



**Branch 322 Zone F1 Convention President's Report
October 2, 2011**

Our branch has lost a wonderful volunteer and a great friend of mine personally as well as many others in this room, with the passing of our 1st Vice President Emma Smith. Losing a dedicated member like her will certainly have a significant impact on our Branch for many years to come. She was a tireless worker in our branch and she will be truly missed.

Our branch has had a few significant events since my last report.

Our second Ajax Legion Idol competition was a tremendous success. About five hundred people came out on the final evening. Congratulations to the eventual overall winners. We had a profit of five thousand dollars and I thank everyone that supported this venture.

We are now in our third week of our third Legion Idol competition and this one is a little different due to the fact that only members of the Royal Canadian Legion may compete. Our competition night is every Tuesday night starting at 8pm. We have put up two thousand dollars in prize money. Everyone is welcome just to come out and if you don't want to compete just listen to some great singers and have some fun as well.

Once again our Canada Day Celebrations were a huge success.. We had three bands performing this year and as usual we had a very large turnout for twelve hours of great entertainment and fun.

July and August were extremely slow but the good news was that we didn't have to touch our reserves or GIC's so we did manage to weather the storm. Hopefully our revenue will increase once again now that we have a lot of our members back from cottage country.

Our Halloween Bash is scheduled for Saturday October 29th, our Poppy Dance is on Saturday November 5th and our Grey Cup party on Sunday November 27th is ready to go with a band, a Shuffleboard tournament, food, prizes, and of course the game itself. It will be an all day affair.

We are now in the process of organizing our Remembrance Church Service and parade on Sunday November 6th at St. Paul's United Church as well as our Remembrance Day Service at the branch on Friday November 11th and our Veterans Dinner on Sunday November 13th.

Taking us to the end of the year, our New Years Eve Party is expected as usual to be a sellout.

Financially we are in pretty good shape, our membership is stable at around 1270.

In closing, thank you once again to all our members and volunteers that continue to support the Branch on a regular basis and I would like to extend an invitation to everyone here and all Legion members and their guests from other branches to drop in anytime at our branch in Ajax to enjoy our hospitality.

Bruce Sharpe