

ACTON SENIORS' RECREATION CENTRE

By Dot Redekop
From all reports I have heard the trip to Stage West was fabulous. The audience participation makes the ending change with each performance of "Sheer MadnessA".

There were 21 folks out for bid euchre Mary Irwin, Mae Milton and Mary Lombardi each had one moon hand and Mary Papillon had two. Hey guys, get lucky and show the ladies up. We have men players, two but so far they have had no luck.

Betty and Barb have some more trips lined up for April and May. There is another

Rama trip planned for Apr. 27 and includes entertainment by Johnny Ginger. I have heard Johnny on two trips and I find him good.

We are getting ready for the Seniors Games to be held in Halton only - this year. Wish us luck. We have a good time even if we don't win. That is what it is all about. Us seniors are out for a good time.

A few of our members attended the Citizenship Court. We were one of the groups that helped supply the lunch. The ones who went found it very impressive.

Ready for 2000

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computer chaos, a possible global recession and problems with heat, lights and water systems.

The booklet says Y2K puts the church as the "crossroads of love" and asks when and if Y2K hits, who will take care of those that God places a great priority on helping - the poor, the widow and the orphan.

"We, as Christians, have a responsibility not just to think about ourselves because if there is a Y2K problem, and some people haven't prepared themselves, then I think there will be a time to share," Bacht said.

Bacht, whose Y2K preparations include the purchase of a generator and a 45-day supply of food and water, said

prayer is the key for each individual in dealing with the Y2K issue because prayer can bring faith, not fear.

"If you really believe in the Lord, that gives you a tremendous amount of strength in facing a potential disaster - the Spirit will lead you accordingly.

Because of Y2K I think you will see people intensify their approach to prayer."

All Churchill Church members received the Y2K booklet and were asked to share the information with other people.

"It's a very difficult subject to talk about. People aren't interested and pretend that there's nothing to it. Maybe they're right, but I'd rather be ready, just in case.



A WINNING HAND: Friday night is Euchre night at the Acton Legion with more than 10 tables playing each week. Acton's Phyllis Angel kept a close eye on her cards last Friday. - Angela Tyler photo

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Doctor shortage

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retired last summer, they can't accept any more.

While Dr. Van der Bent was on vacation last month Parent said, it was "really tough" having to turn patients away.

"But they were full. If Dr. Van der Bent sees x patients a day, and even just half of them wanted to see someone while he was away, they couldn't be added to Dr. Moore or Dr. McWilliam's existing loads. Some of them had been coming here for years and they couldn't understand why we had to refuse them."

Parent said she tells people if they are new to town and have a doctor in their former home they should stay with him/her except for emergencies. In emergencies people should go to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital or to the Walk-in Clinic at the Georgetown Market Centre.

Dr. Moore says they have been advertising unsuccessfully for another doctor to join them since before Dr. Pun retired. They find doctors look at Acton's lack of shopping, for instance, and look to locate elsewhere in larger centres.

Dr. Henry Lau is the only Georgetown doctor accepting new patients and his receptionist, Clara Lem, says he has taken a number of Acton people since setting up his practise at the Georgetown Medical Clinic in December. He also works at the walk-in clinic.

coming all the way down from Guelph because they can't get a doctor there either."

Dr. Lau is a graduate of the University of Toronto and did his internship in Canada. He practised at South River for four years before moving to Hagersville three years ago.

Dr. Lau has later hours on Mondays and Thursdays for patients who commute.

"He enjoys working in a smaller town," Lem said, "and this is much nicer for him because there are support services available here. Hagersville only had a 20 bed hospital and there were no specialist or other backups available."

Gillian Balkind said Halton Hills Seniors Information Centre does help arrange transportation through the Milton Red Cross for longterm care patients. There is also a pool of drivers who may be able to help others in occasional, non-emergency situations.

Ann Montgomery, receptionist for Rockwood's Dr. Jane Hodsil, said she gets two to four calls a day from prospective clients looking for a doctor. Dr. Hodsil's practise is closed to new patients.

"We have a two-year waiting list for patients trying to get into her practice and she is no longer taking any from out of Rockwood," Montgomery said. "It wouldn't be fair to the local residents to do that."

After a call from The New Tanner MPP Ted Chudleigh is looking at why Acton was refused underserved status in efforts to attract new doctors. He was unable to provide answers at press time.

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