

Currently seven matches

# 1994 was a year of growth and change for Big Sisters

by Mary Golem

1994 was a year of growth and challenges for the Big Sisters of Chesley and District, president Glenna McClelland told members attending the Big Sisters' annual meeting at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Chesley last Tuesday evening, adding "we can reflect with satisfaction upon the past year."

Fundraising remains a major focus of the work of the board and a number of successful fundraising efforts were held throughout the year, including selling quilt tickets, a garage sale, penny table, auction teas, bake sales, tag days, barbecue, grocery tape collections and of course, donations. All support is appreciated.

Christmas tree balls are now available for sale from Board members.

During the past year, Case Manager Pam Leudke left her position to move to Toronto where she is training to be a Montessori teacher.

The new Case Manager is Patricia Dobbs Luxton, one of the Anglican priests in Chesley.

"She brings to the position a great deal of experience in working with young people which should prove valuable," McClelland added.

In her report, Dobbs Luxton said "it is exciting to share with you in the task of the Big Sisters and to get to know those who support this important work. I have appreciated the warm welcome and encouragement that I have received since my arrival."

This fall there has been a decrease in the number of active matches, Dobbs Luxton reported, and at present there are 18 Little Sisters, nine Big Sisters and seven matches.

"We are always looking for women interested in being Big Sisters to those girls who are waiting for a special friend. I am excited by the opportunity that Big Sisters provides to make a difference in a young girl's life."

Chesley Mayor James Jacklin was in attendance and praised the Big Sisters' Board for their efforts.

"Your efforts are important to the little girls you serve."

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Mayor James Jacklin was on hand at the annual meeting of the Chesley and District Big Sisters' Association to draw the winning ticket in the Big Sisters' quilt draw. The quilt was won by Pauline Tuck of Hanover. Helping Jacklin with the draw were retiring president of the Big Sisters' Association Glenna McClelland and her daughter, Margot Thompson.

Nominated to serve on the Board of Directors of the Chesley and District Big Sisters' Association for the coming year were Connie Sweiger, Bonnie Cavill, Diane Egles, Kathy Scott, Betty Lennips, Marj Bedford, Kathy Walsh, Nancy Tabaska, Grace Schenk, Glenda Maidla, and the two new members, Helen Taylor and Reta Hagedorn.

Retiring from the Board and praised for their years of service were Ev Trotter, Glenna McClelland, Betty Lunn, Ruth Hewitt and Margaret McDonald.

Case manager Patricia Dobbs Luxton presented Helen Taylor with a pin recognizing a one-year match with her Little Sister.

Other Big Sisters who have been matched for a year who were not present at the annual meeting include Carol Rockett, Sandy Tibbo, Patti Golem and Tracy Nichol.

Mayor Jacklin made the draw for

the quilt, won by Pauline Tuck of Hanover. Grace Schenk sold the winning ticket.

## New president in charge of Chesley Seniors' meeting

by Lena Pufahl

Chesley Seniors' Happy Gang held their November meeting on November 18th at the Seniors' Drop In Centre. Our new president, Marj Bedford opened with O Canada and the Lord's Prayer repeated in unison.

Secretary Dorothy Pieroway gave the minutes from the previous meeting, she also read the correspondence, including a thank you card from Elsie Miskie, thanking members for the flowers, gifts and phone calls she received while she was a shut-in for

four months.

Treasurer Clarence Lange gave the financial statement of the club. He also reported on fixing the tea kettles.

Happy Birthday was sung for the members who had a birthday in the past month. It was decided to give the Big Sisters of Chesley a donation of money. On December 7, the Seniors will decorate the Seniors' Centre for the Christmas season. The Seniors will hold their annual Christmas dinner at the Seniors' Centre on December 20 at 5 p.m.

A plant was sent to Edna Muir who resigned from the treasurer's position on account of sickness. Dorreta Phillips showed an historical plaque that the Chesley Women's Institute wants to erect on a cairn at Riverside Park. Chesley Women's Institute is 85 years old.

Thirteen seniors joined the Senior Club and president Marj Bedford welcomed them. Progressive euchre followed with high prize going to Marj Bedford and Art Middleton. The lucky draw went to Edith Stephenson and D'Arcy O'Hara.

Sandwiches and a cup of tea were served by Mary Leifso, Elsie Miskie, Florence Meade and Lizzie Miskie.



Sisters' case manager, Patricia Dobbs Luxton, presented Sister Helen Taylor with a pin recognizing a successful match with her Little Sister of one year. (Golem photos)