

SENIORS LIFESTYLES

Dave Hastings' contribution remembered

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In December of 2002 Dave Hastings called me to ask me if I would take over this column while he and Ellen were in Florida. I was extremely pleased that he had considered me. When he came home in April he took over the reporting again.

The following year, when it came time for them to head south, I once more stepped in. When they returned in April he had decided not to take it up again. So began my reporting career.

On November 7, Dave passed away and I am left to mourn a friend and mentor. So many of you have told me how much you enjoy the column. It is always my intention, as it was Dave's, to promote the Centre and its activities.

Another member of the Centre, Lou Ward has not been well and spent some time in hospital. As I write this column he is at home again. Lou was a strong advocate for the beginning of a Senior Centre in Georgetown and must be pleased with its success. A couple of years ago he took on another challenge, to form a band at the Centre. That venture also turned out to be a success. From all of us our get-well wishes and a big thank you for all your efforts on our behalf.

This is the weekend for the Annual Bazaar. There will be lots of great things for sale—homemade baking, knitting, crafts, children's table, books, and the penny table. Take a little time to visit the Tea Room.

The Tree Trimming afternoon is always lots of fun with music, dancing and treats again and somewhere in

there the tree gets dressed. This takes place Tuesday, Nov. 20 at 1 p.m.

Bob Bairstow asked me to remind you of the Art Workshop being held Saturday, Nov. 24. Artist Ron Sainsbury is teaching the art of making Christmas cards using watercolour paints. Space is limited! You may pay and register at the Reception Desk.

Consider this as advance notice of the Annual Christmas Dinner coming up on Wednesday, December 11. Just think, ladies and gentlemen, you don't have to do a thing. Just come, take

your seat, and enjoy a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. The cost is \$18 and tickets may be purchased at the Reception Desk as well.

Have you been out Christmas shopping yet? Can't think of a thing to get for that one special senior friend. How about buying some Activan tickets? Might be nice to have to use on a cold day in January or February to take a ride to the Centre for a nice cup of hot coffee and a couple of cookies.

As Dave always said, "Until next time—Cheerio!"



Rotarians serve

Rotarian Alistair McEwan served seniors Grant and Alice Greenaway at the annual Georgetown Rotary Club seniors dinner at Holy Cross hall recently.

Photo by Ted Brown

Acton Seniors plan Tree Trimming and bazaar next week

JULIE CONROY
Acton Seniors Centre

Hopefully everyone has their tickets for the Salute to our Veterans dinner tonight (Nov. 16). Victor and Brian have great plans to make it a memorable dinner, and the Irish dinners from Guelph will be delightful I am sure.

Last week, the Girls on the Go visited the Waldie Blacksmith shop in Milton, which is a working museum. The two blacksmiths, Darwin and Larry, are there on Wednesdays and Saturdays. It has been restored by the Milton Historical Society and they store their archives there. Last Wednesday was cold, but it was nice and warm inside the shop. Darwin was busy making a candlestick when we were there and he and Gloria Brown gave us lots of information. There was a huge display of horseshoes around the shop so hopefully they bring lots of good luck. We returned to our cars and drove to Springridge Farm where we enjoyed some lovely hot soup and browsed the gift shop.

The stores are trying to get us in the

Christmas mood as far as shopping goes, and to really get us in the spirit this weekend is the Santa Claus parade in Acton. Victor and his committee are planning a float. Last year they won first prize in their category.

The carpet bowlers were very happy to tell me they had 12 bowlers out last Monday. A record number! Betty Lockerbie's Black team beat Peggy Naughton's Brown team, 12-3.

Members, don't forget your grandchildren are invited to help trim the tree on Tuesday, Nov. 20, at 1 p.m. and as always there will be goodies for those helping. At 2 p.m. we will have the annual membership drive, so if you haven't paid your membership for 2008, it would be a great time to do so. Prospective members are encouraged to come along and see what we have to offer.

The bid euchre had its usual two tables this week, and Ruth Burke and Shirley Hunter both had mooners.

There were several people interested in playing scrabble and it looks like Thursday afternoons would be the best time. If you

don't enjoy playing cards, but want to keep those little grey cells active, this would be the perfect game for you.

Donna Rowley tells me plans are in the works for the Tour of the Lights. It looks like there will be two buses courtesy of Tyler Transport and the date will be Thursday, Dec. 20. Details and pickup times will be available nearer the date. There will be a signup sheet, so if you are interested and can't get to the centre, pick up the phone and call 519-853-5951 and the person the desk will be happy to put your name on the list. The same with the Friday lunches, if you would like to come on a Friday, but can't get in during the week they will be happy to add your name to the list.

It's the season for the Christmas bazaars and ours will be on Saturday, Nov. 24, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be lots of baking, crafts, and draws. One prize is a beautiful handcrafted bear made from a recycled beaver fur coat, plus a penny table with lots of great prizes and something to look forward to, our delicious tea. See you there!

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