

# Editorial



Well a whole year has gone by and it seems just yesterday, I was putting out my first issue of the Hunter News. It certainly has been a challenge. I want to thank my assistant editor Emma Smith for all her help. She provides me with names for our pictures, types some of the articles, and does a lot of proof reading and visits to the printer. Without her help and support, I wouldn't have been able to put this magazine out. Thanks to Bruce South as well for the work he does to put the Hunter News up on our website.

I'd like to congratulate all the newly elected Branch and Ladies Auxiliary members. I look forward to working with you all during the next twelve months. I think we have some very interesting challenges to face but working together, I'm sure we will be successful.

Welcome to our two newest advertisers, Comet Cleaners and the Westney & 2 Chiropractic and Foot Clinic. Without the support of the local businesses, it would not be possible to publish our magazine.

## "PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS"

Finally, membership has been a subject for much discussion lately. There were discussions at both the District and Provincial conventions this year. I've provided an excerpt from the report Gord Moore, Provincial President gave to the delegates at the convention in London that dealt with membership so all members have an opportunity to hear what our leadership is thinking.

Yours in Comradeship  
Doug Smith  
Public Relations Officer

# Youth Education



On Sunday March 4th, we held our Public Speaking Contest. This is part of the Legion's Youth and Education program. It is meant to give young people an opportunity to speak in public. The individuals choose their own subject matter for the address.

The contest progresses through zone, district and area levels, concluding at the Provincial level in May of each year.

I'd like to thank the judges Robert Kitchener, John Etcher, Bonnie Sharpe and Angela Burke. They certainly had a tough job picking the winners.

Branch 322 Ajax hosted the F1 Zone Public Speaking contest on Sunday March 25th. Our Branch winners did an excellent job representing us but unfortunately will not be going on to District.

I have very much enjoyed my term as Youth Education Chair. I'd like to thank the Ladies Auxiliary for helping with the food and drinks, the Branch members who assisted at the contests and special thanks to Comrade Emma Smith, Zone F1 Youth Education Chair, for her help and assistance.

I wish the next Youth Education Chair the best for the coming year.

Yours in Comradeship  
Mary Bradley  
Youth Education Chair

# Youth Education Awards

## The Winners



Left to right: Mallorie Ihnat, Bobby Belmonte, Michelle Comacchia, Mary Bradley, Youth Education Chair, Chelsea Bowes, Ryan O'Reilly and Christine Francis

## Our Judges



From left to right: Frank Kitchener, John Etcher, Bonnie Sharpe and Angela Burke

# Ladies Auxiliary



Thank you to everyone that bought tickets for our Easter basket. It was a great success. Also a special thank you to those that donated items for the basket and sold tickets.

The last couple of months we catered several sundry events as well as the St Patrick's Day Seniors luncheon. Everyone had a great time, enjoyed the lunch and danced to the music of

Bill Dunn. We also had a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the reopening of our elevator thanks to the grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

The Ladies Auxiliary has volunteered their services at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Waterfront Festival Tea Garden, on Father's Day June 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 P.m. at Rotary Park. They will be serving tea, coffee, juices, water and some sweets. Drop by and visit with us at the Tea Garden.

The Ladies Auxiliary will be marching in this year's Ajax Home Week Parade on Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup>. In addition they will be hosting the Ajax Home Week Seniors Luncheon on Tuesday June 12<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4:00 p.m. featuring the music of Bill Dunn.

We held our elections on May 9<sup>th</sup> and the following were elected. Everyone will move into their new roles as of June 1, 2007.

Emma Smith	President
Valerie Bartkow	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
Janet Kaminsky	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President
Leila Wilson	Secretary
Kate Zarins	Treasurer
Mary Bradley	Sgt at Arms
Betty West	Sports Officer

The Executive members are:- Comrades Jane Brown; Eileen Cade; Rose Carry; Carol Collins; Mary Cope; Connie Leonard and Spidola Zarins.

A special thank you goes out to Bruce Sharpe and Mike Fitzpatrick for being our scrutinisers.

I have really enjoyed my term as Ladies Auxiliary President to Branch 322 and I wish Comrade Emma and everyone all the best in their upcoming term.

Yours in Comradeship  
Dorothy Buchanan