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Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion
July - 2021

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Saturday,
17th July, 2021**

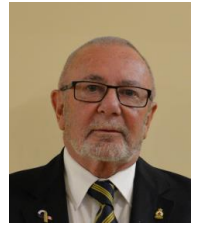


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President's Report

Comrades: When are we going to re-open? As of this writing, Step 3 of the Ontario Plan is scheduled for Wednesday, 21st July, 2021 – BUT there has been no clarification on restrictions, so we just don't know for sure. Hopefully, we will find out very soon.



Doug Rivers
President

We have submitted an application for a patio which is currently under review. We should hear something in the week of July 12th to 14th.

We are in need of picnic tables (in usable condition). If anyone can help us out, call Gord Sharpe at 905-975-2393 or email myself at victoria182009@live.com (See Gord's House Report).

Our online 50/50 draw ticket sales started on 1st July, 2021 with the first draw on 31st July, 2021 – right now the minimum prize for this draw is \$1,000.00. Help Support your Branch and purchase your tickets today – tell all your friends (See Peter Howard's Ways and Means Report).

During the shutdown there has been lots of work going on behind the scenes to keep everything running smoothly.

I want to give special thanks to Dale Lucking, Gord Sharpe, Wayne O'Connor, Marv Turpin, Mike Alkerton, Paul Penney and Peter Whittaker for all their time and effort.

Comrades I've probably missed a lot of items, but I am sure we be in touch soon with some upbeat positive news.

Doug Rivers - President Branch 36

Editor's Note: as we are now allowed to re-open, watch for updates regarding hours of service and events.

Colour Party Report

With the pandemic into it's second year and we are for the second time into stage 2 of a province wide lockdown. But! the good news, as today being July 9, word from the Premiers Office that all of Ontario can go to stage 3. Yea Hoo!



Greg Sherring
Colour Party
Commander

On Tuesday June 1, 2021 a few members of your Legion went to St. James Church and collectively helped in the making of a video to be shown to Branch members, in place of not being able to march in the annual D-Day Parade and Church Service which were cancelled.

Two members of the Colour Party were on hand during the filming of the video, with five of their flags for the back drop of the video.

The video was sent to Hamilton's CHCH TV News and it was aired on Sunday June 6, 2021 during the 5pm and 11pm newscasts.

Well done by all.

Greg Sherring - Colour Party Commander - 905-578-2758

A business card for Judy Shepalo. On the left is a circular portrait of a woman with short, wavy grey hair, wearing a yellow top. To the right of the portrait, the name "Judy Shepalo" is written in a large, green, cursive font. Below the name, "Real Estate Specialist" is written in a smaller, green, sans-serif font. Further right, contact information is listed: Mobile: 905.517.6494, Office: 905.304.3303, Fax: 905.574.1450, Email: judy@judyshepalo.ca, and Web: www.judyshepalo.ca. At the bottom of the card, a black banner contains the text "Compassionate • Connected • Trusted" in white. Below the banner is the RE/MAX logo in large, bold, black letters, with "Escarpment Realty Inc. Brokerage" and "Independently owned and operated" in smaller text underneath.

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Ways and Means Committee Report July 2021

A change in the regulations allows Charity and Non-Profit organizations to use technology to raise funds with Raffles on-line.

The Dundas Legion now has a Provincial license from The Alcohol and Gaming Commission, Ontario to run Monthly 50/50 draws on-line with License #RAFF1207491 starting July 1st, 2021.



Peter Howard
Ways and
Means Chair

Sales will start on the first day of the month and the draw will be held on the last day of the month. Tickets will be available on-line starting July 1st, 2021.

Tickets are 3 for \$5, 15 for \$10, 40 for \$20 and 100 for \$40.

The minimum prize will be \$1,000.

Go to the following link to purchase tickets:

www.dundaslegion5050.ca

This is a great opportunity to help Dundas Legion fundraise and also a chance to win some cash. The success of the draws will depend on getting the word out, tell your friends, post on social media.

Scan this code to go directly to the website.

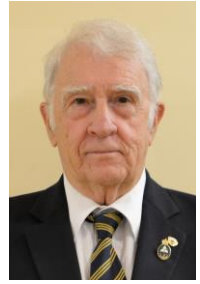


Peter Howard - Ways and Means Chair

Bursary Report

This program is still in place. If any rules change I will let you know in September.

Mike Alkerton - Bursary Chair



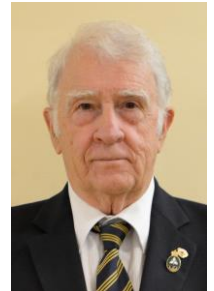
**Mike Alkerton
Bursary
Chair**

Membership Report

Not much to report at this time, but I would like to thank the membership for their huge support for 2021.

