



# The Bullytin

Valley City Branch 36

The Royal Canadian Legion  
November - 2022

## Queen Elizabeth II Remembered



A ceremony was held at the Dundas Community Center War Memorial for Queen Elizabeth II. Rev. Jim Sandilands, Br. 36 Pastor looks on, with Greg Sherring, Colour Party Commander and Gord Sharpe, House Chair, as Doug Rivers places a wreath for Queen Elizabeth.

*Picture courtesy of Paul Penney*

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## **President's Report**

Comrades, Friends, Neighbours,

I can't believe summer has come to an end. I hope everyone enjoyed their summer holidays, the beautiful Thanksgiving weekend, and all the activities happening in and around Dundas.



**Janice  
Mancini  
President**

As we gear up for the fall activities, I would like to take the time to thank all of our volunteers at Branch 36, who continue to support the legion & executive by giving generously of their time. Without them we could not do what we do.

There has been a few changes to the Executive recently. I would like to thank Bill Ralston for stepping up into the position of Sick & Last Post Chair & also to Mark Mainprize for stepping into the position of Parade Marshall.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with activities at the Branch. If you would like to become a volunteer, please reach out to anyone on the executive. We are always looking for new ideas, events, people.

***\*\*\*Did you know the average age of a volunteer at the Dundas Legion is 69.3 years old***

It seems a little early to be saying Merry Christmas, however, this is the last Bullytin before December. So, Happy Holidays, Happy New Year, Stay Safe, Stay Healthy & all the best in 2023!

***Janice Mancini*** - President Branch 36

## **Banquet Hall Report**

We are receiving quite a few inquiries for hall rentals and making bookings.

The Carnegie Gallery held their 1st of 4 events at the Branch which proved to be a great success for the Gallery and Branch 36. We are looking forward to their return in 2023!

In October we hosted a movie crew filming in the area. This is a very profitable booking for the Legion. Hopefully no one was inconvenienced by the lack of parking in the lot.

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One of the most needed items when it comes to our contacting you, is your telephone number, be it cell or landline. If we have no phone number, we cannot contact you. **We ask you here - to inform the Branch office of your number - a greatly needed piece of information.**

We will then be able to reach you and advise you of all upcoming events whenever they occur.

Thank you, fellow members, for your help.

**Al Boyle** - 1st Vice President and Honours and Awards Chair

## **Sports Report**

Hello Comrades, the fall season of league sports has started for Snooker, Shuffleboard and Darts. If you still have interest in any of these, contact me through the Legion.

During the summer we had Zone Horseshoes and Washer Toss with Barb Smith, Sue Sklepowicz, Janice Mancini and Brett Taylor participating.

Further Zone Sports will be posted soon on our Sports Bulletin Board and on our website.

We will be kicking off the 2023 Zone Sports with Snooker on November 19th (yes, the date is correct).

Keep December 2nd open as our popular Christmas Turkey Roll is back on the calendar again this year.

Further details will be forthcoming for these and other sports activities.

**Stan Sklepowicz** - 2nd Vice President and Sports Chair



**Stan  
Sklepowicz  
Sports  
Chair**

### **Remembrance Day Parade & Service - 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2022**

10:15am - Fall in at Dundas Firehall at Memorial Square

10:30am - Parade to War Memorial at Community Center

10:45am - Remembrance Day Service and Wreath laying

Program to follow: March back to Branch 36 for reception and presentations at 12:00 noon

## Food Banks and YOU

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.

**Please make your contribution NOW!**

## Colour Party Volunteers Required

It takes many people to keep our award winning Colour Party active, and the active numbers are getting low, which means we may not be able to show as many flags as everyone enjoys seeing on parade. If you're interested, come to one of our practices on most second Tuesdays of each month from September to May at 7pm in the upstairs Legion Banquet Hall. Meet and talk to our members. We also help new Colour Party members with Legion uniforms. Come out and see us in the Remembrance Day Parade.

**Call Greg Sherring - Colour Party commander at 905-385-5539.**



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## Membership Report

The “**Early Bird**” drive has started. Those members paying their dues by 30th November can win back their dues. The Early Bird draw will be held at the Sports Turkey Roll on Friday, 2nd December, 2022. Dues are still \$55.00. You can pay in person at the bar using cheque, cash, or debit, or go online to <http://portal.legion.ca> and renew your membership online.



**Mike  
Alkerton  
Membership  
Chair**

Members who are prepaid, can pick up stickers for their cards in the Branch. We are always welcoming new members, so if you know someone who is interested in the Branch bring them in.

If we “**Just Bring One**” we will remain the largest Branch in our Zone. I urge you all to pay before 31st December, 2022 to stay up to date and make our job easier by not having to track you down.

## Bursary Report

There have been very few applications. If you have questions feel free to call me.

