

# LEGION NEWS



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

President Peg Graham, Pat Graham and Loesje Kutasienski attended the Ontario Convention in London May 13-16 as delegates for our Branch. At this convention, Sharon McKeown, Branch 136, Milton was elected as first woman President of Ontario Command and Wes Kutasienski from our Branch was elected one of three Vice Presidents. President Graham congratulates them all on behalf of the Branch. President Graham also congratulates Celine Clarke on becoming the newly elected President of our LA. She wishes her and her executive a good year and looks forward to working with the ladies in the coming year. She also thanks Past President Peggy Harris for her ten years of service as LA President. Her commitment to the LA is appreciated by the Branch.

Thank you to the crew who cooked the Friday night dinner.

The next general meeting is on June 12 beginning at 7:30 p.m. We will have an initiation and awards ceremony ahead of the 8 p.m. meeting. All are welcome to attend. This is the first general meeting of the new executive and they appreciate the support of the members who attend.

## Ladies Auxiliary notes

Congratulations to the new executive.

President: Celine Clarke, Immediate Past President Peggy Harris, 1st Vice President: Cindy Sketcher, 2nd Vice President: Annamarie Lowin, Secretary: Helen VanOpstal, Treasurer: Anne Horne,

Sgt-at-Arms: Connie Bath, Sports Officer: Joan Maloney, Membership: Nicole Lumbers, Sick and Social: Susan Poulsen, Kitchen/Property Convenor and Hostess: Kim Young, Administration / Banquet Convenor (Clients): Teresa Uiterwyk, Honors and Awards: Sharron Rouse, Funerals: Marg Dunn/Rhona

Next General Meeting will be held Thursday, June 1 in the form of a potluck at 6:15 p.m. followed by the General Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Next sports function is Qualifying District Euchre June 10 being held in Acton. Let Joan know right away if you have a team of four. The District Sports Meeting is being held in Bramalea June 11. Let Joan know at the June meeting if you would like to come with us. Any ladies out there that would wish to become a member of the Acton Ladies Auxiliary pick a form up from the bar or contact Nicole Lumbers, membership. We meet the first Thursday of the month except for July and August.

The Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting an indoor rummage/bake sale on Sunday, May 28 in the Legion main hall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Auxiliary will be having a bake sale and penny sale. Also we will be serving a lunch that day. Please come out and support our auxiliary. Contact Susan at spoulsen246@gmail.com or at 416-917-1421. Space is limited so reserve your table today. We hope to see you there.

## Pedestrian bridge closed for too long

By: Harry Rudolfs

The pedestrian bridge located at Willow and River Streets has been "Closed for Repairs" for over a year, and readers wondered why it's taking so long to re-open. The bridge belongs to the Halton District School Board and was intended to allow pedestrian access to Robert Little Public School.

According to Kevin Okimi, manager for Parks and Open Spaces for the Town of Halton Hills, the Town has a consultant inspect all bridges (both pedestrian and vehicular) every two years. "The bridge was included on the list of inspected bridges in 2016, and the consulting engineer after inspecting the structure 'found significant deterioration to the truss bottom

chord, sway bracing and several floor beams.' We recommend that the bridge be closed immediately to all traffic."

"Basically, the underside supports of the bridge are significantly rusted out," said Okimi. "We advised the board of the engineer's findings immediately, and the board took action to close the bridge."

As it happens, the Town is replacing the other bridge closer to the library next year as part of their capital program. "We are discussing partnering with the board to replace both at the same time for efficiency," said Okimi.

Jamie Leach, Facility Services Supervisor for the Halton District School Board, said the process is under way and in the



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design stage, following permit application, approvals and tendering.

"We have allocated funds towards this project after discussions around

preliminary projections at our Regional meetings. The tentative dates for completion would be around the fall," said Leach.

## Halton Hills gets a little bit of peace (Tower)

By: Vivien Fleisher

Visitors to Ottawa may or may not know this, but there's a brand new flag flying every weekday on the Peace Tower. And although that seems like a lot of flags piling up, there is no shortage of Canadians who want them. In fact, what used to be a 14-year wait has turned into 42 for one of the giant (2.3 x 4.6 m.) flags.

Luckily for Halton Hills, a very generous resident who got their hands on

one donated it to the Town during the year of our big 150th birthday.

On the government website, it says "To replace the Peace Tower flag, the flag master folds and places a new flag in a satchel, takes the elevator to the observation deck, and climbs 33 metres of stairs and ladders...and raises the new one on the 10.7-metre flagpole. Throughout the 20-30 minute process, the flag is never to touch the ground." The first one flew on February 15, 1965.



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All About Smiles

## Annual Noon Hour Bike Ride to be held May 29

The Halton Hills Bicycle Friendly Community Committee, Smart Commute Halton and the Office of Sustainability are hosting their annual Noon Hour Bike Ride event for the fifth year in recognition of the globally celebrated Bike to Work Day. Join Town staff, residents, local commuters and cycle enthusiasts on Monday, May 29 for a leisurely noon hour bike ride. Cyclists of all levels of experience will ride along scenic trails and quiet streets of Georgetown. Bring your own picnic lunch and enjoy it when we stop for a lunch break part way through the ride at the Georgetown Fairgrounds.

The Noon Hour Bike Ride event will begin at 11:45 a.m. at the main entrance of our Town Hall located at 1 Halton Hills Drive in Georgetown, and cyclists will depart together at noon. If you are planning on joining the ride, please notify the organizers in advance by emailing [hbcycling@haltonhills.ca](mailto:hbcycling@haltonhills.ca).

Typically there are about 35 participants in the Noon Hour Bike Ride event. This public

event is an opportunity to meet your neighbours and experience a bike ride through nature trails and quiet residential streets. The Town's Noon Hour Bike Ride event is supported by Velofix, a mobile bicycle maintenance and repair service.

"Riding a bike to work is a healthy alternative to commuting by car," said Councillor Jane Fogal, Chair of the Halton Hills Bicycle Friendly Community Committee. "We have beautiful trails, bike routes and quiet streets for our residents to enjoy. Cycling is a great way to get your daily exercise and reduce stress. I invite all residents to tune up their bicycles, find their bike helmets and join me on the Noon Hour Bike Ride".

The Halton Hills Bicycle Friendly Community Committee has other scheduled cycling events planned this summer such as: Halton Hills Community Bike Challenge, Bike it to the Market, and Bike it to Leathertown Festival. Visit the Town website for more information: [www.haltonhills.ca/CyclingEvents](http://www.haltonhills.ca/CyclingEvents)