

Legion news

The March general meeting was held on Monday, March 13 at the Branch and although there was a slightly better turnout of members than at the previous meeting, the executive would appreciate more participation from the floor at these general meetings. A number of applications for membership had been processed at executive meetings since our last general meeting and we were pleased to initiate and welcome to the branch the following new members: Comrades John Bruce and Edward Scott as ordinary members and Comrades Daryl Bennett, Sylvia Cyganek, James Davis, June Gerth, Gail McHugh, Raymond Nowlan and Trudy Smith as associate members.

The curlers held another very successful bonspiel last Sunday and are already planning for another one in November. That's looking ahead for you and speaking of looking ahead we still have no teams or names on the board for the euhre tourney in Erin on April 15. If you just have not got around to getting your name down please do it soon so Comrade Fred Allen can get the entries from Branch 197 sent to the tournament organizers.

Standings in the branch cribbage league are: Legion "A"—149 pts., Command Records 146 pts., Alton McIsaac Construction 145 pts., Firemen "B" 137 pts., 230 Club, 133 pts., Halton Hills Works Dept., 131 pts., Station Hotel 128 pts., Seven 11's, 123 pts., Firemen "A" 120 pts., and Die Harde with 108 pts. Don't forget our big St. Patrick Dance on Saturday, March 18. Come on out and bring your guests. Tickets are now available at the bar so pick yours up while the supply lasts.



PAM MORGAN is the new Hi Neighbour lady in town.

Professional development days review

The number of professional development days for teachers in Halton could be reduced. Teachers currently have nine days for professional development each year.

It was pointed out at last Thursday's Halton Board of Education meeting that it costs \$2.3 million in wages for elementary and high school teachers for professional development days.

The board voted to review the present number of days "for the purpose of establishing an improved educational cost-benefit ratio."

Over the past few years a number of trustees have been complaining there are too many professional development days.

Trustee Fred Armitage, chairman of the board's budget committee, proposed the professional development day review. He said the board needs to determine if "we are getting full value for these days."

It was noted a committee setting up next year's school calendar won't bring in any recommendation regarding increasing or reducing the number of professional development days since that wasn't the committee's job.

Oakville Trustee Judy Alexander noted converting all nine professional development days to teaching days would save the board no money since wages would still be paid.

Armitage agreed, noting he wasn't saying the days should be reduced. He said the study might show more professional development days are needed. "But we may find we could get more benefit if the number of days is reduced."

Director of Education Elaine Rhlem declared.

Trustee Elsie Hilson of Oakville urged the board use professional development days as teaching days and then turn around and reduce the number of teaching days. Lavender noted the province requires a minimum of 185 teaching days and Halton's school year is somewhere between 194 and 197 school days long depending on the calendar.

It will be difficult to determine a cost-benefit ratio on professional development days since they are educational activities, Trustee Elaine Rhlem declared.

Armitage said there wasn't an issue which is discussed more, or as sensitive with the public and trustees, than professional activities. He said the board has a responsibility to look at both sides of the question, from the public's point of view and the teachers' point of view.

Pam Morgan is Hi Neighbour

Pam Morgan of 200 Churchill Rd. N. replaces Marlene Steckley as Acton's Hi Neighbor Lady.

Mrs. Morgan started her new job Friday by making five calls.

The Hi Neighbor service welcomes newcomers to town in a personal way. Mrs. Morgan, like Mrs. Steckley prior to her, visits the new homeowners.

In a booklet, which she leaves, are letters of welcome from the mayor and the Chamber of Commerce. A handy road map is also included.

Also included in the packet is information from the Community Services Centre. There are also many tips on how to get involved with Brownies, Guides, tennis etc.

Mrs. Morgan lives with husband Peter and their three children: Shawn, age 6 years, Ryan 4 and Tina who will be two years old in June.

The Morgans moved here from Streetsville about a year and a half ago.

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