We are trying to get a Patio license (we might have it by the time you get this Bullytin).

When we do open, we are going to need people to step forward. See you at the Branch.



**Mike Alkerton
Membership
Chair**

Remember our motto - "Just Bring One"

Mike Alkerton - Membership Chair

P.S. Get your 50/50 tickets online, the minimum prize will be \$1,000

House and Grounds Report

In the past few months, we have been busy working on several projects. For example:

The Bar area has been refurbished with new lighting etc..

The parquet flooring on the upper deck of the club room has been refinished.



**Gord Sharpe
House Chair**

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At the moment we are working on making a patio area outside the smoking door that everyone should soon be able to enjoy.

Thanks to B. Grisdale for donating the fencing and Paul Penny, Doug Rivers, Wayne O'Connor for helping with this project.

Other small day to day issues have been attended to as needed such as refrigeration replacement and toilet repair.

"Many hands make light work"

Gord Sharpe - Past President and House Chair

Special Events Report

On Sunday, 6th June Branch 36 did not hold the annual D-Day Service due to COVID-19 restrictions, instead a service was held and recorded on video for viewing (the video can be viewed online from the Branch 36 web site on the Photography / Remembrance page.



**Gord Sharpe
Special Events
Chair**

The next special event will be the Remembrance Day Parade and Service on Thursday, 11th November. 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 hope all Legion members that can, will take in the parade and service and march to the Branch after the service. If you cannot take part in the parade, we welcome you to attend the service and come to the Legion afterwards.

"We Will Remember"

Gord Sharpe - Past President and Special Events Chair

Variety is the very spice of life that gives it all it's flavour.

If you always do what interests you, at least one person is pleased.

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


A thankful heart enjoys blessings twice – when they're received and when they're remembered.


A friend is one who comes in when the whole world has gone out.


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Canteen Report

We are anxiously awaiting re-opening and so as to be able to connect with all of our old friends that we haven't seen for so long.

When we re-open, we hope everyone will come in, meet again with friends, and support your branch.

Doug Rivers - Canteen Chair and President



Doug Rivers
Canteen
Chair

Roth Children make it an annual event



Tonight was my 8th consecutive yearly visit to the Roth family to present awards from the Royal Canadian Legion's Remembrance Contest. Thomas was not yet born when I made my first visit but now he's receiving his awards for a 1st place finish for his Colour Poster in the primary category. Gwen and Anne have had many years of success with their posters, essays and poems commemorating the spirit of Remembrance. Like their brother Thomas, they also achieved 1st place finishes in the junior and intermediate categories. I expect them to be back next year!

Legion Branch 36 On-line 50/50 Raffle

Exciting News, Spread the word.

The Dundas Legion now has an on-line 50/50 Monthly raffle.

Minimum prize \$1,000

Ticket sales start July 1st at 9am with the draw taking place after 6pm on July 31st. Go to the following link to purchase tickets:

www.dundaslegion5050.ca

Tickets are 3 for \$5, 15 for \$10, 40 for \$20 and 100 for \$40.

Support the Dundas Legion and you could win some cash.
Tell your friends

Post on your social media.

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Entertainment Report

All I can report is it's too hot and I need a good stiff drink!! A cold one!

Have a great day!

Janice Mancini - Entertainment Chair
and 1st Vice President



**Janice
Mancini**
Entertainment
Chair

Banquet Hall Report

We are not sure about re-opening dates, but we will be taking bookings now for future events.

The Banquet Hall will be available, as well as the Wentworth Room for smaller events.

Call 905-627-7221 or email the branch at rclbr36@cogeco.net for further information and availability.



Doug Rivers
Banquet Hall
Chair

Doug Rivers - Banquet Hall Chair and President

Sisters get awards in Legion Remembrance Contest



Mersiha Jafar did a poster and her older sister Marzeen wrote a poem about how Canadian values were protected by the sacrifices of a long ago generation of young men and women similar to her age. The sisters received their awards from Tony Bratschitsch, Youth Education Chair.

Last Post

Murray Floyd - 29th January, 2021
Wayne Sims - 25th February, 2021
Jack Marshall - 27th February, 2021
Ken Alkerton - 28th February, 2021
Fred Scargall - 2nd July, 2021

We Will Remember Them



Stan Hicks
Sick and
Last Post
Chair

Interesting Facts About Ontario

Ontario covers one million square kilometres. This makes it larger than Spain and France combined!

Boasting approximately 250,000 lakes, Ontario is estimated to have 20% of the world's freshwater stores.

The official flower of Ontario is the trillium. The beautiful, white three-petaled flower can be found growing wild in spring.

Niagara Falls remains one of the biggest draws to the province, as well as one of the most popular tourist attractions in North America.

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Poppy Fund Report

On May 7, 2021 the Poppy Fund requested permission from the Board of Directors to purchase Multi Position tables for Wentworth Lodge in the amount of \$2,000 which was approved and a cheque sent to the Lodge.

