

GRAPEVINE

RENEW NOT CLOSING

Although Grapevine loves to chase rumours – we don't start them, contrary to some staff at the Salvation Army Thrift store who circulated the rumour recently to some customers that the ReNew Thrift and Consignment store in the Mac's plaza was closing.

The rumour made its way to ReNew owner Michelle Best – a customer came in to check out what going-out-of-business deals there were – and Best called the Sally Ann and quickly corrected the story.

"We're open, we're happy and don't know how the rumour got started, but it is not true," Best said on Tuesday.

AGRICULTURAL AGM

An election, a review of the last Fair and a preview of the next one – the 100th anniversary – are on the agenda for the annual general meeting of the Acton Agricultural Society on Saturday (January 19) at 9:30 a.m. in the board room at the Dufferin Rural Heritage Centre.

The morning session is open to the public and anyone interested in becoming a new member. After the luncheon, only existing members are welcome, as financial details will be discussed. As well, there will be an election for officers and directors.

WINTER CARNIVAL

Here's hoping for cold crisp weather for the final weekend of the month when snowy fun is slated for the second annual Acton Winter carnival. Organized by the Acton BIA, the event includes a chili cook-off, dance

– complete with crowning of a Snow King and Queen – family fun, games, sled dog demos and rides and ice carvers.

The fun begins with a dance on Saturday night at the Town Hall Centre featuring a DJ, food and bar. Sunday begins with a pancake breakfast – cooked and served from 9 to 11 a.m. by the Typhoon Squadron Air cadets – and then the opening ceremonies in Prospect Park at 11 a.m.

SPEAKERS SERIES

Award-winning Toronto Star national security reporter Michelle Shephard will reveal what is billed as a modern-day odyssey, from New York City in the days following September 11, 2001 to Mogadishu, Somalia and the infamous Guantanamo Bay prison, when she appears at the Acton Town Hall Centre on Sunday afternoon in the Absolutely Acton Speakers' Series.

Shephard, a colleague of the late Tracey Tyler who originated the Speakers' Series as a fundraiser to help renovate the Town Hall Centre, will discuss her newest book *Decade of Fear*, beginning at 2 p.m. Tickets can be ordered at 519-853-5302, or via email at info@actontownhall.com

UNITY SERVICE

The congregations of Acton churches will worship together on January 29 at the annual Unity Service at the Acton Legion on Wright Avenue.

The Reverend David Tapley will be the guest speaker. During the adult service, which begins at 10:30 a.m., there will also be a children's program, for kids aged four and older. All are welcome.

ing at 1 p.m., and the ceremony will go to 3 p.m. The Branch will be open from 12 to 6 p.m., on Sunday, January 20.

Our next entertainment is January 25 with Ronnie and the Corvairs so put on your dancing shoes and come out for an evening of dance from 7 to 11 p.m.

Our winter horseshoes is coming up on February 3. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board and there are a few spots left so hurry and sign up. It is a great day of fun. Remember even if you do not play shoes it is just fun to come out and watch as they play with oven mitts. The day starts at 10 a.m., and will run to 3 p.m.

Our Zone Winter Social will be held this year at Branch 136 Milton on February 24. The theme is Marti Gras, so get out your mask and costume. The fun starts at 1 and will go to 7 p.m. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for a bus. If you are interested, please sign up.



GENEROUS DONATION: Rotary Club of Acton members presented a cheque for \$50,000 to Heritage Acton on Saturday at the Town Hall Centre. The money will be used to help Heritage Acton complete renovations to the historic building, including making it fully accessible with an elevator. On hand were, back from left: Robert Bedard, Brian Robertson, Ron Birrell, Bill Beaton, George Elliott, Kathleen Dills, Mac Sprowl, Fred Gordon and Herb Dodds. Front: Penny McCabe, Bill Sanford, Kathy Sanford, Kay Dills and Dick Crane. – Frances Learment photo

LETTERS

Will you help?

Cancer is a terrible disease – it picks and chooses who and when, with no remorse. For those affected by it, Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills (CASHh) is here to help you and your family.

CASHh will always help, but we cannot do it alone. We need volunteers now for our April residential campaign. A great deal of planning, time, effort and volunteer dedication help to ensure

the campaign runs smoothly. We need help stamping envelopes, assembling canvasser kits, knocking on doors for donations, tallying funds and balancing the books at the end, no matter how big or small the job, the responsibility levels are all of equal importance.

The April campaign is our major source of funding and we need team captains and canvassers to help us achieve our goal

of providing Halton Hills with access to the best practical care services.

Please call and volunteer. You or someone you know and love may need our services. Don't deny anyone the chance to call CASHh for help.

Regards,

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Name to shame?

Dear Editor,

I would like to know why The Tanner doesn't publish the names of the morons that put us all in danger when they continue to drink and drive. The last issue of The Tanner mentioned two people from Acton who were charged with DWI, but the names were not made public. In the Independent on January 8 it listed the names. These morons should be made public and maybe the embarrassment will get them to smarten up. There is absolutely no

excuse to drink and drive.

You also didn't publicize the name of the individual who was charged with breaking into a lot of cars in Acton when once again the Independent did. Say it like it is and let the public know who these individuals are. Maybe they will get the message. Maybe they will be so embarrassed they will move and Acton will become a better place to live.

Regards,

Bill Gerrie
Limehouse

The New Tanner policy is to only print names of accused when we are certain we have time and resources to follow the case through the court system until final disposition, which could include acquittal.

This week Guelph City Police suspended releasing names of those in reportable instances as management reviews how and when it publicly identifies individuals.

- Editor

LEGION NEWS
BRANCH
No. 197
By Sharon Graham P.R.O.

Comrades,

It was hard to believe that it was January this past weekend with the warm weather. No more snow for now. It was like spring with no need for a heavy coat. You just needed an umbrella, but I will take the rain any day. It is better than snow. But we will be back into the cold weather for the next week, and I do know that the horseshoe players are looking forward to some snow. It is hard to play winter shoes without it.

Willie O'Hagan played at the Branch last Saturday and everyone really enjoyed his music.

This coming Sunday, students who have won in the Poppy and Literary contest will come to the Branch to receive their awards. They will have a light lunch start-