

# HALTON HILLS SENIORS RECREATION CENTRES



415 QUEEN ST. E. ACTON

By Julie Conroy

On Friday, December 7 81 members and friends descended on Blue Springs Golf Club for the Christmas dinner and dance. Everyone had a wonderful time. The dinner was delicious, and the music great. Everyone was either up dancing or enjoying watching others dance while tapping their toes to the music.

Santa came to visit and gave out gifts to people who had been especially good including Carole Norton, Werner Heutschi, Flora Barber, Betty Holmes, Louise Marjerrison, Joan Mahoney, Edna Fraser, Betty McLeod, Marg Spear, William Charles, Marj McDonough, Robert Crawford, Judi Wanders, Pat Frizzell, and Gloria Vermeulen. Jon Hurst felt he had not been good enough to receive his gift, so Santa gave it to another person. The 50/50 was won by Flora Barber.

Now, we are all waiting for the next social evening which will be on Tuesday, January 15.

Don't forget the Centre will be closed on Christ-

mas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day. We will be open on Thursday, December 27, and Friday December 28. Friday's Lunch will be pizza before the regular games of Bingo.

Last Friday, 40 members enjoyed the delicious turkey lunch with all the trimmings from Tanner's Restaurant. A nice light touch for dessert was Jell-O and cream. To add to the festivities Young's Pharmacy in Georgetown generously donated two prizes which were won by Margaret Anderson and Lois Walker. Marg Spear also won a prize donated by an anonymous lady.

The Centre will also close Monday, December 31 (New Years Eve) and New Years Day. We will return to our regular 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. schedule on Wednesday, January 2.

Pizza is on the menu for lunch on Friday, December 28. Don't forget to sign up early if you are planning to have lunch on that day.

I have received several emails via the Tanner as to where the Acton Seniors Centre is located. We are at 415 Queen Street E., in the same building



**TASTE OF SUNSHINE:** Acton's Norm Humphreys (left) stocked up on some sunshine when he picked up his order of Florida oranges and grapefruit last week from Indian River Direct Fruits' Gord Lutz. The next delivery, at the Hide House parking lot, is January 9. — Marie Shadbolt photo

as the Acton Community Hall and Acton Arena. Our phone number is 519-853-5951. It's great to see that people are interested enough to read the Tanner, and ask for more information.

You can pick up one of our informative Hillsview newsletters at either the Centre or the Acton Public Library, or another alternative is visit the web site [www.haltonhills.ca/seniors](http://www.haltonhills.ca/seniors) and follow the prompts.

Now is the time to register for the Active Living programs which start again in January. These programs are a great way to keep fit

while enjoying yourself.

On Tuesday, December 11 we had a double event at the Centre. The Fifth Avenue Jewellery showcase was well attended in the Centre and the movie *The Magic of Belle Island* was in the Community Hall. I understand the movie was a real tear jerker and the Kleenex boxes were emptied. The next movie *The Lucky One* will be seen on Tuesday, January 8 at 1 p.m.

On Thursday afternoon, Ruth Burke had the only mooner.

The 50/50 was not won this week. Next week the prize money should be approximately \$140.

## Hanging Yule stockings by fireplace an old custom

Hanging up a stocking at Christmas has been a custom, which goes back to the time when almost every home had a fireplace.

"The stockings were hung by the chimney with care in the hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there," says the old poem by Clement Moore.

In Canada, the traditional Christmas stocking actually dates back to the end of the 19th century. The first to mention Christmas stockings being hung from a chimney was the illustrator, Tomas Nast, through his drawings.

The custom is still strong.

There's a story about a man, 45, married with

a wife and family who still insisted his mother hang his stocking up over the fireplace in the house where he grew up. Others have different traditions.

In Quebec and Acadia, children traditionally put their shoes close to the fireplace so that the Infant Jesus, and later "Pere Noel" (Father Christmas) could put gifts there on Christmas Eve.

In some Quebec families, children hung their stocking at the end of their bed rather than hanging them close to the fireplace or putting out their shoes. This custom ended during the 1930s when Christmas trees started to be set up in houses with gifts placed underneath.

**Merry  
Christmas  
&  
Happy  
New Year**

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