



ACTON SENIORS' RECREATION CENTRE

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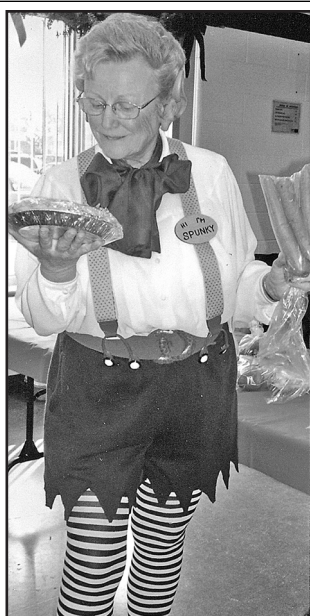
I hope you enjoyed seeing the Acton Christmas parade. The town looked lovely with the Christmas lights. Thanks have to go to Bill Spielvogel and the firefighters. They did a great job organizing the parade, and the letter carriers for being Santa's helpers and getting the letters to the North Pole on time. Many local groups certainly put a lot of effort into it. I think it must have been one of the longest Santa parades I have seen.

Acton Seniors certainly proved that just because we are over 55 we can still have lots of energy and creativity, and aren't ready to sit at home watching television. Victor asked me to mention that the Acton Seniors float was only possible due to the generosity of Bert Nap and B & R Haulage for driving and providing the truck and trailer, Bob Storey for the bales of straw to keep everyone safe on the float, and Toronto Digital Imaging for their donation of the lovely banners. And, of course, all the grandchildren who helped make the float so colourful in their animal costumes.

Victor tells me the Seniors float won 1st prize in their class. Congratulations. All the hard work paid off.

Many of the Centre's ladies belong to the Red Hat Society and under their banner, "Leathertown Lassies," also had a wonderful float.

The sign-up sheet for the annual Tour of Lights is at the front desk. It will be on Tuesday December 21. Ted Tyler has once more kindly



HERE'S SPUNKY: Spunky, Acton Seniors mascot finds it's hard choice between healthy carrots or a delicious apple pie. Fran Morris waits patiently while she makes her choice. - Julie Conroy Photo

donated two buses. The tour is offered to all Acton area seniors 65 years of age and over, all handicapped people plus their caregivers. As well as the two regular buses there will be a wheelchair accessible bus provided. When the buses return to the Centre there will be goodies and hot drinks

There are some lovely items on the Christmas Silent Auction table and bids are being accepted until to December 15.

Muriel Dzierla and Francis Hogenbirk both had mooners at last Thursday's bid euchre.

We now have a sign-up sheet for any ladies interested in touring the Toyota plant in mid- to-late January, and we will also get the opportunity of visiting Superior Glove here in Acton. I did manage to get on that tour with the men, (I said I should be allowed as a reporter so I could take some photos) I was very impressed with the whole operation. If you are interested, check out the sheet at the front desk, or phone me, Julie Conroy at

519-853-2063.

Peggy phoned to let me know that there were 10 bowlers this week, and Peggy's Black team beat Gerry's Brown team 15 - 7. There were very pleased to see Gerry out and about again. He even managed to attend the dinner last week.

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the Christmas turkey dinner on Friday, December 8 at noon. They are on sale now. There is limited seating. The cut-off date will be December 1, but Victor anticipates the event will be sold out before that date. It will be catered again this year by M&J catering from Eden Mills. If last year was anything to go by it will be wonderful.

It is really important that you purchase tickets for dinners before the event. We don't like to turn anyone away, and please sign up by Wednesday for the Friday lunches. You can always phone the Centre and ask to be added to the list. Marjorie, Betty and Lennora can't work miracles and make lunches they have prepared for 30 stretch to 40, which happened last week.

The bazaar was a great success, and thank you to everyone who helped in any way, whether by donating goods, time of energy. It is one of the highlights of the year, and everyone raves about the baking and crafts.

The 50/50 was won by Helen Jocque.

Calling all "Geeks." Is there anyone out there who would like to spend some time with a few seniors helping them understand how to use the computers they purchased.

Now the bazaar is over we can concentrate on selling tickets on the Baskets of the Season which make a lovely gift for you or to give to someone else. Both baskets are packed with goodies.

We are sponsoring two families who need a little help over the Christmas season.



TEA TIME: Eileen Dix is trying to tempt Sylvia Ash and John Krapek to goodies at the Acton Seniors Centre tea last week. The ladies working at the tea managed to serve 150 people during the three hour period. - Julie Conroy Photo

One family has two boys, one seven and the other four. The second family has a year-old boy and a twelve-year-old girl. There is a list of sizes and a "wish list" posted at the Centre. Christmas should be about sharing, especially when so many children have so much.

Don't forget memberships should be renewed by December 31. This year we are holding a special membership drive on Tuesday December 12 from 1p.m. - 4p.m. Of course, we accept memberships any day. If you have already paid you are welcome to come and meet everyone.

Alice has asked me to mention she really would like some new faces at the front desk. You would only have to work one morning or afternoon every other week. Shortly, our snowbirds will be flying south, and that will make her short of help at the front desk.

The Book Club meets again on Tuesday, December 5. Dave and Kay Dills will be sharing some of their behind-the-scenes experiences while gathering information for their books about Acton's history. This includes Acton's Early Days, The history of Acton United Church, Marching Down Mill Street, and Lest We Forget. Everyone is welcome.

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LEGION NEWS
By James Hayes
P.R.O.

Comrades,

It's November today and December tomorrow, the Christmas season is upon us. Last Sunday morning the following comrades assembled at the branch to put up the decorations: Marg Merrikin, Bev Mattocks, Tammy Whyte, Mary and Bob Service, John Wagg, Bob Harris, Gary Archer, Ren Cunard, Rae Nellis, and Keith Andrews. We give them our thanks for a job well done.

The "Support our Troops" tee shirts and sweatshirts are still available at the bar, an inexpensive Christmas gift that will last into the new year.

The Branch will be open this Sunday afternoon from 12-6pm

Plans are in the works for a progressive euchre tournament in January.

More news next week.

Tickets for the New Year's Eve party at the Branch will go on sale this weekend; \$30 each, a good price that includes a bus ride home for Acton residents.

Sports.

Tony is organizing another curling fun day for January 13. Sign up early it sold out last time.

Snooker players, come out on Monday evenings in the

games room for a game, and talk to Gary Archer about setting up a league.

Dates for your diary:

The Branch Children's Christmas party will be held on December 10 starting at 1pm.

Dec. 8: Honours & Awards, 8pm in the ladies lounge.

Dec. 9: Turkey roll, 2-6 pm in the games room.

Yours in comradeship,
Jim Hayes, Branch PRO.

Ladies Auxiliary News:

Congratulations to our ladies for qualifying in the District Cribbage. The winners are Kathleen Bevan, Teresa Uiterwyk, Betty Green and Norma Titus.

Peggy Harris and Sue Poulsen also qualified for the District singles/double in darts. Good luck to all.

Thank you to all the ladies working the Nov. 25 Christmas Parties. Dec. 7 is our Christmas Dinner outing. The bus leaves the Legion at 5:30pm. It should be a nice evening out.

See you then.

Yours in Comradeship,
L.A. President
Annmarie Lowin.

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