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Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion
May - 2018

St.Patrick's Day Meat Draw Winners



Branch 36 holds its weekly meat draws on Saturday afternoon and this year St.Patrick's day also fell on Saturday. The picture above shows the winners of the meat draws - from left to right: Bill Ralston, Wayne Birch, Micky O'Connor, Bev Brooks, Marie Kobylinski, Stan Hicks.

Picture courtesy Janice Mancini



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President's Report

Time for the spring edition! Isn't that a welcome thought!

Hard to believe that the Easter bunny has already visited! Thanks to Janice Mancini and her helpers for another fantastic family event!



**Gord
Sharpe
President**

There have been many great events here at the branch since my last report - what a busy place. Isn't it wonderful! I have to give credit to the Entertainment Committee (Janice Mancini) for all the hard work that she puts in to ensure that we are all entertained! The Valentines dance and the St. Patrick's Day dance were great examples of her expertise! Both well attended and a great time had by all!

Our Annual Honours and Awards banquet this year was another sold out occasion. Many thanks to the organizers and those involved in the set up and all the little details that make this event special.

Legionnaire of the Year went to Brian White, well deserved! Thanks Brian for all your contributions to our branch!

In upcoming events, I would like to remind you that our branch election will take place on Wednesday, 2nd May, 2018 and I would encourage all of our members to attend that night, and also to consider becoming involved in the various volunteer rolls which are necessary to keep our branch running smoothly.

Another sign of spring is the winding down of all the winter sports leagues! Thanks to all those who organize and facilitate these activities, and also to those who come out and take part! These activities help make it possible for our branch to keeping going and growing!

Please keep abreast of all upcoming activities by checking the Branch website and the bulletin boards often! Many thanks to Peter Whittaker for doing such a great job on this newsletter and maintaining the website! Please, check it out!

Gord Sharpe - President Branch 36

Colour Party Report

It is with deep regret that I am stepping down as the Colour Party Commander due to health issues. I'm proud to announce that Greg Sherring will be taking over this position. I will still be able to maintain my position as Sergeant-at-Arms. I would like to thank all the members of the Colour Party for their support.



Jim Byron
Colour Party
Commander

Our Colour Party is preparing for the June Church Parade.

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 we'd like to make sure we keep it that way.

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

James 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 of you 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

Sports Report

We have completed most of our indoor competitive sports. Congratulations to our Snooker team of Dave Lapin, Mark Johnston, Nick Seifert and Kevin Wilson, as well as Joe McDonald, Tyler Craig, Brian Poole and Brian Stroud advancing to the Provincial Tournament.

Our 8 Ball teams of Mark Johnston & Nick Seifert, and Joe McDonald & Tyler Craig also advanced to the Provincial Tournament,

Our Euchre team Elmer Cantello, Brad Shobbrook, Tina Slaughter and Sandra Pullman advanced to the District Tournament.

We had multiple players who played in Zone Mixed Darts, unfortunately no one advanced to District level.

The outdoor season sports of Washer Toss, Horseshoes and Golf will be kicking off starting with Washer Toss on April 8th. If you are interested in any of these outdoor sports, please check our website of the Sports Bulletin Board.

Remember Summer House League golf will be starting soon on Thursday's at Oak Gables Golf Course. Contact Brian Holme or sign up on the Sports Bulletin board.

Stan Sklepowicz - Sports Chair



**Stan
Sklepowicz
Sports
Chair**

Entertainment Report

Even though there was big blizzard outside, we had a successful Valentine's dance inside with Little Peter and the Elegants providing the music and the Ladies Auxiliary providing a great free late night snack. We had our St.Patrick's Day dance in the clubroom with a great turnout for the wearing of the green.

On the Easter weekend we had our annual Easter Egg Hunt and we would like to thank the Snooker League, the Dundas Train club, the Tim Hortons(York Road) and Bob Turner for their generous donations.



**Janice Mancini
Entertainment
Chair**

Janice Mancini - 3rd Vice President and Entertainment Chair

Bursary Report

The Bursary program is on hold until the fall.

There is one interesting thing about this program which gives \$500 to \$750 to students.

So far, of all the numerous applications handed out, we have received a “Thank You” from just one student.

Please see me in September for the 2019 Bursary year.

Mike Alkerton - Past President and Bursary Chair



Mike Alkerton
Bursary
Chair

Poppy Fund Report

The Poppy Fund paid for the Veterans Christmas Dinner - \$1,375 and also made a \$2,000 donation to the Bob Kemp Hospice.

At the 2018 Honours and Awards and L.A. presentations luncheon, on 4th March, the Poppy Fund presented Poppy Fund Certificates of Appreciation to the following: Dave Hawthorne, Barb Parker, Dave Howlett and Jack Murnaghan.

