

Acton Winter Carnival Breakfast a hardy fundraiser

By: Alex Hilson

The Acton Winter Carnival Breakfast returned to the Acton Town Hall Centre this past Sunday. With a couple of hundred people in attendance, the event was run, and all funds went towards, 197 Typhoon Squadron, the Acton body of the Canadian Air Cadets. The money raised from the breakfast helps to run the Cadet Program, paying for uniforms, trips, and exchanges, among other things.

Cadets served pancakes and sausages with coffee, tea or juice. Classic board games and a huge colouring wall had been set up with the intention of being used later in the day, but families took advantage of it early on as well, keeping people at the breakfast longer than in previous years.

Supporting the event



Kendall (left), Titan, Omni, June, Peter, and Easton Meth enjoyed the pancake breakfast on Sunday.

were representatives from the Acton Sea Cadets. Both programs are related through the Cadet Program in general. Most Sea Cadets become Air Cadets when they get older.

Paul Simas is a Lieutenant with the Acton

Sea Cadets, and he will become Commanding Officer on February 4. He came from a Mississauga unit to help at the Acton unit. "My goal is to reach out to the community," Simas explained. "I enjoy it. This is something we miss.

As cities grow, we tend to lose the sense of community. So here we still have that sense of helping each other, and it's wonderful. It's refreshing to me."

While Simas still lives in Mississauga, he comes to Acton every Wednesday. "But I love it," he continued. "I love that experience, to be able to say I teach cadets from nine to nineteen. Now, I have cadets who outrank me. I'm a Lieutenant, and I have cadets who are Lieutenant Commanders and they still call me 'Sir'. They just can't get away from that relationship. It's really rewarding to be able to assist a person be the best they can be."



Giggles Comedy Night a success

By: Alex Hilson

The Acton House League Hockey Association (AHHA) held their Giggles Comedy Night Fundraiser at the Acton Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion on Saturday, January 20. Representatives from the Club were happy with the turn out and the money raised for House League programming.

Kelly Cordingley, the Fundraising Chair for the Club and one of the Primary Organizers of the Comedy Night, along with Judy Easton, said, "Acton House League is a non-profit organization run by volunteers. I myself, am a parent of two kids who both play hockey and I know it takes a lot to run an organization like AHHA. Giving my time is the least I can do to give

back."

This was the first time the Acton League had hosted a comedy event as a fundraiser in recent years. The goal was to get parents and the community involved. The league fundraises mainly to keep costs down for players and to buy new equipment needed to run the different divisions.

"We held the comedy night at the Acton Legion because they were local and able to accommodate the 300 people we anticipated," explained Cordingley. "I called a couple different comedy agencies and Giggles Comedy Agency was amazing to deal with and sent us three awesome comedians: Casey Cordin, Michelle Shaughnessy and the headliner Gilson Lubin."

Cordingley made sure

to point out the event was a team effort. "The evening was a success and could not have happened

without all the generous donations of prizes from the community. We're very thankful."

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LEGION NEWS



By: David Maloney P.R.O. ~ Branch 197

The list is up for Winter Horseshoe Tournament this Sunday. Check to see who your partner is. Don't forget the Foodbank drive.

The popular Elio Anselmini is the DJ booked to play on the night the Legion will be hosting the Ladies Appreciation Dinner and Dance in the Main Hall on February 10. Following the presentations at approximately 9 p.m., the dance will be open to all comers.

Talking about the ladies and celebrations, let us congratulate the two LAX teams that took second and third place in last Saturday's District Qualifying Darts round played in Georgetown.

Placing second were: Lori Savage, Angie Mowat, Nancy McLelland and Joan Maloney. Placing third were: Sue Poulson, Peggy Harris, Anne Horne, and Teresa Uiterwyke. Well done, ladies, and good luck in the next round.

Cathy Munday and her team are gearing up for this year's Family Fun Winter Carnival, which will be on Sunday, February 18.

Frank is pleased with the way members are responding to the sale of tickets for the raffle of two hockey shirts and a hockey stick, signed

by Johnny Bower and Dickey Duff. There are lots of tickets available still, and members of the public are welcome to purchase tickets. There are still two months remaining before the draw.

Look for the list to be posted inviting those members who wish to go on the trip to Sunnybrook Sunday, February 25. More details to follow.

Check the notices behind the bar for upcoming events.

Ladies Auxiliary:

Last Saturday, the Ladies Auxiliary had two teams contending in the qualifying round for district darts in Georgetown.

Both teams are moving on, placing second and third. Congratulations to both teams. I'm sure you will represent the Acton LA in fine fashion on April 7 in Waterdown. Congratulations to the Georgetown team as well on their first-place finish.

Don't forget our Appreciation Dinner coming up on February 10.

Get well wishes are going out to our comrades who are under the weather.

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