



The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion
February – 2018

Children enjoyed Breakfast with Santa



Sophie Brown is pictured with Santa at 'Breakfast with Santa' at Branch 36. Children had breakfast and were able to speak with Santa.



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President's Report

Happy New Year everyone! 2017 was another great year here at Branch 36 and we are looking forward to an even better 2018 !



**Gord
Sharpe
President**

There is certainly lots to do to stave off the winter blahs! The leagues are back in action after the winter break and there are lots of tournaments coming up to take part in. Be sure to check out the bulletin boards, website and newsletter. You won't want to miss out on all of our regular weekly and monthly events as well as all of the special events that our wonderful entertainment committee have planned for you starting with our annual Valentine Dance with Peter and the Elegants! Be sure to get your tickets early as we have had a sell-out crowd for the last two years

Please keep in mind that the branch is open all day every day, not just for special events. Come in and join friends, old and new in a stimulating conversation or enjoy a quick game of pool. It is a great place to drop in, warm up and relax. Invite your friends to come with you to check out our facilities and lets all encourage new membership.

I would like to thank my executive and all of the other volunteers who work so hard to keep our branch running smoothly. It certainly makes my job easier! If you would like to join our group of volunteers please don't be shy! We would love to have you and I am sure that we can find something to suit everyone's individual interests and talents. Please feel free to talk to me at the club or any of our executive. I can also be reached at 905-628-2393 for any questions or concerns.

On a final note I would like to add a word of caution. It is winter again and as you have seen we have been having quite a mixed bag of weather this year. We do our best to keep the walks and parking lot clear of ice and snow but the weather can be very unpredictable! Please tread carefully in all outside areas! Your safety is important to us! Thank you.

Gord Sharpe - President Branch 36

Bursary Report

I am very disappointed. The Branch Poppy Fund awards 5 Bursaries (in memory of Gerry Belec) to children or grandchildren of Ordinary or Associate members of Branch 36. Each of these Belec bursaries is in the amount of \$500.00. I only had 3 students apply for the Belec bursaries.



**Mike
Alkerton
Bursary
Chair**

As for the Provincial Legion Bursaries I didn't hand out very many more - these Provincial bursary awards are for \$750.00 and the money is there - the Provincial Legion Bursary budget is \$400,000 - but nobody seems to want it.

If you have any questions please call me (home: 905-628-2822 or the Branch: 905-627-7221).

The Branch 36 Belec bursary is now closed, but you still have time to apply for the Provincial Legion Bursary Awards.

Mike Alkerton - Past President and Bursary Chair

Sports Report

January brings the start of the competitive sports season. Branch 36 kicked off the season with a big win by our snooker teams. The team of Doug Lappin, Mark Johnston, Nick Seifert and Kevin Wilson took first place at Zone Snooker, hosted at our branch. The team of Joe McDonald, Tyler Craig, Brian Poole and Brian Stroud also advanced. It should be noted that our 3 teams took the top 3 spots.



**Stan
Sklepowicz
Sports
Chair**

If you are a snooker player you must have noticed the brand-new surfaces on our tables that were provided using your donations.

Following this success, two of our cribbage teams have gone on to the District level tournament. The team of Sandra Pullman, Elmer Cantello, Brad Shobbrook and Tina Sleight and the team of Rob Winch, John White, Dana Dilabbio and Jason Lewis have qualified for District Cribbage.

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Further upcoming sports are posted on our Sports Bulletin board, please have a look and see if you are interested in any of them.

As a final note Brian Holme has let me know that the Branch 36 Summer house-league Golf league play will start some time between April and June depending on the weather. The league will play on Thursdays from 4pm to 6pm at the Oak Gables Golf Course in Ancaster. Please watch the Sports bulletin board next to the side door for details.

If you are interested in any sports keep an eye on the Sports bulletin board and let me know about anything you are interested

Stan Sklepowicz - Sports Chair

Membership Report

As per normal we still have about 170 not renewed by 31st December, 2017. I would urge you to please try to get to the Branch to pay your dues, or mail in your 2018 dues. If you mail in your dues we will return your card immediately.

To those who did re-new - Thank you; it makes the job that Marilyn Latchford and I do so much easier.

Since September we have recruited 27 new members - to those new members I say welcome to Branch 36; however, we have lost more than 27 members. We must recruit more members so please remember to **“Just Bring One”** and **“Anyone can join the Legion”**.

