



The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion
August – 2014



Jim Byron passes a tree branch to Hal Hamilton for shredding. The work party felled five trees around the Legion parking lot, and the mulch from the shredder was used on our Legion gardens. All of the lumber from the trees was then taken away and used by Legion members.



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President's Report

The Canada Day BBQ was the most successful yet Everything was great. Thanks to Suzi and John Murphy for their help organizing and their assistance in the BBQ itself. Thank you also to Bruce Youngblood for organizing the entertainment for us and thanks to David Sweet for supplying Canada Day flags and decorations.



Gord Sharpe
President

Fall and winter events are coming up fast so you should think now about signing up for the winter sports activities in the branch. There are mens, womens, mixed and youth leagues for darts, mens and womens leagues for snooker and a mixed league for shuffleboard.

At the August 8th Fish Fry we presented Srinidhi Shaw with her award for her 2nd place finish in the Remembrance Day Poster Contest National Finals 2013-2014 senior Colour Category.

We built and entered a marvelous float in the Cactus Festival Parade on Thursday August 14th. If you saw it please let us know what you think.

I know it's only August, but you should plan to take part in the following events: (1) the Poppy Campaign starting on Friday, 31st October, (2) the Fall Work Party to clean up the Branch for Remembrance Day on Sunday, 2nd November and (3) the Remembrance Day Parade for all men and women, who are available on Tuesday, 11th November.

If you have any questions be sure to ask me when you see me around the Branch, or leave a message and phone number with the bar steward and I will get back to you.

The Presidents meat draw will kick off on September 6th. Your ongoing support of this draw is very important to the branch.

Gord Sharpe - President Branch 36

Ways & Means Report

This is my first introduction to the position of Ways & Means, so please bear with me as I stumble my way through the in's & outs.

Canada Day was a big success with families, friends, neighbours and members making their way to the Legion for some fun with live music, a BBQ, slushie machine, the Modular Railway display and face painting etc. We even had to dip into our "reserve" of hamburgers. A huge thank you to our Zone Commander John Murphy and wife Suzi for organizing this event and helping me get it together. "Suzi's Face Painting" booth took in an amazing \$180.00 in donations which is being donated to the Poppy Fund in honour of our Past President Dawn Lewis.



**Cheri
Harrington
3rd Vice
President
and
Ways and
Means
Chair**

A question I am being asked quite often is "What happened to the family BBQs?". To answer this, I will say one word VOLUNTEERS. Without volunteers, we can't function. We still have Fish Frys during the summer and those same volunteers doing the Fish Fry's were also having to do the BBQs. We can't afford to burn out the few volunteers we do have. I wouldn't want to work every weekend of my summer and I don't expect anyone else to. That being said, if I had a handful of volunteers that I could call upon to see if they are available to help peel, chop, set up or BBQ, I would be more than happy to organize family BBQs. Please contact me, or anyone at the legion with your name and phone number if you are interested in lending a hand. And don't forget that "Many hands make light work".

Fish Fry's continue on the 2nd Friday of each month with the next one on August 8th.

On Friday, 15th August we will be having the Legion's kickoff to the Cactus Festival by having "Pulled Pork on a bun" with salad

and corn on the cob. We will also have live music with "The Ramblers". You should come on in to the Legion to enjoy a meal before heading downtown to the Cactus Festival.

If you have any ideas regarding events you would like to see in your Legion, please contact me.

Cheri Harrington - Ways & Means Chair

Bursary Report

Again this year Bursaries are available to children, grandchildren, etc. of Branch members with a few exceptions.

There are two types of bursaries available – the Belec Bursaries set up and administered by Branch 36, and Royal Canadian Legion Bursaries administered by the Ontario Provincial Command.



Mike Alkerton
Bursary Chair

Please see me for application forms, or if you have any questions.

Mike Alkerton - Past President and Bursary Chair

Canadiana - The Robertson Screw - In 1907 Peter L. Robertson patented his socket head screw. He got the idea for it while demonstrating a device to an audience in Montreal when a blade slipped and injured his hand.

