

Fall a busy time for fund-raising seniors

By RUSS BETHEL

Generally, at this time of year, people speak of having lazed through the summer doldrums and now is the season to get back into a higher level of activity. Somehow the Fund Raising Committee of the Georgetown and District Seniors Association seem to have missed out on these lazy hazy days. It has been a busy time as well as a rewarding time both in activity and accomplishment.

As we all know the Georgetown Fall Fair saw the Seniors Bake Sale back again. An event of this kind doesn't just happen, but requires a lot of advance planning and effort. Let's say "Thanks" to all Fund Raising Committee members and volunteers who organized this event, to the Telephone Committee for soliciting and arranging for the baked goods, to those who staffed and assisted in the booth operations, and to those who were generous in their baking and/or cash donations. Special thanks to those outside our Association who helped, particularly to the Sons of Scotland who again provided their booth for our use, to Ms. Chris Vale, a local realtor, for a generous donation to offset the Fair Site fee, to Holy Cross Church for again providing folding tables for the booth, and to both A and P Stores and Neilson's Dairy for generous donations of booth supplies and equipment.

The bottom line good news was that after all expenses, we added over \$1,000.00 to our building project fund, more than a 50% increase over last year.

Also at the Fair the Committee sold the last of the afghan raffle tickets, which had been an ongoing summer project. This had added a further \$500.00 to our funds. This beautiful blue and white afghan was created and donated by Mrs. Syme of Georgetown. Our thanks to her. Our thanks also to Dr. Bardolini's Good Time Show for making an event of drawing the lucky name, which tuned out to be Richard Hogan.

You may have seen in other newspaper stories that the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce venture into a tourist information centre at Speyside reached what appears to have been a successful summer conclusion on Labour Day. Certainly successful from our viewpoint in that last Wednesday, September 12, in a brief ceremony at the Alcott Arena, the Chamber presented us with a cheque for \$1,240.00. The Acton Seniors, who shared this volunteer effort with the Georgetown Seniors, received a similar fund assist. Again, this venture which was organized quickly on short notice, was due to the efforts of many. The membership owes a debt of gratitude to the 53 volunteers who took part and particularly Mrs. Florence Smith who was there nine times, Mary Persons 7 times and Grant Greenaway 6 times. Also a special thankyou is due to Mrs. Alice Greenaway who co-ordinated the project and spent hours at the telephone recruiting volunteers to fill the vacancies. After all, for staffing an information centre, who knows Halton Hills better than our Seniors.

Seniors for the Future

Now our sights and plans look in to the fall and winter seasons. A timely reminder that the GDSA will have a crafts table at the Holy Cross Bazaar to be held in the Church Hall on November 3. We are depending on the rich pool of talent and skills of our members to provide a diversity of attractive crafts. Please help out by donating examples of your favourite crafts and hobbies. You can call Siena Hoekelen, chairperson of Fund

Raising, at 877-3235, or any member of the Committee.

Also, it is time for many of us to renew our membership support for the 1990-91 season. If you have not yet done so on your membership anniversary date, you will receive a call in due course from a Membership Committee member or canvasser. This is a big project. We would also like to think that our membership, which now stands at over 700, could be increased to that

magic number of 1,000 members. You can contact your Membership Committee by calling Ross Bethel at 877-1105, Alice Gray at 877-2814 or your previous canvasser contact.

All the foregoing, as will be realized on a little reflection, represents one part of our Association activities. The Building and Planning Committee has continued with its, for the moment, lower visibility activities. The Public Relations Committee will be looking to renew its efforts. For your Board of Directors and for the Executive Committee is has been a very full and busy summer, in

many respects satisfying, and in some frustrating, in our continuing efforts toward a Seniors Centre for Georgetown. But that is a separate story and report in itself.

What all of this points up, with a growing association, with an increasing level of activity, is the need for more members to come forward into active participation and to share the load. Everyone has talents in some area. Particularly the Committees as mentioned need additional working members with new ideas to provide both strength and to maintain committee numbers. Let's hear from you.

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Regional Council will vote on the recommendation Wednesday.

The construction company's estimate of \$514,000 was the lowest bid of 13 companies but it was still \$127,546 more than the Region had budgeted, according to a Regional Public Works report. Money from the Region's Capital Reserve Fund and Residential Lot Levy will be used to make up the difference, the report indicates.

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