



The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion
November – 2013

Gerry Belec 1936-2013



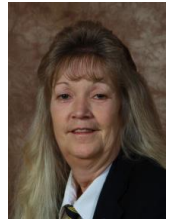
This issue of the Bullytin is printed in honour of Gerry Belec, a Legion member for over 40 years, who volunteered and worked as the Poppy Fund Chairman for the last 15 years. Gerry's hard work will not be forgotten and he is sorely missed.

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President's Report

Welcome back. We've had a great summer and now it's back to the routines of fall and winter. It's great to see the sports leagues starting up and bringing you back to the Branch.



Dawn Lewis
President

Remembrance Day is fast approaching and it would be wonderful to see as many members as possible signing up to distribute poppies. It only takes a couple of hours of your time to make this campaign successful. This is a very important time of the year to show your support and respect to all of the Veterans that have sacrificed so much so that you and I can enjoy the life and freedoms that we do. You do not need a Legion uniform to volunteer. All of the money collected by our Branch stays in our area to support local hospitals, long term care facilities, and Cadets, etc.

“All gave some. Some gave all.” “Lest we forget, lest we forget.”

Just a reminder, our Branch is run by volunteers. If it wasn't for these hard working individuals we wouldn't have the great Branch that we have. If you are interested in helping out with any of the events that are held, please leave your name and phone number with the bar steward on duty or speak to any member of the executive. We are always looking for people to help out around the Branch. Our building is aging and is always in need of some TLC. If you are handy with tools or a paint brush etc. we would love to hear from you.

It's also time to renew your Membership. Mike Alkerton or any of the bar stewards will be happy to accept your dues for next year. Do it soon and be eligible for the “Early Bird” draw.

We have several events planned for the upcoming months and it would be great to see as many members as possible out to support them. Some of the events include the L.A. Christmas Draw, the Sports Christmas Turkey Roll, Christmas Eve open_house, a New Years Eve party and the list goes on. Be sure to check the website often for updates and new events that are planned for the Branch and remember you can always bring your friends and family to these events. This is your Branch. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please feel free to speak to any member of your executive. We were elected by the membership, to work for the membership.

I look forward to seeing you at the Branch.

Dawn Lewis - President Branch 36

Grounds Report

Fall is upon us and this year's Fall clean up party will be held on November 3, 2013 starting at 9.00am. A sign up sheet will be posted on the Events Bulletin board for both inside and outside tasks. If you have a preference of inside or outside please indicate it on the sheet.



**Hal Hamilton
Grounds Chair**

Lunch will be provided to all the volunteers. It is only a couple of hours of light work and a great lunch. If you have a leaf rake or wheel barrow that you could bring with you that would be appreciated. Thank you for supporting Branch 36

Hal Hamilton - Grounds Chair

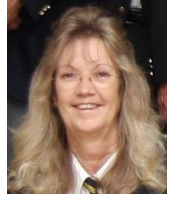
“Many Hands Make Light Work”

Legion Float in 2013 Cactus Festival Parade



The Legion float is shown above in the Dundas Cactus Festival parade. Legion members decorated and built the float and it was greatly appreciated by everyone as it drove through town.

Ways & Means Report



**Dawn
Lewis
Ways and
Means
Chair**

Welcome back. Summer is over and things are getting back to normal around the Branch. The Family BBQs and Fish Fry's were very well attended during the summer and I appreciate your support.

We had a very interesting and well attended Strong Man demonstration in the parking lot before the last Family BBQ. I would be amiss if I didn't thank the athletes, organizers and sponsors of this event for their time and dedication to their sport. This was an event worth seeing and we are looking forward to making this an annual event. The athletes paid a registration fee to enter this competition and all of the money collected from the registration was donated to the Branch. Check out our website for photos from the day.

I would like to thank everyone that has helped me out during the summer at Fish Fry's and Family BBQ's. I wouldn't have been able to do it without your help. If you would like to help out with any events at the Branch, please feel free to talk to me or leave your name and phone number with the bar steward on duty. I'll be sure to get back to you. It seems that I am always looking for help to do something around the Branch. The Fish Fry's keep getting bigger and better and it seems we can always use an extra set of hands. Our Branch is run by volunteers and it's the volunteers that make all of the great things happen.

