

HILLSVIEW REPORT

By: Julie Conroy

Our next social dinner on Monday, May 15 will have a Western theme, so dig out the blue jeans, denim skirts and boots. We will be enjoying ribs and delicious apple pies. Providing the music will be the popular *Dr J*.

Just a reminder for the receptionists at the Centre there will be a meeting on Monday, May 1. Please try to attend.

The first session of the Horticultural program was held on Tuesday, April 18 and was very enjoyable. I saw some beautiful flower arrangements being created. The next one, *'The Frugal Gardener'* will be on Tuesday, May 2 at 1 p.m. You will learn about seeding, propagating and more.

Lunch and Learn is on the same day from 12 noon - 2 p.m. Lunch will be pulled pork sliders, side salad and dessert and the topic this month will be Heart and

Stroke. There is a sign-up sheet and tickets are available at the reception desk.

The next big fundraising event is our Mother's Day Lunch on Saturday, May 13 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Not only will you enjoy a delicious assortment of sandwiches and goodies, but you will have the opportunity to win one of the lovely penny table items or even the beautiful huge Spring basket. Marion Storey has created the baskets for many years and she and her daughter have excelled themselves again this year. If you are planning on making it a family affair, we have a special price for children and tickets are available at the reception desk or at the door.

As you can see Hillsview, Acton is a very busy place with something to interest everyone, whether it's on the social side,

exercising, day trips or enjoying interesting speakers. If you would like more information, drop in and pick up our latest copy of Hillsview and see what might interest you. We are located on Queen Street and our entrance is on the left side of the arena.

On Thursday afternoon Mark Gareau and Betty Brewer each had a mooner while playing Bid Euchre.

On Tuesday, May 2 at 1 p.m. Paula will be showcasing some lovely Avon jewellery. She will also have some of the wonderful, environmentally friendly Avon bug spray just in time for mosquito season.

The name drawn this week had not put her loonie in the box, so next week the amount to be won should be about \$175.

Friday lunch on May 5 will be soup and sandwiches followed by Bingo at 1.15 p.m.

LEGION NEWS

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



A special thank you to the 13 teams who came out to enjoy an afternoon of Euchre. Congratulations to the first-place team of John Knight, Linda Barclay, Sally Moreton and Doug Moreton. Thank you to those who worked to make this day enjoyable.

Thank you to Les and his crew for a nice dinner and entertainment with *Final Edition*. Everyone had a great time.

Tickets are on sale now for the election dinner on May 8. The cut-off date for tickets is May 1 by closing.

May 4 is our Candlelight Walk. We meet at the Hide House or St Alban's Church at 6:30 p.m. and march to the Cenotaph at 6:50 p.m. We hope to see lots of students and members come out to meet our veterans. Everyone is welcome back to Branch for refreshments.

President Peg Graham is also working on a project to get Acton veterans in the Military Recognition Book. She has contacted several families and sent their information in. If you are aware of an Acton veteran or any veteran whose name should be submitted, contact Peg Graham at the Legion.

Please do not forget to wear red on Fridays. It is very important and we need to 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. Our March winner was Eileen Wedge.

Ladies Auxiliary Notes

Celine, Anne, Joan, and Annamarie took the time out of their Sunday to show interest in our Zone B7 Convention

which was held in Port Credit this past Sunday. Thank You and I appreciate the support you show for your LA.

On Sunday, May 7 at 1 p.m. in the Main Hall there will be a Celebration of Life for Fern Shultis. The Ladies Auxiliary will hold a tribute and the branch members are welcome to join in the tribute. Fern was a Past President to the LA, Life Member and 69 years of service to the LA as well as a 31-year member of the Branch. She is truly missed by the LA, and we send our sincere condolences to her family. LA members please try to attend.

Monday, May 8 is Branch Elections please volunteer to help with the dinner.

Yours in Comradeship:

Peggy Harris
President to Ladies
Auxiliary to Br 197
Acton



Guelph / Eramosa COUNCIL CHIPS

By: Vivien Fleisher

Announcements

Doris Ens presented council with info for the Lion's Club's annual Good Brothers Dinner and Dance at Rockmosa May 13, with a request to waive hall rental fees. Funds are raised for Princess Margaret Hospital's 'One Walk to End Cancer' event. Participants walking in the event must raise \$1500 each to participate in the 40 km. walk.

Public meeting: severance night

Council received several consent applications to disconnect agricultural land from original farm dwellings. The retained farmland must be rezoned to prohibit the construction of future dwellings. The first one, a 'surplus farm dwelling' at 5591 3rd Line of Guelph-Eramosa (Conc. 3, lot 18), was at the public meeting phase of the request, and three residents from Ward 2 came out to hear the application. Condition #2

of Wellington County approval was placed on the consent application: the criteria are that it be rezoned to prohibit future dwelling, taking it from 'A' to 'A21'. The 0.6 hectare farm dwelling is being carved out of the remaining 39 hectares, which is designated Prime Agricultural, Greenlands and Core Greenlands according to the Wellington County official plan.

More severances

Two more similar consent applications were submitted. One caused a bit of consternation, given the way the farm dwelling was proposed to be severed. Located at 7694 Mill road in Ward 2, applicants sought to divide the 40 hectare farm into a 2.6 hectare parcel with the farm and barns on it, giving it 165 meters of frontage, with the severed agricultural land 37.8 hectares in total. At issue was the barn itself. In theory, occupants of the farm

dwelling are not using it for agricultural purposes, indicating a 'change of use' and a potential liability as the barn would not likely meet code. Additionally, the resulting lot lines were a bit ragged due to the rational that a diagonal hydro line across the field from the road to the house made it logical to retain the field portion that included the barn. Council concluded that six recommendations would need to be fulfilled, including reducing the dwelling by 0.5 hectares so that the maximum amount of prime already-cultivated land continue to be farmed as part of the severed portion, and, another that applicants just obtain an easement for the hydro line. Councillor Wolk summed it up by saying "Have we not just drawn the wrong line here?" An entrance permit for the retained farmland was also required.

Seniors celebrating Canada 150

The Eramosa Eden Retreat Centre in Rockwood has been awarded a Canada 150 Grant to involve local seniors in celebration of Canada's sesquicentennial. The name of their project is *Canada's Seniors: Our Roots, Our Future*. The Our Voices group are meeting from April through August in preparation for a theatrical performance which will be presented in the Eden Mills Community Hall in October. If you were one of the 400 or more people who caught their wildly successful play in 2014: *Our Voices: Senior Selfies*, you are

in for another treat - and you can be part of creating the next show.

The Our Voices group is for anyone 55 plus. They will meet weekly to share personal stories, historical memories and their ideas for the future. After all, seniors are the bridge between our past and our future. Participants don't need to attend every week.

Professional playwright, Catherine Frid, will craft these stories, with the help of the group, into scenes to be presented in the final performance in October. Non-actors welcome. No experience and no mem-

orization is needed. You are invited participate and/or learn about how a play is created behind the scenes. It's your story and your voice that is of value.

Our Voices is a group that celebrates being a senior. Their plays entertain and educate that being a senior is not necessarily about aches and pains, but can be a time of inspiration, joy, humour, and wisdom. For more information, contact Catherine. frid@gmail.com or call 519-856-0380 to join this group for laughter, friendship and creating together.



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