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Banquet Hall Report

We are currently taking bookings for the fall season for the banquet hall. If you are thinking of celebrating an event, please contact us at 905-627-7221 for further information. We have very reasonable rates, and can even supply excellent on-site catering if your plans include a meal.

Arrangements can be made to view the hall and talk with me to assist you in your planning.

Dates for the fall and into 2015 are starting to fill up, so be sure to call soon.

Doug Rivers - 1st Vice President and Banquet Hall Chair



Doug Rivers
1st Vice
President
and
Banquet Hall
Chair

Colour Party Report

On June 1st 6 members of the Colour Party participated in the Branch 36 Church Parade. We were joined with 6 members of the Sea cadets and Air cadets. We are also pleased to announce that Tony Bratschitch has joined as a member of the Colour Party.

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

Our next practice will be on Tuesday, 9th September at 7:00 pm.

Jim Byron - Colour Party Commander - 905-578-2758



Jim Byron
Colour Party
Commander
&
Sergeant at
Arms

House Report

This is my first report as House Chair. Not a whole lot to say. One item was the A/C units in the Wentworth Room, were not working. But thanks to Roy Wilson for a free recharge we are cool again. Hopefully this will last us for the summer. We really need to look into a new unit for the Wentworth Room for next year.



Paul Penney
House Chair

We have a new freezer at the back door. Please do not put things on it or sit on it. Gord Sharpe and I have put new gaskets on the beer cooler in the canteen. I also worked on the door handles for the banquet hall bar cooler, and the side door on the walk-in cooler in the Banquet Hall kitchen. Volunteerism keeps the club alive. I will be looking for you.

Paul Penney - House Chair

Canada Day Good Neighbor BBQ enjoyed by all



Joe Freelove, Leo Shaidle, Paul Penney, Stan Rankine and Brian Ozorio enjoy refreshments while listening to entertainment at Branch 36's Annual Canada Day Good Neighbor BBQ that was very successful and was well attended by everyone.

Membership Report

Good news....at the Dominion Convention in Edmonton in June, a request for an increase in per capita membership dues was defeated; therefore, dues for 2014-2015 will remain at \$50.

During the 2014 year Branch 36 had a small decrease in membership numbers. This has been happening now for a couple of years, but Branch 36 has managed to keep the decreases low, while some branches have had large membership losses.

We, that is, **YOU** have brought in many new members over the years to keep the losses to a minimum. I hope the “Just Bring One” theme, that we adopted here years ago, will continue on in 2015. So if you all **“Just Bring One”** new member we should be in good shape.

I know how important “The Bullytin” is to many members, some have no email, and others just like a hard copy of Branch 36 news and events. The cost of things just keeps going up (e.g. Stamps \$1.00), so does the cost of printing so if you would like to use the internet to view The Bullytin on our Branch web site, then if you let us know we can stop your hard copy of it and save a little on the cost.

The 2014 **“Early Bird”** campaign will begin in mid-September. By being an “Early Bird” your name is put in for a draw in December, to win your Dues back and after a long dry(money wise) summer it helps the finances of the Branch if you get your dues in early.

You can now pay your dues at the Branch using cash, cheque or “DEBIT” or mail in your dues and we will return your new membership card to you.

If you have any questions feel free to call me.



Mike Alkerton
Membership
Chair

Mike Alkerton - Membership Chair

“Just Bring One”

Ladies Auxiliary Report

Comrades, please bear with me as I try to write this, my first report for the Legion's Bullytin.

I hope this finds all enjoying or having had enjoyed a wonderful and safe summer season. As I write this, it's only just coming to the end of July. It's very hard to believe that in about 6 very short weeks it will back to business as usual.

As always, we are constantly looking for ladies to join our little auxiliary and enjoy the satisfaction we all share in helping our Veterans and community. There are a great many benefits that go with serving these most deserved recipients as well. Feel free to contact or talk to any of our ladies at any time and see how you can get involved.

