



**25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** On January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004, The Reverend Emrys Jenkins celebrated 25 years as minister at Churchill Community Church. He is the longest serving minister in the 165 year history of the church, built in 1838 and is probably the longest serving minister of any church in the Acton area and possibly Halton Hills, says member Grant Robinson. There are eight members of the congregation, who have been there for the entire 25 years. Personally, I am not sure if the church would exist today if it were not for Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Robinson says. —Angela Tyler Photo

# Acton woman heads Halton BPW

Halton has the newest Canadian Chapter of Business and Professional Women (BPW) which has national, provincial and international bodies involved in women's issues. The organization has been in existence since the 1930s with Canada one of the charter members.

Each club is unique and driven by the membership to focus on issues of local, national or international scope. Chapters meet the first Wednesday of each month.

Halton's president is Helen Lomax of RR 2, Acton. The national president,

an Oakville resident, was recently in Ottawa to be part of the Ottawa Task Force on Women Entrepreneurs report dealing with women's issues. She will continue to sit on the committee after the report is finished.

"BPW was part of the discussion group that helped persuade the federal government to implement the law whereby women received the same Canada Pension as men," says Elizabeth Carmichael, former Halton Hills resident who was a chair of the North Halton Cultural Awareness Council before she moved to Oakville.

The Halton Chapter is holding a Grand Gala on Saturday, January 31 at the Rattlesnake point Golf Club in Milton. The keynote speaker will be the Honourable Anne Chambers, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities.

The gala is aimed at new charter members, interested people and local officials. More information can be obtained by phoning Halton President Helen Lomax at 853-3808 or Elizabeth Carmichael, the Gala chair at (905) 465-3401.

# Seniors' jewellery scam artist target

Schemes to dupe seniors out of money have now been joined by another scam aimed at their jewellery.

An incident in Burlington on Jan. 4 where a man knocked at the door of a 75-year-old woman in a seniors' residence and asked if she wanted her rings appraised, has Halton police alarmed. They're urging residents, particularly those in seniors' residences, to be "cautious of unknown persons attending their home posing as service or salespersons."

In Burlington the woman gave a male suspect four custom-made rings worth approximately \$45,000 to appraise. He told her he would return in a short time with her jewellery and left. He also got a small quantity of cash and a credit card from the woman's apartment.

When the man failed to return after several hours the woman contacted police and learned she had been duped. The suspect is described as a white, well-dressed male, 45-50 years old.

# Maps subject of Jan. meet

Esquering Historical Society will take a hands-on look at historic Esquering maps, including street, township and fire insurance maps as early as 1854, at the society's monthly January meeting.

The meeting will take place at Knox Presbyterian Church hall in Georgetown, at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 14.

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Parents of students who are planning to attend **Acton High School** or **Georgetown District High School** in September 2004 are welcome to come and hear more about the Grade 9 program, services for students, and diploma requirements. Parents should attend the Parents' Information Night at their home school (the school designated for their community). For more information, please contact the school office.

<p><b>Acton High School</b> Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> Large group presentation: 7:00 p.m. Small group questions and answers session: 7:45 p.m.. Tours: 8:30 p.m (519) 853-2920</p>	<p><b>Georgetown District High School</b> Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> Presentation: 7:00-8:00 p.m. Tours: 6:00-6 45 p.m./8:00-9:00 p.m. (905) 877-6966</p>
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