

GRAPEVINE

DONATORS BRAVE ELEMENTS

Thirty-three units of blood were collected from the 45 "dedicated" donors who braved stormy conditions to attend Monday's Canadian Blood Services clinic at the Acton arena.

Clinic co-ordinator Fran Morris was impressed that all but two of the potential donors waited patiently for over an hour while a computer glitch was resolved, allowing the clinic to proceed. (The two who could not wait had kids to care for.)

Morris joked she appeased the patient waiting crowd with pens, eyeglass wipes and Clementines supplied by clinic sponsor, Acton Optical.

The next clinic is February 20 at the Acton Legion. To book an appointment call 1-888-236-6283.

WINTER CARNIVAL

There will be frosty family fun in Acton on January 25 and 26 for the Acton BIA's Winter Carnival. Weekend events include a community dance, outdoor skating in Prospect Park, tractor and wagon rides and food.

LIMEHOUSE TIM'S

January 15 is the new target opening date for the Tim Hortons kiosk/Esso gas station which was slated to open before Christmas on Trafalgar Road at 22 Side Road.

The holiday ice storm and unforeseen construction glitches delayed the opening, but the Malinosky family – who own the Acton Tim Hortons – are confident all will be ready for the 15th. "They are doing the finishing touches and after a big clean, we'll be ready," said Noah Malinosky on Monday.

BOOK LAUNCH

Fred Dawkins, former Acton businessman turned author celebrates the publication of his newest book – *Everyday Entrepreneur* – on Saturday with a book signing at The Bookshelf in Guelph.

With easy to read prose and believable case studies, Dawkins details some of the common characteristics of successful entrepreneurs who

make it happen. In Acton, Dawkins co-founded the Olde Hide House and developed the Acton East housing subdivision on the south side of Highway 7.

Dawkins will be at The Bookshelf from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

NATURALIST CLUB

Rod Krick, guest speaker at the January 14 meeting of the Halton/North Peel Naturalist Club, will detail details of a new Credit Valley Conservation Grasslands Birds Recovery Program.

The free meeting is at the St. Alban's Church hall in Glen Williams, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

UNITY SERVICE

The Acton tradition of an annual Ecumenical Unity Service continues on January 19 at the Legion when the congregations and choirs of Acton's churches gather to mark the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

This year's theme is "Has Christ Been Divided?" and the guest speaker is Dr. John Bowen, who taught evangelism at Wycliffe College from 1997 till 2013, and is now involved with Wycliffe Serves! which co-ordinates the external ministries of the college; and the Institute of Evangelism, which helps churches with resources for congregational vitality and evangelism.

The Acton Unity Service is hosted by the Acton Ministerial Association, begins at 10:30 a.m. There will be a children's program offered at the Legion during the service.

ARTIST BENEFIT

Several local artists will be selected by a committee at Knox Presbyterian Church as beneficiaries of an artist benefit concert on Saturday evening.

For the third year, the Church has staged the event to raise money to help talented local artists further their craft. World-renowned Canadian baritone Russell Braun headlines this year's show, which begins at 7 p.m.

The event is free, but good will offerings would be gratefully accepted. For details call 519-853-1639.



BOISVENUE BENEFIT: Andre Boisvenue (third from right), husband of Acton's Bev (Dunn) Boisvenue, gratefully accepted a \$17,000 cheque following a recent benefit dance for his hospitalized wife at the Legion. On hand were, from left; Legion members Pat Graham, Bob Merrikin, Cathy Munday, Bev Mattocks, Peg Graham, Andre Boisvenue, John Wagg and Wes Kutasienski. – Submitted photo

Letters

Calendar Correction 2014

In the 2014 edition of Heritage Acton's calendar for July is a spelling error that should be corrected. I wrote this caption submitting it hand written rather than typed to save time. Hand writing is not my forte; I went over the script with the editor but an important name was misread. It appeared as "Hew-

son Frewley" instead of Herman Freuler, who I knew very well. Herman was a friendly, cheerful, talkative man, always with a big smile often decorated with a cigar. A stockroom manager at Beardmore Tannery for years he lived west of Acton on Highway 7 and walked back and forth to work every day,

weather be damned. He had three great loves, his family, his home, his adopted country, Canada. Though an untrained piano player he wrote one song "Hymn To Canada" which was rightfully famous. I fondly salute his memory.

George Elliott
Acton, ON

More praise due

To the Editor,

It was pointed out to me that there needs to be a correction made, so that everyone involved with this exciting project can be recognized.

The Acton Christmas Hamper Committee is actually made up of volunteers from the Rotary

Club of Acton, The Knights of Columbus, Salvation Army Family Services and St. Vincent Charities of St. Joseph Patron of Canada Church.

Food for the hampers was collected from the schools, sorted, and packaged. The hampers were then distributed to recipi-

ents from St. Joseph Patron of Canada church on December 21.

Great to know of so many groups working together to provide an extra-special Christmas gift.

Sorry for the misinformation.
Ann Adema
Acton, ON

Thanks for family support

To the Editor,

The Boisvenue and Dunn families would like to extend our thanks to all who participated in the fundraiser held at Branch 197, Acton Legion on November 30, for our wife, mother, daughter and sister Bev Boisvenue. It was truly an amazing experience to see a community come together as they did in the aid of our family.

Special thanks to Branch

197 and its fundraising committee including Chair Sharon Graham, Peg Graham, Mike Hedley, Wes Kutasienski, Bev Mattocks and Cathy Munday for organizing the event; to the Ladies Auxiliary of Branch 197 for contributing the food, and for their special donation, as well as the donations of other Ladies' Auxiliaries in the zone.

Thanks to all of the businesses in town who donated items for the auction and raffle

and to all the individuals who gave cash donations. We also would like to thank Steve Dunn and his band for the donation of their time and talents. They did a great job. Everyone's efforts were appreciated by our families.

Sincerely,
Bev, Andre, Alyssa, Ryan
and Austin Boisvenue
Marg and John Dunn and
Family
Acton, ON