Coming events are as follows:

Monthly Beef on a Bun nights - on the third Friday of the month (26th September, 24th October and 28th November), where orders are taken from 5:30pm until 7:30pm. There is no Beef on a Bun night in December as it's too close to Christmas.

7th Annual Penny Sale Fundraiser - Tickets will be available for you to buy and select which prize(s) you wish to win for the full month of November with the draws taking place at Branch 36's Annual Turkey draw on the first Friday in December (5th December).

The Ladies Auxiliary will start monthly meetings to discuss the distribution of funds raised to Veterans and the community. Each meeting is held on the second Tuesday of the month (9th September, 14th October, 11th November and 9th December), at 7pm in the Wentworth room at the Branch and you are all invited to attend.

Oh yes, we can't forget that the Beef on a Bun menu in October



**Debbie
Cooley
Ladies
Auxiliary**

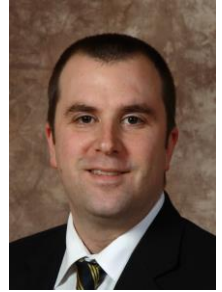
will include Terry Kobylinski's famous perogies and cabbage rolls. Please make sure you put all the dates listed above on your personal calendars and we'll see you at any or all of the events listed. And thank you in advance for your wonderful support of our organization.

Debbie Cooley - Branch 36 Ladies Auxiliary President

Entertainment Report

Trivia starts up monthly beginning after the Fish Fry in October.

Chris Turner - Entertainment Chair



Public Relations Report

Recently I was invited to the Juravinski Hospital and Cancer Centre with Jim Byron. The Hospital has recognized the Dundas Branch 36's Poppy Fund contributions over the last few Years by placing a plaque on the wall outside a Quiet Room near the Emergency ICU area.

This Quiet room is a place of refuge, close to a patient's room, but away from the "business" and "public" nature of a unit or waiting room. It is a place of "dignity"; a place for medical and emotional support. The room recognizes the need for communication, family conversations (among themselves, or with any member of the health care team) at a critical time in the life of a loved one undergoing medical treatment.

The room and plaque recognize the contributions made to the hospital by the Dundas Poppy Fund and with this in mind I hope you will all take part in this year's Poppy Fund Campaign.

Peter Whittaker - Public Relations Chair



Peter Whittaker
Public
Relations Chair

Spring Work Party a Success

The Branch Spring Work Party this year was a great success. A tremendous amount of work was done in a short time. Gardens were turned and planted, and mulch was applied. Grass was cut and fertilized, and the parking lot swept and cleaned, and trees were cut and trimmed. A real make over was done in such a short time.

This all was made possible by the following volunteers: Mike Alkerton, Jim Byran, Terry Calder, Elmer Cantello, Fred Haddock, Cheri Harrington, Stan Hicks, Brian Holmes, Dave Howlett, Marie Kobylinski, Justin Linton, Bill Macphail, Peter Martin, Jack Murnaghan, John Murphy, Suzi Murphy, Len Owen, Mike Penny, Paul Penny, Doug Rivers, Leo Shaidle, Jim Sherring, Dave Steele, Bev Westerbrook, Peter Whittaker, Rick Valois.

At this time I would like to thank Suzi and John Murphy for the cash donation from the Cup Cake sales to the Branch 36 Grounds funds. This goes a long way to help offset the outside maintenance costs of the Branch.

A special thanks to Peter Martin and Marie Kobylinski and Bev Westerbrook for providing the lunch meal to all the work party volunteers on Sunday.

