



The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion
August – 2017

Poppy Fund Donations at work for you



Peter Whittaker, Br.36 Public Relations Officer, Helaine Ortmann, Development Officer at Juravinski Hospital and Jim Byron, Dundas Poppy Fund Chair stand with the hospital's new Spec/CT camera. The Dundas Poppy Fund recently contributed \$15,000 that helped in the purchase of this new equipment and the software required to operate it.



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President's Report

Summer 2017 is racing by and not the greatest weather wise, but the Duffer's Golf club managed to golf each week avoiding the raindrops!



Gord Sharpe
President

The summer dart league has also had a good turnout! Great to see both activities flourishing!

The summer Wing Nights have been well attended with lots of positive feedback. Our summer Steak barbeques have been a hit. Many thanks to all of the volunteers who take time out of their busy summer schedules to lend a hand with these events. We couldn't do it without you!

Our Canada Day 150th Event BBQ was a busy day with entertainment for both young and old! The Burgers and Dogs flew off the barbecue and everyone had a great time! The Dundas Modular train club again had their display available upstairs which is always enjoyed by everyone!

One of our faithful volunteers was recognized at the July Wing Night - Joe Thoroughgood is our 2017 Legionaires of the year! **Congratulations Joe!** You will recognize Joe as our Chief Barbeque guy at our summer events.

Our monthly Fish Fry nights took a hiatus for the summer but will be back in September along with the Ladies Auxiliary Beef on a Bun. These are two popular events at our branch that I am sure you look forward to each month!

Invite your friends to join you for our special events. We will always welcome visitors to our branch!

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 men's, women's and mixed leagues for darts, men's and women's leagues for snooker and a mixed league for shuffleboard.

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The Presidents meat draw will kick off on September 9th. Your ongoing support of this draw is very important to the branch. The 4:30 draw has continued all summer so don't forget to put your dollar in the envelope!

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.

Enjoy the rest of the summer. Remember winter is coming!

Gord Sharpe - President Branch 36

Honours and Awards Report

I know it's early in the year, but I would like to let you know that the Veteran's Christmas dinner will be held on Wednesday, 6th December, 2017. A band has been booked and the tickets should be on sale the first week in November. All veterans from WW I, WW II, Korea, Afghanistan, Vietnam and peace-keepers, and caregivers or wives are invited.



Bill Ralston
Honours and
Awards
Chair

Bill Ralston - Honours and Awards Chair

Banquet Hall Rental

**The Banquet Hall is available for rental.
For details call the office at (905) 627-7221.**

The Wentworth Room downstairs is available at no charge for use on a first come basis and will accommodate from 5-65 people (Some Conditions Apply).

It is used for memorial services, meetings, birthdays, retirement parties, and any other party you can think of (come conditions apply). Just call the office to book the room (905) 627-7221.

Membership Report

Ottawa in their wisdom has decided to change the way they do business this year. Just how it is going to work we don't know yet.

THEY WANT MEMBERS TO PAY THEIR DUES DIRECTLY TO COMMAND AND NOT TO THE BRANCH. WITH OUR BRANCH YOU WILL STILL PAY YOUR DUES TO THE BRANCH BY CASH, CHEQUE OR DEBIT. There are too many unanswered questions for it to work any other way.



**Mike
Alkerton
Membership
Chair**

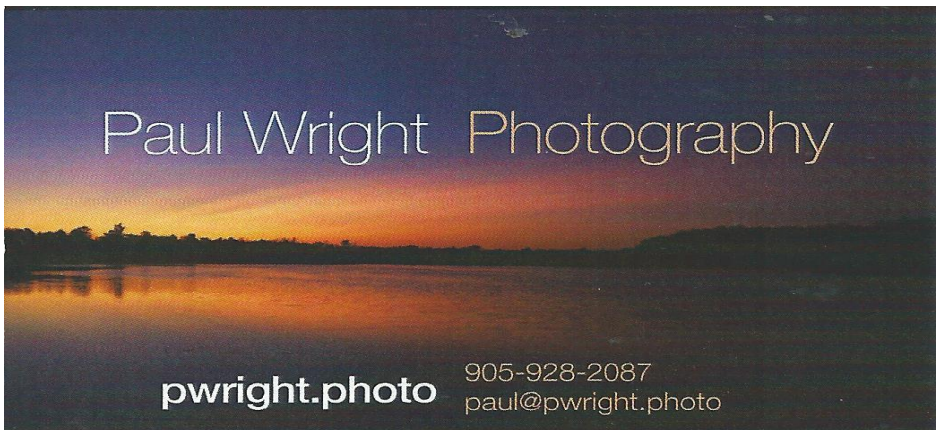
There will be no more door cards and the membership card from Ottawa will be plastic (like a credit card). It will not have your years of service on it.

