

# ACTON SENIORS' RECREATION CENTRE

BY JULIE CONROY

One important piece of information I omitted re the Income Tax clinic being held at the Acton Seniors Centre. As well as being a senior over 65, or a member of the Centre your annual income for a single person must be below \$25,000 or \$30,000 for a couple.

Eileen Dix has once again arranged for volunteers trained by Revenue Canada to be at the Acton Seniors Centre on Tuesday, March 28, and Tuesday, April 11. There is no charge for this service. If you are interested you must call Eileen 519-853-0493 for an appointment.

Thank you to all the members who picked up their new newsletter during the week, and also delivered neighbours'. It's one way you get to know what is going on at the Centre every week.

Don't forget the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, February 28 at 1p.m.

It was standing room only at the Centre on Tuesday, January 30 for the "Fraud in Action and Identity Theft" presentation by Detective Constable Lauren Sclisizzi and Detective Constable Ken Best who work for the Halton Regional Police with #1 District Fraud Unit, and Senior Resource Officer Jackie Brennon who is the Elder Services Co-ordinator. There are certainly some innovative ways of getting information about people, whether it is going through your garbage, or mail, (especially at tax time when all the information anyone might need to steal your identity would be right there).

The officers stressed that one shouldn't carry additional information with you such as birth certificate, social insurance card, or additional credit cards not being used. They said only the government has any right to ask for your social insurance number, and not to give out personal information of any kind on the phone. If it is something you think you might be interested in ask them to mail the information. If they are legitimate they will do so. If it sounds too good to be true it probably is a scam. Genuine ones will give you time to check them out.

All personal papers should be kept in a locked safety box at home as most burglars know where all the best hiding places are, even if you feel they would never think of looking there, the officers stressed.

Officers also emphasized you should always check credit card statements very carefully and never throw out anything without shred-



Seniors listen to Detectives Sclisizzi and Best along with Senior Resource Officer Jackie Brennon on "Fraud in Action and Identity Theft" recently. - Julie Conroy photo

ding or tearing first. Make sure there are no purchases on your statements that you didn't authorize. If there are, make sure you inform your bank or police right away. When paying for something make sure you watch the card being swiped and returned to you, so they can't swipe it again to get the information for their own use. When you receive unsolicited credit cards, and cheques in the mail, make sure you shred or cut those, too. It is very easy for a thief to use them, as they contain all the personal information they need on the magnetic strip.

During the question and answer period there were a few horror stories, but mostly things sounded positive. Did you know there is a Phone Busters number? In 2002 they got 7,629 calls. The Thursday afternoon Bid Euchre had

two mooners this week, Don Yellowlees and Mae Milton. I see there is a misprint in the new newsletter. I am sure all Rama people know that the trip in February is on the Wednesday as usual. It is only the March trip that has changed to Thursday.

I understand carpet bowling had a great turnout with 10 people playing. They welcomed two new members who have just joined the Centre, Phyllis and Percy. Shirley Kruk's Black team beat Nives Bozic's Brown team 10-7.

Marj Lane tells me Kentner Catering from Georgetown will be at the Centre on February 14 at 1:30. They will talk about the ins and outs of the catering business, plus decorating tips. I understand they will provide samples of tasty treats, so something to look forward to.

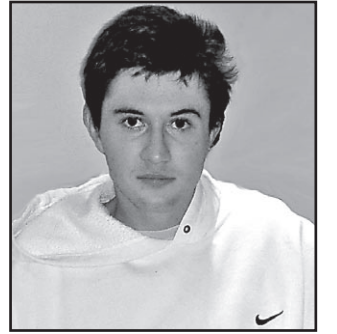
# Acton man killed by VIA Rail train

Funeral services were held at St. Alban's Church on Tuesday for 22-year-old Michael David Berry of Acton.

Berry, of Storey Drive, was walking on train tracks just east of Guelph when he was struck and killed by an eastbound Via Rail passenger train last Monday night at 10 p.m.

His father, Dave Berry, said his son regularly went for long walks, and had set out for Guelph at 6 p.m. on Monday. His family learned of his death two days later.

Berry is survived by his parents and a younger brother.



Dave Berry



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