

ACTON SENIORS' RECREATION CENTRE

BY JULIE CONROY

On Dec. 14 from 2-4p.m. the Acton Seniors Centre will be holding their annual "cookie exchange". There is no charge for this event. Tea will be served. What a great way to get an assortment of cookies for the holidays.

The annual Christmas Lights Tour of the beautifully decorated homes and businesses around Acton will be on Thursday, Dec. 16. Pick up times are as follows - Birchway apartments 6:15p.m., Elizabeth apartments 6:30p.m., Church/Maria apartments 6:40p.m. and the centre at 6:50p.m. The bus is free courtesy of Tyler Transport and the Acton Seniors Centre and is available to all seniors, handicapped, or care givers. Hopefully you clipped the advertisement from last week's Tanner to remind you of the pick up spots and times. Either sign the sheet at the front desk or phone 853-5951 and request to be added to the list.

Ruth tells me Mary Irwin and Elma Braid were the winners at the Bid Euchre on Nov. 2. I forgot to mention the winners from Wed. Nov. 17 card evening. It was well attended and the winners were: high man Mae Milton (playing as a man), high woman Bonnie Dunn, 2nd high man Henry Wedge, woman Pat Stark, lone hand man Elmer Dunn, woman Dianna Boudreau, low score man Mike Milligan, woman Eileen Wedge. The next card night is Dec. 15 at 7:15p.m.

The people who went on the coach trip to Lindsay to experience the Living Christmas Tree had a wonderful time. They started with a delicious dinner at the Fireside Restaurant in Lindsay and then went on to St. Andrew's Church where 85 choir members entertained them with Christmas music.

Following this, they had a tour of Lindsay with a guide and learned a little of the history of the town, while enjoying the lights from the comfort of the coach.

The Italian Dinner held several weeks ago was a great success as always, and everyone enjoyed a wonderful selection of Italian dishes followed by pie. The prize winners were: 50/50 Maxine Burton and the door prizes were won by Bob Patterson and Loretta Ivanyshyn. The evening was concluded with entertainment by Area 519 barber shop quartet, which of course featured our own Don Lindsay.

Carpet bowling results for November 19: I was told the Brown team finally won!! Marg Harings team 17, Walter Barlow's team 6.

Every Friday there is lunch at the centre, sometimes a mystery lunch, sometimes a pot lunch but more usually soup and a sandwich. We are lucky as one of our newer members plays the piano beautifully and is willing to entertain us from 11a.m. - 12:00 for a sing along. At the moment it is Christmas music. In the New Year it will feature all different types of music.

Francis Hogenbirk has kindly offered to take over keeping the Photo album up to date, so any photos you wish to share can be put in the large brown envelope at the front desk and she will see to getting them mounted. Thanks Francis!! Also thank you to Lorraine Fox for doing such a great job over the past few years.

We are hoping to spread a little Christmas cheer for two Acton families through HHSCI, this year. We are collecting gifts and Canadian Tire money to purchase items suitable for this purpose.

Don't forget the Centre will be closed from December 24 - January 3, 2005.

Two brave souls enjoyed the hike to Terra Cotta. This was the last for the year. Hopefully if there is enough interest and the weather cooperates they will start again in January 2005.

There was no winner of the 50/50 this week.

Town gearing up for business

By FRANCES NIBLOCK
The New Tanner

Halton Hills is "gearing up for business" with a new can-do attitude to help attract new industry and commerce to town.

That was the main message delivered to local business leaders by Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette at the annual Mayor's Christmas lunch, hosted by the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce, at the North Halton Golf and Country Club last Thursday.

After recounting some of the high and low points of his first whirlwind year in office - a grueling budget, a crisis with the announced closure of the obstetrics unit at Georgetown hospital and completion of an ambitious strategic plan - Bonnette predicted a bright future.

"I said last year that we would be a town that would compete with other municipalities in attracting industry and a commercial base," Bonnette told the sold-out crowd of approximately 150 people.

He said the town is hearing up for businesses with a creative and imaginative council and staff and co-operative business community, an attitude highlighted by a recent deal among politicians,

land owners and developers to bring services to the 401 prestige industrial corridor in south Halton Hills, six to eight years earlier than planned.

"Last year, I said it is one thing to say we're open for business, but it's another thing to say we are prepared for business.

"I think now it is safe to say we are gearing up for business - gearing up for major action in the 401-407 gateway Business Park," Bonnette said adding they have a "new attitude and we're out to help industry."

The mayor said there will no longer be holdups for developers applying for necessary building permits as they continue to "think out of the box" for new creative solutions to challenges.

Bonnette pointed out that just prior to Halton approving high development charges, the Town's was swamped with 273 building permit applications on one weekend - and they were dealt with quickly showing "it can be done."