At the Honours and Awards luncheon on 4th March, 2018, the Poppy Fund also presented a cheque for \$15,000 to the Juravinski Cancer Clinic.

We presented a cheque for \$15,000 to St. Joseph's Villa on March 21st at the Bi-Annual General Meeting.

The Poppy Fund will be providing cash awards to the winners of the Youth & Education contests in the amount of \$1,235.00 to a large number of schools in our area.

The current balance of the Poppy Fund is \$111,066.04

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



James Byron
Poppy Fund
Chair

Banquet Hall Report

The Banquet Hall is available for weddings, stag and does, anniversaries or any type of event that requires a hall with seating for approximately 180 persons.

For information on rates and dates of availability please call the Legion at 905-627-7221 or email rclbr36@cogeco.net.

The Wentworth Room is also available for smaller events for about 60 persons. This room is free of charge with certain conditions regarding its use. For more information contact the Legion.

Doug Rivers - 1st Vice President and Banquet Hall Chair



Doug Rivers
1st Vice
President and
Banquet Hall
Chair

Membership Report

Our loss in membership this year looks like it could be about 5% - under the circumstances, and looking at other branches that is pretty good. We should reach about 700 members.

Thanks to all those who have brought in new members and a big welcome to all the new members.

It would be great to see as many new and old members at the General Elections on Wednesday, 2nd May, 2018 at 8:00pm. It is very important that you attend.

There have been many changes to the Legion's Membership office in Ottawa over the last year. Overall it has worked quite well. There are still some outstanding problems that that we have but we will get them resolved.

The summer is coming (slow time for the Branch), but there are several Wing Nights and BBQs planned, so please try to support your branch during the summer. As always, any concerns or questions please call me at the Branch - 905-627-7221.



**Mike
Alkerton**
Membership
Chair

“Just Bring One”

Mike Alkerton - Past President & Membership Chair

Honours and Awards Report

I thought Honors and Awards banquet and presentations went well. I would have liked to see more participants out to receive their pins.

I know this is early but the Veterans dinner is on the first Wednesday in December and tickets will be on sale first Monday after Remembrance Day.

Bill Ralston - Honours and Awards Chair



Bill Ralston
Honours and
Awards Chair

Public Relations Report

The Dundas Branch 36 of the Royal Canadian Legion has a very busy winter season consisting of a large number of in-house sports leagues – Men's, Women's, and Mixed Dart Leagues along with Men's and Women's Snooker Leagues and also a Mixed Shuffleboard League.

We also have a number of social events throughout the year consisting of BBQs, Fish Fries, Beef on a Bun, Wing Nights, Trivia Nights, Euchre nights, Christmas and New Year's Eve Celebrations, Valentine Dance, St. Patrick's Day Celebration and an Easter Egg Hunt for children of the community.

The Royal Canadian Legion runs annual remembrance Poster, Essay and Public Speaking contests for children who reside in the local area. The children win medals in this contest at the local levels and then their entries go on to compete and possibly win medals at Zone, District, Provincial and Dominion National levels with their entries. Branch 36 has had multiple winners in these contests including a young lady who won with her posters at all levels and even placed nationally with her posters.

We also have several community remembrance events such as the annual June D-Day church parade and service and also the

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Peter
Whittaker
Public
Relations
Chair

November Remembrance Day parade and service that honour Canada's Veterans, both past and present.

The public in the community may be well aware of the BBQs, Fish Fries, Beef on Bun and Wing Nights held at Branch 36, which are well publicized and the community is invited to the events,

One area where members of the community are sometimes unaware is membership in Royal Canadian Legion. Many community members think that you must have served in the armed forces and be a Veteran in order to join the Legion – THIS IS NOT TRUE - ALL ADULTS IN THE COMMUNITY ARE ELIGIBLE TO JOIN THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION.

All you have to do is come to the legion and get a membership form. You can even join the Legion online, but it is much easier if you just come in to their Branch 36 and pick up a membership application. With Legion membership comes the opportunity to take part in our in-house sports leagues, and also the right to represent Branch 36 in various inter-legion Sports Tournaments.

Our Sports leagues start up in September, so if you wish to take part in our sports leagues come on down to Branch 36 on King Street West in Dundas and join before September. You do not have to have had any experience to play in any of our sports leagues - you will be welcomed just as we were welcomed when we joined Branch 36.

Peter Whittaker - Public Relations Chair

***** Thank you for FOOD BANK donations *****

I just wanted to send a small thank you note to whomever organized the Easter Egg Hunt where the food was collected.

