

# EDITORIAL

with Frances Learment

## Ultimate decision maker

Whatever the outcomes, the local politicians elected by Acton citizens should be the ones to determine what proposed developments are rejected or endorsed, not the Ontario Municipal Board, an un-elected, body that hears applications and appeals on municipal issues and has the last word on often controversial decisions on things like protecting agricultural land and redevelopment.

Case in point: The application for a No Frills supermarket in Acton will be decided at the OMB, mainly because the Town did not respond to the applicant's Zoning and Official Plan applications within a prescribed amount of time. The OMB members who will decide the merits of applications don't live here, don't shop here, and don't know what it is that makes this community tick.

The councillors elected every four years do know – their phone numbers are in the book and their Blackberries are always close at hand for questions and comments. There is a move afoot to reform the OMB – at the least, municipalities should have final say when there's equal evidence from a municipality and an opponent. Experts call for procedural reform, improved public access, new Board appointment rules, among other things.

Not soon enough for the No Frills OMB debate, slated for early January.

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By Julie Conroy

The latest edition of *Hillsview* is at the front desk. Don't forget to pick yours up so you will know what is happening at the Centre over the next three months. There are also some copies at the Acton Library.

Thirty-two people enjoyed the trip to Grand River Raceway last week. The meal was excellent and there were a few smiling faces when we returned to the bus for the journey home. I guess they won a little money on the slots and backed the right horses. The second race was named after the Acton Seniors Centre, and some of us braved the rain to stand by the track and cheer the winner across the line and have our picture taken with the horse and jockey.

We hope to see many of you at the Halloween dance at the Acton Legion in the games room tomorrow (Friday). Now we have greeted all the excited children and handed out the treats, it is our time for some fun.

On Tuesday, November 5 at 1:30 p.m., we will hold a Birthday Tea celebrating the birthdays of members born in October or

November. If your birthday is in these months, you will receive a phone call to invite you and a guest.

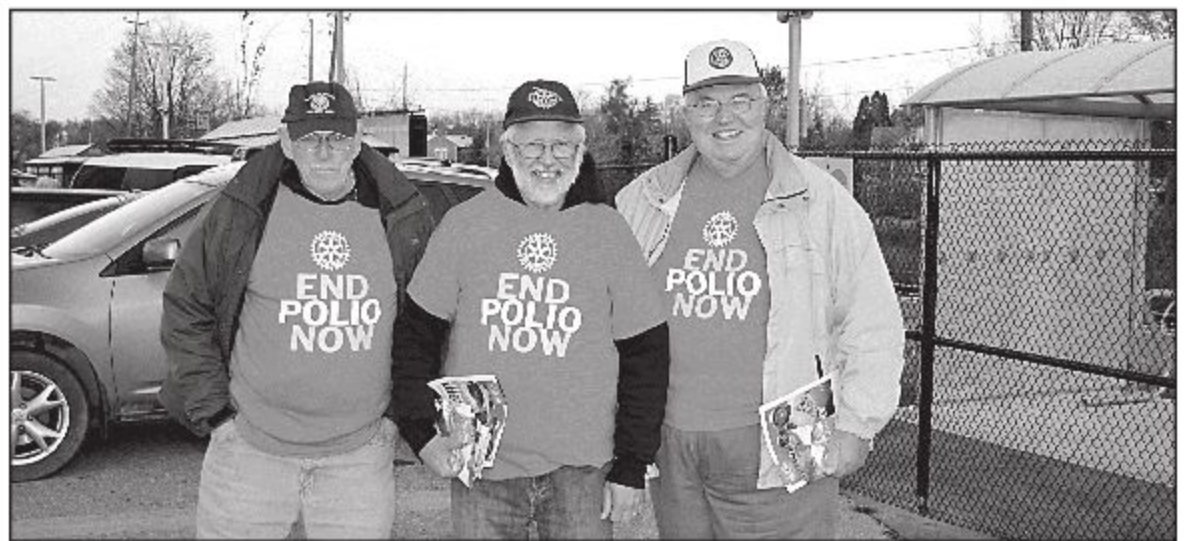
On Saturday, November 9 we will hold another evening of Bingo. Come out and bring a friend for an enjoyable evening, and who knows, you may go home a winner.

Quite a few members have filled in the sheet for food items needed for the Christmas Bazaar Tea on November 23. Even if you don't bake, this is one way you can help. There is a separate sheet for squares and goodies needed for the tea.

Friday lunch on November 8 will be your choice of either chicken noodle soup or cream of broccoli, plus an assortment of sandwiches and dessert. If you are interested, please add your name to the appropriate list.

The Acton Seniors Recreation Centre would like to pass on condolences to Carol Levy on the passing of her husband Jim last week. Our thoughts are with her and the family.

There was no winning name pulled at the weekly 50/50 draw. Next week the prize money should be around \$200.



**POLIO POWER:** Members of the Rotary Club of Acton, including Herb Dodds (left), Dick Crane and Bill Beaton, helped spread the word about PolioPlus, a Rotary polio eradication effort, to commuters at the Acton GO Train station last Thursday morning, on World Polio Day. – Submitted photo

## Bazaar bandwagon

Here's what I first thought. A church bazaar was something I didn't need or want to go to. They were for older people and in damp old church basements. Boy, was I wrong.

One of the things I love most about the fall is usually in October, the rounds of church bazaars begin. I never, ever thought I would say that. However, four years ago, a week or so after Little J was born, my mom, sister, Little J and I went to Norval for its Lucy Maud Montgomery weekend, and all the churches had bazaars. It was then I became hooked.

During those few hours of being introduced into the bazaar scene and yes, some were in basements, I was converted. I really liked them and really realized my thinking wasn't very accurate.

Special occasion bazaars stem back to the 16th century, however bazaars go back even further in time. Bazaars interpret into a market and a place of prices. As for Christmas bazaars, they should translate into a place of amazing prices.

Last weekend was the Knox



By  
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Church bazaar. It was just me and Little J this time, and she was excited. By the time we left we had spent very little money and had two pairs of hand knitted mitts, a funky knitted hat for her and another one for her brother. We had a Christmas musical carousel, a Christmas present for Gramma, and a bag of baked goods including butter tarts and there hypothetically might have been a stash of brownies for me that if I had bought, I might not have shared with anyone. As well, hypothetically speaking, the brownies might have been some of the best I've had in ages...hypothetically of course. In the end I don't think we even spent \$40.

I don't think there is a bazaar I've gone to that I haven't bought something. The items for sale are well made, the baked goods are always homemade, and there are usually tables of

trinkets and goodies that are fun to look through. It's a great way to do Christmas shopping, too.

On my rounds over the past few years, I've discovered what each church, in my opinion, excels at in their bazaar. I know which ones I like baked goods, perhaps being brownies. I know which ones have awesome afghans that are great to cozy up with on a cold winter night and I know which ones I think have the coolest trinket tables.

We're really lucky in town. Not only do we have almost every church hosting a bazaar over the next little while, but we also have the Acton Seniors Centre hosting one and some even host more than one a year. This year, we even have a Christmas market at the Town Hall Centre in November.

This weekend there are two bazaars on Saturday, and there are more to follow. Keep your eye posted in the paper and signs around town like the bulletin board at Giant Tiger for when and where. They are great. You can shop, eat and support our local churches and non-profit organizations.



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