The summer has been very slow so I would ask you to be an "Early Bird" and renew your membership as soon as possible for 2018 – the branch coffers could use some help.

We lost quite a few members last year and to keep the strength of the branch up we must recruit. So, remember to
"Just Bring One"

If you have any questions or concerns call me.

Mike Alkerton - Past President and Membership Chair
(Home 905-627-2822 / Branch 905-627-7221)



Banquet Hall Report

There have been many changes lately regarding banquet hall rates and the services we provide. Please check our web site for further details.

The Wentworth Room is still being offered free of charge for smaller events up to 65 persons (Some Conditions Apply).

For available dates and information, please contact the office at (905) 627-7221 Monday to Friday between 9:00am and 2:00 pm.

Doug Rivers - 1st Vice President and Banquet Hall Chair



Doug Rivers
Banquet Hall
Chair

Colour Party Report

On May 3rd, the Colour Party presented the colours during the Branch 36 elections.

On May 5th six members of the Colour Party had the honour of presenting the colours during the celebration of St. Elizabeth's Villa to commemorate the Liberation of Holland in the second world war.

On May 30th 6 members of the Colour Party presented the colours during the Zone B meeting. I was honoured to receive my Sergeant-at-Arms medal for Zone.

On June 4th seven members of the Colour Party and 9 member corps took part in the Branch 36 D-Day Church Parade and church service.

Our Colour Party always has openings for new members. A few extra members would make it easier in cases of illness or unavailability. Training and help getting uniforms will be provided. At the moment Dundas has an award-winning unit and we'd like to make sure we stay that way.

Our next practises will be:

Tuesday evening - 12th September at 7:00pm

Tuesday evening - 10th October at 7:00pm

Tuesday evening - 7th November at 7:00pm

Tuesday evening - 12th December at 7:00pm

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



Jim Byron
Colour Party
Commander
Sergeant at
Arms

Entertainment Report

This July proved to be a fun filled month at Branch 36. We kicked off the month with our Canada Day celebrations on July 1st. We served up hamburgers & hotdogs and of course some Birthday cake. We had a great turn out this year. We had a clown for the kids who did some face painting and kept the kids entertained. We finished off with live music featuring Sonny Sinclair on the guitar. A good time was had by all. We also drew the winner of the Ladies Auxiliary Spring Draw. Joe Sock of Hamilton was the lucky winner of the BBQ donated by Canadian Tire in Dundas. He also took home a truck full of meat, utensils, and sauces.

On July 14th we had our Wing Night which was also a great success. Music was supplied by Al Jordan. We had another great turnout for this event! On July 23rd we had our Family BBQ serving up BBQ'd steak, chicken, & burgers with all the fixins's. There were lots of compliments from people with regards to how great the food was.

We also tried out Karaoke on Friday nights in July. We need a better turn out to keep this going. Next Karaoke with Anne will be on Friday, September 15th. You don't have to be a singer to come out and listen to some music, play some pool, have a drink and support your legion.

Upcoming events as follows:

Saturday, 9th September (upstairs) – The Liverpool 4 Beatles Tribute Band. Tickets \$25 available at the bar. Food will be included.

Friday, 15th September we will be having **Karaoke with Ann** from 7:30-10:30pm

Friday, 3rd November **Little Peter and the Elegants** will be helping us celebrate the Legion's Birthday. Tickets will be available in September and this is a very popular dance and band and a late night meal will be provided.

Hope to see you all out & supporting your Legion.

Janice Mancini - 3rd Vice President and Entertainment Chair

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Special Events Report

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. I would like to thank all the volunteers who assisted throughout the summer with the BBQs, Wing Nights and various events. I would also like to thank those who support the Legion by attending the Legion and its sports and other events.

A big thank you to our wonderful staff. We appreciate your flexibility, availability and support of the Legion. If you have not noticed, our bartender Pam has retired. We wish her well and will miss her.

The next special event will be the Remembrance Day Service on Saturday, November 11th. Please plan to attend and show thanks to the many men and women who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. The parade will form at the old Memorial Square - Sydenham and King Streets (TD Bank) at 10 am and march in parade to the cenotaph for the Remembrance service.

"We Will Remember"

Dave Hawthorne – 2nd Vice President and Special Events



**Dave
Hawthorne
Special
Events
Chair**

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



**Rick Valois
Veterans
Services
Chair**

Youth Education Report

Every year, our branch conducts The Royal Canadian Legion's Annual Poster & Literary Contest for Grades 1 to 12 students. Local schools will soon be once again contacted with invitations for their students to submit essays, poetry and posters to commemorate Remembrance.

Last April, we presented awards to many students in front of three school assemblies including medals, certificates and gifts. They were great experiences. With one student, her parents got to present her medallions to her.

