

SENIORS LIFESTYLES

Acton Seniors membership is at 307

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Acton Seniors Centre

The Halloween Dinner was well attended and a lot of imagination went into the costumes. It was hard to pick the best costume but first prize went to Eileen Dix (witch), second to Francis Hogenbirk (bag lady) and third was Billie Idzi (nun). Bill Fox and Barbara Bedard won door prizes and Nives Bozic, the 50/50. The Doo Wop Band entertained and had everyone in stitches, and the band members were from our own centre, which doubled the pleasure.

The next dinner is planned for Thursday, Nov. 16 at 6 p.m. On the menu are roast beef, roast potatoes and vegetable and a salad, followed by lemon meringue pie or apple crisp. Tickets are on sale now. It is nice to see the members from Georgetown enjoying our social dinners and hopefully we will see them again this month.

The Wednesday Evening Euchre in October was well attended. I understand the winners were Lone Hands, May Laing; High Man, Steve Palichuk; High Lady, Eileen Wedge; Second Man, Robert Foster; Second Lady, Donna Rowley and the Booby, Don Milton. If you wondered who provided the delicious lunch, Donna Rowley tells me Mae Milton and Eileen Wedge were responsible. The next one will be on Wednesday, Nov. 15, 7:15 p.m.

At the Thursday afternoon Bid Euchre, Frances Hogenbirk and Shirley Hunter both had mooners two weeks ago and Ruth Burke was the only mooner last week.

Many new members who recently joined the seniors centre managed to attend the luncheon last week, and the board members were there to welcome them. We currently have 307 members. Hopefully they will find many things to interest them at the centre and they will enjoy participating in them, even if it is only the Friday lunches and bingo, and social dinners that are held once a

month. If you are feeling lonely and dreading the long winters, we are always looking for volunteers on various committees, and at reception on the front desk.

The first line dancing class was held last Wednesday at St. Alban's Hall at 1:30 p.m. Everyone enjoyed getting a good workout while learning some new dances. We learned the Electric Slide, Cowboy Boogie, and Down and Dirty. If this sounds like fun, call Eileen Dix, 519-853-0493.

Men, aged 55 or older, are welcome to join in a game of shinny in the arena on Fridays, from 10:30 a.m. to noon and there is always adult skating Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from noon to 1 p.m. Ladies and gentlemen dust off those skates.

There is a box to collect Canadian Tire money just inside the front door at the centre. This money will be used to purchase gifts for the two families we will be sponsoring at Christmas. Joanne Bissonnette and Alice Clarke have kindly offered to look after getting the gifts, clothing and other items needed to help two families assigned to us by Links2Care. The centre has been involved in helping needy families for the past few years, and it certainly helps to bring the Christmas spirit a little closer to home when you can help spread the joy of Christmas to local children who otherwise might not have such a happy time.

The prizes for the penny sale draw are all set up and tickets are available. They will be drawn at our annual Christmas Bazaar and Tea on Saturday, Nov. 25. The bazaar runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The bazaar committee is looking for help with the booths and tea, plus donations of baking, goodies and sandwich fillings. If you would like to help, call Marion Storey or write your name on the list at the front desk. If you are one of those "crafty types", the craft table is glad to receive aprons, scarves, mitts, children's blankets, and hats. There is also a "Country Store" looking for items suitable for sale including house plants, puzzles, nearly new books and gently used Christmas ornaments.

Florence becomes fashionable

FLORENCE RIEHL
Georgetown Seniors Centre

Like a flash of lightning October disappeared. The beautiful colours of fall are lying on the ground waiting for a day, when it doesn't rain or snow, to be raked up. It was a wet and dreary month but we can be glad we didn't have to shovel.

Ghosts and goblins are put away for another year. I was reminiscing the other day about Halloween when I was young. Yes, I can still remember that far back! Do you remember when "Trick or Treat" actually meant you had to perform a trick of some sort before you got the apple, candy kiss, or maybe someone had made homemade candy or cookies. Who had to check your bag over before you dug in?

I just heard this morning that some children are not permitted to wear their costumes to school but instead can wear orange and black. And life marches on!

Monday, October 30th was certainly a busy day for seniors in Georgetown. It began at the Centre with a preview of Geri Fashions. I went! I saw! I bought! I wasn't the only one.

At 1 p.m. they had a fashion show and the models from the Centre did an excellent job as they strutted presenting a fashion to the audience. Before intermission, and, after the show, draws were made for door prizes. Coffee / tea and goodies were available at intermission.

In the evening, over 300 people sat down to a roast beef dinner presented by the Rotary Club of Georgetown for seniors over 70. I guess we know the age

of quite a few people. Our own Seniors' Band entertained before and after dinner.

It was a delicious meal and the 52nd time the Rotary Club has done this. I believe, on behalf of all of us who sat down to eat, I can take this opportunity to thank the Rotarians and all their helpers for such a pleasant evening.

The calendar for November and December is filling up quickly. The November luncheon is on Nov. 14th. Make sure you have signed the sheet for this event located at the Front Desk.

Another reminder to vote for local council members. You should have received your voter's card with information where and when to vote. The election is Monday, Nov. 13th with advance polls today. Check our local newspaper for information as to times and locations.

The Annual Georgetown Seniors Bazaar is Saturday, November 18, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a bake table, children's table, raffle tickets, 50/50 draw, craft table and penny sale. Lunch and refreshments will also be available.





Mark this date in your date book, save your money and come out top support your local Seniors Centre on Nov. 18th.


Keep posted for important December events. Busy time of year. Seven weeks or 49 days till the shopping will be finished, the gifts are opened and Christmas is over.

Now to keep healthy and get all this done, please take your flu shot when they become available.

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