To deal with the continued shortage of family physicians in Halton Hills, and particularly Acton that has the most acute need in the Region, Bonnette announced formation of a new Halton Hills Physician Recruitment Committee.

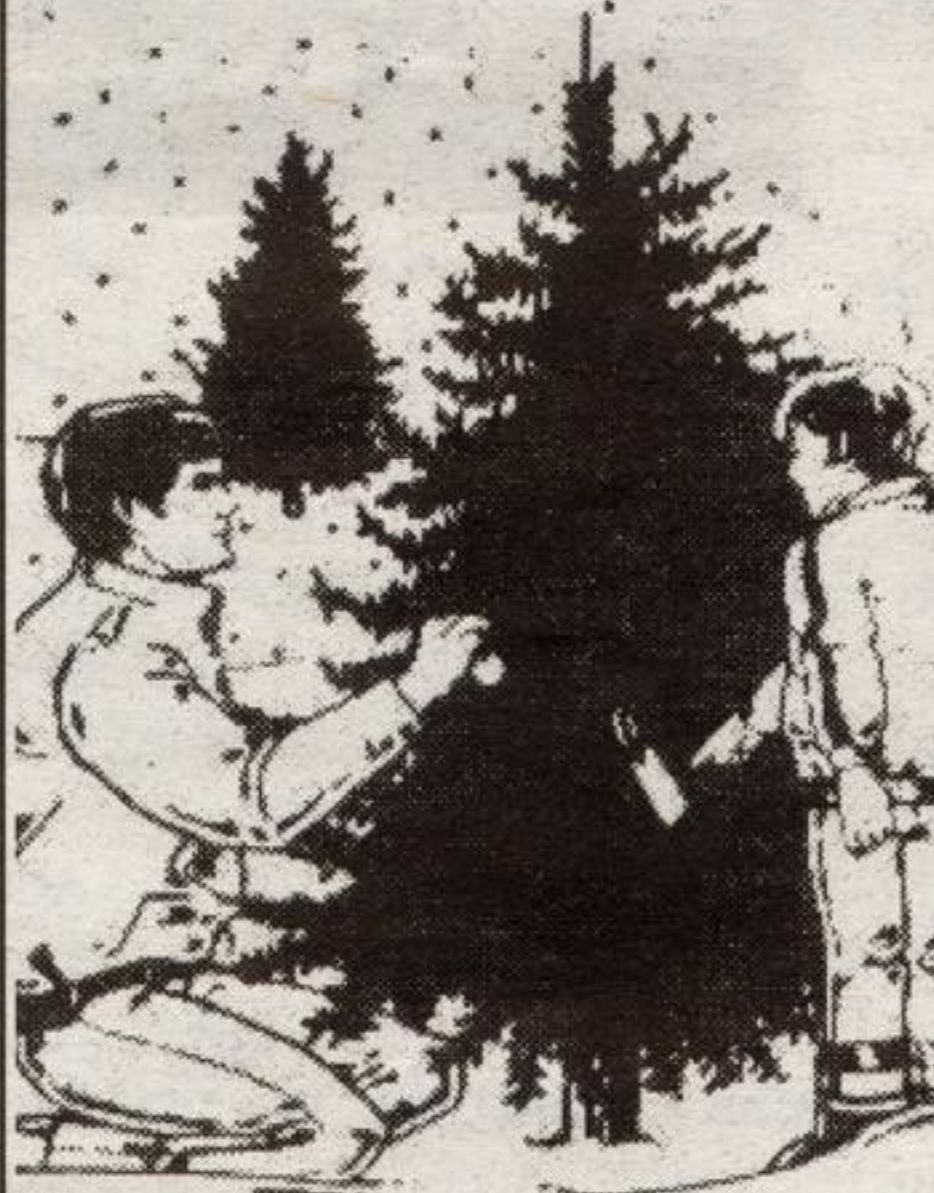
Appointed members so far include Chamber president Norm Paget, former Acton Councillor Norm Elliott, Georgetown businessman Paul Auty, Dr. Jeff Sutherland, Graeme Goebelle and a rep from the Acton Legion.

"We have real shortage (of doctors), if not a crisis, in

Acton," Bonnette said, adding Georgetown has a shortage of office space for new physicians.

As for the coming year, Bonnette promised that he would not mislead the public with indecision and his door will always be open to new ideas and suggestions.

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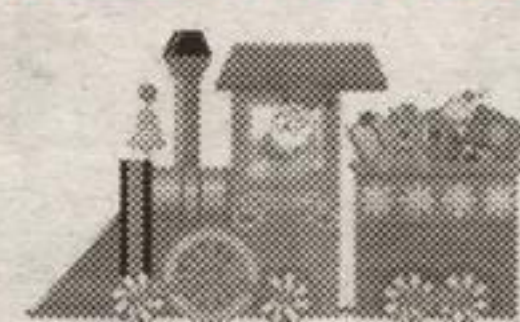
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