



# The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion  
August – 2013



**Don Brooks, Bill Williamson and Marilyn Latchford see Fred Lutz after his face was painted with the Batman logo at our Canada Day Good Neighbour BBQ.**

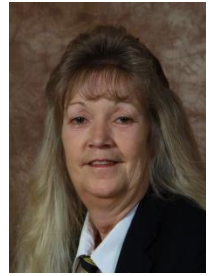


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## President's Report

Summer is very quickly passing us by and soon it will be time to look forward to the events of the fall and beyond. Things have been quiet around the Branch during the last few months as we've all been out enjoying the great weather. I'm looking forward to seeing the faces that have been missing during the summer.



**Dawn Lewis  
President**

We enjoyed a great Canada Day BBQ with a lot of new faces and friends made. I would like to thank John and Suzi Murphy for all of their help with the events of the day, including decorating the Branch. The place looked great. John and Jarius deZeeuw did a great job out on the BBQ's and Suzi's face painting was a big hit. The donations that Suzi received were donated to our Branch Poppy Fund. I'd also like to thank Peter Whittaker for taking the photos of everyone enjoying themselves. I would also like to thank Dave Howlett, Bev Westoby, and Marilyn Latchford for all of their help, as well as Chris and Rob Turner for arranging the entertainment for the day. Thank you to all of the members and their families and friends for coming out to make this day such a great success. It's always nice to see people relaxing and enjoying themselves.

Fall and winter sports are fast approaching so keep your eyes on the Sports Board inside the side door for sign up sheets for men's and ladies darts, men's and ladies snooker, mixed shuffleboard and the list goes on. If you're interested in taking part feel free to join in.

Keep in mind that the Cactus Festival will be held on the third weekend of August and we will once again be entering a float in the parade on the Thursday evening. It would be great to see all of the members of the executive as well as members of the Branch on the float. Watch for details.

The President's Meat Draw will be back starting on September 7th at 3pm and every Saturday following until the spring, so plan

on coming out to support “Your Branch” and win some great meat and enjoy a chilled beverage with your friends.

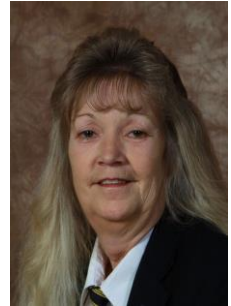
Once again, I’m looking forward to seeing you back at the Branch, and if you have any questions, please feel free to ask. We are your executive and we’re here to help make “our” Branch the most successful Branch in the area. See you at “The Branch”

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

### **Ways & Means Report**

I’d like to take this opportunity to once again thank everyone for making all of the events at the Branch such a huge success.

The Fish Fry’s are a huge success and now you can enjoy your dinner downstairs, upstairs, or enjoy take out. Sometimes the wait is rather long but that tells me that you enjoy what we do. It’s nice to know that this is a meal worth waiting for. As always, if you have a problem with your dinner, please speak up. We can’t fix a problem if we don’t know there is one. If ever you are unhappy with your meal for any reason, please let us know. We can replace it on the spot or offer you a free meal at the next fish fry.



**Dawn Lewis  
Ways &  
Means**

Fish Fry’s run year round on the second Friday of each month. If it’s too hot to cook, or you just don’t want to cook, let us do it for you. This event is one of the most valuable events that we have to raise money for our Branch. All profits from the Fish Fry are donated to the Branch to help make it a place that you can come and enjoy yourselves.

The Family BBQ’s have also been a great success this year. We have two BBQ’s left for the season, August 18, on the Sunday of Cactus Fest, and September 22. Come join us after a day downtown enjoying the festival to enjoy a steak dinner grilled to your

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liking, a Chicken dinner, or a Hamburger dinner. You won't get a better meal, at a better price anywhere.

On the September 22, we will be having a Strong Man demonstration out in the parking lot beginning at 1pm. Come join us to see some of Ontario's strongest men show their strength. These guys are amazing to watch. Come see them pull a large truck from a complete stop, at least 50 feet using only a rope and harness. Watch them lift a car and do other amazing feats of strength. This is a free event, but space is limited so be sure to come early to get a good spot to watch. Come watch the action and then enjoy a great dinner. I'm hoping to get a video up on our website to show you what you will be seeing live.

Keep your eyes open for Thanksgiving Turkey Roll tickets. They will be available in September as well.

