

# Boogie rocks Town Hall

By Kathleen Dills  
Heritage Acton

The Absolutely Acton Speakers Series made its first appearance – of four – at the Acton Town Hall on Sunday. The series carries on without the instigator, Tracey Tyler. She had outlined the four speaker series programs at the Town Hall (which she helped her father to save); the next day she went to the hospital, where she died at age 50.

She had met one of the featured musicians, Bob Baldori, a lawyer, while she was a legal reporter for The Toronto Star, pursuing a story of injustice in Michigan with fellow reporter Harold Levy. Harold told this wonderful story and paid tribute to Tracey and her remarkable career. “Boogie” Bob Baldori has been playing piano and harmonica with Chuck Berry since 1967. In addition to fronting his own group he has

spent years playing blues, boogie and backbeat rock and roll in Chicago and Detroit. Award winning Blues and Boogie Woogie pianist Arthur Migliazza who began playing the piano at age nine, joined “Boogie” Bob and their performance together was an encyclopedic repertoire of jazz, boogie, stride, blues and backbeat rock and roll full of fun, patter and commentary.

The Town Hall auditorium was humming – dim

lights, sparkling gold accents and a bit of smoke drifting from the stage made the crowd of over 90 people feel they were in a night club of days gone by, and the musicians really stirred the crowd with their very special talents. That Tracey was able to convince these internationally-recognized artists to come to Acton to play is a tribute to her.

The next event in the Speakers Series on Sunday, November 25 at 2 p.m., and will feature Terri-Jean Bedford, “Canada’s dominatrix,”

and Osgoode Hall Law School professor Alan Young, talking about their journey Challenging Canada’s Prostitution Laws. By then, hopefully, the

large addition – with an elevator – will be a reality.

Tickets can be ordered by phone at 519-853-5302 or via email at info@actontownhall.com



**BOOGIE WOOGIE BOYS:** The Acton Town Hall Centre rocked on Sunday night for the first Absolutely Acton Speakers Series event of the season featuring Arthur Migliazza (left) and “Boogie” Bob Baldori. – Ted Tyler photo

## HALTON HILLS SENIORS RECREATION CENTRES ACTON



By Julie Conroy

All the programs and special talks were very well attended during Open House week. It’s great to see so much interest in keeping the body healthy, whether it is the little grey cells or our bones and balance. There were also many trying the various exercise programs offered.

One hundred and thirty people enjoyed the chicken dinner, and listening or dancing to the music by *Juke Box*, while reminiscing about what they wore and did in the 60’s. The door prizes were won by Pauline Barlow, Harry Van Der Heyden, Ian McAlister, Betty McLeod, Nina Palichuk, Flora Barber, Louise Marjerrison, Arlen Bruce, Ken Thrush, Reeta Ryserse, Betty Holmes, Tom Politi and Geoff Knuff, and Pat Frizzell, and the 50/50 by Real Tetreault.

During the evening MP Michael Chong presented Dorothy Rognvaldson with the Queens Diamond Jubilee medal for all her work volunteering over many years. Dorothy was surrounded by her family and friends. The Acton Seniors Centre is one of many places where Dorothy has volunteered over the years.

On a sad note, another

very special lady passed away suddenly on Saturday, September 15. Donna Rowley was another hard working and dedicated member of the Centre. She was on the board for many years as Treasurer, Vice-President, President, and Past President. She was on the Fund raising committee and nomination chair for the election of Board members at the AGM, and the guiding light in the Looking to the Future project which explored ways of expanding the Centre and raising funds through the Tree of Hope. She had drive and determination. Of course every Monday morning she would be at the travel desk. She will be greatly missed.

At the Bid Euchre on Thursday afternoon, Alma Braid had two mooners, Frances Hogenbirk and Roberta Thompson each had one.

It’s National Seniors Day on Monday, October 1. The Centre invites you to celebrate with us with Free Refreshments and Cake throughout the day. An added bonus, you will have the chance to win a fantastic door prize and enjoy watching “A Year in Review.” A great slideshow, thanks to Michelle.

The weekly 50/50 was not won again this week, so next week it should be around \$250.

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