

Ladies Auxiliary President's Report



Wow September is almost over and we are now into fall. Hope everyone had a good summer and enjoyed their holidays. The Ladies Auxiliary had quite the busy summer catering 13 events and funeral receptions, 3 Senior's luncheons and BBQ's for Branch events. While we were very busy we always made sure we had lots of fun.

Comrade Dorothy Buchanan and I just returned from our Ladies Auxiliary 53rd Biennial Convention in Windsor. The article in the Windsor Star read "Legion Ladies Seek New Blood". The message was loud and clear, "We need new members, the call is out there for volunteers of all ages to help out and in return enjoy added friendship and the joy of helping others. We are dealing with declining membership – yet the commitments continue. Last year the Ladies Auxiliary raised \$7.3 million to help Veterans and youth".

If we are to continue to help our Veterans, our youth and our Branches we need to grow. If you know of anyone that would like to join us, just have them pick up an application at our Clubroom or log onto our website at www.rclajax.com for our contact information.

We will be holding our annual Craft & Bake Sale on Saturday, November 15th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., tables are available for only \$15.00. If you are interested in participating, please call Comrade Leila Wilson at 905-903-6090. Also, tickets for our annual Christmas basket will go on sale in the Clubroom on November 12th with the draw to take place on December 20th. Show your support by attending the Craft & Bake Sale and by purchasing tickets for our Christmas basket. Remember by helping us, we will be able to make more donations to our Branch.

The Ladies will be in the Clubroom from November 1st to November 10th taking donations for our Poppy Crosses.

Welcome to our latest two new members (see opposite page)

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize all of our dedicated volunteers for doing a superb job. They are an amazing group of ladies and they are very much appreciated.

Yours in Comradeship
Emma Smith

Bingo Report



I am happy to report that we are doing extremely well with our Bingo income. Since January/08 we have deposited \$41,714.04 and we are allowed to use 50% of these funds which is \$20,857.02.

From that we are able to pay our Bank loan and interest each month and some months we are able to pay the phone or cable bills. The remaining 50% we are able to make donations to a number of community requests.

We made another payment of \$10,000.00 to The Friends of the Ajax Library. This brings our donations made thus far to \$80,000.00. Only \$20,000.00 remains of our commitment of \$100,000.00.

As always I would like to thank my team of volunteers for their help and support so far this year, without them we would not be able to do all that we do. Keep up the good work ladies.

Yours in Comradeship
Emma Smith
Bingo Chair



Val Marshall
President, Friends of
the Library accepting
the cheque for
\$10,000 from Emma
Smith, Bingo chair at
the Ajax Town
Council Meeting

Youth Education

Comrades, Hope you all had a great summer. The "Summer Vacation" is over for Youth Education. In July I received the package for this year's Contests and while most of the information is a repeat of last year, there are also some changes. The Legion has provided information for any Legion member who is requested to speak at any school or activity in regards to Remembrance Day celebrations. This information may be obtained from our Legion Branch or by contacting me at 905 837-2095.

I have completed a letter for all the Ajax Schools regarding the Poster and Literary Contest and this will be sent out by the beginning of the school year. I have been working with Comrade Bruce South and the plan is to have a link from the RCL Br. 322 website to the information required for this contest. By completing this, parents, students and teachers would be able to obtain information through the website.

If any branch member would like to be active in Youth Education by participating in the judging of the Poster and Literary Contest, please notify me. The judging is set for Sunday, November 23rd, 2008 in the Large Hall at the Branch starting at 1 p.m.

By the next edition of the Hunter News, this contest will be completed and I will be able to announce the names of the winning students.

Yours in Comradeship
Jeanette Clarke-Boutilier
Chair, Youth Education



Veteran Services



I am pleased to announce that Debby Sora from Veterans Affairs Canada will be visiting the Branch on Wednesday September 24th to assist any Veteran or their Dependant who may have questions about benefits or need assistance in filing claims.

Debby will be present in the Clubroom between the hours of 9am and 10.30 am.

All enquiries are in the strictest confidence.

Comrades, if you are aware of any Veteran or their Dependant who may need this service please tell them to contact me.

Please help us help them.

Thank you
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To provide exemplary, client-centred services and benefits that respond to the needs of Veterans, our other clients and their families, in recognition of their services to Canada; and to keep the memory of their achievements and sacrifices alive for all Canadians.