The memory of Remembrance is also very strong within the Roth family of Copetown. Vince and Petra's young children have been submitting entries to the Royal Canadian Legion's Annual Poster & Literary Contest for the last three years and winning many awards of excellence each year. We visited the home-taught children to present a certificate, medallion and gifts to Anne, age 7, for her Bronze Award in the Legion's District Contest.



**Tony
Bratschitch
Youth
Education
Chair**



The Roth children pictured above, from left to right are Evan, Gwen, Anne, James and Matthew holding little Thomas. Gwen is holding a nice colouring of a Legion member.

Tony Bratschitch - Youth Education Chair

House and Grounds Report

Well comrades, time really flies - eh. Here we are talking about the fall work party already, our spring work party was a giant success, we managed to dispose of those old dinosaur a/c units from the roof and the side wall.



**Paul
Penney
House and
Grounds
Chair**

I want to say a large thank you to Mr. Bill Gridale for letting me use his big loader to take the units down. It saved us calling in a crane which would be very expensive.

Also Denny Moyer and I used our trailers to go to the scrap yard with all the -- aluminum -- copper -- and steel and we were able to put \$350.00+ back into Branch 36 -Thanks Denny, and as usual Jack Murnaghan brought his trailer to haul away debris - always there to help. Gord Sharpe and Peter Whittaker were able to remove all the 'old' pop dispensing machinery from the bar.

I'm sorry I've misplaced my list of attendees for the party so I'll have to say to you folks who attended

“A GREAT BIG THANK YOU”

I'll be working on a to-do list for the fall work party which should be mostly cosmetic now that the major jobs are done. We'll see you on Sunday November 5th at 9:00am for the fall work party.

Thanks again to all the volunteers who take part to make our work parties so successful.

Paul Penney - House and Grounds Chair

Bullytin Sponsors

In each issue of The Bullytin we include the business cards of Sponsors, whose contributions help us pay for the printing of the newsletter. If you would keep them in mind if you need any of the various services they supply it would be appreciated. Thank you.

Peter Whittaker, Editor of The Bullytin

Sick Report

April 2017

- 12th - Geoffrey Jay moved to Durant Residence
- 21st - Mick O'Connor had surgery
- 21st - Larry O'Connor has pneumonia

May 2017

- 4th - Mick O'Connor at home
- 22nd - Mike visited Geoffrey Jay
- 22nd - Fred Scargall moved to Wentworth Lodge
- 24th - Stan Kobylinski surgery back

June 2017

- 21st - Larry Shea at St.Joes

July 2017

- 15th - Larry Shea not good
- 17th - Sandra Snyder sick
- 18th - Bruce Robinson stroke ICU

Stan Hicks - Sick and Last Post Chair



Stan Hicks
Sick
and
Last Post
Chair

Last Post

Bill Main - 13th April 13th, 2017
Frank Melia - 27th May, 2017
Larry Shea - 22nd July, 2017
James Martin - 28th July, 2017
Bruce Robinson - 5th August, 2017

We Will Remember Them

Poppy Fund Report

On May 29th as Poppy Chair along with Peter Whittaker Branch Public Relations Chair, we attended a presentation of where the Dundas Poppy Fund donation to the Juravinski Cancer Clinic was used. The Spect/CT camera purchased alone costs \$900,000 but requires programs to run it which are also expensive and this brings the total cost of the machine to \$1,000,000. A photo op was taken which we took part in, which will show our members where their hard earned donations go to work.



Jim Byron
Poppy Fund
Chair

On June 22nd Joan Alkerton, Peter Whittaker and I attended a tour of St. Joseph's Villa. Don Davidson gave us the opportunity to see the electric power lifts that help the residents get in and out of baths. Without these, the residents would have to be assisted by hand which is a strenuous and somewhat hazardous job for the staff.

Additional income was received as donations to honour the memory of Legion member Bill Main.

With a few expenditures for stamps and supplies our current Poppy Fund bank balance on 19th June, 2017 is \$76,143.59.

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

The Royal Canadian Legion – History

In Winnipeg in 1925, the Legion was founded as “The Canadian Legion of the British Empire Services Leagu”. It was incorporated by a special act of Parliament and the Charter was issued in July 1926.

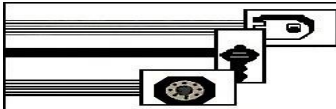
The Legion's initial main objective was to provide a strong voice for First World War Veterans. However, the advent of the Second World War created a host of new demands. The Legion expanded to offer more dedicated support to Veterans, as well as those serving abroad.

The Legion continues to improve the lives of Veterans, including serving Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP, and their families. This has been our principal objective since our inception and we will continue to work for it today and every day forward. It's our duty.

Branch 36 Canada Day BBQ enjoyed by everyone



John White working on the grille to prepare burgers and sausages for everyone at the Branch 36 Canada Day BBQ.