The annual Fall Cleanup is also fast approaching and I'm hoping to see lots of Members on hand to give our Branch it's semi-annual major clean up. Watch the white board for details and don't be afraid to sign up to help. Many hands make light work.

If you have any ideas for an event I would love to hear them.

This is your Branch and without you the it wouldn't be as great as it is.

Dawn Lewis - Ways and Means Chair

Special Events Report

On Wednesday, 11th November the Remembrance 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 at the War Memorial outside the Community Centre on King Street West.



**Gord
Sharpe
Special
Events
Chair**

10:15am - Parade fall in

10:30am - Parade marches off to Memorial at Community Center at King and Market Streets

10:45 - Remembrance Service at memorial

12 noon - After the service the parade will march to the Branch for refreshments.

House Report

Work has continued upstairs with the replacement of tiles and the lights over the bar which brightened it up considerably.

Fall house clean-up will be held Sunday, November 3rd. Volunteers are needed! Sign up sheet will be posted - Please sign up!

Work to begin at 9:00 a.m. until noon.

Thank you.

Gord Sharpe - Special Events Chair and House Chair

Attention Comrades: Every year we collect CANNED GOODS for needy families, and this year is no different. There are people in the community that we can help by donating food at this festive time of year when we are giving thanks for what we ourselves enjoy. Donations can be brought to the Branch until December 20th.

Thank you for your support !!!

Membership Report

We have started the 2014 membership year thanks to those of you who have already renewed your membership. I would like to urge those who have not to try and get to the Branch and do so.



**Mike
Alkerton
Membership
Chair**

If you wish to mail your dues we will return same by mail. You can pay by cash, cheque or debit at the Branch. Be an “Early Bird” (pay by November 30th) and you could win your dues back. We will have 4 winners.

The Legion(Dominion Command) has a recruitment plan where if you bring in a new member you could win a Caribbean Cruise.

We lost a few members last year (for various reasons) and we must bring in new members to keep our strength up.

If you have any questions about membership please contact me.

“Just Bring One”

Mike Alkerton - Past President and Membership Chair

Colour Party Report

On August 15th the Colour Party was proud to take part in the Dundas Cactus Festival parade. Seven members joined our Navy cadets and veterans on the Branch 36 Legion float.

On August 25th, five members of our Colour Party took part in a Remembrance service that took place at Eastlawn Cemetery to honour our Naval Veterans. We joined with Colour Parties from Branch 58 (Barton Street.), 163(Hamilton Mountain and 622 (Stoney Creek).



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

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Remembrance Day

Valley City Branch 36 Dundas
2013 Annual Poppy Day Campaign



Lest We Forget, Lest We Forget

"Lest We Forget"



Annual Poppy Day Fund Campaign For the Relief of Veterans, their Widows and Orphans

Poppy Fund Committee

Jim Byron

Alan Magson

Cheri Harrington

Faye Kielty

Stan Hicks

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 by 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:
Branch 36 Royal Canadian Legion,
280 King Street West,
Dundas, Ontario, L9H 1W1

Cheques should be made payable to The Dundas Poppy Fund.
An official receipt will be forwarded for Income Tax purposes.

“A Poppy is easier to carry than a Cross”.



Yours Sincerely
Jim Byron
Chairperson
The Poppy Fund Committee



Jim Byron
Poppy Fund
Chair

2013 Poppy Campaign

***** Poppy Distributers Needed *****

Campaign Dates: **October 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th 30th, 31stst - November 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7h, 8th and 9th .**

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

Thank you

Jim Byron - Poppy Campaign Chairman
Cheri Harrington - Poppy Co-Chair

Branch 36 - Upcoming Events

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

Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm

October 2013 Events

Friday - 18th October - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm

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

Sign-up sheet is posted in the Branch.

November 2013 Events

Sunday - 3rd November - Fall Work Party - 9:00am

Add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Branch.

