



# The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion

April – 2013



**Dawn Lewis, President Branch 36 presents award to Peter Martin as Legionnaire of the Year at our 2013 Honours and Awards Banquet.**



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## President's Report

As the new President of Branch 36, I would like to take this opportunity to thank John Murphy for his years of service to the Branch and wish him well with his new position as Zone Commander. I would also like to thank John and all of our executive and members at the Branch for their help, guidance, and patience as I step into my new position. I could not do this without the help, guidance, and support that everyone is showing me. Thank you everyone. I have also had a lot of positive comments and well wishes from our membership and I appreciate the fact that you have the confidence in me to do this job to the best of my ability.



**Dawn Lewis  
President**

We've had a lot going on in the Branch since the last Bullytin. We had a very successful Valentine's dance with Peter and the Elegants providing live dance music for everyone to enjoy. Everyone in attendance had a great time.

Next came the Honours and Awards Banquet and L.A. Birthday Party. Sandy Jordan and her team did another excellent job of cooking and serving a delicious roast beef dinner. We had several members receive Years of Service pins and other members of the Branch were recognized with certificates of appreciation and merit for their contributions to the Branch. The Legionaire of the Year this year is Peter Martin. He's a hard working guy that makes every job seem like a party. This award is very much deserved and it was my pleasure to be able to present it to him. Along with the title and plaque comes the honour of being in control of the remote for the TV in the canteen for the next year. Just another little perk. Congratulations Peter.

St. Patrick's Day brought another celebration to the Branch which was a great success and everyone who attended had a great time at this dance.

Our next very successful event was directed at the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of our members and was also open to all of the children in the community. The Easter

Bunny was there and the kids got to enjoy meeting him and having an Easter egg hunt outside. The weather couldn't have been better for this event and everyone attending had a great time. A special thanks going out to the Easter Bunny, Bob and Chris Turner, Doug Rivers, John and Suzi Murphy, Peter and Mary Whittaker, and Cheri Harrington and everyone else involved for making this a special day for the kids (and the parents) to remember.

Branch Elections will be held on Wednesday May 1, 2013 at 8pm in the banquet hall at the Branch. Please plan on attending. The people you elect will be the ones that will be responsible for making and keeping your Branch a place that you can be proud of. If you would like a voice on the executive, please make sure that someone is aware so you can be nominated. This is your Branch and your vote matters.

Please remember to bring your family and friends into the Branch and encourage them to become members. A strong membership makes a strong Branch. If you know of someone who may be interested in becoming a member please see Comrade Mike Alkerton or pick up a membership application at the bar. You do not have to be a veteran to become a member and the benefits of membership are worth it to you and the community that we serve.

***Dawn Lewis*** - President Branch 36

### **Ways & Means Report**

Our March Fish Fry was our most successful to date thanks to you the membership. It seems now that opening the Banquet Hall upstairs for more seating was just what the customer ordered. We have had a very positive response from the people who have decided to enjoy their dinner upstairs. The hall is bright and the tables are larger allowing for more people to sit together. Ordering is the same as always. Place your order downstairs and tell Sandra that you would like to have it



**Dawn Lewis**  
**Ways & Means**  
**Chair**

upstairs and she'll mark it so we know. The bar is open upstairs so you can enjoy a chilled beverage while we cook your dinner. We have added Rootbeer to both of the bars for those who have not reached the legal drinking age or for those who just enjoy a chilled Rootbeer.

Several parents with small children requested we have Rootbeer and now we do. If you have any other suggestions or comments please speak up. We listen and we want you to be happy.

Remember if ever you are unhappy with your meal for any reason we want to make it right. If you don't tell us we don't know. Please don't be afraid to let us know that we didn't deliver to your satisfaction. It's you that make the Fish Fry's successful and we would like hear from you if you're not.

Fish fry's will continue throughout the summer as usual on the second Friday of each month.

The Family BBQ's will be back again this Summer with first one being on June 23, then July 21, and finally on August 18. We will have all of your favorites including steak, chicken and hamburgers along with all the regular side dishes.

If you would like to help out at the BBQ's please see me at the Branch or leave me a message. I'll be sure to get back to you.

Keep your eyes open for the return of the Blue Books to the tables for updates and events at the Branch.

**Dawn Lewis** - Ways & Means Chair

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## **Bursaries Report**

There is not much to report at this time of year. See me in late August if you have a child doing full time post-secondary education.

We can determine if the child is eligible, and give you a Bursary form to complete and submit.

After we hand you a Bursary form and you submit it, the Royal Canadian Legion does not inform us if the Bursary is awarded (probably to protect people's privacy), and as a result we can only tell you the total amount of money that is given out by the Legion.

In the last two years the Royal Canadian Legion gave out over \$400,000 to the Bursary program.

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).

