

A true cowboy doesn't let his horse drink water he wouldn't.

Branch 36 - Upcoming Events

President's Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 3-4pm

Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm

February 2013 Events

Friday - 8th February - **Fish Fry** - 4:30-7:00pm

Friday - 8th February - **Trivia Night** - 7:30pm

Saturday - 9th February - **Dundas Modular Train Club Flea Market** - 10:00am-3:00pm - Admission is \$3.00 for adults and children under 12 are free

Tuesday - 12th February - **Ladies Auxiliary Meeting** - 7:00pm

Saturday - 16th February - **Valentine Dance** - 7:00pm

Tuesday - 19th February - **Monthly General Meeting** - 7:30pm

Friday - 22nd February - **Beef on a Bun** - 5:30-7:30pm

March 2013 Events

Saturday - 2nd March - **Branch and Ladies Auxiliary Honours & Awards Banquet** - Open 5:30pm, Dinner 6:30pm

Friday - 8th March - **Fish Fry** - 4:30-7:00pm

Friday - 8th March - **Open Microphone Night** - 7:00pm

Tuesday - 12th March - **Ladies Auxiliary Meeting** - 7:00pm

Saturday - 16th March - **St.Patrick's Day Party** - 7:30pm

Tuesday - 19th March - **Bi-Annual General Meeting and Initiation of new Legion members** - 7:30pm

Friday - 22nd March - **Beef on a Bun** - 5:30-7:30pm

Saturday - 30th March - **Easter Egg Hunt** - 9:00am

April 2013 Events

Friday - 12th April - **Fish Fry** - 4:30-7:00pm

Tuesday - 16th April - **Monthly General Meeting** - 7:30pm

Friday - 26th April - **Beef on a Bun** - 5:30-7:30pm

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