Tuesday - 5th November - Br.36 Colour Party Practice - 7:00pm

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

Friday - 8th November - Trivia Night - 7:30pm

Monday - 11th November - Remembrance Day Parade

All Legion members and veterans are invited to take part

10:15am - Parade falls in at Memorial Square/Dundas Firehall

10:30am - Parade marches to Memorial at Community Centre

10:45am - Memorial service commences

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

Friday - 22nd November - Dundas Modular Railway - Open

House - 4:00-7:30pm

December 2013 Events

Wednesday - 4th December - Veteran's Christmas Dinner

Friday - 6th December - Sports Turkey Roll, Early Bird Draw & L.A. Annual Draw - 8pm

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

Friday - 13th December - Open Microphone Night - 7:30pm

Tuesday - 17th December - Monthly General Meeting—7:30pm

Tuesday - 24th December - Carol singing in the afternoon

Wednesday - 25th December - Christmas Day - Branch Closed

Thursday - 26th December - Boxing Day - Branch Closed

Tuesday - 31st December - New Year's Eve Celebration with Pot Luck Supper - 8pm

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

Call or visit the Branch for more information.

Colour Party Report continued

As with most things, many hands make light work. Our Colour Party always has room for new members. Training and help getting uniforms will be provided. At the moment Dundas has one of the better Colour Party units and I'd like to make sure we keep it that way.

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

Ladies Auxiliary Report

We held our first Beef on a Bun night on Friday September 27th and it went over very well. PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE FOR THE OCTOBER BEEF NIGHT. Our October Beef Night will be held on Friday October 18th and it includes Beef on a Bun, Lasagna Roll Ups, Homemade Cabbage Rolls and Homemade Perogies. So come on out and enjoy an evening of great food with some family, friend's or both. There will be NO Beef Night held in December. The November and January 2014 Beef on a Bun night will be back to the fourth Friday of the month.



**Terrie
Gubbins
President
Ladies
Auxiliary**

We are striving to continue to give Christmas gifts to seniors in Dundas without any family who are in a local Dundas Nursing Home. We are also hoping to continue to provide Christmas Eve dinner, Christmas Day breakfast, lunch and dinner as well as Christmas gifts for a family of four and Boxing Day breakfast for a Dundas Family in Need. Your help and support would help us to meet this goal.

We attended the LA Singles and Doubles Zone Tournament at Br. 163. Congratulations to Sue Sklepowicz & Dana DiLabbio for place third, Terry Kobylinski & Terrie Gubbins for placing 4th and Debbie & Stephanie Cooley for placing 5th in the Doubles. Debbie Cooley also qualified to move on in the Singles. They all will be going on to District in Welland on November 16th. Good luck to everyone.

Please REMEMBER our Veterans on Remembrance Day!

Your in Comradeship,

Terrie Gubbins - President Branch 36 Ladies Auxiliary

Sick Report - Stan Hicks

August – 2012

- 5th - Edna Hall at home
- 7th - Bonnie Patro at Juravinski for tests
- 14th - Bonnie Patro had surgery
- 16th - Jarios De-Zeeuw had surgery on leg
- 20th - visited Bonnie Patro at Juravinski
- 20th - visited Barrie Stoltz
- 20th - visited Jarios De-Zeeuw - talking okay
- 28th - Ed Overholt moved to St.Peter's



**Stan Hicks
Sick / Last
Post Chair**

September

- 6th - Bonnie Patro at Juravinski - at rehab
- 16th - Bonnie Patro at Juravinski - out of rehab to hospital
- 20th - Bonnie Patro at Juravinski - not very good
- 20th - Rick Valois to doctor about gall stones
- 21st - Bill Williamson at General - broken hip
- 21st - Bill Williamson moved from General to Juravinski - hip
- 24th - Jim McLean at General - broken hip
- 25th - visited Bonnie Patro at Juravinski - waiting for room at St.Peter's
- 25th - visited Bill Williamson at Juravinski - had surgery, in recovery
- 25th - visited Bill Hyslop at General - needs new heart valve
- 25th - visited Jarios De-Zeeuw at General - having xrays
- 25th - visited Jim McLean at St.Joe's - hip
- 26th - Bonnie Patro moved to St.Peter's
- 27th - Mike Alkerton and Stan Hicks visited Bill Williamson at Juravinski - sore
- 29th - Bill Williamson at Juravinski - has pneumonia
- 30th - visited Jim MacLean at St.Joseph's - had hip surgery

Last Post

**Chris Birdsell - 16th August, 2013
Ed Overholt - 10th September, 2013
Bill Williamson - 3rd October, 2013**

We Will Remember Them

Bursary Report

This year the Poppy Committee will be granting (5) Bursaries to be called the Gerry Belec Bursary in honour of Gerry who passed away earlier this year. The forms are available in the Branch.