A kind gentleman dropped it off on Wednesday, but I wasn't able to get his name, he just said '**its from the Legion**'. He then pitched in and assisted us with unloading a truck - he was very helpful! Please send our thanks and know that the food went to underprivileged families in Dundas.

Blessings, **Deb Hackett**

Program Manager, Salvation Army Dundas Family Services

House and Grounds Report

Hello comrades. I love the idea of announcing the Spring Cleanup Party, it says that winter is almost gone. The Spring work party will be held on Sunday, MAY 27th, see you there!!! to get the Branch in good shape for our Annual D-Day church service parade on Sunday, 3rd June. There will be a signup sheet for the work party on the board in the branch and it always helps keep our club in good shape.



Paul Penney
House Chair

Paul Penney - House Chair "Many hands make light work!"

7th Annual Easter Egg Hunt a great success !



Children who attended our 7th Annual Easter Egg Hunt had a great time collection eggs and meeting with the Easter Bunny to collect their prizes.

Picture courtesy Janet Mancini

St.Patrick's Day Celebration a Success !



The wearing of the green was everywhere at the Branch 36 St.Patrick's day celebration with a mug of green beer and a leprechaun among the crowd that enjoyed themselves.

Pictures courtesy Janice Mancini

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.

Sick Report

January - 2018

10th - Fred Lutz out and about after knee surgery
24th - Bob Twitchett in hospital - surgery
29th - Pat Risk had surgery

February - 2018

1st - Dennis Moyer had surgery - knee
2nd - Bob Twitchett at home
2nd - Dave Steele at home
16th - Visited Dennis Moyer at home

March 2018

8th - Bob Spicer at Brantford General - stroke
17th - Marion Gunn out and about - Broken arm
19th - Bob Raynsford at hospital - Breathing
24th - Milton Aycoin at Georgian
27th - Visited Milton Aycoin at Georgian
29th - Milton Aycoin at St.Joes.

Stan Hicks - Sick and Last Post Chair



**Stan Hicks
Sick and
Last Post
Chair**

Last Post

Steven Young - 23rd March, 2018
Bob Spicer - 9th March, 2018
Alex Hunter - 21st February, 2018
Gerry Baker - 21st February, 2018
Fred Button - 29th January, 2018
S.E. Rock - 22nd January, 2018
Bill Gibson - 9th October 2017

We Will Remember Them

Canteen Report

Spring is here and hopefully soon the weather will be better soon. I'd like to thank all the members who have supported our Legion events recently – New Years Eve, Valentine's Dance, St. Patty's day and the branch Easter egg Hunt. Janice Mancini you've done an amazing job on these events, Keep up the great work!



**Dave
Hawthorne
Canteen
Chair**

A thank you to all the regular attendees of our Saturday Meat Draws. The last couple of weeks we have also thrown in a 50/50 draw that is popular. The money goes towards entertainment and we will try to include the 50/50 from now on.

Please check the activity notices on the clubroom tables for dates on upcoming events and changes. We will be returning to summer hours starting on 14th May to 3rd September, as well as closing on Sundays in May, and Mondays (June 18 – Sept 3). Watch for posting of times of closure and dates.

Please note that the bar / signs of service, must be cleared ½ hour after the last call - please assist our stewards by complying.

Remember to Tip your bartender !

Lastly if you have any ideas or suggestions on improving activities or services please let Gord Sharpe or Doug Rivers know (just kidding - let me know).

Good Luck, and God Bless

Dave Hawthorne - 2nd Vice President and Canteen Chair

A man went to his psychiatrist and said, "Every time I drink my coffee, I get a stabbing pain in my right eye,"

The psychiatrist said, "Well, have you tried taking the spoon out?"

Youth Education Report

In late November, we had selected the Branch 36 winners of our Annual Remembrance Literary and Poster Contest and we submitted them to the Chair of the Zone Youth Education Program.

Six members of the Dundas Toastmasters club helped me go through 173 entries which is the second-highest number that I have experienced. We deliberated on a lot of tough choices.



**Tony
Bratschitch
Youth Education
Chair**

Of our branch's 12 student 1st place winning entries, 8 won Gold in the Zone, which consists of 7 branches. That's the best ever during my time. One student won Silver and two got Bronze. That's 11 medals out of our 12 Zone entries.

Our kids have done well, so far. In total, to date, Branch 36 student entries have garnished 47 awards with other results from the District and Province yet to come in.

During the middle and final weeks of April, I will be attending schools and one home to present medals, certificates and awards to the very deserving students who have commemorated Remembrance through their posters, essays and poetry.

Tony Bratschitch - Youth Education Chair

Sunday – 27th May - Spring Work Party - 9:00am

Volunteer some time to help spruce up the Branch for the Branch 36 Annual D-Day Church Parade.

