

Public warning siren testing

On Thursday, September 28 at 10 a.m., Saputo Inc. will be performing a siren testing, in collaboration with the Town of Halton Hills. This test of the public warning system is part of sound risk management practices meeting Environment Canada's regulatory requirements.

Residents of Halton Hills should know that no specific action is required on their part during the September 28 siren testing.

Saputo uses ammonia for cooling in their manufacturing and storage process at the plant located at 279 Guelph Street, Georgetown. Ammonia is a well-known and commonly-used refrigerant in

commercial and industrial operations. While no major leaks have occurred at this facility, Saputo's preparedness efforts involve informing and educating the public and having a what-do-to strategy in place.

The primary responsibility of the Halton Hills Fire Department is to ensure the safety and well-being of residents and property. It is with this in mind that the department partnered with Saputo to ensure accurate and timely information on safety protocols was produced and distributed.

An informational pamphlet will be distributed in an approximate 2 km area around the Saputo plant. The message tells

people to 'shelter in place' should they hear a three minute, loud wailing siren. The siren will emit a long continuous tone for one minute when the danger has passed. Firefighters will also be visiting area businesses and providing notification to specific populations such as schools and seniors' buildings.

"The siren activation system is a commonly-used method in emergency preparedness to provide early and effective notification to the community," said Halton Hills Fire Chief John deHooge.

Mayor Rick Bonnette noted, "The siren may be unfamiliar to people so I encourage residents to ensure their whole family knows what the siren means and which procedures to follow when they hear it."

Questions about safety protocols or about the information document may be directed to the Halton Hills Fire Department at 905-873-2601, ext. 2102 or via email at: harryo@haltonhills.ca.

BBQ kicks off fundraising for Links2Care

By: Alex Hilson

On Saturday, the Acton Shoppers Drug Mart hosted a BBQ to raise funds for Link2Care. It's their kickoff event for "Growing Women's Health" month, a corporate initiative where customers and community members can make donations at Shoppers Drug Mart cash registers towards a local charity.

"We like our community. We're trying to promote community involvement. I didn't grow up in Acton but we moved here for the small town feel because everyone says hello and waves," explained Cara Hiscott, the person responsible for the Acton event. "Senior's Day in our store is great because they come and meet up with each other in the isles because they all know each other. It's really fun".

Janet Vlietstra, another Shoppers employee who has contributed to the initiative, said, "We've been deal-



Silvio Mena, Janet Vlietstra, Hayden Peckford, Maggie Turkiewicz, and Cara Hiscott

ing with Links2Care for two or three years. The organization this BBQ benefits is supposed to be a woman's charity but in town there isn't just a woman's charity, but Links2Care does help a lot of women and families. They do so much for our community".

Shoppers Drug Mart's Foundation, "Shoppers LOVE. YOU." has raised "over \$67 million dollars to women's health charities across Canada" according to their website.

"We're off to a pretty good start. Raised quite a bit this morning be-

cause it just started today," added Vlietstra.

Lisa Brading, Director of Community Services for Links2Care, said, "Any donations will support the many programs and services under our community support umbrella. We'd be using it is to purchase the items we often need for those programs. That's right across our spectrum of services."

Those looking to contribute to the "Growing Women's Health" campaign and Links2Care can do so at the Acton Shopper's Drug Mart until Friday, October 6.

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LEGION NEWS

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



President Graham offers our deepest sympathy on behalf of the executive and members to Carl and Lene Fisker in the death

of Carl's brother in Denmark.

The veterans from Sunnybrook had a great visit to the branch yes-

terday. Thanks to the LA for hosting this and providing such a wonderful meal. Thanks also to all who helped make the day successful and to all who came to visit with the veterans.

Remember the Fall Fair Breakfast is on September 16 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. You can enjoy your breakfast then take a free ride to the fairgrounds. Why not come back to the Legion and enjoy entertainment with the Final Edition.

Your Membership chair reminds the membership that the Early Bird renewal process for 2018 membership will commence September 1 and run until November 30.

There are newsletters at the bar for those who would like to know what is happening at the Branch. Check out our website, Facebook page, or the blackboards behind bar.

District B Conference is September 30 and October 1—at our branch. The rooms are all booked. There will be entertainment as well. We will keep you updated.

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