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

### 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.

## Ladies Auxiliary Report

The Ladies Auxiliary continues in its efforts to support our Legion and the Local Community. Fundraising is a key component of our work. Beef Nights will continue the 4th Friday of the month for October, November, January to - May at 5:30PM - followed by Progressive Euchre at 7:30PM.



**Sue  
Sklepowicz  
President  
Ladies  
Auxiliary**

We are hosting our 1st Paint Night on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> November at 7:00pm. Registration is \$45 and spaces are limited. If you are interested, please contact Barb Smith at 365-366-2426. Come and enjoy a night of comradery, a drink or two with friends and take home your own masterpiece.

Tickets will be available shortly for our Xmas Ladies Auxiliary Raffle. The Raffle will take place on Friday, 2nd December, 2022 along with the Legion Turkey Roll. Tickets are 1 for \$5 and 3 for \$10. This year we will have 2 prizes - a certificate from Shed Breweries for a Beer Tour, and Tasting for a group of 10. The top prize is a bucket of Christmas cheer valued at \$300. Tickets will be available from any Ladies Auxiliary member and also the Bar.

During the Christmas season the Ladies Auxiliary will continue to provide gifts for residents at the Blackadar Continuing Care Centre home who are unable to celebrate with family, as well as support a family in need with food and presents through the Salvation Army.

Branch 36 Ladies Auxiliary has a small but mighty dedicated group of women that I am proud to be a part of.

Yours in comradship

**Sue Sklepowicz** - President Ladies Auxiliary

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

# **“Lest We Forget”**

## **Annual Poppy Day Fund Campaign For the Relief of Veterans, their Widows and Orphans**



### **Poppy Fund Committee**

Jim Byron

Chris Slote

Stan Hicks

Wayne O'Connor

Mark Mainprize

Dear Comrades and Friends:

I would like to take this opportunity to bring your mind once again to our Annual Poppy Day Campaign.

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 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.

Any donations to our Poppy Fund will be gratefully received and acknowledged with a tax receipt.

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

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

**“A Poppy is easier to carry than a Cross”**

Yours Sincerely

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



**Jim Byron**  
Poppy Fund  
Chair

**\*\*\* 2022 Poppy Campaign \*\*\***

**Poppy Distributers Needed**

Campaign Dates: October 28th, 29th and 31st, November 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th.

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

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

**Poppy Fund Report**

The Poppy Campaign begins October 28<sup>th</sup>. On this day we deliver poppies to the stores and need drivers and runners to place them. **A total of 8 people is required to do this. If you have the time and are motivated we would greatly appreciate your help.** Please call Jim Byron at 905-578-2758.

On August 1<sup>st</sup> a donation in the amount of \$5,000 was made to RUCK to Remember to help provide homeless veterans with housing. This is a program which is sponsored by Ontario Provincial Command.

On August 4<sup>th</sup> the Poppy Fund donated \$725.00 to provide for the attendance of Veterans and caregivers at the Honours and Awards luncheon that took place in May. This took place as the Annual Veterans dinner.

On September 11<sup>th</sup> Chris Slote and I attended a Poppy Seminar and were given more information as to how this year's Poppy

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Campaign will be run. The current balance of the Poppy Fund as of 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2022 is: \$80,456.60

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

## **Special Events Report**

On Sunday, 5th June Branch 36 did not hold the annual D-Day Service due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The next special event will be the Remembrance Day Parade & Service on Friday, 11th November. Please plan to attend and show thanks to the many men and women who sacrificed their lives for our freedom.



**Janice  
Mancini  
Special  
Events Chair**

The parade will fall in at the Dundas Firehall and Memorial Square at 10:15 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"**

**Janice Mancini** - President and Special Events Chair

### **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, 6th November, 2022 and a light lunch will be served to all those who attend.

## Youth Education Report



**Tony  
Bratschitsch  
Youth  
Education Chair**



"This is how we encourage schools and their students start thinking about our Annual Remembrance Poster & Literary Contest. Last June, we conducted our first Branch ceremony with many students receiving certificates, medals and cash awards. Pictured alongside Jim Byron, our Poppy Chair, is Anne Roth, one of many recipients. Some students could not attend our ceremony and, instead, received their awards at home, such as Morris Schott, also pictured. We will again plan to conduct another awards ceremony at the Branch after this Remembrance Day's student submissions are received and judged."

**Tony Bratschitsch** - Youth Education Chair

## Entertainment Report

On Saturday, October 29th we are happy to announce Jack Sith will be playing at our annual Halloween bash! Prizes / Drinks / Fun / Music. Tickets are available at the bar \$10 each.

Join us Christmas Eve Day Noon to 5pm in the Clubroom for some snacks and music by DJ Jane Watson!

On Saturday, 31st December, 2022 we will celebrate the 2023 New Year with music from DJ Mark Panoplouos, admission is free - All are welcome.

