

# Mental Health Centre celebrates Acton businesses get into the spirit with tree-decorating contest



Dr. John Dougan Centre for Mental Health party - Dawn Brown photo

By: Dawn Brown

The Dr. John Dougan Centre for Mental Health held their annual Christmas party Wednesday night, December 3 at the Acton Legion.

Over 155 people turned out to take part in the celebration from Acton, Georgetown and Milton. Attendees enjoyed a full

turkey dinner with all the fixings, a Christmas carol sing-a-long, dancing and prizes, as well as gift bags containing toiletries, warm hats, mitts and slippers. There was even a visit from Santa Claus and a chance to take photos with the big man himself.

The annual Christmas party has been taking place for twenty years, since Dr.

John Dougan began hosting Christmas dinners for his patients, but on a much smaller scale than the parties that are held now. Every year the number of attendees grows.

"It's a perfect night for everyone to get out and have some fun," said Meighan Gwillam, a member of the board and staff. As Acton can be an isolated community, the foundation provides transportation to and from the party allowing attendees the chance to meet new people and forge new friendships.

Gwillam stated that a great deal of support comes from the local businesses and the community, including donations for prizes and gift bags as well as monetary donations. "The Acton community has always been fabulous."

By: Jane Dougan

The Roxy's Kellen Wiersma is standing upstairs in the Roxy Coffee surrounded by seven beautifully - decorated Christmas trees, lights a twinkle, colours everywhere. Each has a small slotted box at its base with the name of a local business. That's for you, your family and friends to vote for your favorite Roxy Tree. Voting starts on December 16 and ends on December 24. Ballots will be given out with each visit to Roxy Coffee. The winning tree will be announced at the Roxy's Annual Open House on December 24 between 7 and 9 p.m., and the business behind it will be awarded a one-of-a-kind Roxy-made trophy.

The contest grew out of team discussions to plan the Annual Christmas Eve Open House. The group was looking for new ways to get the community involved, and came up with the idea of inviting local businesses to decorate one of the Roxy's trees and have a fun competition to pick the winner. Entry was free, but competitors had to supply their own decorations. So if you're on Mill Street on or after December 16, drop by and ask for a ballot, go upstairs

and admire the festive display and be sure to vote for your favorite tree.

For more information,

call Roxy Coffee at 519 853-1830, or drop by the Café at 6 Mill Street East in Acton.



Kellen Wiersma of Roxy Coffee - Jane Dougan photo

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