

LETTERS

Cancer Society Campaign

Dear Editor,
The Acton Branch of the Cancer Society is busy getting ready for the first residential campaign and daffodil drive of this century.

1999 was a tremendous success for us as we reached a new landmark - over \$30,000 was donated by the very generous residents of Acton and the surrounding area. Of course this feat could not have been achieved without the dedication and tireless efforts of the many volunteers who gave a few hours of their precious time for such a worthy cause.

There are many jobs to be done. The first Acton Pathfinders put together approximately 150 kits. The zone captains get these kits to the captains. They deliver them to the canvassers who then complete the job by knocking on your door. Thank you to all

of these wonderful people.

The job does not end there. After your generous donation has been collected and your receipt has been issued the job of counting and depositing the money begins. All the paperwork necessary for our records and the government must be completed, too. We are always looking for volunteers to help out. We need canvassers in all areas of town, the rural areas and in our new housing development.

Do you have a few hours to devote to a very worthy cause? If you do, please contact Cathy Gerrow at 853-1424 or myself at 853-0585. We will be happy to add your name to the team of incredible people who keep making each year better than the last.

Sincerely,
Liz Bailey, Campaign Chair,
Acton Branch, Cancer Society



GETTING IT RIGHT: Craig Foster, left and Dave White were among 18 Gr. 12 construction technology students at Acton High school who built the new interior for the Youth Centre on Mill Street East. The class pre-fabricated walls in the school shops according to plans prepared for the Youth Centre and installed them on site Friday. - Maggie Petrushevsky photo

ACTON SENIORS' RECREATION CENTRE

By Dot Redekop

Congratulations to Leone Brown on winning the 50/50 draw last Friday afternoon. It had been growing for a few weeks so it was well worth taking home.

Don't forget we have a trip on Thursday, Mar. 2 to the Gryphon Theatre and Casino Rama. The show is "Ireland's Call." The trip includes the Casino where we have lunch and the show. We leave at 8:45 a.m. and return approximately 1030 p.m. Remember the Irish say that half the world is Irish and the other half wish they were. Thanks, Rick

Have you signed up yet for the CPR course? It runs Thursday, March 16 and Fri-

day, March 17 from 9 to 12. The cost is \$15 and you have to attend both sessions to get your certificate. Just phone the Centre at 853-5951 and have your name put on the list. You must have be registered.

Isabel McDonald went to the "moon" on Thursday afternoon playing bid euchre.

We are heading for Casino Rama on Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 8:45 a.m. The cost is two people for \$5. This includes lunch.

Don't forget our evening euchre is Wednesday, March 1 at 7:30. The cost is \$2 and includes a light lunch. Everyone is welcome. You don't have to be a member, just a euchre lover. The room is quite comfortable now.

Scout/Guide Week celebrated Feb.29

BYMAGGIE PETRUSEVSKY
The New Tanner

Although Thinking Day was Tuesday (Feb. 22) Acton Scouts and Guides won't hold their main celebration of Scout-Guide Week until next Tuesday, Feb. 29.

That's when the Boy Scouts will host a rally at the Scout Hall for all the boys and girls involved in the town's Scout-Guide movement, says George Henderson, vice-president of North Halton District Scouting.

"We used to hold a church parade," he says. "A couple

of years ago we found we could get more participation with a small get together at the Scout Hall. We sing songs, put on the fire and share thoughts about the movement. It's informal and seems to suit our people."

Linda Ellis, District Guide Co-commissioner for Acton, agrees with Henderson that about 200 youngsters are involved with the movement in Acton. While the girls have their choice of Sparks, Brownies, Guides Pathfinders or Junior Leaders, depending on their age, there are no Ranger or Cadet groups operating here.

Henderson says all the groups for boys are now open to girls, too although the girls groups do not accept boys. Acton has Beaver, Cub, and Venturer groups but no Scouts this year.

Both halves of the old organization would welcome volunteers interested in leading groups, Henderson says. While there are always a few new faces each year, most of their leaders have been around for a while. Personally, he has been in scouting for 25 years and is a former Scout himself.

Traditionally the youngest age groups are the fullest, Henderson says, adding they would like to set up a second Beaver colony if they could get more leaders. Ellis says they, too, need more leaders, especially for their Sparks program.

Scout-Guide Week centres around Thinking Day, Feb. 22, the birth dates of movement founders Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. Baden-Powell began established the Scouting movement for boys in

England in the early 1900s and his sister, Lady Baden-Powell, took over organizing a companion program for girls around 1909.

The Rotary Club of Acton has been the Scouts sponsor for more than 30 years, Henderson says, and also supports the Guides although not officially.

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Libraries visit Arctic

Both branches of the Halton Hills Public Library are offering Arctic activities planned just for school aged kids during March Break. One hour programs will be offered on Wednesday, March 15 and Friday, March 17. There will also be some drop-in activities and a cool contest.

Registration is required for some programs, and begins March 1 in person or by phone. Proof of age may be required. Spaces are limited, so register early.

For more information, please drop into either the Georgetown or Acton Branch or call 853-0301.

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