

EGGNOG SPECIAL: Mayor Rick Bonnette has a full glass and Tom Walker waits patiently for Margaret Anderson to dispense Christmas Cheer at the Acton Seniors Christmas dinner on Friday, December 9. – Julie Conroy photo



ACTON SENIORS' RECREATION CENTRE

By Julie Conroy

The annual Christmas dinner on Friday, December 9 was attended by 120 members of the Acton Seniors Centre plus guests, which included Mayor Rick Bonnette and his wife Josey, Councillors Jon Hurst and Clark Somerville, and from the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department, Joy Thompson and Terry Aylman. Dinner started with a cocktail hour serving three delicious punches, two different eggnogs, (one suitable for diabetics) and a lime sherbet punch. Followed, of course, by the traditional turkey dinner, and finishing with a variety of pies, tea and coffee. Just to put everyone in the holiday mood, the Monday craft ladies made a surprise gift for everyone.

Winners of the door prizes were Bob Patterson, Dorothy Bares, Marg Spear, Elda Miller, Theresa Downey, Lois Walker, Maxine Burton, (it was nice to see these last two ladies win, as they are usually very busy on Fridays preparing lunch for everyone else).

Fifty-six students from the Acton High School Concert Band and the Jazz Band entertained with a great variety of songs from old Christmas favourites to the more modern including, I noticed, some Beatles tunes. They looked very smart in their uniforms under the guidance of conductor Peter Wilcox. They ranged in age from 14 – 19 years of age and were in grades 9-12.

Everyone said how much they enjoyed the dinner, and entertainment after, and complimented the caterers M & J's catering, and the Acton High School Band. The 50/50 at the dinner was won by Elinor Dodds.

Winner of the large

Christmas hamper was Chris Clattenbys of Brampton, and the smaller one by Brenda La Rose of Acton, The beautiful painting by Maria Sallay was won by Jenny Calber, also of Acton.

The next trip to Rama will be Wednesday, January 25, 2006. The list for the bus is full, but if you would like to go, add your name to the waiting list. Quite often there is a cancellation. Call Ruth at 853-5124 if you are interested. There was one Mooner at the Euchre this week, Chris Robertson.

Can't wait that long for a little flutter? I understand there are plans in the works for a trip to Casino Niagara in early January. Just the Casino, as the lights will be finished by then, and there are no plans to visit Betty's for dinner on the return home.

Please note a slight change in pick-up times for the annual Christmas Light Tour on Thursday, December 22. This tour is sponsored by the Acton Seniors Recreation Centre and the buses are donated by Ted Tyler. If you wish to go, either call the Centre or write your name on the sign-up sheet. Pick up times are Birchway (Legion Apartments) 6p.m., Elizabeth Street 6:15p.m., Church Street/Maria Street apartments 6:30p.m. and

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