

HILLSVIEW REPORT

By: Julie Conroy

We were very pleased to hear all our hard work paid off and we won first prize in the "other" category during the Acton Santa Claus parade. This will inspire us to do great things next year.

Our Christmas Fair was a great success and we thank everyone who either donated, worked or came to support us. It is always our biggest fundraiser for the year, and the money raised is used to help support the Centre over the coming year.

Pam Riesiobalski won the beautiful basket and lantern, and Margaret Beettam won the 50/50.

Thinking of Christmas, do you need a stocking stuffer for a child? Halton Hills has a great 5 for 5 pass valid for either a recreational swim or skate. They are available starting December 1 in the office.

To help get you into the Christmas spirit, Jake Chisholm, an accomplished blues, soul and rock and roll artist will be at the Centre performing some of your favourite Christmas classics and a number of familiar tunes on Tuesday, December 13 at 1:30 p.m. This concert was made possible thanks to a New Horizons

for Seniors Grant in partnership with the library. Following the concert, refreshments will be served.

Tickets are selling quickly for the Christmas Dinner and Dance at Blue Springs Golf Club on Thursday, December 15. Michael Kelly Cavan will be entertaining us. There is a bus for those who prefer not to drive. It will pick up at the arena car park, Church/Maria apartments, Elizabeth apartments, and Birchway apartments. There is a signup sheet for anyone interested in a ride.

The very popular 6th annual Secret Santa gift exchange on Tuesday, December 20 is a "sold out" event. It is always a lot of fun with lots of laughter when people try to swap or steal gifts.

I understand that while playing Bid euchre on Thursday afternoon Doug Brown and Shirley Hunter both had two mooners and Frances Hogenbirk and Cathy Forbes had one each.

Are you looking for something fun to start your week? The darts players meet every Monday morning, so why not give it a try? You don't have to be a champion

dart player to join them.

On December 4, a group of people are looking forward to the pantomime in Milton. We will stay with the British theme and enjoy fish and chips after. I am looking forward to it.

Are you starting to notice your clothes are getting a little tighter, or you have added a few pounds over the last few months? There are several opportunities to help solve that problem. You can join one of the exercise programs, Weight Watchers on a Friday morning, or attend the weekly Nutrition Classes that start in January.

Lunch on Friday, December 9 will be meat loaf, potatoes and veg plus dessert.

Pauline Barlow and her many friends celebrated her 85th birthday in a very unique way by adding another leaf (plus a very generous donation) to the many leaves already placed on our Tree of Hope in memory of her husband Walter.

The weekly 50/50 was not won again this week so next week the prize should be about \$250. Well worth dropping in and adding your loonie to the box.



CHRISTMAS FAIR: The Hillsview Active Living Centre was a busy on Saturday as it hosted the annual Christmas Fair. - Submitted photo

Local store now selling wine and beer

By: Dawn Brown

Acton Sobeys has started selling wine, beer and cider after Sobeys Inc., the store's head office, participated in a competitive bidding process to win licenses to sell alcoholic beverages. Of 67 wine licenses granted to retailers, Sobeys Inc. won 15. Sobeys began rolling out the sale of wine, beer and cider in their stores at the end of October with dedicated sections.

"Sobeys chose to ex-

pand our liquor offering to Acton based on customer feedback and preferences," explained Vicki Leung, Communications Manager. "Our goal is to offer expanded choice and convenient, one-stop shopping experiences for our customers—having beer in our stores helps them save time in their busy lives."

Leung was also quick to ensure that Sobeys is committed to selling beer and wine responsibly. As well as selling beer during authorized hours of sale only

and ensuring that Sobeys employees selling beer are fully trained and Smart Serve certified, there are a number of strict rules and guidelines in place to ensure alcohol is not purchased by anyone under age.

"In terms of our wine selection, the assortment and merchandising plans for wine, beer and cider will continue to evolve in each of our stores over time, based on the feedback from customers," said Leung.

New hospital funding may help - more may be needed

Wellington - Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott is pleased to learn that the Georgetown Hospital and the Groves Memorial Community Hospital will be receiving some additional funding from the Provincial Government. However, he cautioned that the Liberal Government has squeezed hospital budgets for years and the new funding may not be enough to significantly reduce wait times or increase access to patient services.

"While we're all glad to see this modest increase in hospital base funding, I'm not satisfied that a two per cent increase is

sufficient to address the needs of our patients in the province," Mr. Arnott said.

A recent report from the Fraser Institute confirmed what many patients across the province are experiencing firsthand: longer wait times for many vital healthcare services.

Despite the challenges they face, Mr. Arnott believes that both Georgetown and Groves hospitals deliver outstanding local healthcare.

"Time and time again, I hear positive comments from our area residents about the compassionate and professional care that our two local hospitals

provide," Mr. Arnott said. "We are very fortunate to have exceptional doctors, nurses, staff, and volunteers associated with our hospitals in Georgetown and Fergus. But we need to ensure they have adequate resources to provide the care our residents deserve."

The veteran MPP has always viewed the provision of healthcare as one of the Provincial Government's most important responsibilities. During his 26 years in the Ontario Legislature, Mr. Arnott has consistently stood up for better healthcare services for his constituents.



LEAF ADDED: In celebration of her 85th birthday, Pauline Barlow added a leaf to the Tree of Hope while surrounded by friends. - Submitted photo



An Invitation
To You & Your Family
To Our
Annual Christmas
Remembrance Service

3 pm Saturday, December 3rd, 2016
at the J.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home
11582 Trafalgar Rd., Georgetown

Presiding over the service
Rev. Paul Ivany

Refreshments to follow in the Trafalgar Room
Please call the Funeral Home at 905-877-3631
to confirm your attendance

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