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Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion
November - 2021

Remembrance



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Lest We Forget



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<http://www.br36dundas.org>

President's Report

Comrades: As I write this, most of our sports leagues have started up again, and we are seeing bookings and requests for various functions coming in. Remember, you must show proof of vaccination and proper ID to enter the building.



Doug Rivers
President

Our Fish Fries will start on October. 8, Perogy Nites on October 15, and the L.A. Beef on a Bun Nites start on October 22. Dining in and take out are available. Dining in will be downstairs in the clubroom. We hope to see you there.

Due to covid restrictions and the City of Hamilton's requirements for covid protocol, we will not be having a Remembrance day parade, nor will we be having a public service at the cenotaph and reception at the legion on Remembrance Day. We regret having to have made this decision for the second year in a row. Branch 36 will be conducting a private ceremony of Remembrance.

Congratulations to our last three winners of our 50/50 draw. So far we have given over \$4,200.00 in prize money. Your continued participation in this fund raising event is greatly appreciated. Please see Mike's Membership column for information on membership.

Comrades, support your legion, support your veterans, and support your community.

Thank you.

P.S. Comrades, remember we are NOT fully open yet, and we are NOT back to normal. Please bear with us as we try to get through this by following all the rules, and by providing a safe environment for all of our patrons and staff.

Doug Rivers - President Branch 36

A real estate advertisement for Judy Shepalo. On the left is a circular portrait of Judy, a woman with short, wavy grey hair, wearing a yellow top. To the right of the portrait, the text reads: "Judy Shepalo" in a large, cursive font, followed by "Real Estate Specialist" in a smaller, sans-serif font. Below this, 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". A dark green horizontal bar contains the text "Compassionate • Connected • Trusted" in white. At the bottom right is the RE/MAX logo, with "RE/MAX" in large, bold letters and "Escarpment Realty Inc. Brokerage" and "Independently owned and operated" in smaller text below it. At the bottom left, a white box contains the text "Seniors Real Estate Specialist".

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ays and Means Report

Thank you to everyone that bought tickets for our first three on-line 50/50 draws, we now have licenses for draws in October, November and December. These draws have helped us to raise much needed funds during the time that the branch was closed due to the covid restrictions.



Peter Howard
Ways and
Means Chair

Please help to get the word out by telling your friends and work colleagues, posting on social media ("like" our Facebook site) and, of course, by buying tickets.

Peter Howard - Ways and Means Chair



www.dundaslegion5050.ca

Ladies Auxiliary Report

Greetings Fellow Legionaires

Finally!! Looks like we are getting our acts together again. Your Ladies Auxiliary had their first meeting in a year on Sept. 14th. I was so very happy to see the few girls that showed up. Hopefully within the next couple of months we can get a few more out so we can get even more back into the swing of things.



Debbie
Cooley
President
Ladies
Auxiliary

We will be starting our Beef nights again on October 22nd. Terry K. Was checking into what supplies we have on hand so we be prepared for this - one of our major fund raisers. Might be a few changes to how this can happen as there are still rules we have to follow for the new Covid 19 codes. I think these up to date rules will be posted at the front door. These rules seem to change every other day but if we are all diligent, we can get thru this til things are back to normal. I hope to see some familiar and some new faces that night.

We normally have a progressive euchre after Beef Nite is done, but one thing at a time people. Our annual Christmas Fundraiser has been down sized to selling tickets on a big prize with a possibility of a second and third prize on the same ticket. The Grand Prize, I believe, is the same as two years ago. A Bucket of Booze. Its actually the size

of Grandma's old wash tub (the small one). But how do you make a wash tub full of Christmas Cheer sound like its not Granny's recipe for moon shine. Should there be a second and third prize, we should know by the end of October, or beginning of November when the tickets will be available.

Okay. The 2 major events above, plus Br. Pres. Doug Rivers coming in and updating us on some of the new rules we need to follow took a lot of our time at this first meeting. And, I was sorry I had to end the meeting with a little sad news (sad to me anyway). As of our meeting that night, I had to announce my abdication (?) of the L. A. Presidency. Because of my job as a school bus driver for special needs kids, I haven't been able to socialize, go to the few meetings the branch has had or volunteer to help keep the branch in working order (not that Doug needed me as he already has a fenominal team but that IS what the auxiliary is for). The company kept us on a tight leash to prevent the wider spread of this pandemic thru the kids that needed to be in school. I also had volunteered to babysit my grandson for the summer as Stephanie was back to work and felt that since her mom and dad had had the shots and the little guy wasn't quite ready for daycare, problem solved.

