

HILLSVIEW REPORT

By: Julie Conroy

I hope you had a wonderful Family Day with your friends and families.

Everyone who enrolled for the Chef Dale, Everton Culinary School cooking classes are enjoying learning how to cook various dishes and especially tasting the dishes after.

The next men's breakfast will be on Tuesday, February 28 at 9:30 a.m. If you are interested, please sign up at the reception desk.

We are busy planning the second evening wine and cheese event on Friday, March 3. Three local artists Pauline Barlow, Angela Priede and Dave Gordon will have some of their art work on show and talk about the various techniques and mediums used. It should be a very interesting evening. Tickets are available at the reception desk.

For all the euchre lovers the monthly evening euchre at the Centre will start up again on Wednesday, March 1 at 7 p.m. This is open to members and non-members.

There is a lot of interest in the Lunch and Learn series. Each one has a wait list. On Tues-

day, March 7, they will be enjoying pot roast and mini Yorkshires followed by the guest speaker Dr. Ashley Girard, Naturopath.

Frances Hogenbirk had the only mooner on Thursday, February 16 while playing Bid euchre.

On Friday, February 17, eight members of the Leather Town Red Hat Lassies placed a leaf in memory of their late member Patricia Stark, while family members Maureen, Ron, Don, Jim and Sandy Taggart watched.

If you were planning to go to Canada Blooms on Wednesday, March 15 they will no longer be visiting Casa Loma. First stop Canada Blooms then the Hot House restaurant for lunch. The price has been reduced to reflect the change.

Friday lunch on March 3 will be soup and sandwiches plus desert, tea and coffee.

There was no winner once again for the weekly 50/50. This was the second time recently this name was drawn. The amount to win next Friday should be around \$300.

Police Services release findings of internal review of unfounded 2016 sexual assault reports

The Halton Regional Police Service (HRPS) has released results of an internal audit of its unfounded 2016 sexual assault occurrences. The comprehensive review was undertaken in response to last week's Globe and Mail feature article by Robyn Doolittle that examined the number of unfounded sexual assault occurrences reported by Canadian law enforcement agencies over a five-year period (2010-2014).

"The Halton Regional Police Service is committed to the safety and well-being of each member of the community we serve," said Chief Stephen Tanner. "Our Service recognizes the severity of sexual assault crimes and investigates all reports thereof with the utmost respect for victims, and in accordance with provincial regulations and guidelines".

A total of 57 unfounded sexual assault occurrences from 2016 were examined. All were determined to have been properly and thoroughly investigated. Unfounded is a Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) term that is one way for a police service to close an occurrence.

Unfounded does not mean the police do not believe a victim or

person reporting. All reported incidents are fully investigated.

Of the 57 incidents examined, 15 (or 8.3 per cent) did not occur or could not have occurred as reported. In the remaining 42 cases (representing 74 per cent of all unfounded sexual assault occurrences) it was determined through



the completion of thorough investigations that a criminal offence had not been committed.

In all criminal investigations there are facts in issue that must be present and proven to meet the Criminal Code requirements. In the aforementioned 42 incidents, the required elements to meet the definition of a sexual assault were not met, and therefore even if the other involved person(s) was or were known, charges could not be laid.

As a result of the review and in accordance with the recent

recommendation of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACCP) that all police services review practices around sexual assault investigations, the HRPS undertook an additional examination of existing internal policy and procedure. While found to be fully compliant with provincial mandates, ensuring that all sexual assault investigations

are carried out in a professional manner and in a way that best meets the needs of victims, the Service has made one revision: effective immediately, all incidents reported as a sexual assault will be reviewed by the Detective Sergeant of the Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Unit (CASA).

"Our Service is committed to the thoroughness of all criminal investigations and we pride ourselves in our victim-centered approach to supporting those impacted by crime," said Chief Tanner. "We were honoured to have been recognized for our efforts in this area with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Award of Excellence in Victim Services in 2016."

In addition to in-house victim support, the

HRPS collaborates with, and seeks feedback from, several independent victim advocacy groups, including Sexual Assault & Violence Intervention Services (SAVIS).

"SAVIS and the Halton Regional Police Service work closely together to enhance working relationships by collaborating in training and in providing support to victims of sexual assault and sexual violence from a Survivor Approach Model," said Alma Arguello, Executive Director of SAVIS. "The HRPS, with SAVIS' input, plays an important role in investigating and supporting Survivors of sexual violence in our community. SAVIS provides the HRPS with critical training and timely information to assist them in their duties."

Furthermore, the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services (MCSCS) conducts regular audits of all municipal police services in Ontario on a rotational basis. MCSCS is about to embark on its next series of audits. Chief Tanner and the Halton Regional Police Service invite the Ministry to audit all aspects of its policies and procedures relating to the conduct of sexual assault investigations in Halton.

FIRE REPORT

Tuesday, February 7

At 3:33 p.m. Fire fighters responded to the report of a hydro pole on fire on Fifth Line. On scene fire staff found the top end of the hydro pole burned through and smoking. Hydro was called to the scene. Crews established a safe area until hydro arrived. Power was disconnected and the pole was extinguished.

Wednesday, February 8

5:48 a.m. Fire fighters responded to an odour investigation on 5 Sideroad. On scene fire staff determined the smell was the result of a skunk in the area.

8:27 a.m. Fire fight-

ers responded to an ambulance assist on 5 Sideroad. Halton Regional Police were on scene upon arrival. Fire staff assisted ambulance with patient care and cleared the scene.

Thursday, February 9

At 5:45 a.m. Fire fighters responded to a public assist. A distraught resident came into the fire station. Fire staff spoke with the resident until Halton Regional Police arrived on scene.

Weekly Safety Message

Avert a tragedy. Ensure working smoke and CO alarms in your home and practise your home escape plan with all the family.

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Time: **5:30 to 7:00 p.m.**

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