Both inside and outside tasks are available - Add your name to the sign-up sheet next to the smoking entrance doorway.

Special Events Report

Our next special event is the D-Day Memorial Parade and Church Service on Sunday 3rd June, 2018. We hope to have a good turnout of Branch 36 members.

Parade fall in is at 9:30am - We will form up in the rear of the Legion and march to the church. At 10:00am we will march to St. James Church, 137 Melville Street, Dundas to take part in the service at 10:30am. Those unable to march are invited to join us at the church. The parade is open to all Legion members.

After the service we will form up and march back to the legion for a light lunch and refreshments.

Dave Hawthorne - 2nd Vice President & Special Events Chair



**Dave
Hawthorne
Special Events
Chair**

Ladies Auxiliary Report

Honours and Awards: Congrats to Gerry Hopkins and Marie Kobylinski (who were there to receive), and Louise Moore, Pat Rochester, Sharon Pivonka and Mary Johnston (who couldn't make the Banquet) on receiving their 25 year service awards. And to Nancy Gadoury on getting her 50 year pin. And a special congratulations to Terry Kobylinski who received her Life Membership in Ladies Auxiliary.

Sports: Last Saturday we had 2 teams play in the District Team Darts. My team of Janice Mancini, Stephanie Cooley, Barb Smith and me - we had fun. The team of Terrie Gubbins, Terry Kobylinski, Sue Sklepowicz and Carly Arnold came in 5th and will be going on to Provincial Team Darts in June. Congrats Ladies.

Results of our L.A. Elections held tonight were: President - Debbie Cooley, Vice President - Terry Kobylinski, Secretary - Sue Sklepowicz, Treasurer - Gerry Hopkins, Sports - Terry Kobylinski.

We are hosting our Ladies Auxiliary Convention this Sunday. Any major changes will have to wait until the next issue of The Bullytin.

Yours in comradeship,

Debbie Cooley - President, Branch 36 Ladies Auxiliary



**Debbie Cooley
Ladies
Auxiliary
President**

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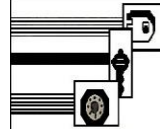
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Branch 36 - Upcoming Events

President's Meat Draw - Saturdays in May & 2nd, 9th, 16th June - 3-4pm
Weekly Meat Draw - Saturdays - 4:30pm - 2 chances to each week

May 2018 Events

Wednesday - 2nd May - Branch 36 Annual Elections - Upstairs - 8pm
Tuesday - 8th May - Branch 36 Colour Party Practice - 7pm
Tuesday - 8th May - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7pm
Friday - 11th May - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm
Friday - 11th May - Trivia Night - Sign up at 7:30pm - Starts at 8pm
Monday - 21st May - Victoria Day - Statutory Holiday - Branch Closed
Friday - 25th May - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm
Friday - 25th May - "Beef on a Bun - Progressive Euchre" - 7:30pm
Sunday - 27th May - "Spring Work Party" - 9am

June 2018 Events

Sunday - 3rd June - D-Day Parade & Church Service - 9:45am
Friday - 8th June - Wing Night - 5:30-7:30pm
Tuesday - 12th June - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7pm
Sunday - 17th June - Family BBQ - Open - 2:30pm / BBQ - 4pm
Sunday - 17th June - Entertainment - DJ Al Jordan - 3:00-6:00pm

Monday - 18th June - BRANCH CLOSED

Wednesday - 20th June - Branch 36 Monthly General Meeting - 8pm
Monday - 25th June - BRANCH CLOSED

July 2018 Events - Branch CLOSED on Mondays in July

Sunday - 1st July - Canada Day Open House and Good Neighbor BBQ - Open House 2:30pm - Face Painting, Colouring Contest - 2:30-3:00pm Magic Show - 3:30pm BBQ - 4-6pm / Canada Day Birthday Cake - 4pm / Clubroom DJ Sonny Sinclair - 3:00-6:00pm
Sunday - 1st July - Dundas Modular Train Club Open House - 2pm
Friday - 6th July - Wing Night - 5:30-7:30pm
Sunday - 15th July - Family BBQ - Open - 2:30pm / BBQ - 4pm
Sunday - 15th July - Entertainment - DJ Dave Burden - 3:00-6:00pm

August 2018 Events - Branch CLOSED on Mondays in August

Friday - 3rd August - Wing Night - 5:30-7:30pm
Monday - 6th August - Civic Holiday – Branch closed
Sunday - 19th August - Family BBQ - Open - 2:30pm / BBQ - 4pm
Sunday - 19th August - Entertainment - DJ Mike Woods - 3:00-6:00pm

**New Legion members are always Welcome
Call or visit the Branch for more information**