Throughout this whole pandemic of chaos and confusion, Sue Sklepowicz has been my right hand person. As well as my left hand, both legs and my brains as I seemed to have misplaced those as well. I thank the Good Lord for Sue. She was fantastic at my job for over a year. And now she will continue to keep us updated and on our toes as she has very graciously accepted my job. But because we didn't have a big enough turn out at the meeting, Sue is Acting President till we have an official vote. I still have to sign the checks. God Bless and thanks again Sue.

Well, I think that's it for now my friends. Stay Healthy, Stay Safe and we'll see you at the club real soon

Debbie Cooley - Ladies Auxiliary President

I asked my dog what's two minus two. He said nothing.

How many apples grow on a tree? All of them

What's orange and sounds like a parrot? A Carrot.

Canteen Report

You will likely notice how much brighter the canteen area is now that we have new lighting installed. Thanks to Gary Ingram for arranging purchasing and to Gord Sharpe and Wayne O' Connor for installation.

All of our bar staff, namely Sue, Al, Judy H, Judy W, Leanne, Elaine and Peter are all returning. You haven't seen them for quite a while, so give them a big hello (and tip!!!).

Doug Rivers - President and Canteen Chair



Doug Rivers
Canteen
Chair

Colour Party Report

We are in Phase 4 of this pandemic and extra precautions are now in place to allow some form of socializing.

With news this week that the Poppy Campaign will begin on October 29, means that you will be seeing members of the Legion out and about and the Colour Party will be at Sobeyes, Ancaster to hand out the Poppies that everyone has missed during the first year of the lockdown of the Covid 19 Pandemic.

So, on the 29th and till November 11th, let's get a poppy knowing that we are supporting our Vets and getting to feel the same way we did back in October 2019

Greg Sherring - Colour Party Commander



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Membership Report

The support from the members of the Branch for the year 2021 was incredible. Thank You !

We did better than other branches in this pandemic year in that we are the largest branch in our zone and there are only six (6) branches in Ontario with more members.

The “Early Bird” Campaign will go to November 30th – You could win your dues back.

For 2021, 91 Branch 36 members paid their dues online, and some paid for more than 1 year.

This worked better than I thought (I didn't trust Ottawa) so this year you can pay your dues online (www.legion.ca), or by mail, or in person here at the branch (my preference) - that way we get to see some familiar people.

If you want to make a gift to someone I can keep a secret.

If we “**Just Bring One**” we can stay on top of the list. I have about 12 new applications to be processed next week.

The dues are the same at \$55.00 this year. Let's try and top the 2021 Membership year. As always any questions or concerns please call me.

“Just Bring One”

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



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Alkerton
Membership**

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“Lest We Forget”

Annual Poppy Day Fund Campaign for the Relief of Veterans, their Widows and Orphans



WE REMEMBER

Poppy Fund Committee

Jim Byron Christ Slote
Stan Hicks Wayne O'Connor
Mark Mainprize Rick Valois

Dear Comrades and Friends:

I would like to take this opportunity to bring your mind once again to our Annual Poppy Day Campaign. Due to COVID-19 this year will be like no other we have faced before. While much of our campaign will remain the same, much of it will be changed.

One day each year we ask the people of Canada to wear a Poppy in remembrance of the thousands of brave men and women who gave their lives so that we may live in freedom, with the right to worship God in our own way.

Throughout the country thousands of Canadian service men and women returned to their families, and due to the ravages of war suffer from disability, sickness, unemployment and the penalty of growing old and need assistance.

In 1926 we assumed an obligation to assist Veterans, their widows, and their wives and families in the many difficulties which constantly confront them – such as sickness, death and pensions.

We, your Dundas Poppy Committee, remember 365 days of the year, so we ask that on November 11th, you will remember the sacrifices made by Veterans for us, and wear a Poppy.

Donations to our Poppy Fund will be gratefully received.

Cheques should be made payable to – **“DUNDAS POPPY FUND”**. An official receipt will be forwarded to you for Income Tax purposes

Please forward your donation to:
Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 36
280 King Street West,
Dundas, Ontario L9H 1W1.



Jim Byron
Poppy Fund
Chair

Our Remembrance Parade will not be taking place this year due to COVID-19 concerns.

“A Poppy is easier to carry than a Cross”

Yours Sincerely

Jim Byron (905-578-2758) Poppy Fund Committee Chairperson

***** 2021 Poppy Campaign *****

Poppy Campaign Volunteers Needed

Campaign Dates: October 29th and 30th, November 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th, 10th.

A sheet has been posted in the Branch asking you to supply your name and date(s) available and your phone number.

