

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



By Julie Conroy

Next week we will be celebrating St Patrick's Day a little earlier. I expect everyone has been looking in their closets for something green to wear. Ken Tocher will be entertaining us. As many know he is a one man band. Everyone is looking forward to dancing, listening, or perhaps even singing along to his music. Real tells me that we will be enjoying beef stew followed by a secret dessert. Knowing Real that will be something very special.

If you are planning on going to Mary Maxims, on Monday April 8. I need the money in as soon as possible.

There are a few Mary Maxim catalogues around for you to see what craft items they carry. It is a wonderful store to browse, between crafts, unique gifts, wool, and fabric,

a crafty person's idea of paradise.

The Friday lunch on March 15 will be butternut squash soup, plus a variety of sandwiches and dessert.

On Tuesday, March 19 at 1:30 p.m. (note the earlier start), we will be celebrating all the members whose birthdays are in either February or March. If you didn't get a call inviting you and a guest to the tea, please call the Centre at 519-853-5951.

Over the winter months there seem to be less and less people enjoying the art class on a Wednesday afternoon. If you would like some inspiration and encouragement please drop in and join them.

On March 26 at 1 p.m., Meryl Streep, Tommy Jones and Clint Eastwood star in the movie *Hope Springs*. Michelle says it is a funny and touching look at the mysteries that divide men and women. Can they



**NEW BOARD:** Acton Senior Centre members elected a new board at its annual general meeting on Monday. It includes, from left: Jane McAllister, Wilda Tressel, Pat Frizzell, Mary Walsma and Julie Conroy. Middle: Dobbie Frizzell. Connie Fix, Myra Sartor and Sylvia Mitchell. Back: Dave Maloney, Bev Jones and Real Tetreault. Absent: Maureen Harvey. - Submitted photo

rekindle the spark after 25 years? See you there, ready to munch pop corn and enjoy the movie.

Feeling lucky? The travel group is planning a trip to the newly renovated Brantford Casino on April 11. This is one casino that isn't too far to

travel to and you should be home around 4:15 p.m. The trip includes lunch.

Early update on our Accreditation. The Accreditation Survey Team will be at the Centre from May 1 to 3. They will be talking to members and getting feedback on how

the Centre affects member's lives. Some of the questions they might ask are - is the Centre offering you programs that affect the quality of your life? Do you enjoy the social side of the Centre? Are the staff, board members and fellow vol-

unteers committed and helpful? The Accreditation is very important to the financial requirements of the Centre in the future.

On Friday, March 1 Helen Small won the 50/50, so now she is \$260 richer.

# Extracurricular strategies implemented in Halton

The Halton District School Board has created a procedure outlining strategies to secure supervision for extracurricular activities in schools including greater involvement by volunteers.

The process was developed for secondary and elementary schools where teachers have withdrawn voluntary support for extracurriculars. An announcement in late February by the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) allowed for individual teachers to make their own choice as to whether they participate in extracurricular activities.

Since the announcement, many secondary teachers have returned to volunteer duties. The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) has not yet made a similar determination, therefore the Halton District School Board is utilizing its process to assess what extracurricular

activities might be offered and implemented with parent supervision.

Individual principals will work with their superintendents to determine which extracurriculars do not have teacher supervision, and what activities may be offered during April to June. Once these activities have been determined, parents may wish to consider their willingness and availability to supervise a specific student activity, and participate in the screening process and required training.

The process will first differentiate the varying levels of risk for the extracurriculars offered, and then screen volunteers dependent on the risk level of the activity. In all cases, the school principal retains the responsibility for the safety of students, and as a result, the approval and assignment of a volunteer to any extracurricular supervision.

Principals may opt to

expedite the start of extracurriculars identified as low-risk, if the volunteer meets the required criteria for supervising that activity. A central committee has been created to assess applicants who want to assume supervision responsibilities for higher risk activities.

"It is definitely our preference to have our teachers lead extracurricular activities for our students," says David Euale, Director of Education for the Halton District School Board. "By implementing this process to include greater involvement by volunteers in supervision of extracurriculars, we hope to strike the balance among student engagement, the principal's responsibility for student safety, and the volunteer's eagerness to participate."

The Volunteers Supervising Extracurriculars can be found on the Halton District School Board website under "Admin Procedures".

BRANCH  
No. 197



LEGION NEWS  
By Sharon Graham  
P.R.O.

Comrades,  
On behalf of the Branch we would like to send our condolences to Vi on the passing of Ed Parent. You are in our thoughts and prayers. We also send condolences to Pat and Peg Graham on the passing of their brother-in-law, Larry White.

I hope that everyone survived last week's snow storm. It was terrible - the snow banks are so high there is nowhere to put any more snow. On Thursday with the heavy rain snow mix, the trees were like a winter wonderland. They were very pretty. Here's

hoping there is no more snow. We really have had enough.

Please remember to put your clocks ahead to Daylight Saving Time this coming Sunday. Also change the battery in your smoke detector. Make sure you test your smoke detector to make sure it is working.

On Friday evenings we will be having hotdogs and chilli dogs for \$3 served from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

March 7 is the Ladies Auxiliary general meeting, starting at 7:30 p.m., sharp.

March 11 is our next

general meeting at 8 p.m., sharp.

On March 16 we are holding a ham roll and we hope you will come out. There will be lots of games starting at 2 p.m.

Mark your calendar: On March 24 we have a trip to Sunnybrook from 12 noon till 4 p.m. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. We need to know numbers as soon as possible to book the buses. Maybe you might bring your children or grandchildren with you for a visit. The veterans really enjoy your visit with them.

## LATE DEATH

**KAMMINGA, Tina**  
Gone to be with our Lord in Heaven on March 4, 2013 at the Brampton Civic Hospital, Brampton in her 96th year. Beloved wife of the late Klaas for 64 years. Loving mother of Martha Oosterhof (Deceased) and her husband John, Anne Hofstede and her husband

Joe, Webb and his wife Coby, Grace Friend and her husband Jack and Stan Kamminga. Also missed by 16 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren. Predeceased by one grandchild. Many thanks to the palliative care team at Brampton Civic Hospital for their care. Friends may call at the **Ward Funeral Home, 52 Main Street South (Hwy 10),**

**Brampton** on Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. A memorial service will be held at Holland Christian Homes, "Heritage Hall", 7900 McLaughlin Rd. S., Brampton on Saturday, March 9, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. A reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations to "The Lighthouse". Please visit Tina's Book of Memories at [www.wardfuneralhome.com](http://www.wardfuneralhome.com)