

GRAPEVINE

NURTURING ACTON'S GARDEN

All good gardens require planning, and while the winds howl and snow and ice covers the dirt, it is not too soon to plan for the gardening season at Acton's Community Garden.

Members hope to grow the project with new volunteers and people to "share in the learning, fun and harvest of some of the best tasting organic herbs and food around." The group's first meeting of the year is Wednesday, January 29, at the Dufferin Rural Heritage Community Centre. All are welcome.

FARM FUNDING

Agriculture is a big business in Halton and helping farmers, food and agri-product producers tap into available funding is the focus of the second annual Halton Agricultural Forum on January 30 at the Halton Region Museum in Milton.

For details about the free forum visit www.halton.ca/farm or dial 311.

TOYS-FOR-TOTS

Over 3,900 Halton families had a happier Christmas, thanks to the Halton Police Toys-for-Tots campaign which generated approximately \$334,000 in toys, gift cards,

cash and food.

Police report donations increased by \$50,000 over the previous year, allowing them to help 200 additional needy families.

ACTON ENTREPRENEUR

What do you bet that Acton developer, and now author and lecturer, Fred Dawkins uses the phrase "Its Worth the Drive to Acton" on January 28 when he appears at an Entrepreneur Experts Speakers Series at the University of Toronto?

Dawkins co-founded The Olde Hide House, which used the marketing phrase to bring people to Acton from far and wide. Dawkins also developed the Devon Place subdivision on the south side of Queen Street in Acton East, and is the author of *Everyday Entrepreneur: Making it Happen*.

To register for Dawkins' appearance at the Rotman Speakers Series visit www.rotman.utoronto.ca/jan28

HERITAGE BOOST

The Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) has officially approved a Halton Hills Branch. Officials hope to add "another voice to those who seek to preserve our heritage..."

Since 1933, the ACO has educated and advocated to preserve "to inspire and benefit Ontarians."



ACE ACTIVE CHOICE: Acton chiropractor Dr. Dana Selby was presented with the Business of the Month sign and honours at Active Choice, her Mill Street East rehabilitation centre last Thursday by Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce members Norm Paget and Craig Wells. - Ted Tyler photo

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

Comrades,

Everyone needs to bundle up this week as another blast of cold weather is coming in. It is going to be very cold.

We have our Ladies Auxiliary euchre every Thursday afternoon and everyone is welcome. It starts at 1:30 sharp and we are done by 4 p.m. It is a great way to meet people and enjoy an afternoon out.

Last Sunday was the awards ceremony for the Poppy poster and literary contest. This year we had 47 winners - our best year so far. Thank you to all of the students who participated in the contest this year. It gets harder to judge as all of the

work is incredible. Thank you to our President John Wagg who cooked all of the hotdogs for the kids, our Vice-President Peg Graham, Master of Ceremonies, and to the following executive members, Wes Kutasienski, Past President, Pat Graham, Maintenance chair and LA member, and judge Ann Horne for helping me to give out all of the awards. I would also like to thank the staff from the schools who came out to support their students. A very special thank you to the judges, Bev Baddeley, Sandie Coonie, Peg Graham, Ann Horne and Cathy Munday for the great job they did judging as well as attending on Sunday.

On February 2, we stage our winter shoes tournament and this is always a good time to come and watch our members play shoes with oven mitts. Winter shoes starts at 11:30 a.m., but it is good to be there by 11.

Please mark February 15 on your calendar. There is entertainment in the main hall from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. with *Bad Weather*.

This is the ladies appreciation night and all are welcome after 9 p.m., so please come out and have a good time. Remember all are welcome.

February 23 is our family fun day and everyone is welcome to come out. There will be games and snowmobile rides, if the ice is frozen. This day is always a lot of fun for the whole family so come out and enjoy.

HALTON HILLS SENIORS RECREATION CENTRES 415 QUEEN ST. E. ACTON



Over 90 members and friends enjoyed the belated New Year's Dinner on January 13. Many went home with door prizes and Willie Veerman was lucky enough to win theatre tickets for a show in Georgetown. The dinner was delicious and the entertainment was provided by *The Lone Arrangers*. They travelled from Niagara Falls and were great. Everyone was up dancing or tapping their toes as they enjoyed the music. The 50/50 draw was won by Geoff and Judy Knuff.

