

GRAPEVINE

HERITAGE CALENDARS

Thanks to the generosity of our local businesses and hard work of Heritage Acton, the 2016 Historical Acton Calendars were sent out with this week's issue. If you didn't receive your free calendar they will be available while they last at The New Tanner, Acton Home Hardware, Halton Hill Furniture and Acton Optical.

FREE PUBLIC SKATING

The Acton Rotary Club will be sponsoring Free Family Skates at the Acton Arena on December 28, 29 and 30 from 2 p.m. to 3:20 p.m.

WINTER CARNIVAL

The Annual Winter carnival hosted by the Acton BIA will be held on January 30 at Prospect Park. There will be lots of fun family outdoor activities. Let's hope we have some snow.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

The Canadian Blood Services are holding a Blood Donor Clinic at the Acton Legion, 15 Wright Avenue on Thursday, January 14 from

5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Walk-ins are accepted but appointments are preferred. To book an appointment call 1-888-236-6283 or visit www.blood.ca/donate The last blood clinic they held on Thursday, December 17 they had 53 donors and 48 pts collected and four first time donors.

RED DOOR GALLERY CLOSES

Following a six-fold increase rent demand issued by its landlord, the Red Door Gallery in Georgetown will close at its current location on December 31, 2015. The current show, "Storybook Houses" has been forced to close two weeks early, and will now close on December 20. Red Door Gallery was founded by a collaboration between local visual artists, the Downtown Georgetown Business Improvement Area and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 120 (Georgetown Legion). During some recent negotiations the current Legion executive issued the rent demand effective from January 1, 2016 alongside an eviction notice effective December 31, 2015 if they did not comply.

Merry Christmas from the churches of Acton

We welcome you to share in any of the Christmas celebrations in churches across town

Bethel Church

December 24 - 6:30 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - "The Whole Story of Christmas"

December 25 - 10 a.m. - Christmas Worship Celebration

Churchill Community Church

December 24 - 7 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight and Carol Service

Crossings Community Church

December 24 - 6 p.m. at the Roxy - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service -- "Illuminate"

Knox Presbyterian Church

December 24 - 7 p.m. - Family Christmas Eve Service

Salvation Army Church

December 24 - 6:30 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - "Let's Gather at the Manger"

St. Alban the Martyr Anglican Church

December 24 - 5 p.m. - Children's Christmas Eve Service - 10 p.m. - Christmas Eve Choral Service of Holy Communion

December 25 - 10 a.m. - Christmas Day Holy Communion

St. Joseph, Patron of Canada, Catholic Church

December 24 - 5 and 7 p.m. -- Christmas Eve Mass

December 25 - 12 midnight and 11 a.m. - Christmas Day Mass

Trinity United Church

December 24 - 7 p.m. - Christmas Eve Pageant Service for the young and young at heart

- 10:30 p.m. - Christmas Eve Communion with Carols and Candlelight



SEASON OF GIVING: Some of the volunteer's that sorted and collected the food from local schools for 2015 Christmas Hampers. Volunteers are from Rotary Club of Acton, Knights of Columbus and St. Vincent charities. The process involved 3 days: Thursday morning the food was sorted, Friday boxed and delivered on Saturday. In addition to the regular collections, a couple came in while the sorting was taking place and donated \$1,500 to Acton this year - \$500 towards food that was needed in our collection, \$500 donated to the Acton Foodshare and \$500 to Salvation Army gifts for teens. - Submitted photo

LETTERS



RE: Happy Holidays or Merry Christmas - Editorial December 10

To the Editor;

In response to your editorial on December 10, "Merry Christmas vs. Happy Holidays". The true meaning of Christmas is a time set aside to celebrate the birth of a saviour "Jesus Christ". He came to bring joy, peace and goodwill to all mankind. Without "Christ" there is no celebration, hence no "Happy Holidays".

Canada was recognized as

a Christian Country welcoming all races and cultures. It seems we've lost part of our heritage by removing bibles from our schools, prayer for our government buildings and disrespect for god.

Christmas trees, Christmas lights and singing Christmas carols like silent night, joy to the world seem to bring joy to children and especially seniors.

Let's hope we never lose

the true meaning of Christmas. Greeting each other with Merry Christmas was never meant to offend those who do not celebrate like us, only to share our joy of the Christmas Season.

Thank you Traci for your interesting editorials. Merry Christmas to you and your family and have a joyous holiday.

God bless
Dan Hillier

To the Editor;

Hartley Coles would never have written that editorial.

The "Happy Holiday" that we celebrate on December 25 is Christmas. Always was, and always will be.

We are celebrating - the birth of Christ.

Merry Christmas everyone.
Betty Holmes

