

# Bidding war over Men of Acton Calendar

## Gala dinner raises

### \$9,000 for new building

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A photo of Acton's John Eddolls, wearing nothing but a Speedo and a smile, sparked a good-natured, but nevertheless cutthroat bidding war, during the Acton Agricultural Society's dinner and auction on Friday night.

At the dinner, a calendar featuring pictures of the Men of Acton was unveiled (or revealed as the case may be) to an appreciative crowd.

The calendar is the brainchild of Acton's Sue Walker and Maxine McBride, who offered to produce it, with the volunteer help of photographer Bruce Andrews, as a fund-raiser for the Society that is raising money to construct a new building in Prospect Park.

During the dinner, enlargements of each of the 12 photos, featuring 26 of Acton's famous and infamous men, were auctioned off, raising \$2,095. Top price was \$425 for the photo of the Manes family in their IGA store.

The bidding really heated up when the photo of national life saving team member John Eddolls was put on the block.

Eddolls' sister, Miss Acton first runner-up Ruth Eddolls and Acton BIA general manager Josey Murray both had their eye on the photograph and the bidding became fast and furious.

When Eddolls had reached her \$60 limit, Anne Andrews (wife of calendar photographer Bruce and one of Ruth's teachers) quickly offered more cash. Eddolls' table mates then got into the act and as the bids climbed higher and higher, people began handing Eddolls bills so she could stay in the bidding.

Murray also soon had a pile of cash before her and both women continued to

push the price for the photograph higher and higher as the crowd cheered and reached into their wallets.

At one point, a very embarrassed John Eddolls held down his sister's arms in jest, trying to get her to stop waving her bid card, but the crowds kept cheering the bidders on and dropping cash on the table.

Finally at \$310, Murray bowed out of the bidding and Ruth had her photograph, which she plans to frame and keep for herself. Murray also gave Eddolls all of the cash that had been dropped on her table, so the final tally for the photo was well above the bid price.

After paying for the photograph, Ruth Eddolls, said she was thrilled with the support for the Society.

"Everyone just banded together and helped me out - it was so fast - I was really excited and it's so great that everyone got together to raise money for the Society's new building," Eddolls said.

Murray didn't go home empty handed. She also got into a bidding war with Councillor Clark Somerville for the enlargement of the photo of himself and the other two Acton councillors. She won that bid - paying \$350 - and then convinced the councillors to sign the photograph for her.

Society spokesperson Janis Fread told the crowd the offer from Sue Walker and Maxine McBride to do the calendar was very generous.

"It's one thing for someone to approach with a (fund-raising) idea. It's another thing for them to -jump in wholehearted and follow it through, right to the end," Fread said.

With more than 60 items and services donated by local businesses and individu-



**FUNDRAISERS THANKED:** In thanks for orchestrating the Men of Acton calendar as a fundraising for the Acton Agricultural Society, Society president Doug Fread (right) presented framed posters of the 1914 Acton Fall Fair to Maxine McBride (left), calendar photographer Bruce Andrews and Sue Walker during a dinner at Blue Springs Golf Club on Friday. - Frances Niblock photo

als for the silent auction and door prizes, the gala dinner helped raise \$9,000 for the Society's building fund.

Sales of the \$10 calendars at the dinner were brisk and organizers predict all 2,000 will sell. The calendars are available at the Needle Gnome, Wetherby's and Halton Hills Furniture and by calling 853-0239.

### Bazaar winners

Draw winners at St. Joseph's Church bazaar on Saturday, Oct. 21 included: Nativity candle - Pat O'Meara; centre piece - Emily Wikinson; table cloth -

Peggy DeBruyn; Father Christmas - Marg Dunn; grocery draw - Andrea Arbic, Jean Jackson, Olga Dyriw. Money tree: \$300 - Donna

Gorjup, \$200 - Debbie Clayton; \$100 - Carol Caverley.

## Ballinafad teen is saved by seat belt

A 34-year-old Guelph woman was charged with failing to yield to through traffic following a two-car crash that injured a Ballinafad teen at the intersection of Dublin Line and 32 Side Road at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Police credit his seat belt for saving the life of 18-year-old Craig Daghish whose 1992 Mazda was totalled when it rolled after being hit in the intersection.

Police say the Guelph woman stopped at the stop sign before proceeding south on Dublin Line and collided with Daghish who was west-bound on 32 Side Road.

Daghish was treated for facial injuries and released from hospital. Police say the woman was bruised and shaken.



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