***Mike Alkerton*** - Past President and Bursary Chair



**Mike Alkerton**  
**Bursary**  
**Chair**

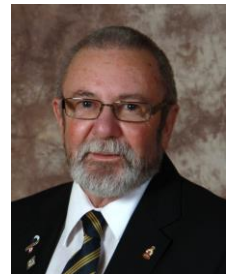
## **Banquet Hall Report**

Bookings for the banquet hall have really been filling up for April, May and June with not too many open dates left.

If you are planning an event, be sure to check out our website at [www.br36dundas.org](http://www.br36dundas.org) to see pictures, check out our Hall rates, Catering, Rental contract form and view our frequently asked questions page.

For further information regarding booking the Banquet hall, please call the Legion at 905-627-7221.

**Doug Rivers** - Banquet Hall Chair



**Doug Rivers**  
**Banquet Hall**  
**Chair**

## Colour Party Report

On March 2nd the Colour Party attended the Honours & Award dinner and took part in the opening and closing ceremonies.

The following members were honoured with the Volunteer Service Medal: Geoff Hodgson, Fay Kieley, Greg Sherring and Chris Slote.

The following members were honoured with Certificates of Appreciation: Mark Mainprize, Marcel Trost and Jan Whiting.

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)



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

### **St.Patrick's Dance a great success !!!**



Brett Thomson, Olivia Harrington, Nikki Owen, Cheri Harrington and Natasha Jones at the St.Patrick's dance.

## **Membership Report**

As of 1st April, 2013 we have 61 members from 2012 not renewed for various reasons; forgot, moved or just not going to re-new.

Therefore, our numbers will drop below 800 for the first time; however, this is of small comfort even though we are the second largest Branch in the Zone and about fifth in the District.



**Mike Alkerton**  
**Membership**  
**Chair**

We have recruited well and should try to continue doing so.

**Remember to “Just Bring One”.**

Our strength is in the membership. We have lost contact with members when they move. So please let us know if you change address. You can do this by mail or email [rcibr36@cogeco.net](mailto:rcibr36@cogeco.net).

This is the last Bullytin until August. To keep up with Branch events go to our website at [www.br36dundas.org](http://www.br36dundas.org). As always any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact me.

## ***Mike Alkerton - Membership Chair***

### **Special Events Report**

On Sunday, 2nd June, 2013 our annual church Parade is scheduled. All who wishing to take part please fall in at the Branch at 09:45am.

Everyone is welcome to join the formation as we make our way to St.James Anglican church. We will march off at 10:00am and proceed to St.James church on Melville Street.

For those who cannot march in the parade, but wish to attend the church service, it will start at 10:30am and all are welcome to attend. Lunch will be available at the Legion after the service.



**Gord Sharpe**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice**  
**President and**  
**Special Events**  
**Chair**

***Gord Sharpe - Special Events Chair***

## Ladies Auxiliary Report

The Ladies Auxiliary have been busy this season thus far. For Christmas we purchased gifts for seniors without any family. We also supplied a family in need with food and gifts for Christmas. In February we sent out Valentines for Vets to the legion members from World War II and the Korean War. These Valentines were well received.

The April Beef on a Bun night had to be cancelled unfortunately. The May Beef on a bun night will go ahead as normal.

The Honours & Awards night went well. We handed out a 60 year pin for Ethel Lampman to her daughter Sandra Lampman, a 45 year pin to Nancy Gadoury, 20 year pins to Gerry Hopkins, Marie Kobylinski and Sharon Pivonka and a 10 year pin to Pat Raynsford. We also handed out 3 Trillium pins to Gerry Hopkins, Terry Kobylinski and Terrie Gubbins. Congratulations to all.

We have 2 dart teams attending Fonthill for the District Team Dart Tournament and we have the double team of Sue Skelpowicz and Dana Dilabbio as well as Terry Kobylinski for singles all going to Kirkland Lake at the end of April for Singles & Doubles Provincials. Good luck to all.

If you have any questions about the LA please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours in Comradeship,

**Terrie Gubbins** – Branch 36 Ladies Auxiliary President



**Terrie  
Gubbins  
Ladies  
Auxiliary  
President**

**Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?**

**Don't tell me the sky is the limit when there are footprints on the moon...**

## Easter Egg Hunt enjoyed by all



A happy mother and daughter have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny at the Legion's 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

### House Report

Recently the elevator has had some repairs and part replacements and is now running efficiently.

We are waiting for some warmer weather before continuing the work on the upstairs air system. Previously insulation was pulled from the vents and now we need to turn on the system to see if it is working properly.

A Spring Clean Up Day is scheduled for Sunday, May 26th. We need as many volunteers as possible for work inside and outside the Branch beginning at 9:00 am.

