

# EDITORIAL

with Frances Learment

## Easy to be proud

At a recent awards event honouring some of the very many smart, nice kids in the Acton area, someone said today's teens should not be viewed as the future because they are the right now.

It is easy (and comforting) to see we're in good hands with the large pool of resourceful, inquiring, polite teens who are eager to make their mark. (Special thanks to their parents and educators for a job well done.)

Some recent shining examples of the promise of youth include:

• Members of the 197 Typhoon Squadron Air Cadets helping serve 340 turkey dinners to seniors at the Acton Legion on Tuesday night. Unfailing polite, dressed sharp and moving fast, the Cadets, paired with Rotary Club of Acton members, were happy to help.

• Students at Brookville School continue to try to beat their challenge to collect over 2,000 items of non-perishable food for the Acton Christmas Hamper program. They expect to fill two vans this year.

• Talented students from Robert Little School and Acton District High School will strut their stuff on stage at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre tonight (Thursday) at *Creating a Scene*, a drama and dance event to showcase critical thinking, creativity, collaboration and skills.

A former Acton educator once said Acton youth might not have the "sophisticated veneer" of their bigger-city counterparts, but they more than make it up with heart. Nice when we reap the benefits.



**LIFETIME SERVICE AND FAITH:** Family and friends from St. Albans Anglican Church, Acton were in attendance on Sunday in Hamilton when Acton area residents Peter and Rosemary Robart-Morgan were invested into the Order of Niagara by The Right Reverend Michael Bird, Bishop of Niagara. The couple, married for over 51 years, voluntarily donates much of their time, energy and talents to supporting many of the ministries at St. Albans. - Submitted photo

## MAYOR'S CORNER



The holiday season is fast approaching. December is a period of short days, cold nights, and cloudy skies. For most, Christmas is a time of joy with friends and loved ones. For some though, it is a reminder of what they don't have, of how hard life can be. This is a time of year that I ask that you remember to donate to organizations that serve our community, such as food banks, Salvation Army kettles, and Sharing Trees, to name a few. What's often lost in the statistics is the number of children who are in need as their families struggle to make ends meet. Many of those needing assistance are working people like you. As the Holidays approach, be in good cheer and help others to be in equally happy spirits.

Three new family doctors have chosen to set up family practices in Halton Hills this year. The Town established the Physician Recruitment Program in 2009 to alleviate the shortage of family physicians by provid-

ing a onetime grant of \$5,000 and a \$10,000 interest free loan to help them get established. Joining the local medical community this year are Doctors Lindsay Downey, Fairuze Poonah and Dina Nahab.

In addition the Town has been a generous supporter of the Georgetown Hospital in raising funds for the hospital expansion. Having local medical services in the community contributes significantly to the quality of life to everyone who lives here.

Typhoon Haiyan is the strongest typhoon to hit the Philippines in 2013, and caused widespread damage, including landslides and flooding. Canadians wishing to help individuals affected by this storm are encouraged to make a financial donation online at <http://www.redcross.ca/donate/donate-online/donate-to-the-typhoon-haiyan-fund>, at their local Red Cross office or by calling 1-800-418-1111.

Thank you to everyone who

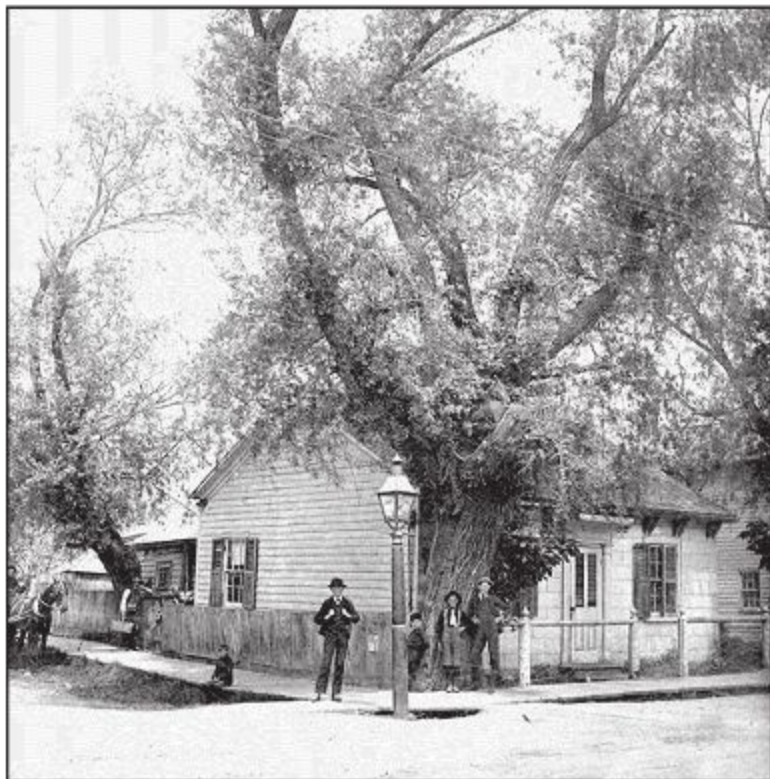
took the time to attend the Remembrance Day services.

Great weather lead to large crowds for the Santa Claus parades in both Acton and Georgetown. Kudos to the Georgetown Lions Club, Acton's Bill and Diane Spielvogel and the Acton Firefighters Association.

If you're visiting the Civic Centre, be sure to visit the Mayor's Art Wall, currently showcasing local artist Linda Pogue.

Congratulations to the Halton Hills Christian School on their recent opening of their new expansion, it looks fantastic!

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**NAMING TREE:** This huge tree that grew at the intersection of Mill and Willow Streets lent its name to the downtown road. - Dills Collection photo



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