



The Acton branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society held its inaugural meeting Monday with its new executive reporting on the chapter's activities. Members of the new executive are, front row (left to right) Jens Laustsen, vice-chairman, Henry Kroes, chairman, and Carol Prystasz, secretary. Back row, (left to right) are Fred Dellaan, treasurer, Alice Schreiber, blood donor chairman, Bert Vanderlaan, March fund-raising campaign chairman, Joan Ford, awards chairman, Garry McFadden, co-ordinator of major disaster response service and Marie Gilles, secretary.

(Herald photo)

Red Cross Acton branch inaugurated

By LORI TAYLOR
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The new Acton branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society held its inaugural meeting Monday, but members intend to continue calling on their brother branch in Georgetown occasionally for advice.

Henry Kroes, first chairman of the branch, said he hopes his branch will continue to work with Georgetown "because I don't think we can do without you yet."

The Red Cross has been holding four blood donor clinics a year in Acton, collecting 494 pints last year, and offering other services, including a loan cupboard.

Mr. Kroes and Georgetown branch chairman Erica Thompson couldn't agree on who approached whom about bringing blood donor clinics to Acton, but Mr. Kroes expressed his appreciation to the Georgetown branch for their help in the past.

Jarka Opratko, regional council chairman for Region 18 of the Red Cross Society, presented Mr. Kroes with the official charter for the chapter and spoke about the work of the Red Cross.

Statistics show that on the average last year, Red Cross volunteers donated over one-half million hours per week of work to the society's program, Mrs. Opratko told the audience.

"Just stop and think if we had to pay for all these hours of work how much it would cost us, and yet we all regard the Red Cross as a poor organization—we never have enough money to do what we want," she said.

Last year, there were 20,000 volunteers working on behalf of the Red Cross, in Ontario, 300,000 people who gave blood and 300,000 who took part in the water safety program.

"That gives you a very encouraging picture not only of the Red Cross but of our Ontario communities," Mrs. Opratko said. "We hear volunteers are a dying breed, but it's not quite as bleak as it may seem."

"The role of the volunteer is vital, not only in providing the services in the community but in raising the money to carry out the programs."

A great many local organizations and groups had representatives at the meeting, including the Halton Regional Police Force, the Acton Community Centre, the Acton Optimists, the North Halton Contact Centre, the Canadian Cancer Society, the Acton Chamber of Commerce, the Halton Lung Association, the Lakeside Chapter of the IODE and the Heart Fund. Each representative offered congratulations and assistance where needed.

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BPO ELKS LODGE 540

Halton Hills

By BROTHER JIM BARRETT
Elks Publicist

Many of you may be aware by now that the Elks Lodge is sponsoring the Broomball tournament to be held in conjunction with the Jaycees' Winterfest at the Georgetown Fairgrounds Feb. 7.

As of today, there are seven confirmed teams with another two possibilities. If you are interested in entering a team contact me at 877-6640. The Lodge is donating the master trophy, to be kept by the winning team for one year, after which it is put into competition again.

Interest has been shown by the teams involved and by the service clubs who can't make it because of prior commitments with Winterfest. The Kinmen and the Jaycees could not ice a team but have indicated, along with the Lions Club, that they would like to join a Service Club Winter Activity League next winter.

Elks Lodge 540 would like to extend congratulations to the Lions Club of Georgetown, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. May they enjoy and provide another 50 years and more of service to this community.

The Elks Lodge holds a Bingo every Monday night at the Lodge on Mountainview Road North. All proceeds from these Bingos go to community projects. Bring a friend and help support these projects.

The Elks have a team entered in the Service Club slow-pitch League this summer. Anyone interested in joining this team, contact Brother Larry Gummerson.

Congratulations to Brother Fred Sharpe, who was inducted into the office of Loyal Knight at our last general meeting. We would also like to remind you that Lodge 540 meets every third Sunday of the month and the Executive meets every first Sunday of the month. Also, the new Executive will be installed in March. This is one of the most important meetings of the year, so let's all go.

A reminder that the Order of the Royal Purple is celebrating its first anniversary Feb. 14 with a dance. Anyone wishing tickets, please contact The Honored Royal Lady, Carolyn Jardine, at 455-8117.

Monday night a cheque was presented to the Block Parents Association.

Next Monday night at the Elks Bingo, the cheques will be presented to the winners of the Best-Lit House in Georgetown; and a special thanks to the homes which did not win for lighting their houses to bring joy to the hearts of young and old at Christmas time.