**"Many hands make light work!"**

**Gord Sharpe** - House Chair



**Gord  
Sharpe  
House  
Chair**

## Legion Valentine Dance



Pictured above are dancers at the Valentine Dance held at Branch 36 on Saturday, 16th February, 2013. Music was supplied by the band Little Peter and the Elegants, an 8 member group specializing in rock music from the 50's, 60's and 70's. Everyone who came enjoyed the music, the dancing and the pizza snacks that were supplied.

### Public Relations Report

Its been a busy winter season at the Branch with Valentine and St.Patrick dances, and the Honours and Awards and Ladies Auxiliary Banquet.

Coming up is the summer season with the spring work party to clean up the Branch and its grounds on Sunday, 26th May, for our D-Day church parade on Sunday, 2nd June. I hope you come to the church parade to Remember those Veterans, who served so that we can enjoy the freedoms we have today.



**Peter Whittaker**  
**Public**  
**Relations Chair**

***Peter Whittaker*** - Public Relations Chair

## Sick Report

### January

15th - Bill Williamson at home  
17th - Fred Lutz at hospital  
18th - Dana Dilabbio at Etobicoke General  
21st - Dana Dilabbio to have surgery  
22nd - Dana Dilabbio came through surgery okay  
22nd - Murray Floyd at St.Joe's - pneumonia  
24th - Fred Lutz at daughter's home in Oakville  
28th - Murray Floyd at home  
29th - Wilf Coon at Villa



**Stan Hicks  
Sick  
and  
Last Post  
Chair**

### February

2nd - Visited Wilf Coon at Villa  
10th - Fred Lutz out and about  
16th - Dana Dilabbio at home  
20th - Jim Croome at home - broken collar bone  
20th - Ted Zess at St.Joe's  
24th - Gerry Belec at St.Joe's  
26th - Ted Zess at St.Joes - seizure

### March

2nd - visited Gerry Belec at Juravinski – not very good  
6th - Mark Broadbent at home after kidney transplant  
6th - Ted Zess at home  
7th - visited Ted Zess at home – resting  
7th - Gerry Belec at home

### March

8th - Jim Kielty at Joe Brant - knee surgery  
8th - Wilf Coon at St.Joe's - pneumonia  
10th - Jim Kielty out of ICU at Joe Brant  
11th - Jim Kielty at home  
15th - Ann Hayes at General  
27th - Wilf Coon at Villa  
29th - Visited Ann Hayes at General  
29th - Visited Frank Holk at General

### April

2nd - Visited Wilf Coon at Villa

## **Last Post**

**Peter Case - 10th February, 2013  
Stan Hambleton - 12th February, 2013  
Velma Krawchuk - 21st February, 2013**

**We Will Remember Them**

## Poppy Fund Report

Happy Spring to everyone! Hopefully some nice sunny weather is in our near future. During the Honours & Awards Banquet in March, the Poppy Fund was fortunate enough to be able to donate \$15,000 to the Juravinski Cancer Center and \$15,000 to St. Joseph's Villa. A special thanks again to all of the volunteers who took part in last year's Poppy Fund campaign and made this possible.

Following the banquet, I received an e-mail from Maureen Ellis of St. Joseph's Villa with questions about Legion functions and the Poppy. She asked what we would like to see with regards to Veterans at the Villa. I suggested a couple of things. I mentioned it would be beneficial to ask new admissions if they are a Veteran or widow of a Veteran, and make it part of their admission process. I also suggested putting a Poppy beside a Veteran's name plate/memory box located at the entrance of their room, thus making it visible to all that a Veteran resides in that room.

I am happy to report, that these suggestions have now been implemented at St. Joseph's Villa. This is a great start to recognizing our Veterans in this establishment, and I would love to see this spread throughout our other local Retirement Homes & Long Term Care Facilities.

Have a safe & happy spring !!

**Cheri Harrington** - Poppy Co-Chair



**Jim Byron**  
Poppy Fund  
Chair

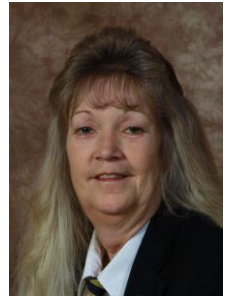


**Cheri**  
Harrington  
Poppy Fund  
Co-Chair

**I discovered I scream the same way whether I'm about to be devoured by a great white shark or if a piece of seaweed touches my foot.**

## Canteen Report

Things have been going very well in the canteen with several parties booked into the Wentworth room and events happening in the canteen as well. The Saturday afternoon meat draws continue to draw good crowds and the various sports that take place are also very successful.