If you would like to help out with anything around the Branch, with any of the committee's, please leave your name with the bar steward on duty, or see the committee chairperson. Volunteers are always welcome and our Branch wouldn't survive without them.

Thanks again for all of your support in making our Branch successful.

### ***Dawn Lewis - Ways and Means Chair***

### **Bursary Report**

For students who are full-time and post secondary the Royal Canadian Legion gives Bursaries to these students.

You must be the son, daughter or grandchild of an Ordinary or Associate Legion member.

Please see me.



**Mike Alkerton  
Bursary Chair**

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

## **Banquet Hall Report**

Banquet Hall rentals are continuing well, with rentals picking up quickly for the fall season.

If you or someone you know is having a meeting, planning a party, stag and doe, or looking for a venue for a wedding reception, or generally any event, please give the Legion Hall your consideration.



**Doug Rivers  
Banquet Hall  
Chair**

Check out the banquet hall section on our website for prices, and if your event is to be catered, menu selections and prices are also posted (<http://br36dundas.org//hallrental/hallrental.html>).

Please call (905) 627-7221 or email: [rclbr36@cogeco.net](mailto:rclbr36@cogeco.net) for further details.

***Doug Rivers - 3rd Vice President and Banquet Hall Chair***

## **Colour Party Report**

On June 2nd 8 members of the Colour Party as well as 9 members of the 3 different cadet corps, paraded for our Church Parade making for a very nice presentation. On June 23rd we paraded at the Mohawk Sports park for a Zone sports event. We were assisted by 3 members from Branch 163 and Branch 662. It was nice to have participation of the other branches.

Our next official meeting will be upstairs at 7:00pm on September 13th. As always we welcome anyone who would be interested in joining the Colour Party and assistance will be given to anyone requiring a uniform. We need new members to help fill our ranks for Remembrance Day and D-Day Church Parades.



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

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

## **Special Events Report**

On Sunday, 2nd June Branch 36 held its annual D-Day Parade and church service and we would like to thank all those who took part and remembered our fallen comrades.

Elaine Leroux and Doug Rivers did design for the Legion float for the Cactus Festival Parade and with the help of Linda Rivers, Caitlin Robinson and Peter and Mary Whittaker they were able to build the banners that were placed on the sides of the float.

Thank you also to those who rode on the float during the parade. The Legion float was viewed and appreciated by parade viewers and applause was heard all along the parade route.

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

## **Sports Report**

Summer is almost over so don't forget to come and register to play in the Branch Sport Leagues that operate through the winter. We have an active Youth Darts league, along with Mens, Womens and Mixed Leagues in Darts, Snooker and Shuffleboard at Branch 36.

Many of those who take part in Branch Sports Leagues go on to represent Branch 36 at Legion Sport Tournaments held at different Legions across Ontario. Any member can represent the Branch at a Legion Tournament.

Other Sports Tournaments include Bowling, Cribbage, Curling, Euchre, Golf, Horseshoes, and Lawn Bowling. We may not have an in-house League for a sport, but you can represent your Branch at a Legion Tournament. Watch the Sports board for signup sheets.

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



**Gord Sharpe  
1st Vice  
President and  
Special  
Events**



**Jordan  
Deneau  
Sports  
Co-Chair**

## Membership Report

Welcome to a new Legion year. Our Membership year will begin around the third week in September.

After a long summer when business is not good we sometimes find ourselves in a cash flow situation; therefore, I would ask you to be an “Early Bird” and renew your 2014 membership as soon as possible. We take Debit cards for payment of Legion membership dues.



**Mike  
Alkerton  
Membership  
Chair**

In order to increase membership Dominion Command has introduced a plan for existing members who recruit new members to win a Caribbean cruise. More details about this are available at the Branch or online at [www.legion.ca/onebyone](http://www.legion.ca/onebyone).

The contest is open until November 30th, 2013. There will also be a rewards draw for members who renew their membership by November 30th.. You could win your membership dues back.

The Legion has lost a lot of members over the last couple of years, but we are still one of the strongest in Ontario - Lets keep it that way. Your help in our “Just Bring One” membership campaign has kept our Branch at the top. Lets continue this fine record.

If you have moved or are moving please let us know so that we don't lose contact with you. Make sure we keep your email address up-to-date so that we can keep you informed of events taking place at the Branch. Your email address is for our use only and will not be handed out to anyone.

As always if you have any concerns or questions please feel free to contact me.

