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HEAR THIS: Local politicians were among those who helped celebrate the official grand opening of Active Ears in the Acton Medical Centre on Mill Street last Wednesday. On hand were, from left: Regional Wards 1/2 Councillor Clark Somerville, Acton Councillor Jon Hurst, Mayor Rick Bonnette, Active Ears owner Christine Feige, Charlotte Feige, Dr. George McWilliam, Acton Councillor Mike O'Leary and Monica Feige. — Ted Tyler photo

Best practices in Halton

October is Salute to Small Business month, and the Halton Region Business Development Centre is pleased to recognize it with its third-annual Bridges to Better Business event for entrepreneurs. "Bridges to Better Business is a unique event that allows entrepreneurs to exchange information on best management practices, learn from each others' experiences and make strategic business connections," says John Ayling, Director of Business Development.

The event will take place on October 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Halton Regional Centre Auditorium, located in Oakville. The registration fee of \$50 includes a hot buffet luncheon and a networking wine and cheese reception.

Presented by the Halton Business Development Centre, in partnership with the Province of Ontario, the Canada-Ontario Business Service Centre and The Royal Bank of Canada, Bridges to Better Business will feature keynote speaker Gene Luczkiw, acknowledged global thought leader in the fields of

small business development, entrepreneurial leadership and enterprise education. Mr. Luczkiw's address on "Energizing Your Enterprise" will help entrepreneurs understand how to grow a successful enterprise, get the right people on their team and success-

fully identify and seize opportunities.

To register for Bridges to Better Business or to find out more, contact the Halton Region Business Development Centre at 905-825-6000, toll free at 1-866-4HALTON or visit www.haltonbusiness.com.

Dinner Theatre in Acton

Acton Old Town Hall Dinner Theatre is doing its best to bring live community theatre back to Acton! If you have a burning desire to be on stage or to use your special skills behind the scenery, this is your chance.

A group of local people, including Mark Tiller and Kathy Sanford, are looking for other interested people to help establish this group. Everyone is welcome and experience is not necessary. More than just actors are required to bring a production to life; people interested in directing, set design and construction, costumes, sound, lighting, props, publicity, marketing and administration are also needed.

The fledgling group will be presenting its third production, "A Night in the Theatre," together with a buffet dinner on October 30, at the Old Town Hall Centre, 19 Willow St. North. Previous productions included a merry medieval feast and a lively murder mystery evening, which were greatly enjoyed by the audience, as they participated in a pub sing and used their detective skills to discover the identity of the murderer. If you think you have the makings of a star (on or off stage) come out and join the group. There will be a meeting organized in November for anyone interested in getting involved. Watch this newspaper for an announcement of the time and location.

MP Chong not impressed with Throne Speech

Wellington-Halton Hills MP, Michael Chong, was disappointed in the government's Throne Speech. "The Throne Speech lacked specifics, especially regarding the Liberal promise to transfer the gas tax to municipalities. It's so vague as to be almost meaningless," Chong said.

"This gas tax promise was made before the election, during the election, and after the election. Not only that, it's the second Throne Speech where it's been mentioned. Still we have no specifics for cash. The government has got to stop talking and start delivering on these promises to address the infrastructure deficit. In Wellington-Halton Hills, we've got bridges closed and roads in dire need of repair. The time for action is now."

Chong added that specific details are important because, "Municipalities need to know now how much gas tax they are going to receive next year as they start budgeting for 2005."

Another concern of his is that, "We are moving from specifics to generalities. During the election the Liberals promised 5 cents per litre of the gas tax. In the Throne Speech this week the Liberals are now talking of a "portion" of the gas tax." He added "I hope this doesn't mean the Liberals are backing away from their promise."



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