The Legion strength is in numbers, and so far, we are one of the largest branches in Zone B6 and District B.

If you have any questions regarding membership please call me (at home: 905-628-2922 or at the branch 905-627-7221).

Mike Alkerton - Past President and Membership Chair



**Mike
Alkerton
Membership
Chair**

Canteen Report

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season filled with family, friends, joy and laughter.

As you may be aware Bill 148, the fair rules Work Rules and Better Jobs Act came into effect on the 1st January, 2018. The Bill raises the minimum wage as well as other costs to an employer. This has had a significant impact on our operating costs.



**Dave
Hawthorne
Canteen Chair**

As of 3rd January, our Bar Prices will be raised to offset the expected cost to our Branch. Be assured the Branch 36 Executive has tried to minimize the impact of this Bill as best we can.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support, and don't forget to tip your Bartender.

Dave Hawthorne - 2nd Vice President and Canteen Chair

Colour Party Report

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



**James Byron
Colour
Party
Commander**

Our next practices will be:
Tuesday evening March 13th at 7:00pm
Tuesday evening April 10th at 7:00pm
Tuesday evening May 8th at 7:00pm

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

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.



Rick Valois
Veterans
Services Chair

To take the first step to your possible VAC benefits contact the Branch for an appointment.

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

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Ladies Auxiliary Report

Greetings from your Ladies Auxiliary

Hope your Christmas season went without a hitch with family and friends to help make the season bright. And Welcome to 2018!

I wish to thank all the vendors, buyers and sellers of draw tickets, and all those ones that put their very talented hands to work making quilts, afghans, wooden figures, just to name a few of the hand-crafted items on the table, and a very special thank you to Judy Hall-Wright for all her hard work putting this event together.



**Debbie
Cooley
Ladies
Auxiliary
President**

Our total profit was well over the \$2,100. With this we were able to help a great few people in our community have a very Happy Holiday.

Our Beef nights will be back on track starting 26th January. Please keep 23rd February, 23rd March, 27th April and 25th May open for our Beef nights and all of them are followed by a great evening of cards.

We have euchre following our Beef Nights and you can sign up at 7:35pm until we have all the players that are playing signed up. Playing starts no later than 8 p.m. It's \$5 a person to play with money prizes to follow.

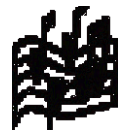
Till next we meet or write,

Debbie Cooley - President Branch 36 Ladies Auxiliary



**Valentine Dance - Saturday,
10th February, 2018 with music from
Little Peter and the Elegants**

Tickets \$25 now available at the bar.





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Entertainment Report

On Friday, November 3rd Little Peter and the Elegants performed for the Legion's 91st Birthday Celebration. Once again, the Ladies Auxiliary provided the food for this event. Thank you to Terry Kobylinski, Sue Sklepowicz, Deb Cooley, and Marie Kobylinski. We held a raffle and a 50/50 draw which proved to be a great success. We also had some door prizes which were donated by some of our members. Special thanks to Joan Alkerton, Gord Sharpe, Doug Rivers, & Dave Hawthorne. Thank you also goes out to Dave **Hawthorne**, Cathy Belmore and Barb Smith who helped tend the door and looked after the draws. We had over 100 people in attendance.



Janice Mancini
Entertainment
Chair

On Friday, December 1st we held the annual Turkey draw in conjunction with the Ladies Auxiliary Christmas draw. The bar was packed full of people and a record 50/50 draw was held with the winner receiving \$456.00!!! Thanks to all those who attended and made this a great success!

On Wednesday, December 6th the Veterans Dinner was held in the banquet hall. There was a pretty good turn out for this event. Jane Watson and the Silver Swing Band with 18 members entertained all those who attended.

On Sunday, December 10th we had our first "Breakfast with Santa" and over 100 people turned up to enjoy pancakes and sausages served up by Joe Thorogood, Dave Steele and Dave Hawthorne. Special thanks to the resident dish washer Gord Sharpe and of course the Elves - "Leanne & Kaitlin Robinson" for their help as well. This would not have been a success without all of you!

On Sunday, December 24th we had our annual Christmas Eve celebration with entertainment by Jane Watson. The battling Carolers also attended and as usual someone lost and someone won. We aren't sure who, so we will leave it at that. Thank you to Marie Kobylinski and her elves for providing the food.

