

## Youth of Yesterday group hosted talk on Halton Home Share program

By: Les Schmidt

Seniors attending the Youth of Yesterday group at Bethel Church last Monday morning, had an opportunity to hear, and learn about, the Halton Home Share Program. Home Share "empowers Home Providers and Home Seekers with the ability to live in affordable, shared accommodation." While well established in Burlington, the Program is now being introduced in Acton by Halton Region.

Often seniors find themselves with much more house than they need, and a reduced ability, or other resources to maintain their property, but they want to stay in their home. At the same time, there are younger people challenged in finding reasonably affordable housing. Informal ar-

rangements can be made, but often the difficulty lies in making connections, and in finding a compatible home share partner. This is where Halton Home Share is able to help out: with matching, and screening of potential partners, and as a support resource to those in the Program.

The matching and screening process includes a questionnaire, a list of things to think about, and requires a police check, among other things. Family members can help with finding a good match in a Home Share partner, and be involved in other aspects of the process. Each Home Share arrangement is different, and is based on the needs, and interests of the individuals involved. Typically, each person has their own private space, and may share common areas in

the home. Household responsibilities can be shared, or services exchanged for reduced rent. Things like snow shovelling, or lawn maintenance may be examples, in any case, a Home Share Agreement is provided and agreed upon by both parties. Halton Home Share recognizes that home sharing can be "Good for many but not for everyone," so they also monitor each arrangement to help ensure the success of the partnership, and the satisfaction of both partners. Homeowners and their family members have reported a feeling of relief, knowing that there was someone else, that they can trust, in the home on a regular basis.

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Shirley Feddema explains the Halton Home Share program to the Youth of Yesterday group at Bethel Church.

## HILLSVIEW REPORT

By: Julie Conroy

On Friday, March 3 at 7 p.m. we will be holding our second Wine and Cheese evening with three local artists - Pauline Barlow, Angela Priede and Dave Gordon. They will have a display of their work and be talking about their paintings and the various mediums they use. It should be a very interesting evening.

Starting on Wednesday, March 15 at 1:30 p.m. you will be able to enjoy a Music Appreciation Concert with Dale Wood. Classical music is first on the itinerary. You will be able to enjoy a variety of music styles over the ten week series. It is open to members and non-members, but we do ask you sign up at reception if you are planning to attend.

The third in the series "Storytelling through Art" will be at Hillsview, Acton on Wednesday, March 8 at 1 p.m. The subject this time will be Soapstone Carving by Graham Bowden. These special events have been made possible by a Seniors Grant from New Horizons. They certainly help expand our horizons with such interesting speakers.

On Tuesday, March 14 we will be holding our Birthday Tea to celebrate birthdays in February, March and April. I know Jane and her committee hope for better weather this time.

Gals on the Go are hoping to visit the St Lawrence Market on Saturday, March 25. On the return journey we

will stop at the Dixie Mall. There is a sign up sheet for anyone interested.

Roberta Thompson had the only mooner while playing bid euchre on Thursday, February 23.

Are you hoping to lose a little weight ready for spring? Weight Watchers will start the next 16 week session on Friday, March 10 at 9:15 p.m. If you are interested, talk to either Wendy or Michelle in the office.

Lunch on Friday, March 10 will be salad, meatballs, vegetables and rolls plus desert, tea or coffee followed by bingo at 1:15 p.m.

At last there was a winner for the weekly 50/50 draw. Zoya Frakman won \$289.

## PETEYPALOOZA 2017

Our 5<sup>th</sup> Winter event, which took place on Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup>, was a HUGE success and would not have been possible without the generous donations and the help of many people.

Together we raised **\$5000.75** for **C.A.S.h.h.**

We would like to send out a **BIG THANK YOU** to the following:

- ~ Our Entertainment: The Bodyshop Boys and Hothouse~
- ~K.D.N.Pavement Markings and E D Industrial Millwriting~
- ~Terry May from T & A Automotive and 'Petey' from Pete's Auto Paint Ltd.~
- ~Andrea Clark, Jaime Hill and Staff at Tanner's Pub & Grill~
- ~The Royal Canadian Legion - Acton Branch~
- ~Food: Sarah, Mama & Papa, Laurel, Amanda, Sandie, Sara, Sue, Gerry & Mag, and Dave~
- ~All our friends and family who help make the event a success - Love you all xo~

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Thank you all for your support!

Since 2009, Peteypalooza has raised \$71,356.29 for various cancer and charitable initiatives.

To date, \$38,446 has been donated to C.A.S.h.h.

In loving memory of our Sweet Caroline Seeds xo

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