At last, on Saturday, 11th February, 2023 returning for their 8th appearance at the Dundas Legion, Little Peter and the Elegants will help celebrate Valentine's Day. Get your tickets at the bar when they become available.

**Janice Mancini** - President and Entertainment Co-Chair



**Janice Mancini**  
Entertainment  
Co-Chair

## Sick Report

### No Sick Report this month

**Gary Ingram** was Br. 36 Sick and Last Post Chair but transferred to a different Legion branch.

**Bill Ralston** has taken over as Br. 36 Sick and Last Chair. If you are aware of Br. 36 members who are sick or have passed away please inform Bill Ralston at 905-719-4271.



**Bill Ralston**  
Sick / Last  
Post Chair

<b>Last Post</b>
<b>Rodger Fenton - 30th September, 2022</b>
<b>We Will Remember Them</b>

## House Report

Not much to report. Work being done as needed in all areas. If you see a problem, please report it to the bar or office.

Volunteers needed for general clean up the Sunday prior to Remembrance Day.

**Gord Sharpe** - House Chair



**Gord  
Sharpe  
House**

## Colour Party Report

Over this past summer the Colour Party was on the football field on many Saturday evenings parading our flags at the start of the Hamilton Steel City Patriots football home games at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary High School in east Hamilton.



**Greg  
Sherring  
Colour Party  
Commander**

Sadly, September 9, we lost Queen Elizabeth II. Her reign for 70 years will certainly be some feat for any future monarch. The Colour Party presented the flags on Monday, 19th September at 11:00am, at our Dundas Cenotaph, to mark her Majesty's Burial. Rest In Peace your Majesty.

On Sunday October 16 the Colour Party will take part in the Six Nations Veterans Association Remembrance Day parade in Oshweken.

**Greg Sherring** - Colour Party Commander

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## Public Relation Report

Hi Comrades, You may think this newsletter is difficult to make, in fact it's quite easy - we have template files for each issue. I make a copy of the template for the month and then cut and paste copies of your Executive's reports into the new file. The completed file then goes to UPS to be printed.



**Peter  
Whittaker  
P.R.O.**

I would like to show someone how to do it - you don't have to have a computer. Please call me if you are interested so we can work together to do the next issue in February.

**Peter Whittaker** - Public Relations Chair (905-627-5126)

## 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 (905-393-2463)




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## 2022 Ruck to Remember Campaign receives Cheque



Mark Mainprize, Branch 36 Cadet Chair(left) and Jim Byron, Branch 36 Poppy Fund Chair(right) present a \$5,000 cheque to Lino DiJulio(center), a team member of the 2022 Ruck to Remember campaign in support of the Legion program called "Operation Leave the Streets Behind" aiming to get and keep veterans off the streets. The three-man team marched 900km along the Bruce Trail from Tobermory to Niagara on the Lake staying overnight at Legion Branches, including Branch 36 along their route.

## **Branch 36 Upcoming Events - November 2022**

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

**Weekly Meat Draw - Every Saturday - 4:30pm**

### **October 2022 Events**

Friday - 28th - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm / Progr. Euchre - 7:30pm

Saturday - 29th - Halloween Dance - music Jack Sith Band - Tickets at the Bar

### **November 2022 Events**

Friday - 4th - Fish Fry - 4:30-6:30pm

Sunday - 6th - Fall Work Party - 9am - Bring your rake / broom

Friday - 11th - Remembrance Day Parade and Service

All Legion members and veterans are invited to take part.

10:15am - Parade falls in at Dundas Firehall in Memorial Square

10:30am - Parade marches to Memorial at Community Centre

10:45am - Memorial service commences

Reception 12 noon at Branch 36

Friday - 18th - Trivia Night - Sign up at 7:30pm - Starts at 8:00pm

Friday - 25th - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm / Progr. Euchre - 7:30pm

### **December 2022 Events**

Friday - 2nd - Sports Turkey Roll and Ladies Auxiliary Draw - 8:00pm

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

Friday - 16th - Trivia Night – Signup 7:00pm - Start Play 7:30pm

Saturday - 24th – Open House and Carol Singing - Noon-5pm

Sunday - 25th- Christmas Day - Branch Closed

Monday - 26th - Boxing Day - Branch Closed

Tuesday - 27th - Branch Closed

Saturday - 31st - New Year's Eve Celebration - 8pm

### **January 2023 Events**

Sunday - 1st - New Year's Day - Branch Closed

Tuesday - 2nd - Branch Closed

Friday - 13th - Fish Fry - 4:30-6:30pm

Friday - 20th - Trivia Night - Sign up at 7:00pm - Starts at 7:30pm

Friday - 27th - Beef on a Bun - 5:30-7:30pm / Progr. Euchre - 7:30pm

Saturday/Sunday - 4th and 5th February - Tony Lambert Memorial Snooker Tournament

**Live up to your Legion oath and volunteer to distribute Poppies. Volunteer sign-up sheet is be posted in Branch**