

Canada Day Support

It looked for a while like our Canada Day celebration would be scaled back but the community came to our support. We had quite a few people come forward with donations.

On the cover pictured from left are: Ahmed Malik, Vic Jagdeo, Emma Smith (President, Ladies Auxiliary), Paul White, Mike O'Hara President, Bruce Sharpe 2nd Vice, MP Mark Holland and Faheem Bukhari. Mr Bukhari and Mr Malik donated on behalf of the Mississauga Muslim Community Centre and Mr White and Mr Jagdeo on behalf of the Fairport Beach Neighbourhood Association. Photo courtesy Dave Johnson.

Some of the contribution letters are shown on the following pages. On behalf of Branch 322 Ajax, I'd like to thank everyone for their support and generous contributions. Our Canada Day celebration was a huge success.

Doug Smith, Public Relations Officer



Inotek Signs of Ajax donated 500 Canada Day Lawn signs to help us raise money for our Canada Day celebration after reading about our situation. They figured it was a great way to support our troops and the Legion. We managed to raise over \$850 in donations through this campaign.

Pictured left is Eric Fowler, co-owner of Inotek Signs of Ajax with Emma Smith, President, Ladies Auxiliary.

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Our Canada Day Lawn sign campaign set up outside the Branch. In the foreground, John Riseborough and Emma Smith. In the background, from the left, Pat Price, Eric Fowler (Inotek Signs of Ajax) and Mike O'Hara, President.



The \$1,000 donation from an anonymous source is read by Mike O'Hara, President (left) to Bruce Sharpe, 2nd Vice and Emma Smith, President, Ladies Auxiliary. Letter reproduced on the next page.

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Dear Mr. Ottawa -

Tues June 12/07

When I read in today's newspaper that your Legion was denied the small amount of funds you requested for your July 1st Canada Day Celebration, I was most saddened. While I am not sure of my family ancestry, I have an old, faded photograph of my grandfather on a war field in Europe - both my parents are from Hungary, but that is the extent of my knowledge about my heritage. However, I feel very strongly about our veterans from every war -

So when I saw that you were not getting your funds, I felt I just had to send this donation -

Please have a most wonderful celebration - I hope many memories and smiles are created on this Canada Day.

Sending all my gratitude
for the freedom I've gained
from all veterans -

I wish to remain anonymous.



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Estate of Catherine Boal

June 17, 2007

Stouffville, Ontario

Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 322
111 Hunt Street
Ajax, Ontario
L1S 1P3

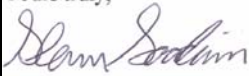
Attention: Mike O'Hara, President

Dear Sir:

I am pleased to enclose a cheque, payable to Branch 322, in the amount of \$1,000. This money is from residual funds of the estate, which may be used at my discretion as executor. My wife and I were outraged after reading the story in The Toronto Star regarding the Conservative government's refusal to allow your application for funding your Canada Day celebrations and decided veterans deserved better treatment than what the government was showing.

Here's hoping your celebration is fantastic!

Yours truly,



Glenn Goodwin, Executor
Rose Goodwin