Poppy Fund Report

During this period of Covid, we were limited to sending out our boxes to stores without sending out our volunteers. This severely cut into our income although thanks to the generosity of our members, we still managed to take in \$52,418.43.

Our expenses in support of our Veterans and their widows amounted to \$32,982.87 although many of



Jim Byron
Poppy Fund
Chair

the places where we normally made donations was restricted due to a lack of staff to look into the needs of their residents.

It looks as though we may be operating under the same Covid restrictions again this year.

A very generous donation has been made in the name of:
Douglas M. Peacock W.W. II Vet (RCAF)
Kay Peacock R.N.

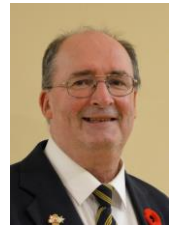
With the approval of the Board of Directors and the Poppy Fund Board, a donation of \$15,000.00 was made to St. Joseph's Villa towards the purchase of a specialty bathtub.

The current balance of the Poppy Fund as of September 30th is: \$72,483.81

Jim Byron - Poppy Chairman (905-578-2758)

Youth Education Report

Last year's Remembrance Poster & Literary Contest started off with a lot of uncertainty. For a while, students and teachers did not know if they would be physically attending classes in their schools or doing it remotely from their homes. As we know, the latter happened and they all had to adjust accordingly. Yet, there was still a strong interest by many students and teachers to submit essays, poetry and art work for the Remembrance Contest.



**Tony
Bratschitsch
Youth
Education
Chair**

I was very impressed by some of the teachers' dedication because they went to each student's home to collect the submissions and then, they brought them to our Branch. Many good things happened after that. I ended up going to some homes to present some awards to students with their families applauding their efforts. I also met with some teachers in parking lots at Metro, the Copetown Variety Store and at our Branch where I would hand over bundles of awards for them to distribute to their deserving students. These consisted of certificates, cash envelopes, Remembrance pins and, in some cases, medallions. I was really touched when one teacher was so happy that one of her students got an award because "he's never won anything and he tries

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so hard". There were many other nice stories.

A lot of credit has to go to our Branch for its generosity in providing every winning student, including "Honourable Mentions" (there were many) with, at least, a cash envelope, a pin and a certificate. I have learned over the previous years that the smile on the face of a student who earned "Honourable Mention" is just as bright and infectious as that of one who won 1st place.

Truly, participation is just as important as winning for these students and our Royal Canadian Legion Branch has seen some remarkable successes sculptured from their smiles.

This year, I wish to try some different things that will bring more local community focus onto our Branch as we, again, participate in another Remembrance Contest with our dedicated students and teachers.

Tony Bratschitsch - Youth Education 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 can be used for retirement parties, memorial services, meetings, birthdays, and any other function you may require.

Just call the office to book the room (905) 627-7221.

Fall Work Party

Fall is here and we are asking for volunteers for our Fall Work Party to get the building and grounds ship-shape in time for Remembrance week and show our veterans that we care.

A sign-up sheet will be posted and everyone is welcome to come as we have various jobs to be done. This year's work party starts at 9:00am on Sunday, 8th November, 2020 and a light lunch will be served to all those who attend.



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Food Banks and YOU

Food banks have always existed in one form or another to help our fellow Canadians.

Branch 36 has over 500 members and we should be able to make a good collection of food for a local Food Bank during this giving season.

You might easily have to use a Food Bank someday, so why not make a contribution to a food bank now. Branch 36 has a box in the clubroom for your food bank contributions NOW.

Each time you come into Branch 36 bring a non-perishable food item with you and make a contribution to the food bank.

Please make your contributions NOW !



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Sick Report – November

July 2021

- 17th - Ernie Brown at General - Stroke
- 20th - Ernie Brown moved from step down to stroke unit
- 20th - Gord Sharpe at General - stents installed
- 31st - Wayne Van Sickle - kept at Hospital Kingston

August 2021

- 1st - Wayne Van Sickle had surgery
- 1st - Roy Gunn had surgery - hip
- 16th - Wayne Van Sickle at Juravinski - moved from Kingston hospital

September 2021

- 24th - Ernie Brown moved to Wentworth Retirement home

Stan Hicks - Sick and Last Post Chair Phone 905 627-7445



**Stan Hicks
Sick and
Last Post
Chair**

Last Post

**William Grant - 29th July, 2021
Ivan Bucci - 17th September, 2021**

We Will Remember Them

House Report

We have been replacing the lighting to LED fixturees. We should be finished downstairs by mid-October.

