

## Ladies Auxiliary President's Report



I am honoured to have been elected as the President of Ajax Branch 322 Ladies' Auxiliary and we look forward to a great relationship with the members and Executive of the Legion.

We have been supporting the Special Events at the Branch with the provision of various types of food and would appreciate your input/feedback so that we can make your experience at the Branch even better.

Our Fundraising initiatives at Christmas and Easter were well received and I must thank all responsible for their efforts.

By the time you read this report our patio will be open and we look forward to offering treats served from our new barbeque.

Our food service at the Jam Sessions has been well received and we will continue to offer our services at these events.

I wish all members a safe, healthy, and happy summer.

Yours in Comradeship  
Claire Wylie

# Youth Education



Late winter and early spring of 2009 was a busy time of the year for Youth Education at Branch 322. On February 22, 2009 there were 50 students who competed in 3 levels of Public Speaking. There was a marked increase in the caliber of speakers from last year. All students and guests were greeted by Comrade Emma Smith and welcomed to Ajax Branch 322. The afternoon started with all the speakers becoming the "Ajax Branch 322 Choir" and they sang "O Canada". The topics were varied and included Racism, Bullying, Dentistry, and Sayings and their meanings. The ages ranged from 9 to 16 years. After the speakers completed their competition, a light lunch was provided by the Ladies Auxiliary and was very much appreciated by the speakers and their families. The judges volunteered their Sunday afternoon and did, in fact, work through the afternoon. The judges who gave their time were Sheila Boyer, Patti Boyer, Angela Burke, Mary Bradley and Dorothy Buchanan. Thank you to each of these individuals.

On March 22, 2009 there was a Celebration for all the winners of the 2008 Remembrance Day Poster and Literary Contest as well as the Public Speaking Contest. There were approximately 130 people attending. The theme for the afternoon was "Planting a Seed" as all of the posters, poems, essays and speeches were formed from a seed (thought). Each student had the opportunity to plant a seed and bring it home with them. All of the students received their certificates and monetary awards as well as a special take away. The students who had advanced to the zone level of competition and placed also received their certificates and monetary awards from Zone Youth Education Chair, Emma Smith. The judges of both competitions were invited to attend and the majority did attend to receive a Thank You from the students and their families. Lunch was provided by the Ladies Auxiliary and by the end of the Celebration, all food had disappeared.

The year has ended for Youth Education but plans will be underway through the summer for the website to have all the appropriate information in place in September, 2009 for the upcoming years' activities.

Yours in Comradeship  
Jeanette Clarke-Boutilier

# Bingo - Nevada Report



Our Bingo program has been very successful since our move to Delta Bingo. We have raised 61,263.29 in proceeds for the year ending May 31, 2009.

It would not be possible without the support of our three Branch members, Dawne, Anna & Joanne, who faithfully run our session no matter what day or night they fall on.

These funds have been used to

- Pay the bank loan / interest \$21,689.27
- Run our monthly Seniors Luncheons \$5,635.22
- Cover some building expenses \$3,816.76
- Made donations to our community \$15,945.00

We raised \$69,820.46 in proceeds for last year ending May 31, 2009 with our Nevada Break Open Ticket program. After deducting our License fees, ticket costs and payouts, we have netted \$15,862.31.

We have made donations of \$4,128.82 to our community from these proceeds.

In addition, as a result of donating our halls, we were allowed to direct \$5,280.49 to our Building account under the Community Concepts plan and \$5,186.00 to the General account to cover administration costs.

Thank you to all the Branch members who buy the Nevada tickets to help support our Branch and to Rita Cooke who does Nevada during our Saturday Meat Draw.

Yours in Comradeship  
Emma Smith  
Bingo / Nevada Chair