**Dawn Lewis  
Canteen Chair**

Sports are winding down now and the Branch will soon be going back on summer hours. If you would like to book something ( baby shower, birthday party, anniversary, etc.) in the Wentworth room please check with the Bar Steward on duty and they will be able to tell you if the date is available. If there is something that you would like to do at the Branch on Saturday night we can arrange to have the Branch open. This is your Branch. We have been closing early during the summer to keep costs down. The Bar Stewards get pretty bored being at the Branch alone all evening but if you would like to book something we will do our best to accommodate you. Please either see the Steward on duty or call the Branch at (905)627-7221.

This is your Branch and if you have any questions or concerns about what is happening at your Branch please do not hesitate to speak to me or any other member of your executive. We are all here to make our Branch the best that it can be.

***Dawn Lewis - Canteen Chair***

### **Perennial Plant Propagation Party – 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2013**

If you are dividing or thinning any of your perennial plants - Hostas are a great example, whether sun or shade loving, please bring these divisions to the Branch **from 9am to 11am** to help us spruce up our gardens. Just put them in a labelled pot or bag and we will ensure they have many more years of life in our gardens. You can also come out on this day and help with the planting! Hope to see you then !

## **Sports Report**

On 27th January - Zone Darts was held at East Hamilton Branch 58 and our Dundas Branch 36 team won and moved on to District.

On 23rd February - Zone Darts was held at East Hamilton Branch 58 and a Dundas Branch 36 Mixed Doubles darts team moved on to District. Two Dundas Branch 36 Mixed teams also moved on to District. District is at Brampton's Major William Dwight Sharp Branch 15 on 20th April

On 2nd March - Provincial Snooker was held at Brantford's Dundson Branch 461 and our Dundas Branch 36 team came 2nd.

On 2nd March - Zone Euchre was held at Mount Hamilton Branch 163 and a Dundas Branch 36 team moved on District. District Euchre is at Polish Veterans Branch 315 on 13th April.

On 23rd March - District Youth Darts was held at Brampton's Major William Dwight Sharp Branch 15. Both senior and junior teams and a doubles team from Dundas Branch 36 won. They move on to Provincial at Sutton Branch 356 on 27th April.

The following District events are scheduled and sign up sheets are posted on the Sports Bullytin board in the Branch.

On 27th April - District Shuffleboard will be at Brampton's Major William Dwight Sharp Branch 15.

On 22nd June - District Horseshoes will be at Waterdown Branch 551.

On 13th July - District Golf will be at the Pelham Hills Golf Course in Pelham, Ontario.

### **Jordan Deneau - Sports Co-Chair**



**Jordan Deneau  
&**



**Brody Howlett  
Sports  
Co-Chairs**

**With sufficient thrust, pigs fly just fine.**

## Youth Education Report

### 2012-2013 Zone B-6 Youth Education Poster and Literary Contest Results

#### Colour Posters

Primary Level - 2nd Place - Calvin Elgersma

Intermediate Level - 1st Place - Srinidi Shaw

Senior Level - 1st Place - Taylor Cinq-Mars

#### Black and White Posters

Intermediate Level - 1st Place - Srinidi Shaw

Senior Level - 1st Place - Hannah R. Dejonge

#### Poems

Junior Level - 2nd Place - Laura Elgersma

Intermediate Level - 2nd Place - David Ligersma

Senior Level - 1st Place - Kayla Merkus

#### Essays

Junior Level - 2nd Place - Laura Elgersma

Intermediate Level - 2nd Place - Sarah Elgersma

Senior Level - 1st Place - Sophie Loosley-Millman

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## **Branch 36 - Upcoming Events**

### **May 2013 Events**

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

Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm

### **Wednesday - 1st May - Annual Branch Elections Upstairs - 8pm**

Friday - 10th May - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm

### **Monday - 20th May - Victoria Day - BRANCH CLOSED**

Friday - 24th May - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm

### **Saturday - 25<sup>th</sup> May - Perennial Plant Propagation Day**

Bring in unwanted perennials for the Branch - 9:00-11:00am

### **Sunday - 26th May - Annual Spring Work Party - 9:00am**

Come out and Volunteer to clean up Branch for  
D-Day Parade and Church Service next week

### **June 2013 Events**

Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm

### **Sunday - 2nd June - Br.36 D-day Church Parade**

09:45am - Fall in at Branch 36. All Legion members welcome to  
take part in parade and service

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

Sunday - 23rd June - Family BBQ - Open 1:00pm BBQ - 4-6pm

### **July 2013 Events**

Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm

### **Monday - 1st July - CANADA Day - Branch CLOSED**

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

Sunday - 21st July - Family BBQ - Open 1:00pm BBQ - 4-6pm

### **August 2013 Events**

Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm

### **Monday - 5th August - CIVIC Holiday - Branch CLOSED**

Friday - 9th August - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm

Sunday - 18th August - Family BBQ - Open 1:00pm BBQ - 4-6pm

**Invite your friends and relatives to Legion events !**

**New Legion Members are Always Welcome.**