

### ACTON SENIORS' RECREATION CENTRE

By Julie Conroy

It's nice to know that people read my seniors' column in The Tanner. While I was in the Centre last Thursday a lady came in to join the Centre after reading about the great deal we offer for membership at this time of the year.

Leathertown Festival is on Sunday, August 9 and there is a signup sheet for volunteers willing to work a two hour shift at our booth between 11am and 5pm. It's a great way to meet old friends and neighbours. I am always surprised how many people make the return trip to Acton for this event. I must say that the down town area looks really lovely again this year with the beautiful hanging baskets, thanks to Josie and her assistant's hard work keeping everything watered and clean.

The Great Canadian dinner cruise on the Grand River was a great success. The weather was perfect and everyone enjoyed the day and the meal.

I am still taking names for the trip to Mohawk for the races and dinner in September. If you are interested please write your name on the sign up sheet.

I see the travel club has a waiting list for West Side Story, at Stratford. If there is enough interest they might be able to run a second bus. There is still room for a couple more people on the Port Stanley train ride and lunch in August, but lots of room on the October 6 Mystery Trip.

Last Friday was the mystery lunch at the Centre, and 30 members enjoyed the salad, boneless chicken breasts, mashed potatoes, corn and green beans, followed by a variety of desserts and fresh fruit. Next week it will be soup and sandwiches, plus of course dessert.

There were 25 members including three new faces (Elizabeth, Hanna, and David) playing bingo after lunch. Not everyone stayed. Some people only drop in to play bingo. I think it must be great exercise for the little grey cells, as some people play as many as ten cards. I would have a job keeping track of two!

I am working on another Gals on the Go trip. I hope to make a return trip to the St Lawrence Market, on a Saturday in early November. The bus would drop off the people that want to go to the Toronto Art Gallery first, and then pick them up on our return home. We would leave the Centre around 9am and spend about three hours at the Art Gallery or 2 1/2 hours at the market. If either trip interests you, please sign the appropriate sheet and tick which trip you are interested in. If you were one of the people that signed the

original interest sheet, please sign again.

I was talking to Anna Arnold and she mentioned that several members have been so busy writing their names on the 50/50 sheet they have forgotten to drop their Loonie in the box, so the names don't correspond with the amount of money collected. Please try and remember to drop yours in the box.

Last Friday afternoon there were eight new leaves added to the Looking to the Future trees thanks to the generosity of Walter Barlow's relatives in Australia, the Leather Town Lassies (Red Hat Society), Anne, Red Cross Support

Staff, and members of the Acton Seniors Centre, to honour the memory of Walter, a wonderful man who always had a smile and a hug and is missed by everyone who knew him.

Marion Pascoe also placed a leaf purchased by herself and her late husband Tom in remembrance of "A Dear Neighbour," Jack MacFarlane.

Winner of the 50/50 this Friday was Marg Spears. She was busy playing bingo, so she received a round of applause when her name was drawn. She will receive a cheque for \$124. It certainly was her lucky day; she even won at bingo.



REMEMBERING WALTER: Pauline Barlow placing the first of eight leaves on the wall in memory of her husband Walter. The leaves were purchased by relatives in Australia, Leather Town Lassies, Anne and the Red Cross Support workers, and friends and members of the Acton Seniors Centre. Holding the ladder is Margaret Anderson, holding the leaves Frances Hogenbirk, Pat Jones, and Mary Walsma. – Julie Conroy photo

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#### **Obituary**

# Acton native John Agar dies in Winnipeg, Man.

Friends and acquaintances of Dr. John LeRoy Agar, D.V.m; M.V.Sc. will be sorry to hear that he died in Winnipeg on June 28 of this year. John Agar grew up in Acton attending Acton schools before he went to university to pursue a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine.

John played the trumpet in both the Acton Junior Band and Acton Citizens' Band, and it became a lifelong passion. He spent summers working on his uncle's farm at Kleinburg which fostered and interest in agriculture and, later, the pursuit of veterinary medicine.

On completion of his veterinary degree in 1954, John headed west to work in Alberta. There he discovered the joys of trout fishing and caught the flying bug. He took flying lessons and eventurally joined the R.C.A.F. as a flight lieutenant in Mosse Jaw, Saskatchewan where he served as a flight instructor and saw the world with Transport Command (Trenton).

In September of 1958, he married Helen Domage and

they raised four children. Working as a veterinarian, John and his family lived in various locations including Mitchell and Guelph Ontario, Saskatoon Saskatchewan and Abbotsford British Columbia. Winnipeg Manitoba, however, became home.

John was a life long learner, applying his enthusiasm to a wide array of interests including: golf, fishing, hunting, camping, amateur radio, guitar, aircraft restoration, flying fixed wing aircraft and gliders, winemaking, Italian

they raised four children. cooking and Linux software Working as a veterinarian, programming.

He is remembered by his family: wife, Helen, of Winnipeg, Victoria and Bob of High River, Alberta; Cathy, Rod and Bonnie and Cheryl and Michael of Winnipeg; and 10 grandchildren.

After a long struggle with pulmonary disease, John died at St. Boniface Hospital on June 28. John loved his dogs and we know he would appreciate a donation in his memory to your local Humane Society.





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