Thank you for your support

Hal Hamilton

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Sick Report

April 2014

16th - Barry Stoltz at Villa rehab.
17th - Kathy Howlett at home
20th - Roy Laufman had surgery
23rd - Roy Laufman at home

May 2014

1st - Bill Williamson at General for surgery
2nd - Bill Williamson out and about
3rd - Jim Thornton at Juravinski
4th - Carl Collins at Juravinski - not very good
7th - Visited Carl Collins at Juravinski
7th - Visited Jim Thornton at Juravinski - getting well
7th - Visited Marvin Rioux at Juravinski ICU - left card
12th - Carl Collins moved to palliative care Juravinski
12th - Trevor Meldrum at St.Joe's - had surgery
13th - Trevor Meldrum at St.Joe's - doing good
14th - Trevor Meldrum at home
20th - Charlie Readman at Juravinski
21st - Visited Charlie Readman at Juravinski - not there
21st - Jim Thornton at Juravinski - going for rehab at Juravinski
21st - Carl Collins at Juravinski - moving to Bob Kemp
21st - Marvin Rioux at Juravinski - going home today
21st - Visited Jim Russell at General
23rd - Mike Empey at General
29th - Mike Empey at General - had surgery - in ICU

June 2014

2nd - Jerry Hopkins had pace maker
10th - Mike Alkerton visited Carl Collins at Bob Kemp - not very good
10th - Jerry Hopkins out and about
13th - Jim Thornton at home
13th - Mike Empey at home
16th - Ross Court at Villa
27th - Barry Stoltz at St.Joe's - surgery
27th - Ron Wilson at St.Joe's - surgery
29th - Visited Ron Wilson at St.Joe's - feeling better

July 2014

15th - Ron Wilson at home
28th - Ross Covert at Villa rehab - fractured arm
28th - Dan Cornell - home after surgery



**Stan Hicks
Sick
and
Last Post
Chair**

Last Post

Bill Hopkins - 20th April, 2014
Gord Osman - 1st May, 2014
Carl Collins - 26th June, 2014
Barry Stoltz - 6th July, 2014
Howard Fullerton - 27th July, 2014

We Will Remember Them

Poppy Fund Report

The Poppy Fund expenditures for scholarships and to the Parkwood Veterans Hospital have cleared.

The balance of the Poppy Fund is currently stands at \$62,850.38.

I was recently invited to the Juravinski Hospital, where I unveiled a plaque outside a 'Quiet Room' in the ICU/Emergency Room area, which is available to families of patients in times of stress. The plaque reads "This room is dedicated in recognition of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 36 Dundas Poppy Trust Fund". See picture on page 14.



Jim Byron
Poppy Fund
Chair

This recognition shows the Dundas Poppy Funds are being used in a positive way by a recipient for the good of the community and are greatly appreciated. It also shows our work in collecting the contributions must continue.

The official start for the Poppy Campaign will be Friday, 31st October. I hope you'll all mark this on your calendars and enter your name to take part in this year's campaign - just a couple of hours each will increase the funds available to the Dundas Poppy Fund and as a result more contributions will be made to the community. The Poppy Campaign is looking for a secretary to work during the campaign. If you are interested contact me.

Jim Byron - Poppy Fund Chair (905-578-2758)

Canteen Report

Due to increased costs from our suppliers, we have recently had to increase the price of our products. Patrons will notice a slight increase in beverage and other sundry items. This was an item the executive committee was hesitant to put forward, but deemed it a necessity to maintain our financial stability. I am sure the members will accept these changes knowing that it was needed to keep our Branch providing the best products and services at the best prices possible.



Doug Rivers
1st Vice
President
and
Canteen
Chair

Doug Rivers - Canteen Chair

Cupcake Report

Thank you to my many customers at each Fish Fry, and also to Cheri Harrington and my husband John (apron at the ready) for another successful cupcake and cookie season.

Since this project commenced in 2012 almost \$900.00 has been raised to keep the Branch in bloom. Our gardens are growing due to your support.

Thanks to the anonymous donor who paid for all of my ingredients.

We were able to purchase shrubs, an urn and annuals for the Branch gardens and a significant donation was made toward the cost of equipment rental for the Spring Work Party.

