

EDITORIAL

with Frances Niblock

Would you panic?

If you witnessed a heart attack at Acton arena could you use the defibrillator on the wall to jumpstart the victim's heart. Could you improve the chances of survival even more by performing CPR until help arrived?

With "one of the best PAD" – public access to defibrillator programs in North America, a next step for Halton is to help train more people – bystanders – to use the defibrillators, installed by the Region in public buildings, and by taking CPR training.

The stats are convincing. In 2005, seven people survived cardiac arrest outside of hospitals in Halton. There were 31 survivors last year – that's a 13 per cent survivor rate, compared to four per cent six years ago.

There are 400 cardiac arrests a year in Halton. In one 16-week period in Halton Hills last summer, public defibrillators were used seven times, and six of the victims survived.

Bystander CPR – chest compressions and breathing started by the public before professional shows up – also increases the chances of survival by at least 30 per cent. The hardware doesn't work without the people, and it can take two hours or less to learn how to save a life.

Time well spent.



SOCIAL CREW FUNDRAISER

Purity Life hosted a lot sale on Saturday to raise money for its MAD4U social crew. Cassandra McBride serenaded shoppers.

– Ted Tyler photo

Letters

Reader says Tanners Restaurant trying

To the editor,

RE: Tanners Restaurant

I see several articles in the Acton Tanner of late relating to issues revolving around the exceeding of permissible noise levels created by events at Tanners Restaurant in Acton, and wanted to comment briefly.

It's natural when one reads such an article to mildly presume that the entity against who complaints have been filed has been somehow derelict in allowing this to happen, it's just a lot of peoples make up, perhaps including mine. As a regular at Tanners however I have come to know the owner operators, Andrea Clark and Rick Matchett, as the diligent, respectful hard working restaurant owners they are. I know that Andrea has curtailed the hours of operation on a Friday and Saturday evening to midnight, because of the complexities of people drinking alcohol so late at night, and that she similarly curtails music being played at 11 p.m., on the evenings where entertainment is in place in respect for the surrounding neighbourhood. I know Andrea tries to be present on every evening where live entertainment is provided, and supervises these events to the best of her ability, which is significant. I know she has had the building at the rear of the premises insulated to blanket sound as aggressively as possible, and I know that she has approached this whole issue at hand in a spirit of co-operation, compliance and seeking any reasonable conclusions within the boundaries of the commercial licenses that are in

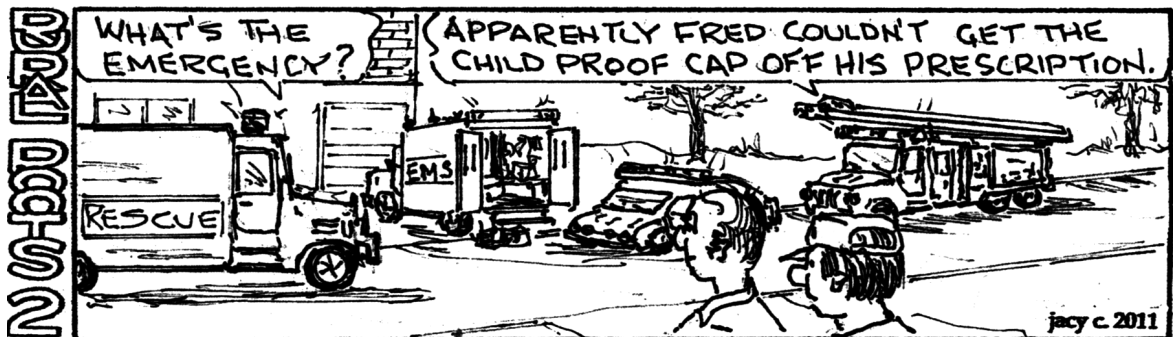
place. I also know that the revenue from the patio facility is significant to the financial well being of Tanners, and that it significantly impacts upon how many people its facilities can populate. I know that many people avail themselves of and enjoy the entertainment forums provided at Eastern Avenue.

I also know that Andrea is meticulous in the preparation and delivery of food, which is always excellent, and that she and her staff covet their liquor license and exercise great and uniform care in ensuring the sobriety of their patrons, and in helping us to protect us from ourselves. I know they donate to events, sports clubs and charities locally, and know that they are good corporate citizens.

I just wanted people to know that these are hard working, diligent restaurant owners, who hold themselves to a high standard. There are few places to go in Acton or Rockwood, and Tanners is a place I enjoy going to, as family, or with either or both of our two boys for some food and drink and a good chat, with social friends. If you haven't been there, it's well worth a visit.

Hopefully a resolution to the noise issues will be forthcoming, I know that is what Andrea and Rick want, and think it's what we all want, and I know it's the spirit in which Tanners is approaching it.

Sincerely,
Nicholas Dodd,
Rockwood.



Looking Back

Ten Years Ago

- McDonald's signed a long-term lease to open a fast food restaurant in the new plaza in Acton East, formally named Acton Market Place Plaza.
- Red Green, his cousin Harold and "Mountie" Dave Broadfoot visit Rockwood, filming Red Green's Duct Tape Forever.
- Acton's John Eddolls had the experience of a lifetime – chatting with the Queen and competing in Lifesaving at the recent Commonwealth Games in England.

Five Years Ago

- Acton High School student

Angela Henderson earned a Gold medal at the Canadian Skills Competition in Nova Scotia.

• Acton's Shawn Weatherall earned a Citizen Inspiration Award from the City of Brampton for saving the life of a fellow motorist who suffered a seizure while driving in Brampton.

• A patch of fertile ground in Prospect Park will bloom forever in the name of Acton's Max MacSween, a founding member of the Acton Horticultural Society who was fighting a valiant battle with cancer.

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