

# GRAPEVINE



## Community Dinner

Between guests and volunteers, approximately 50 people enjoyed a full turkey dinner, with “all the trimmings” at the annual Acton Christmas Dinner, held this year at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Organizers also delivered 35 to 40 meals to those unable to attend the party.

Initially, because of a lack of location, plans for the annual feast were cancelled for this year, but then volunteers began to offer to help and a new location was found and the plans were revised.

“It was so like Acton – if there’s a need, people step up and fill it,” said Penny McCabe, one of the organizers who added they were “totally overwhelmed” with the support and food they received.

## The Gift of Gab

The New Year at Bethel Church includes both the Coffee Break and Mom to Mom programs, which are open to all, and include nursery care and Children’s Story Hour for kids aged three to five years old.

Details of both programs and others at Bethel will be highlighted at a ladies open house and speaker morning on Wednesday, January 9, featuring guest speaker Nancy Revie who will talk about “The Gift of the Gab.” The program runs from 9:30 to 11:15 a.m. For details, visit [www.actoncrc.com](http://www.actoncrc.com)

## Artists’ benefit

The Georgetown Celtic

Fiddle Ensemble will be the featured act at Knox Church’s local artist benefit concert on January 12 at 7 p.m. A free will offering will be gladly accepted, and tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$20.

The event is a fundraiser to help further education of talented local artists. Light refreshments will be served. For details call 519-853-1639.

## Owl prowls

The always-popular Owl Prowls will be offered this month at the Mountsberg Conservation Area in Campbellville, beginning January 11 and 25 for adults, and January 12 and 26 for all-ages family nights. Both types of Owl Prowls involve visits to the Raptors Centre, and the family nights include a puppet show and story time.

For details call 905-854-2276. Advance registration is required online at [www.conservationhalton.ca/events](http://www.conservationhalton.ca/events)

## High school info

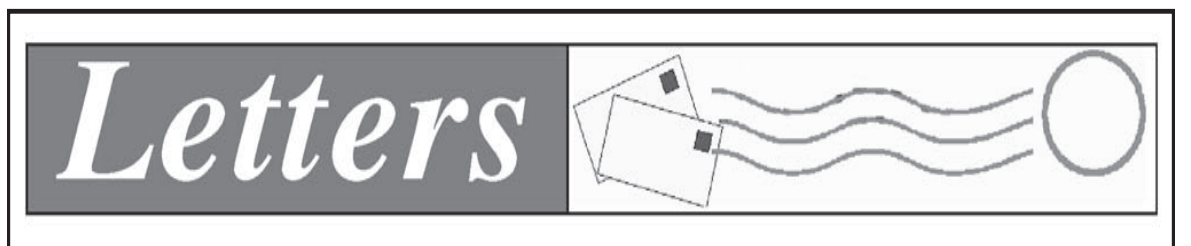
Is your child going to attend high school in September? If so, the Halton District School Board is hosting a series of information nights for parents to learn more about Grade nine programs, services for student and diploma requirements.

The meeting in Acton is Wednesday, January 16 at 7 p.m. at Acton District High School. For details call 1-877-618-3456.

**CORRECTION:** In the December 13 issue, Acton resident Jill Thurston’s first name and her son, Nicholas Thurston’s surname were mis-stated in photo cutline.



**CONTEST WINNERS:** Students in the Grade four and four/five classes at St. Joseph Catholic School proudly displayed their colouring entries in a contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Knight Pierce Raats (centre) presented the students with a cheque for \$200 – which it will donate to the SMA Foundation in honour of a student with the disease, and a pizza party on Friday. – Frances Learment photo



## Thanks for holiday feast

To the Editor,

What an amazing town! With just over a week to go for Christmas we were able to pull together a wonderful community dinner. We were overwhelmed by the number of donations and volunteers who really did all the work. Businesses like Superior Glove, Mac’s, Sobeys and Georgetown Chevrolet made donations. St. Joseph’s Patron of Canada Church donated the space.

The Catholic Women’s League and the Knights of Columbus made donations and volunteered their time. And then, there were many of volunteers (many with their children) – too many to name – who helped get the word out and gave up part of their Christmas day to make sure that everyone had a Merry Christmas.

With all that help we were able to provide a lovely Christmas dinner at the church, or

delivered to homes for those who were unable to make it out. A special thanks to Ann Adema who has organized this dinner for many years and guided us through the steps.

It is an amazing town like Acton that would give so much of themselves to help others enjoy their Christmas Day.

Many thanks,

Kathleen Dills and  
Penny McCabe  
Acton, ON

## Donations led to happier holidays

To the Editor,

The Acton Christmas Hamper Committee sends sincere and heartfelt thanks to the individuals and groups in Acton and surrounding area for your generous support of this year’s Christmas Hamper Program.

We especially appreciate the amount of non-perishable food donated by the five local schools (Acton High, Brookville, McKenzie-Smith Bennett, Robert Little and

St. Joseph). Your kindness helped us to provide hampers for 108 families, including 134 children. Christmas was much happier for these people because of your thoughtfulness.

Thanks also to the many people who gave their time to collect and sort the donated food, pack the hampers on Friday and distribute them.

We appreciate the help of our group of faithful volun-

teers. The spirit of caring and sharing is indeed alive and well here in our town.

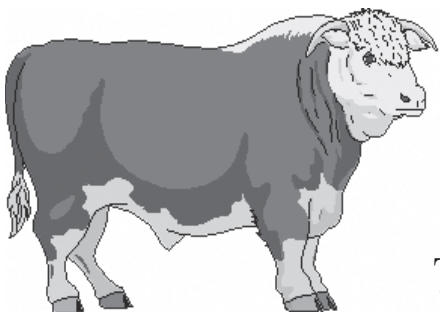
Thanks again; we wish you God’s blessings now and in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Rotary Club of Acton  
Salvation Army Acton  
Family Services  
Knights of Columbus, Acton  
Council 8050  
St. Vincent Charities of St.  
Joseph, Patron of Canada

## What’s Your Beef?

*Put it in a letter to the Editor!*



It’s better than just chewing your cud!

Deadline is Tuesday at noon.