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

**No husband has ever been shot while doing the dishes.**

**By the time you can make ends meet, they move the ends.**

## Ladies Auxiliary Report

We hope everybody had a safe and healthy summer. Another season is beginning and we're expecting to be busy as usual. The Beef on a Bun nights will continue as always on the following dates: September 27th, October 25th and November 22nd. So mark these dates on your calendar and come out and enjoy some wonderful food with friends and family. Throughout the season we will be adding different menu items to our usual Beef on a Bun night so please watch for these every now and then.



**Terrie  
Gubbins  
Ladies  
Auxiliary  
President**

During the month of November our annual draw will hopefully take place as usual. Please watch for any notices around the legion. Last season because of the generous donations from our community and our members we were able to do some wonderful things. We purchased Christmas gifts for seniors without families in Blackadar's Nursing Home. We donated to the Salvation Army to be able to provide Christmas for a Dundas family in need and we also sent out Valentines to Vets. We would love to see all of these projects keep going as well as increase if possible. Hopefully we can once again give back to our community this coming season.

The sports season starts up again in September with the Singles and Doubles Zone Dart Tournament on September 22nd at the Legion Branch 58 on Barton Street in Hamilton. Good luck to all who participate.

We are desperate for members. If you or anyone you know has any questions about joining the LA please don't hesitate to contact me. We do some wonderful things with the resources we have and if you're interested in helping us help our community it would be great to have you.

Yours in Comradeship,

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

## Public Relations Report

As 2nd Vice President and Public Relations Officer I have an ongoing battle staying on top of everything that has happened at the Branch, along with events that are scheduled to happen at the Branch in the future. I, like many members of Branch 36 see things at the Branch but don't always realize their significance.



**Peter  
Whittaker  
Public  
Relations  
Chair**

For example, I was recently looking around while sitting in front of the bar and noticed a box attached to the wall outside the office entryway marked Honours and Awards Nominations and Suggestions, and at the side of it are envelopes. I have seen the box many times before, but until that moment never really took in its significance.

As a member of the Executive for some years now, I know each year we try to recognize and honour members who make a contribution to the Branch in one way or another. I know the Executive puts names forward for recognition, but I also remember sometimes it can be difficult to select members for recognition, and there is little input from Legion members.

As a Legion member you may not be present at Executive meetings where these recognition decisions are made, but your ideas or suggestions can be at the meetings and be taken into consideration. If you think someone should be recognized write down the person's name and why they should be honoured on an envelope, sign it and place it in the box.

If you would rather speak to someone you can speak to any of the Executive members at any time.

I know the Honours and Awards Banquet is not until March of next year but you get your suggestions in now so that the people can be properly recognized and honoured.

***Peter Whittaker - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President & Public Relations Chair***

## D-Day Church Service and Parade



**On Sunday, 2nd June, 2013 the Branch 36 Colour Party leads the parade down Melville Street to our Annual D-Day church service held at St.James Anglican church.**

### Dundas Legion Past President joins Jubilee Medal Honorees

John Murphy, past president Royal Canadian Legion Valley City Branch 36, received a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal on Saturday, April 6th, 2013.

The medal was presented at the Royal Canadian Legion District Council Meeting in Simcoe by Royal Canadian Legion District B Commander Dave Smith. The medal is awarded to honour significant contributions and achievements by Canadians.

Mr.Murphy said that the presentation was an unexpected and humbling experience. "It is an honour to have been selected to receive such a prestigious award," said Mr.Murphy, noting local veteran, Comrade Trevor Meldrum. The award was presented recently by MP David Sweet.

**What was the greatest thing before sliced bread?**

**To cheer yourself up, you should try cheering someone else up.**

## Sick Report

### April

- 04 - Frank Holk at home
- 11 - Gerry Belec at St.Joe's
- 12 - Gerry Belec at home
- 16 - Frank Holk moved to Villa
- 16 - Anne Hayes moved to Villa
- 17 - Gerry Belec at Juravinski
- 23 - Gerry Belec at home

### May

- 07 - visited Anne Hayes at Villa
- 07 - visited Wilf Coon at Villa
- 07 - visited Frank Holk at Villa
- 10 - Bill Stewart at hospital
- 14 - Bill Stewart at home
- 22 - Anne Hayes at home
- 27 - Ray Newington at Joe Brant ICU
- 28 - Gerry Belec at home