The Belec Bursary has made donations of \$500 to 2 students.
Jenevieve Barnet
Kurtis D'nunzio



**Jim Byron
Poppy Fund
Chair**

A very generous donation has been made in the name of:
Murray Floyd

With the approval of the Board of Directors and the Poppy Fund Board, a donation of \$15,000 was made to St. Joseph's Villa towards the purchase of a specialty bathtub.

The current balance of the Poppy Fund as of May 29th is:
\$63,378.76

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

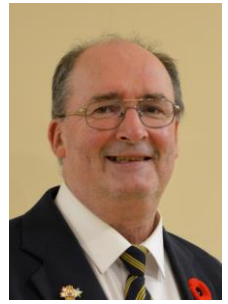
Sunday - 7th November - Fall Work Party - 9:00am

Volunteer some time to help spruce up the Branch for the Branch 36 Remembrance Day Parade.

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

Youth Education Report

I wish to commend and thank Jim Byron, Dundas Legion Poppy Chair, for, once again, coming through with the numerous Poppy Fund cash envelopes for the winners of our 2021 Remembrance Literary & Poster Contest. As always, Jim had each envelope itemized with the student's name and, because of that, it was really easy for me to organize the award packages. On top of that, he drove a long way to deliver the envelopes to me.



**Tony
Bratschitch
Youth
Education**

Since then, I have met with separate teachers in parking lots to hand over their students' award packages and I am meeting with another on Tuesday at our Branch's parking lot.

I have also had two home visits as per my attached Facebook postings. Both families have given me their permission to submit similar photo stories to the local newspapers

Tony Bratschitch - Youth Education Chair

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My wife told me to stop impersonating a flamingo. I had to put my foot down.

The easiest time to add insult to injury is when you're signing someone's cast.

Two fish are in a tank. One says, 'How do you drive this thing?'

I was riding a donkey the other day when someone threw a rock at me and I fell off. I guess I was stoned off my ass.

If attacked by a mob of clowns, go for the juggler.

Honours and Awards Report

Although it's been a very long time since we all were together, your Honours and Awards committee are still very interested in years of service pins and Awards given to members to Dundas Valley City Branch 36.



**Al Boyle
Honours and
Awards Chair**

As we do care, we have prepared a list of members, as of June 2021, Ordinary, Associate and Affiliate who are due their updated "years of service" pins. The problem we have is - with the closure forced on us, for safety, by our several layers of Government due to COVID-19, we have been unable to host the traditional Honours and Awards luncheon, which was the way we usually got Service Pins and Awards to those who deserve them.

The Branch executive, like you, hope and trust there soon will be relaxation to the "closure" rules and we can then reopen the Branch, at which time years of Service Pins can be made available to you through the Clubroom Bar. We will keep you informed.

Alan Boyle - 2nd Vice president and Honours and Awards Chair

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.



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 and Cadets Chair

A business card for Kim Place Carpentry. The top half has a light grey background with a ruler-like pattern at the top and bottom. On the left is a logo with the letters 'KP' in white on an orange square background. To the right of the logo, 'Kim Place' is written in a cursive font, and 'CARPENTRY' is in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below this, there are three orange curved shapes containing the text 'HOME RENOVATIONS', 'SINCE 1981', and 'LICENSED CONTRACTOR'. The bottom half of the card has a dark grey background with a ruler-like pattern. On the left, it says 'PHONE 905-520-4440'. In the center is a crossed hammers icon. On the right, it says '1905 HWY #5 WEST TROY, ONTARIO, L0R 2B0'.

A business card for Paul Wright Photography. The background is a dark, scenic photograph of a sunset over a body of water, with silhouettes of trees and hills in the distance. The text is white. At the top, it says 'Paul Wright Photography'. At the bottom left, it says 'pwright.photo'. At the bottom right, it says '905-928-2087' and 'paul@pwright.photo'.

Public Relations Report

The end of the Covid-19 pandemic is in sight and Valley City Branch 36 of the Royal Canadian Legion will soon re-open.

The Legion helps us REMEMBER those veterans who defended Canada and helped make it the great place it is to live today. Every year Legion members distribute Poppies to remember our veterans and the money contributed for Poppies goes to veterans and our local community.



Peter Whittaker
Public Relations
Officer

Branch 36 is well known for its many sports leagues for both men and women e.g. Golf, Darts, Snooker, Trivia. If you want to stay busy in the evenings during Canada's long winter join the Legion and take part in our various sports leagues.

Branch 36 also holds activities enjoyed by everyone such as Fish Fries, Wing Nights, Turkey Rolls and Meat Draws just to name a few. It's a great place to interact with your friends.

Peter Whittaker - Public Relations Officer

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