

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

Comrades,
Just think – maybe by the end of March the snow might start to melt. Please remember that this weekend we put our clocks ahead one hour. Also remember to change your batteries in your smoke detectors and check and make sure they are in working order.
When you are disposing of your nine-volt batteries, make sure you have some kind of tape on the connectors, as they can spark and cause a fire if left open.
Last Saturday, our euchre players attended our

Zone euchre and one of our teams will move on to district. Congratulations.
Please remember to mark your calendars March 22 when we will host a St. Patrick's Dance with *Celtic Brogues* and Finnigan's Irish Dancers.
Bring your cameras as this will be a great evening. Why not dress in green as it is a St. Patrick's Day dance – a time all of the leprechauns come out. The dance is open to everyone. We hope to see you there.
Please mark your calendars. The next general meeting is Monday, March 10 at 8 p.m., sharp.

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The Spring and Summer Town of Halton Hills Community Activity and Service Guide is now available. If you didn't receive your copy we have copies at the Centre. It has lots of interesting events and community phone numbers listed for your convenience. The 55-plus pages and Active Living pages are of special interest.

The New Members tea was held on Tuesday, February 25 with 25 members and guests in attendance. We enjoyed a session of *Name that Tune*. Doug Richardson played a variety of songs on the piano and we had fun guessing the titles.

There is a list of items needed for the GST auction lunch in front of the reception desk. We need all the help we can get to make this a success. The fundraising committee have been busy soliciting items from various businesses in Halton Hills and we thank them for their generosity.

If you would like to donate an article, service or talent

that is suitable for the auction, please contact Myra Sartor at the Centre. The auction is Saturday, March 22. You can preview the items from 10 a.m., and the auction begins at noon. Refreshments are available. All items will be paid by cash or cheque (with photo I.D.) only.

The lunch on Friday, March 13 will be pea soup and an assortment of sandwiches plus dessert. You can phone the Centre if you would like to be added to the list. The following Friday (March 21) we will "catch up" with the Swiss Chalet lunch that was cancelled due to the icy conditions.

The March 18 presentation by CASHh has been cancelled, but will be rescheduled at a later date.

We are starting to look at what will be stored and which items will be needed at our temporary locations during the three months of renovations. If you would like some of the paper back or hard cover books, please help yourself. Not the reference art books.

The travel desk asked me to mention the trip planned for March 13 to Niagara was cancelled due to lack of interest. The next trip the Acton and Georgetown travel desks have planned is Tuesday, April 22 to see *Tribute to the Italian Tenors* at Carman's Dinner Theatre. Hopefully, with an improvement in the weather, there will be more interest.

The weekly 50/50 draw was not won again this week so the total prize money next week should be approximately \$325!

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Fraud month cautions

The Halton Regional Police Service, along with numerous government, law enforcement, consumer and volunteer groups and private sector firms will be sharing fraud prevention information to raise public awareness and educate the public to prevent them from becoming victims of this increasing crime.

Each year, thousands of Canadians of all ages and backgrounds become victims of fraud. Fraud victims not only suffer direct financial loss but may also endure the stressful process of reversing the damaging effects

fraud and identify theft have on their credit and credit histories which may take months to reverse.

Recognizing what could be a potential fraud is the first step in protecting yourself.

The Halton Region is a well connected cyber-community with a large portion of residents using the internet to conduct their financial transactions and on-line purchases. This increases their risks of exposure to cyber crime and identify theft.

The RCMP recently revealed some staggering statistics about fraud in Can-

ada:

- Approximately 1-million Canadians are victims of mass marketing fraud and identify theft in Canada annually, at a cost of \$10-billion
 - Six in 10 Canadians were targeted by fraud in 2010
 - Nearly 80 per cent of mass marketing fraud is conducted by organized crime groups
 - Nine in 10 Canadians do not speak to anyone about fraud and fewer than five per cent of victims contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre
- To officially kick-off Fraud Prevention Month, the

Better Business Bureau, in conjunction with the Competition Bureau of Canada, has released their 'Top 10 Scams for 2014.'

A link to this information, along with information on upcoming Fraud Prevention Month events and activities can be found on the HRPS website <http://www.haltonpolice.ca/SpecializedUnits/CriminalInvestigations/Pages/Fraud.aspx>

Anyone with information fraudulent crime or any other crime is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1 800 222-8477 (TIPS) or through the web at www.haltoncrimestoppers.com or by texting "Tip201" with your message to 274637 (crimes).

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