### June

- 06 - Gerry Belec at Juravinski
- 08 - spoke with Gerry Belec
- 11 - Dave Howlett at home
- 12 - Bill Hyslop in Barrie Hospital
- 15 - Jim Lewis at General
- 16 - Jim Lewis at home
- 18 - Bill Hyslop moved to General
- 19 - Gerry Belec at Juravinski
- 19 - Bill Hyslop at General
- 19 - Ron Kenyon at home -
- 23 - Ron Kenyon out and about
- 23 - Jim Thornton at Juravinski
- 24 - Bonnie Patro at Juravinski
- 25 - Len Sharpe at General
- 27 - Jim Thornton at home
- 30 - Len Sharpe at home
- 30 - visited Bonnie Patro at Juravinski - feeling ok
- 30 - Bill Hyslop at General



**Stan Hicks**  
**Sick**  
**and**  
**Last Post**  
**Chair**

### July

- 03 - Bonnie Patro at home
- 03 - Pat Poynier at home
- 07 - Ray Newington moved to Paris retirement home
- 08 - Edna Hall at St.Joe's
- 14 - Edna Hall at St.Joe's
- 15 - Edna Hall moved to rehab
- 17 - Bill Hyslop moved to Dundurn Place Rehab
- 23 - Bonnie Patro at Juravinski
- 25 - Rodger Gibbons at General - aneurism – no visitors
- 25 - visited Stan Rankine at home - tumor removed

### August

- 01 - Barry Stoltz at General – stroke - no visitors
- 01 - Jarius deZeeuw at General multiple injuries - no visitors
- 02 - Bonnie Patro at home

**Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.**

## **Poppy Fund Report**

It was with deep regret that our own Gerry Belec was taken from us. His service to the Branch and Poppy Fund will deeply missed. Our sympathies go out to Mrs.Belec and the rest of Gerry's family.

### ***Jim Byron - Poppy Fund Chair***

Recently I had the opportunity to pay a visit to St. Joseph's Villa. Lori Carey from the St. Joseph's Villa Foundation took me on a bit of a tour and I was able to see first-hand their implementation of recognizing Veterans at their facility. On admission are asked if they are a Veteran. Their service serial number is recorded, and a poppy is posted outside their living space. I spoke with Elizabeth Taylor whose husband (who has since passed) was a merchant marine. She graciously allowed me to photograph the poppy outside her room.

At the entrance of St. Joseph's Villa is a "Donor Wall" listing donors who have helped the Villa monetarily. There is a heading, "Founders" (donations in the amount of \$50,000 – 99,999). I am pleased to say that the Dundas Poppy Fund is on that list.

We are starting to gear up for another Poppy Fund Campaign. The package is in and we will be ordering the wreaths and poppies this month.

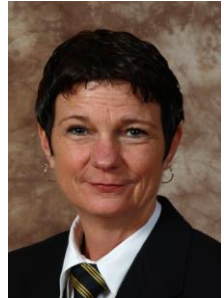
Anyone interested in helping with the campaign this year please feel free to contact your Poppy Chairman, Jim Byron or myself.

## **Poppy Fund Memorium**

It is with a heavy heart that I am writing that our past Poppy Chairman, Gerry Belec passed away on June 23rd 2013. I had



**Jim Byron  
and**



**Cheri  
Harrington  
Poppy Fund  
Co-Chairs**

been to visit Gerry a few times during his stay at the Juravinski. The last visit I had with Gerry, he asked me to do him a favour, and of course I agreed. Gerry asked if we would add the following to the next Bullytin.

**Cheri Harrington - Poppy Fund Co-Chair**

**Words from Gerry**

“I want to tell you all how much receiving the MSM (Meritorious Service Medal) meant to me. I was not feeling too good the day that I was presented with it. I was very overwhelmed with the award and want you all to know, how very grateful I am. It was especially nice that my son was there as well. I have enjoyed working with the Poppy Fund for these many years. I hope you have continued success in the future years. Thank you to everyone for your well wishes and support during this time.”

**Gerry Belec**

**Canteen Report**

Things have been quiet around the Branch due to the beautiful weather that we have been enjoying. It’s always nice to see the people that do come out to the Branch to enjoy a chilled beverage with their friends and keep our lonely bar steward’s company.



**Dawn Lewis  
Canteen Chair**

Check out our website for events that are coming up, or better yet, drop by the Branch to see what is going on.

We’ll be going back on winter hours in early September and that means longer hours and more things to do. Hopefully you’ll have a little more time to enjoy the Branch and spend time with the people that you’ve missed all summer. Drop in and catch up on what’s been going on at the Branch, and with your friends during the beautiful summer that we’ve been having.