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Sports Report

The winter season of Legion Sports has concluded. We will be finishing our in-house snooker, darts and shuffleboard over the next few weeks and the end of year banquets will start.

Overall it was a successful season for our competitive teams as one of our snooker teams advanced to the provincial tournament. The team consisted of Joe McDonald, Mark Johnston, Nick Siefert and Doug Lapin. Our 8-ball team of Mark Johnston and Nick Siefert also advanced to the provincial tournament.

The cribbage team of Sue Logue, Brenda Glass, Cathy Howlett and Debra Firth also made it to the provincial tournaments. Although none of the teams advanced to the Dominion Tournaments they all reported that they enjoyed themselves.

Our mixed dart team of Bill Leckie, Terry Kobylinski, Sue and Stan Sklepowicz have advanced to the District Tournament.

Postings for summer activities are now up. So, take a look at the sports board if you are interested in golf, horseshoes or ring toss.

Stan Sklepowicz - Sports Chair



**Stan
Sklepowicz
Sports
Chair**

Bursary Report

Again, this year the Branch 36 Poppy Fund will be awarding the Belec Bursary to full-time post-secondary school students. To be eligible the student must be the child or grandchild of an ordinary member of Branch 36, or a child of an associate member of the branch. Forms will be available in the last week of August. Please see me.



**Mike
Alkerton
Bursary
Chair**

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Ontario command also awards Legion Bursaries. This year the award has gone up to \$750.00. The new application forms should be in the branch very shortly. Please call me with any questions. To be eligible for the Legion bursary you don't have to be related to someone who is a Legion member.

Mike Alkerton - Bursary Chair

Don't ever slam a door; you may want to go back.

If you are too busy to laugh you are too busy.

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Branch 36 - Upcoming Events

August 2017 Events

Sunday - 20th August - Family BBQ Open - 2:30pm BBQ - 4-6pm

September 2017 Events

President's Meat Draw - Starts on Saturday 9th September - 3-4pm

Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm

Monday - 4th September - Labour Day - Statutory Holiday - CLOSED

Thursday - 7th September - Lady's Thursday Darts Registration - 7pm

Thursday - 7th September - Men's Thursday Darts Registration - 7pm

Members of the Public are invited to play in the Thursday Men's Winter Dart League but must become Legion members to play in subsequent years.

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

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Branch 36 - Upcoming Events - continued

Saturday - 9th September - Liverpool 4 - Beatles tribute band – 8 to 12:00pm
Sunday - 10th September - Registration Sunday Mixed Dart League - 2pm
A sign up sheet for this league will be posted on the Sports board in August.

Monday - 11th September – Mixed Dart League starts tonight - 8pm

Tuesday - 12th September - Branch 36 Colour Party Practice - 7:00pm

Tuesday - 12th September - Branch 36 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00pm

Friday - 15th September - Karaoke with Anne Grisdale - 7:30-10:30pm

Sunday - 17th September - Legion Week Starts Today

Tuesday - 19th September - Bi-Annual General Meeting - 8:00pm

Wednesday - 20th September - Legion Week Snooker Challenge

Br.36 vs H.A.F.A. - 7:30pm

Sign up sheet posted on sports board in branch

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

Friday - 22nd September - Progressive Euchre - 7:30pm

\$5 per person with prizes for high score female and high score male,
and most lone hands. Proceeds go to the Branch 36 Ladies Auxiliary

Saturday - 23rd September - Legion Week Sports Triathlon

Horseshoes, Darts and Snooker - register 12:00-12:30pm

Monday - 25th September - Men's Snooker Starts Tonight - 7:30pm

Sign up sheet in branch

Wednesday - 27th September - Lady's Snooker Starts Tonight - 7:30pm

Wednesday - 27th September - Mixed Shuffleboard League

Open House and Registration - 7:30pm

October 2017 Events

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

Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm

Sunday 8th October - Thanksgiving - Branch CLOSED

Monday 9th October - Thanksgiving - Branch CLOSED

Tuesday - 10th October - Branch 36 Colour Party Practice - 7pm

Tuesday - 10th October - Branch 36 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7pm

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

Friday - 13th October - First Trivia Night of the season - 7:30pm

Friday - 27th October - 2015 Poppy Fund Campaign Kick-off Day

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

Friday - 27th September - Progressive Euchre - 7:30pm

\$5 per person with prizes for high score female and high score male,
and most lone hands. Proceeds go to the Branch 36 Ladies Auxiliary

November 2017 Events

Friday - 3rd November - Little Peter and the Elegants

Legion's Birthday Dance - 8:00pm Tickets \$25.00

Sunday - 5th November - Fall Work Party for Remembrance Day - 9:00am

Saturday - 11th November - Remembrance Day Parade and service

Paraded fall in at Firehall/Memorial Square - 10:15am

Service at War Memorial at Community Center - 10:45am