

LEGION NEWS



By: Sharon Graham P.R.O. ~ Branch 197

Our Ladies appreciation night was great. It is put on by the Legion. Thank you to all the cooks for a wonderful dinner and the executives for coming out to help serve, and enjoying the evening.

Washer toss has started again on Monday evenings. We have also started an 8-ball league. If you are interested, come in on Monday evenings at 6:45 p.m. and sign up or let the bartender know you are interested by phoning the Branch at 519-853-0910.

February 20 is our family fun day. This is always a good day for the kids as well as parents. We are looking for a committee to help with this day. If you're interested, please leave your name at the bar.

Newfie Night is March 25 with a Jiggs dinner and dance at 8 p.m. with Tim Kennedy and the Roadhouse boys. Cut off date for the tickets for the dinner is on March 9. Tickets will be available at the door or at the bar for either the dinner and dance or just the dance. Bring your friends for a great toe tapping night.

Check the boards behind the bar for upcoming events. We

invite people to join our Legion. If you are 18, you are eligible to join. Pick up an application at the bar or at legion.ca under membership section.

Please do not forget to wear red on Fridays. It is very important that we support our troops. If you wear red on Fridays, your name will be entered for a draw and you will have a chance to win a prize. We need to let our troops know that we care and support them all over.

Members, your membership chair needs to know if you are moving or have changed your phone number. If you have and you have not let them know, can you please come into the bar and give them either your new number or address? Also, some members have not paid their 2017 dues. You can do this at the bar as soon as possible.

If you have nothing to do on a Thursday afternoon, why not come to the Branch and play euchre? Our lady's auxiliary host the euchre every Thursday afternoon. It starts at 1:30 p.m. and everyone is welcome. If you are not sure how to play euchre, they can show you.



TEA TIME: The Georgetown Red Hats ladies including Leslie McLean, Audrey Brown, Catherine Stevenson, Trudy Klein, Dorothy Lamb, Anita McCreavy and Mary Jones enjoyed a Valentine's Day Tea at Acton's Trinity United Church on Saturday. - Dawn Brown photos

New direction in youth services programming

Additional youth programming is being offered by the Recreation and Parks Department in 2017. Based on the recommendations of the Youth Needs Study, Town staff has developed a plan for providing drop-in recreation across the Town including free swims, open gym time and other program opportunities at local community centres. The drop-in programs are being offered after school and evenings, and have capacity to grow based on need up to five days per week or on the weekend.

Beginning Monday, January 16, youth ages 12 to 19 have been able to access drop-in programming at the following locations:

Mondays at the Acton Hub (south side of McKenzie-Smith Bennett Public School) 69 Acton Blvd., Acton 3 to 7:30 p.m. Games room, lounge,

kitchen followed by a free swim 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Wednesdays at the Hillview Active Living Centre in Georgetown 318 Guelph Street Unit #9, Georgetown 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Games room, pool, table tennis, lounge, kitchen

Fridays at the Gellert Community Centre 10241 Eighth Line, Georgetown 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Games room, lounge, followed by a free swim 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

"This program will give local youth the chance to recreate, socialize and access other services in our community," said Mayor Rick Bonnette. "The additional youth services and a full time Recreation Coordinator - Youth, will help to see that we are meeting the recreational needs of local youth."

The integrated service model is being used to

provide more opportunities for health and social services agencies to partner with the Town to use local facilities and connect with youth. Issues like mental health, drug addiction and homelessness can be major challenges facing today's youth. The Town, in partnership with the Region of Halton, is leading the development of a Youth Service Network to provide more opportunities for youth to connect with the services they need. Outreach workers will be working with the Town and the Region to foster positive working relationships with young people in need. Recreation programmers at the drop-in sites can assist and refer youth who need to access these resources.

"The way we provide services for youth in Halton Hills is evolving," said Commissioner of Recreation and Parks Warren Harris. "Agencies like Links2Care will no longer be operating out of dedicated centres in Acton and Georgetown, but we are

hopeful that new partnerships will develop as part of our expanded program offerings and drop-in presence at our facilities. We have taken feedback we have received from local youth to build upon a new service delivery model."

Anyone needing help to access services such as mental health support, counselling or housing can contact the Region of Halton by calling 311, downloading the One-Halton mobile app, or accessing the Region's website www.halton.ca and searching the Parents, Youth and Seniors section. The Kid's Help Phone at 1-800-668-6868 offers 24 hour support and links social service agencies.

For more information about the Town's recreation drop-in programs please visit our website at www.haltonhills.ca/youth or follow us on Twitter @HHYouth. For other inquiries please contact the Town Youth Coordinator at 905-873-2601 ext. 2285 or email youth@haltonhills.ca

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