The Provincial Bursaries remain the same and you can apply for both. There will be questions. Please contact me.



**Mike
Alkerton
Bursary
Chair**

Mike Alkerton - Past President and Bursary Chair

Banquet Hall Rental

We are continuing with upgrades to the Banquet hall, most recently with replacing the chairs, and now we are looking to replace the 5 foot round tables. Many have had the surfaces damaged over the years. I am receiving quotes and will bring my recommendations to the next executive meeting.



**Doug Rivers
Banquet Hall
Chair**

Bookings have started coming in for next year, so if you are planning an event, please consider our banquet hall. We offer very competitive rental rates, and we can also supply an excellent catering menu.

Please check out our website at www.br36dundas.org for further information or contact us at (905) 627-7221

Doug Rivers - 3rd Vice President and Banquet Chair

Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.

Is it my imagination, or do buffalo wings taste like chicken?

Fulfill your Legion Oath – Distribute Poppies

Each year I try to let you the Legion member know that you can and do make a difference to our veterans and the community in which we live.

Volunteering to distribute Poppies in the Dundas Poppy Fund campaign is a small part that you can play and make a big difference. Last year your efforts in distributing Poppies resulted in contributions of \$15,000 to the Juravinski Hospital for Cancer Research, and \$15,000 dollars to St. Joseph's Villa in Dundas for use in care of veterans residing at the Villa.



**Peter
Whittaker
Public
Relations**

Any of you can distribute Poppies and it is such a selfless act. You don't have to take time off work to do it, just volunteer a few hours in one evening and you will make a difference to veterans and the community in which you live. The community out there wants to contribute to the fund, we just have to get out there and receive the contributions and in return hand people a Poppy.

The sign-up sheet for volunteers to distribute Poppies is now posted, add your name and fulfill the oath you made when you joined the Legion.

Peter Whittaker - Public Relations Chair

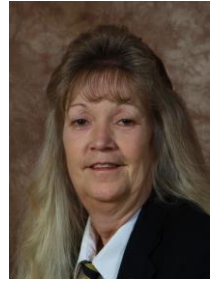
New Bullytin Sponsors

Sponsors help with the costs of publishing and distributing the Bullytin and we print the Sponsor's business card in the Bullytin. The cost of Sponsoring the Bullytin has been reduced to \$25 per issue and I hope new Sponsors will take advantage and add their cards to the Bullytin. Anyone interested in becoming a Bullytin sponsor feel free to contact the Branch 36 office or myself at anytime.

Kim Place was added as a new Sponsor to this issue of the Bullytin. If you do business with any of our Sponsors please mention that you saw their card in the Bullytin.

Canteen Report

Welcome to a new season at the Branch. With the fall and winter sports things have started to pick up at the Branch and it's great to see the faces that went missing in the summer. Hopefully, you'll have a little more time to relax and enjoy a chilled beverage and do some catching up with friends.



**Dawn Lewis
Canteen Chair**

As some of you know, we have a new Bar Steward on board. I hope that everyone will make Shari feel welcome and at home.

We have a new Keurig Coffee Maker in the Canteen and you can now enjoy fresh coffee, tea and hot chocolate. The cost of a cup is \$1.50, and it's fresh brewed just for you. Ask the bar steward on duty to make you a cup. Enjoy a cup during or after dinner at the Fish Fry's or the Beef on a Bun nights or anytime just to warm you up on a cold winter day.

We had several events over the summer months and all were successful due to the great turnout of you, the Members, and your family and friends. Without you, our Branch would not be as great as it is today.

As promised in the last Bulletin here is the update on Jarius. He has had several surgeries to repair his broken body. His injuries are healing well and he will soon be transferred to St. Joseph's Villa for his rehab and therapy. He's definitely looking forward to getting out of the hospital.

Dawn Lewis - Canteen Chair

Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves for they shall never cease to be amused.

Accept that some days you're the pigeon and some days you're the statue.

The harder you fall, the higher you bounce.



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