

Community

Jim Bailey honored

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The crowd had quieted to a soft murmur, by the time Jim Bailey stepped into the dance room of the community centre. With the cries of "Surprise! Happy Birthday!", Jim's mouth gaped open and his eyes widened in wonderment as he scanned the room taking in the 140-150 people who had gathered together to wish him a Happy Birthday.

Seconds later, Jim's face reddened to a lovely beet color, and he was giggling with a mixture of shock, delight and embarrassment. Still standing in awe at the doorway, the crowd sang Happy Birthday to him. One by one well wishers greeted him.

The D.J. started the music up again, and then the party was well underway again.

Special words were spoken by his grandson Mark, long-time friend Fred, Vera Longatreet of the Jim Dandies, and Karen Smith representing the Hall Board. The Jim Dandies presented him with plans of a sign for the park to be built in the spring and the Hall Board presented him with a painting of kids at a ball diamond.

The hall was beautifully decorated by Rodney Allen and Carlo Toccolina.

Mountains of food was served with the pot luck menu. It was a wonderful party organized by Jim's daughter Linda and son-in-law Mike. Jim actually turns an undisclosed age on Dec. 13th.

Husbands joined their wives for the Women's Institute Christmas meeting at the home of Don and Helen Brown recently. Here an excellent pot luck dinner was

served. Alma Sinclair and Elanor McLaine were the social committee, while Betty Koopredread gave the current events. Lille Given was in charge of the meetings program.

Different writings of a Christmas nature were read. A gift exchange was held. A delightful game was played where a tray was brought out, filled with an assortment of items including a candle and a wreath. The tray was removed, then people had to recall what was on the tray. It was a great memory tester. Euchre was also played by the group.

Another Christmas celebration took place last Saturday night when the senior choir travelled with their spouses to the choir leaders home of Brian and Alyson Arsenault. Snacks were served. Gifts were exchanged. Being a choir, they also did a little singing, and played an assortment of cards and games. The senior choir joins St. Andrew's choir in Georgetown on Sunday, December 16th. For those interested in attending this service, to hear this joint effort Christmas cantata, please be there at 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Church in Georgetown.

The junior choir will be singing at the United Church in Ballinacree this Sunday coming up. Don't miss this cantata.

This past Sunday was White Gift Sunday at the church. Donations for the needy in the area were brought wrapped in white.

It was also the Sunday for the Sunday school Christmas concert. Through singing, actions and spoken words the story of Jesus In The Manger was told.



Helping the needy

The Georgetown British/Canadian Club is doing its part in ensuring that those in need in Halton Hills aren't forgotten at Christmas time. Last Thursday evening the club donated toys and foodstuff to the

Salvation Army which was represented by Captain Wade Budgell (centre). Flanking Capt. Budgell are Georgetown British/Canadian Club members Dave Rutherford (left) and Ken Baker. (Herald photo)

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