We have just submitted an application for a Trillium grant to replace floors in the clubroom and upper hall. We should know if we qualified by next month (November).

"Many hands make light work!"

Gord Sharpe - House Chair and Past President



**Gord
Sharpe
House
Chair**

Banquet Hall Report

The Banquet Hall and the Wentworth Room are currently available for various functions.

All covid restrictions and protocols will apply.

Please contact the office at 905-627-7221 for further information and availability.

Doug Rivers - President and Banquet Hall Chair



**Doug Rivers
Banquet
Hall
Chair**

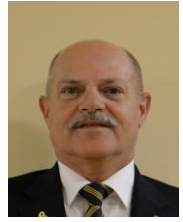
Paul Wright Photography

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 A large rectangular advertisement for Paul Wright Photography. The background is a photograph of a sunset over a body of water, with the sun low on the horizon and its light reflecting on the water. The sky is a mix of orange, red, and dark purple. The text is overlaid on the image in white.

Veterans Services Report

Comrades, as your Branch Service Officer I can best assist Veterans at 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

Christmas Food Drive

Attention Comrades: Each year we collect CANNED GOODS for needy families, and this year is no different.


There are people in our community that we can help by donating food at this festive time of year, when we are giving thanks for what we ourselves enjoy.


Bring your Donations to the Branch until Friday, 17th December.

Thank you for your support !!!

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Entertainment Report

Hello Comrades, Happy Fall

As everyone knows there hasn't been too much going on for entertainment

With things slowly starting up at the branch again we are thinking about how we can bring the entertainment back.

We are hoping to be able to have a New Years Dance. Planning is in the works, more to come.

Look for future signage about it at the branch



Barb Smith
Entertainment
Chair

Barb Smith - Entertainment Chair

Bursary Report

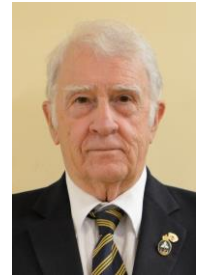
A Bursary is available to students who are full time students and who attend a post-secondary school.

You must have applied for an OSAP grant.

This is open to sons and daughters (grand-children) of Ordinary or Life members.

The Ex-service person does not have to be a Legion member.

There will be questions so please call me.



Mike
Alkerton
Bursary
Chair

Mike Alkerton - Bursary Chair
(Home: 905-628-2822 / Branch: 905-627-7221)

Branch 36 - Upcoming Events

President's Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 3-4pm
5 chances to win every week

In House Sports Leagues

Every Sunday - Sunday Fun Darts - 2:00-4:00pm
Every Monday - Ladies Snooker - 12:00Noon
Every Monday - Mens Snooker - 7:30pm
Every Monday - Dundas Valley Mixed Darts - 8:00p
Every Wednesday - Mixed Shuffleboard - 7:30pm
Every Thursday - Ladies Dart League - 7:30pm
Every Thursday - Mens Dart League - 8pm

Monthly Branch Activities

Every 2nd Tuesday - Colour Party Practise - 7:00pm
Every 2nd Tuesday - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00pm
Every 3rd Tuesday - Branch 36 Executive Meeting - 7:00pm
Tuesday - 19th October - Ladies Auxiliary and Branch 36 Executive Meeting - 7:00pm

October 2021 Events

Friday – 8th - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm
Friday - 15th - Handcrafted Stuffed Perogy Night - 4:00-6:30pm
Friday - 22nd - Beef on a Bun Night - 5:30-7:30pm
Friday - 29th - Legion Poppy Fund Campaign begins today
Friday - 29th - Handcrafted Stuffed Perogy Night - 4:00-6:30pm

November 2021 Events

Friday - 5th - Handcrafted Stuffed Perogy Night - 4:00-6:30pm
Sunday - 7th - Fall Work Party - 9am
Thursday - 11th - Remembrance Day
Friday - 12th - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm
Friday - 19th - Handcrafted Stuffed Perogy Night - 4:00-6:30
Friday - 26th- Beef on a Bun Night - 5:30-7:30pm

December 2021 Events

Friday - 3rd - Handcrafted Stuffed Perogy Night - 4:00-6:30pm
Friday - 10th - Fish Fry - 4:30-7:00pm
Friday - 17th - Handcrafted Stuffed Perogy Night - 4:00-6:30pm
Friday - 24th - Christmas Eve Day Open House -12:00-5:00pm
Saturday - 25th - CHRISTMAS DAY - BRANCH CLOSED
Sunday - 26th - BOXING DAY - BRANCH CLOSED
Friday - 31st - New Year's Eve Celebration - 8pm