

# Seniors Annual general meeting conducted

By LES MELLISH  
Report on Annual General Meeting

Although the annual general meeting had been well publicized in the press, attendance was only 29, and lacking a quorum no business could be conducted. However, the Chairman elected to proceed with the meeting for information purposes. Since there is a properly functioning Board of Directors, the business of the Association will go on and another general meeting will probably be called in the fall.

An annual report was presented to the meeting and a copy was available to members at the meeting. A copy of this report plus a brief newsletter will be sent to members of the Association this month.

Briefly the latest development is that members of the Executive and the Joint Committee have had a meeting with Mr. John Roe of the Ontario Government Office of the Ministry of Community and Social Services and the Ministry of Health. Mr. Roe's message was that for now there is very lit-

## Seniors for the Future

tle money in capital funds for adult projects and he strongly suggests we establish ourselves for now in temporary facilities since operating grants are more readily obtainable.

In view of this, the Board of Directors and the Joint Committee will be reviewing this possibility and in the meantime Mr. Roe is obtaining further information on the steps that are necessary preparatory to Council adopting a By-law and making a grant application.

It is expected of course that time will improve and the association will not lose sight of its objective: to have a permanent building in which to conduct a complete seniors program.

To this end, the Board is planning additional fund raising projects.

It could be that if we establish a regular program of activities and become a functioning seniors

centre in temporary facilities fundraising will be more fruitful and there will be something more meaningful for seniors to identify with giving rise to greater enthusiasm.

We are happy to report that Acton and Georgetown Seniors will both be participating in the Pete Pomeroy Golf Tournament in September and that proceeds will be shared 50-50.

The Association is indebted to a number of organizations and people who have supported the cause of seniors significantly in the past year.

The Board of Directors would like to say thank you to: St. Andrews United Church for meeting facilities; Holy Cross Church for use of Board room for committee meetings and especially to June Wilde and Genevieve Leslie for their help; Jim Collis, Glen Williams for art work for our Brochure; Robert Rightmyer, C.A. for auditing our books; George Gruter for computerising our membership list; Judy Lilly, Older Adults Recreation Supervisor, Oakville for specialized information and support; weekly newspapers *The Independent* and *The Herald*; to Bob Malcolmson and Staff of the Herald for suggesting and making available space for "Seniors For The Future".

The regular monthly Board meetings will be discontinued in July and August. If necessary a special Board meeting may be convened to deal with pressing business.

## Becoming older

I have become a little older since I saw you last and a few changes have come into my life since then. Frankly, I have become quite a frivolous old gal. I am seeing five gentlemen every day.

As soon as I wake up, Will Power helps me get out of bed. Then I go to see John. Charlie Horse then comes along, and when he is here he takes a lot of my time and attention. When he leaves, Arthur Ritis shows up and stays the rest of the day. He doesn't like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me from joint to joint. After such a busy

day I'm really tired and glad to go to bed with Ben Gay. What a life.

The Preacher came to call the other day. He said at my age I should be thinking about the hereafter. I told him "Oh, I do all the time. No matter where I am, in the parlour, upstairs, in the kitchen, or down in the basement, I ask myself "What am I here after?"

But remember, old folks are worth a fortune, with silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet, and gas in their stomachs.

Author Unknown.

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