As some of you know, Jarius, one our part time bar stewards, was very seriously injured in a work-place accident at his other job.

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He has some injuries that are going to take a very long time to heal, and lots of surgeries to rebuild his broken body. We all wish him the very best and hope that his recovery goes well. He'll be missed around the Branch and we hope that he recovers enough to eventually return to work. I'll try to keep everyone informed of his progress and hope that you will keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

***Dawn Lewis - Canteen Chair***

**Last Post**

**Edgar Stader - 30th April, 2013**  
**Frank Holk - 13th June, 2013**  
**Gerry Belec - 23rd June, 2013**  
**Jim Sharpe - 4th July, 2013**  
(Son of Gord Sharpe - 1st Vice President)

**We Will Remember Them**

**Grounds Report**

At this time I would like to thank Suzi Murphy and Tammy Valois for their kind donation of \$502.00 from their Cup Cake desert sales. This donation was used for the purchase of Perennial plants and garden ground cover.



**Hal Hamilton**  
**Grounds Chair**

May 26th was the Spring Cleanup Work Party which was a great success. We would like to thank all the volunteers: Leo Shaidle, Fred Haddock, Peter Martin, Marie Kobylinski, Bill Ralston, Doug Rivers, Stan Hicks, Bira Pittman, Geoff Pittman, Paul Penny, Elaine Leroux, Cheri Harrington, Tony Czerneda, Jim Sherring, Larry O'Connor, Dawn Lewis, Dave Steele, Len Owen, Terry Calder, John Murphy, Suzi Murphy, Denny Moyer, Mike Alkerton, Rick Valois and Gord Sharpe for their time and effort in supporting our Branch 36. Thank you again for your time and support.

***Hal Hamilton - Grounds Chair***

## Entertainment Report

Keep your eye on notices for an evening of music with karaoke this fall. Our musical entertainment evenings are very popular and you should get here early to enjoy the evening. After the Fish Fry in September we will have a Trivia night, and in October we will have an Open Microphone Night.

**Chris Turner - Entertainment Co-Chair**



**Chris Turner  
Entertainment  
Co-Chair**

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## **Branch 36 - Upcoming Events**

### **August 2013**

Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm

Thursday - 15th August - Cactus Festival - Legion Float Build -9:30am

Thursday - 15th August - Cactus Festival Parade - Float Ride - 6:15pm

Sunday - 18th August - Family BBQ - Refreshments - 1pm, BBQ - 4-6pm

### **September - Winter Sports Leagues - Registration Dates**

Wednesday - 4th September - Youth Dart League - 6:00pm

Thursday - 5th September - Womens Winter Dart League - 7pm

Thursday - 5th September - Mens Winter Dart League - 7pm

Sunday - 8th September - Sunday Mixed Darts League - 2-4pm

Wednesday - 11th September - Mixed Shuffleboard League - 7:30pm

Monday - 23rd September - Mens Snooker League starts tonight - 7:00pm

Signup sheet will be posted in Branch

Wednesday - 25th September - Women's Snooker League - 7:30pm

Signup sheet will be posted in Branch

### **September 2013**

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

Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm

Monday - 2nd September - Labour Day - Statutory Holiday - Branch Closed

Friday - 13th September - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm

Friday - 13th September - Trivia Night - 7:30pm

**Tuesday - 17th September - Bi-Annual General Meeting - 7:30pm**

All Legion members should attend to ask questions and vote on Legion business, and witness the induction of new Legion Members.

Wednesday - 18th - LEGION WEEK Snooker Challenge vs. HAFAA 7:30pm

**Signup sheet will be posted in Branch**

Saturday - 21st September - Legion Week Sports Triathlon - 1:pm

Come in and enjoy darts, horseshoes, and snooker competitions

Sunday - 22nd September - Strongman Demonstration - 1pm

Sunday - 22nd September - Family BBQ - Refreshments 1pm BBQ 4-6pm

Friday - 27th September - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm

Friday - 27th September - Thanksgiving Turkey Roll - 8pm

### **October 2013**

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

Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm

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

Friday - 11th October - Open Microphone Night - 7-9pm

Monday 14th October - Thanksgiving - Branch CLOSED

Friday - 25th October - 2013 Poppy Fund Campaign Kick Off Day

**Volunteer sheet will be posted in Branch**

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

***New Legion Members are Always Welcome. Invite your friends and relatives to Legion events !***