On Sunday, December 31st we opened the doors for a "Free" New Year's Eve party. There was well over 120 people in attendance. Everyone who attended brought food for sharing. There was quite a selection of platters of snacks, treats, & deserts, that was

enjoyed by all. We almost ran out of table space to put everything out. (if you left behind any plates / cutlery, it can be picked up in the office). It was nice to see quite a few members in attendance and a lot of new faces as well.

I would like to thank all those who have helped me out over that last 6 months while I figure out this thing called "Entertainment"! Your help is always appreciated. I look forward to 2018 and wish you all a Happy, healthy, prosperous new year!

Janice Mancini - 3rd Vice President and Entertainment Chair

House and Grounds Report

On Sunday, 7th November, 2017 we held our Fall Work party to prepare the Branch and grounds for the Remembrance Day.

The following Legion members: Hugh Graham, Fred Haddock, Doug Harvey, Dave Hawthorne, Stan Hicks, Brian Holme, Gary Ingram, Marie Kobylinsky, Marilyn Latchford, Bill Leckie, Gary Logue, Janice Mancini, Peter Martin, Marian Miles, Ross Miles, Denny Moyer, Jack Murnahan, Larry O'Connor, Paul Penney, Bill Ralston, Doug Rivers, Linda Rivers, Helmut Schiller, Leo Shaidle, Gord Sharpe, Jim Sherring, Dave Steele, Brian "Doc" White, Mary Whittaker and Peter Whittaker volunteered and did outside tasks, inside cleanup chores, hung new flags on the front of the Branch and set up the Remembrance Display in the upper Clubroom area.

After the work was done, everyone enjoyed a delicious meal brought in by fellow comrade Peter Martin and prepared by Marie Kobylinski.

It is only through these Volunteers that we are able to keep the Branch and its grounds looking so good year-round.

Paul Penney - House and Grounds Chair
"Many Hands Make Light Work"



Paul Penney
House and
Grounds
Chair

Honours and Awards Report

This year's awards ceremony will be on Sunday, 4th March. Tickets will be on sale Monday, 12th February. Cost of Dinner and Menu will be announced shortly at the Branch and by e-mail to Branch 36 members who have supplied their email addresses.



Bill Ralston
Honours &
Awards Chair

A list of those members eligible to receive a year pin will be posted in the Branch and also on our website. If your name is not on the list and you feel you should receive a pin please contact the Branch.

If you are not at the dinner and would like a year pin the cost is \$5.00.

Bill Ralston - Honours & Awards Chair

Banquet Hall Report

Due to increased costs for hydro, water, set-up, etc., the cost of renting the Banquet Hall for a Celebration of Life will now be \$100.00 plus the applicable bar staff fees which are \$15.00 per hour per bartender, plus 1 hour of prep time and 1 hour of clean-up. For example - a Celebration of Life from 1:00 to 4:00 for approximately 150 persons would now cost \$100.00 plus \$120.00 bar staff fees (2 bartenders @ 3hrs each + 1 hour prep time and 1 hour clean-up time) for a total of \$220.00.



Doug Rivers
Banquet Hall
Chair

This increase is necessary to keep the operation of the Banquet Hall sustainable.

Doug Rivers - 1st Vice President and Banquet Hall Chair

2017 Veterans Christmas Dinner



On Wednesday, 6th December, 2017 Branch 36 held our annual Veterans Christmas Dinner where our veteran members enjoyed a great meal and listened to music from the Silver Swing band.

Circle of Life

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Poppy Fund Report

Donations have been made to the Poppy Fund in the memory of: Lloyd Foord
Frank Holk
John W. Hutchison



Jim Bryden
Poppy Fund
Chair

Every year our volunteers seem to be the same people giving of their time and money to promote the Poppy campaign. The problem is that we are all getting older and our health isn't what it used to be. I know that I wouldn't be able to do what is necessary without the help of Chris Slote who acts as the Poppy Co-chair. Many people aren't aware that Chris actually takes vacation time to spend it working on the campaign. I'm hoping that in the future some of our younger members will remember their oath to actively take part in the Poppy campaign.

I currently have 40,000 poppies still boxed that weren't used this year. In addition, Costco restricted us to only campaign on the weekends, which effectively cut our receipts by about \$10,000. Needless to say, our income this year will be much below what we did last year.