Our next social dinner is Thursday, February 13 when we celebrate an early Valentine's Day. I know we will have a "Full House" as we enjoy Swiss Chalet chicken, baked potato and coleslaw and Real promises a special dessert. Denise Fex will entertain us once again with her beautiful voice. Tickets are now available at the front desk.

The Bingo planned for Sat-

urday, January 25 has been cancelled.

The Friday lunch on January 31 will be cream of potato soup and an assortment of sandwiches.

There are still a few memberships that have not been renewed. At the end of 2014, our membership stood at an all-time high of 343 members. If you renew now, your name will have to be added to the drum again.

The Centre received the good news this week that during the three months (April, May and June) while renovations are taking place to the Acton Seniors Centre and community hall, we will be able to rent two local facilities. Most of the programs that do not need as much space will take place at the Boat House in Prospect Park. We will be able to hold events that require more space at the Acton Legion. Both facilities have lots of convenient parking. I am sure that all the upheaval will be well

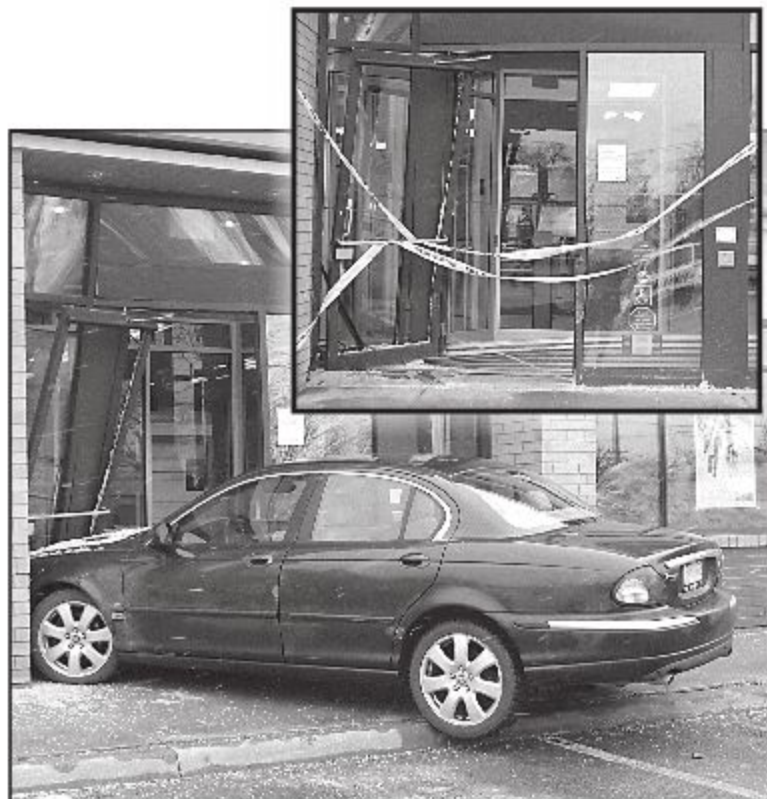
worth it when we return to our permanent home. It will give us the opportunity to expand programs and offer other services that we are not able to provide at the moment.

Check the February, March and April *Hillview* newsletter for more information on the locations for the various events. The newsletter will be available at the front desk at the end of January.

There were two mooners at Bid Euchre last Thursday, Shirley Hunter and Roberta Thompson. There were eight people watching or playing Bridge, which must be a record. Come on, Bridge players, join in the fun - they always sound like they are enjoying themselves.

On a more serious note, on Tuesday, February 4 at 2 p.m., there will be a speaker at the Centre from SAVIS (Sexual Assault and Violence Interventions Services). This is a free Seniors Circle presentation to facilitate discussions of emerging issues like elder abuse, social isolation, neglect, inter-generational conflict, and community resources. All interested persons are welcome.

Marie Anderson was happy to hear her name was drawn at the weekly 50/50 draw. She won \$122.



WRONG PEDAL: No one was injured when an elderly man drove his car through the front window of Acton's TD Canada Trust branch last Wednesday afternoon. Police said a woman in the bank had to jump out of the way when he "stepped on the gas, instead of the brake." At press time, police could not say if charges had been laid. - Frances Learment and Traci Gardner photos