I have President Sharpe's wholehearted support to continue my endeavours in September. See you at the Fish Fry !

Suzi Murphy

Canadiana – Insulin - Frederick Banting and his assistant Charles Best discovered this Diabetes fighting substance and tested it out for the first time on a 14 year old boy in 1922.

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 Darts Leagues, Mens and Womens Snooker Leagues and a Mixed Shuffleboard league at Branch 36.

Many Legion members who take part in Branch Sports Leagues go on to represent Branch 36 at Legion Sport Tournaments held at different Legions across Ontario. Any Branch 36 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.

This year non-Legion members are invited to play in the Mens Dart League on Thursday Night. Anyone who takes up this invitation will have to become a Legion member if they wish to play in subsequent years. Registration and signup night for this Mens Winter Darts League takes place at 7pm on Thursday, 28th August so please make your friends aware of this opportunity.

Juravinski Hospital recognizes Dundas Legion Poppy Fund



Roger Ali, Vice President, Development, shakes hands with Jim Byron, Branch 36 Poppy Fund Chair after he unveiled a plaque outside the "Quiet Room" at the Juravinski Hospital and Cancer Centre in recognition of our Poppy Fund.

Youth Education Report

On August 8, Branch 36 Srinidhi Shaw will be recognized for her 2nd place finish at the National level in the Dominion Remembrance Colour Poster Contest. The ceremony will be held at the Branch's Fish Fry event on 9th August.

In early September, the Youth Education Program will expand our Branch's Remembrance Contest participation to include speeches. Students from Grades 1 to 12 in local schools will be encouraged to submit literary, art and speech entries.

During the last few years, our Branch's student entries have done very well and it has had a very positive impact on our community.

If you wish to help with any part of this rewarding program, please contact the Youth Education Chair at tony@bratschitsch.com.



**Tony
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Chair**

Tony Bratschitsch - Youth Education Chair



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Branch 36 - Upcoming Events

President's Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 3-4pm starting 6th September

6 chances to win every week

Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm

2 chances to win every week - put your Looney in an envelope at the Bar with your name and phone number

August 2014 Events

Thursday - 14th August - Cactus Festival Parade

10:00am - Come to the Branch and help build and decorate the Legion float for the Dundas Cactus Festival Parade

5:30pm - Come and ride on the Legion Float in the Parade

6:45pm - Parade leaves Dundas Driving Park

Thursday - 28th August - Registration for Mens Thursday Night Dart League - 8pm

Members of the Public are being invited, for the first time, to play in the Dundas Legion's Men's Winter Dart League, but will have to become Legion members to play in the League in subsequent years.

Any Men 18 years old and over are welcome to play.

September 2014 Events

Monday – 1st September – **LABOUR DAY – Branch CLOSED**

Wednesday - 3rd September - Youth Darts Registration - 6pm

Tuesday - 9th September - Branch 36 Colour Party Practise - 7:00pm

All those interested please join us upstairs for our practise. You might become join and enjoy being a member of the Branch 36 Colour Party.

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

Tuesday - 16th September - Bi-Annual General Meeting - 7:30pm

Legion members should attend this meeting and see how their Branch is run, ask and have questions answered, and make motions for changes.

Monday - 22nd September - Mens Snooker League Starts Tonight - 7:30pm

Signup sheet is in the branch

Wednesday - 24th September - Womens Snooker League Starts Tonight - 7:30pm

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

October 2014 Events

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

Sunday 12th October - **Thanksgiving - Branch CLOSED**

Monday 13th October - **Thanksgiving - Branch CLOSED**

Tuesday - 14th October - Branch 36 Colour Party Practise - 7:00pm

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

October's menu will include Terry Kobylinski's perogies and cabbage rolls

Friday - 31st October - 2014 Poppy Fund Campaign Kick Off Day

Be sure to live up to your Legion oath and volunteer a few hours to distribute Poppies. Volunteer sheet will be posted in Branch