Our current bank balance is \$112,971.86

James Byron - Poppy Fund Chair Home phone: 905-578-2758

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Public Relations Report

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Karen Schuett and the Circle of Life Cremation Burial Centre Inc. as a new sponsor of The Bullytin. Karen came from Toronto and finds our valley town a delightful place to live and work.



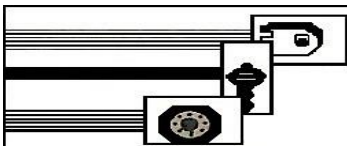
**Peter
Whittaker
Public
Relations
Chair**

I hope you visit their website and view Services supplied by this new business in Dundas:

<http://www.circleoflifecbc.com/resources/>

Sponsors help to defray the costs of printing and distributing this newsletter to all Branch 36 members. I hope you take note of our sponsors, and if need be, take business to them in appreciation of their sponsorship of this newsletter. Anyone can become a sponsor for a small fee for each issue.

Peter Whittaker - Public Relations Chair



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Christmas Food Contributions well received

Thank you for your contributions of food and a Turkey to our Christmas Food Drive. They were given to the Salvation Army for distribution. Your generosity shows that Branch 36 assists our fellow citizens, and it was greatly appreciated.

Sick Report

October - 2017

- 14th - Dennis Baker had stents installed
- 14th - Roy Gunn had surgery on second eye
- 17th - Paul Penney had eye surgery
- 19th - Visited Dale Edwards at home
- 19th - Bill Williamson at St.Joe's - kidney



Stan Hicks
Sick and Last
Post Chair

November - 2017

- 2nd - Bill Williamson at home
- 3rd - Russ Purchase - stents and home
- 8th - Fred Lutz had surgery on hip
- 16th - John Bart at hospital - infection and home
- 17th - Fred Lutz still at hospital
- 24th - Dennis Baker at hospital
- 25th - Bob Peters at Gen. - heart

December - 2017

- 3rd - Brent Anderson at hospital
- 6th - Brent Anderson at home

January 2018

- 4th - Bob Raynsford at Juravinski - pneumonia
- 10th - Bob Raynsford at home
- 12th - Dave Steele at hospital - heart

Stan Hicks - Sick and Last Post Chair

Last Post

Ron Kenyon - 26th October, 2017
Bob Peters - 25th November, 2017
Geoffrey Jay - 8th December, 2017
Dan Devison - 13th December, 2017
Jim MacLean - 18th December, 2017
John MacIntyre - 28th December, 2017

We Will Remember Them

Branch 36 - Upcoming Events

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

Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm

February 2017 Events

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

Friday - 9th February - Trivia Night - Sign up 7:30pm - Start 8:00pm

Saturday, February 10th - Little Peter and the Elegants

Open 7:00pm \$25.00 each - light buffet at 10:00 pm - 50/50 & raffle

Tuesday - 13th February - Branch 36 Colour Party Practice - 7:00pm

Tuesday - 13th February - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00pm

Friday - 23rd February - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm

Friday - 23rd February - "Progressive Euchre" - 7:30pm

March 2018 Events

Sunday - 4th March - Honours and Awards & L.A.Awards

Open 12:30pm - Luncheon - Tickets available at the bar

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

Friday - 9th March - Trivia Night - Sign up 7:30pm - Start 8:00pm

Tuesday - 13th March - Branch 36 Colour Party Practice - 7:00pm

Tuesday - 13th March - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00pm

Saturday - 17th March - Free St.Paddy's Dance - 8:00-1:00am

Bring a snack for sharing - 50/50 & raffle DJ Jane Watson

Wednesday - 21st March - Bi-Annual General Meeting - 8:00pm

Friday - 23rd March - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm

Friday - 23rd March - "Progressive Euchre" - 7:30pm

Friday - 30th March - GOOD FRIDAY - BRANCH CLOSED

Saturday, 31st March - Easter Egg Hunt – and Colouring contest

Hunts - Ages 0-3 - 8:30am Ages 4-7 - 9:00am Ages 8 & up - 9:30am

Bring a canned food donation for the food bank

April 2018 Events

Sunday – 1st April - Easter Sunday - BRANCH CLOSED

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

Friday - 13th April - Trivia Night - Sign up 7:30pm - Start 8:00pm

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

Friday - 27th April - "Progressive Euchre" - 7:30pm

Invite your friends and relatives to Legion events !

New Legion members are always Welcome

Call or visit the Branch for more information