

Candlelight Tribute Committee planning Silent Walk for May 3

By: Harry Rudolfs

The annual Silent Candlelight Walk to commemorate fallen Canadian soldiers is set for Thursday, May 3. This is an annual vigil intended to be an educational experience for children and adults alike.

The event is based on a Dutch tradition where children place candles on the graves of soldiers who died fighting in Holland during WWII. Canadians

are fondly regarded by the Dutch because of the integral role the First Canadian Army played in liberating the country from Nazi occupation in 1944 and 1945.

The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. with participants mustering at two locations: St Alban's Anglican Church and the Hyde House parking lot. The two groups begin the Silent Walk a little before 7 p.m. and will meet at the cenotaph on Mill Street.

Unfortunately, the procession had to be cancelled last year because of inclement weather. But committee member, Lori Ford is expecting a turnout of 50 or more young people. "We have the Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts taking part as well as the Navy and Air Cadets."

Georgetown and Acton have embraced the tradition which takes place on the first Thursday of May. But the event is only spor-

adically celebrated in the rest of the country. The walk has the support of the Legion but is not an official Legion event.

Lori Ford got involved in the project after visiting historic battlegrounds in Holland and France with her parents in 1995. Her father, Robert Featherstone (Hank) Ford, had served as a wireless operator/air gunner in a Lancaster bomber.

"We were on a bus trip with a group of veterans

when I told my dad I think we have the wrong people on the bus—the Dutch children know about the sacrifice that was made, but we need to remind our children and grand-kids about this."

Committee chair Dave Maloney assured that "the kids will be front and centre" during the vigil. "This is not about politicians or dignitaries, this is for the children," he said. "We keep it simple and silent."



Ryan Wagg, third vice president of Legion and his daughter Lily with the safety candles that children will place on the cenotaph.

EARTH WEEK CELEBRATIONS



Participate in These Events on Saturday, April 28, 2018

Earth Day at Public Works

Participate in the annual event at the Robert C. Austin Operations Centre located at 11620 Trafalgar Road. Purchase native trees at \$5.00 each. Bring your shovel to take home free compost and woodchips. Drop off unwanted electronics and household hazardous waste. A delicious BBQ breakfast and lunch will be available. Food and cash donations for our local food banks are gratefully accepted.

For more information contact:
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Earth Day and Sustainability Fair

Join us for the Town of Halton Hills' annual Earth Day and Sustainability Fair at the Georgetown Market Place. Environmental, cultural, economic and social groups will showcase the good work they do in the community. Highlights include Conservation Halton's Mountsberg Birds of Prey and Credit Valley Conservation children's activities.

Other ideas on how to participate in the Town's Earth Week Celebrations include:

- Go on the Green Walk Tour at Mold-Masters SportsPlex.
- Visit the branches of Halton Hills Public Library in Acton and Georgetown to learn about energy and water conservation efficiencies.
- Go for a hike at the Willow Park Ecology Centre in Norval.

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After a birthday party the previous weekend at the Acton Legion, Dorothy Rognvaldson's friends at Trinity United Church also recognized her 100th birthday. Dorothy was given a gold watch by the Congregation, and was presented with a picture signed by former Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield. Piper Steve Turner played to the delight of those gathered.



RECOGNITION: Mayor Rick Bonnette presented Dorothy Rognvaldson with the Key to the Town of Halton Hills at the celebration of her 100th Birthday. - Alex Hilson photos

Editor's Note: In last week's edition, Dorothy's last name was incorrectly listed, The New Tanner apologizes for this error.



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