Have some spare time? Want to get involved by helping others? Join the Elks Lodge. For further information contact Brother Jim Barrett at 877-6640 or Brother Bud Jardine at 455-8117.

Ladies! Helping others makes one feel great. Bring a smile to the face of others and a warm feeling to yourself for a job well done. Join the Order of the Royal Purple. Contact for further information the Honored Royal Lady, Carolyn Jardine, at 455-8117.

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Jarka Opratko, Regional Council Chairman for Region 18 of the Canadian Red Cross Society, presented the official charter for the new Acton branch of the Red Cross Monday to chapter president Henry Kroes Monday at the branch's inaugural meeting.

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Georgetown set for 'mock crash' February 8

It's not often you get forewarned about a major air disaster, but a week from Sunday (Feb. 8) in Georgetown, a DC 10 is going to crash land in the middle of town, starting an emergency involving the combined efforts of the town's emergency services.

Sponsored by the Halton Hills Red Cross, the mock disaster will involve town officials, the fire and police departments and members of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service.

The simulation is designed

to test the emergency preparedness of the town's services. The DC 10 (actually a pair of school buses end to end) will be filled with casualties (made up in living color by a make-up artist) and a fire (so look for the smoke on the horizon).

The Red Cross reminds you not to phone the fire department or police, of course, but by all means drop by the "disaster scene" outside Georgetown District High School and learn for yourself what the right procedure is during any such crisis.

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Prize money cuts Acton Fair profits

The Acton Fall Fair had a good year last year, but profits are down because prize money was increased this year, Agricultural Society president Brian Evans said.

The fair had total receipts of \$91,000, but after the bills were paid, only \$452 was left. Mr. Evans attributed this to the increase in prize money offered in 1980.

"We had a good fair, but we put up the prize money by \$8,000 this year," he said. "Exhibitors can't afford to come for a \$30 first prize. It's got to be a \$50 or \$60 prize."

Mr. Evans said the society also spent some money on improvements to the grounds this year, including hydro facilities and new poultry pens.

The format of the fair will stay "pretty much the same" this fall as it was last year, Mr. Evans said. The mini-tractor pull, the boat show and the Arabian horses, among others, will be back.

The society is planning a few changes. The midway will be run by a different company this year. Mr. Evans is also hoping to re-design the layout of the exhibits, which are a major part of the fair.

"We're going to have to put a hold on the level of the prize money for a couple of years," he said. "It's high for a fair of this size, but it's necessary."

One of the ideas Mr. Evans is proposing for this year is a mini-Highland Games for Saturday night, "if I could get it off the ground."

He'd also like to see the business community more solidly behind the fair.

"I think last year's fair was a good fair," he said. "I think the board did a good job."

"Our main aim this year is to give people value for their day's entertainment."

The new executive of the agricultural society was presented at the annual meeting of the society Saturday. Brian Evans was re-elected president. Keith Aitken is first vice-president, Norman Shea is second vice-president.

Secretary-treasurer is John Rowe.

Directors are Ray Swackhamer, Ted Brown Jr., Cathy Lasby, Bill Lasby, Maggie Hall, Rowan Height, Susan Keuchler, Itay Topelko, George Stull, Bob Johnson, Glen Williamson, John Thomson, Ed McGergale and Bill Yundt.

The executive of the ladies' division is composed of president Heather Rennie, first vice-president Lucille Cooksey, second vice-president Marilyn Murray and secretary-treasurer Helen Midland.

Breakfast draws 80 Optimists

The Georgetown Optimist Club held its annual Now Breakfast Jan. 17 at the North Halton Golf and Country Club. The breakfast was attended by some 80 members and an estimated 20 invited guests who were invited specially to join the local club.

Chairman Clarence Baker of Regan Crescent, heading the 85-member organization in this exercise, reported a recruitment of six new members at the meeting and estimates the total to climb to about 12 new members as a result of the drive.

Mr. Baker, a past president of the club, has chaired the Now Breakfast program for the past four years and is noted

for his leadership qualities in the organization.

The Optimist Club of Georgetown is affiliated with Optimist International in St. Louis, Mo., and was chartered in 1972 by Charter President Ray Martin. Membership has grown from a base figure of 45 members to an 85-member organization.

Among some of the upcoming activities and programs sponsored by the Optimist Club are the annual Youth Oratorical contest held in March with John Shaw as Chairman, Bang-o-Rama which is held in May by Chairman and past president Norm Guthrie, tri-star Soccer held in June by John Shaw, who is chairman.

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