



**GUEST CHOIR:** St Johns Anglican Choir from Rockwood provided festive music to set the mood following the Acton Seniors Centre Christmas dinner last week. Tena Wetmore (choir director and organist) Susan Johnson (M.C.) Barb Reed, Lori Degroot, Nancy Beattie, Kay Melvin, Jim Wetmore, and two young people Idamae Joyce, and Alyssa Harvey, who had a day off school were able to add their voices. Seniors were also privileged to hear the first public appearance of Recorders Anonymous which was delightful. - Submitted photo



## ACTON SENIORS' RECREATION CENTRE

BY JULIE CONROY

Margaret Anderson the president of the board of Acton Seniors Centre asked me to mention how much we appreciate all the support the people and various businesses in Acton and the surrounding area have given us over the years. We hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Christmas, and enjoyed the holidays. We hope that 2008 brings everyone health and happiness. The Centre will reopen on Wednesday, Jan. 2.

Joanne Bissonnette and Bev Jones worked very hard to make Christmas very special for two families, one with two little boys and one with a little boy and girl. They found out what their wish lists were, and the members of the Centre helped fill the boxes. It was so sad when you read what these children wished for, items so small but special to them and you hear what other children expect from Santa. Hopefully they had a wonderful Christmas and felt "Yes! There really is a Santa Claus." Joanne and Bev asked me to thank everyone who helped in any way.

Pauline Barlow had a wonderful Christmas present. Her locked van was stolen from outside the Elizabeth Street Seniors Apartment on December 13, and as many know Walter has to use a walker or a wheelchair to get around. Coincidences are very strange because Colin Davis who lives on 32 Sideroad found a walker and van chair dumped in his front yard, then when he took his daughter to work at the Blue Springs golf course they noticed more van items on the Dublin Line. He asked Randy Gerrow if he thought Links2Care might be able to use the walker. When Randy asked his wife Cathy (who works there) if anyone needed one, he discovered Pauline had been in telling Cathy about her stolen van.

Luckily the stripped van was found in Brantford, so once all the equipment has been reinstalled, they will be all set to go again.

Two buses full of seniors and their caregivers enjoyed the annual Tour of the Lights thanks to Ted Tyler and his company, and his drivers Pat Graham and Wayne Stewart. Following the trip they descended on the Centre and enjoyed hot grape and apple cider (which was made and donated by Victor and Carman Bissonnette). Donna Rowley, Nettie Field, Joanne Bissonnette, and Lennora McKinnon made the delicious snacks and Marj Bartels and Betty Green dispensed the punch.

It takes more than snow to keep the carpet bowlers home. Eight bowlers braved a snowy but well cleared car park last Monday after the big snowstorm. Peggy told me Bev Jones's Brown team beat Pat Jones's Black team 10 - 9. A close game. The next time they play will be

on Monday, Jan. 7 at 1 a.m. Line dancing will resume on January 7 if there is enough interest, and the Wednesday art class on will resume on January 23.

The evening euchre was enjoyed by all who played and the lone hand was won by Fran Ruthven, High Woman - Elinore Shannon, 2nd Woman - Marj Britton, High Man - Robert Foster and Don Milton, and 2nd Man - Steve Palichuk, the booby prize by Donna Rowley. The next game will be Wednesday, Jan. 16.

Thinking of memberships, have you renewed yours? Memberships run from January to December. Last year we had 352 members, and this year only 184 have renewed theirs. Considering there are 37 new members it means half of last year's members haven't renewed their membership for 2008. Don't forget it's no good putting your loonie in the box as your name has been pulled if you haven't paid your membership.

BRANCH No. 197 **LEGION NEWS**  
By James Hayes P.R.O.

The Branch mourns the passing of our comrade William Thompson; a veteran of WWII, Bill served with the Canadian army. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family at this most distressing time. A Legion Tribute was held at the Blue Springs Funeral Home, 12 Church Street East, Acton at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 21.

*At the going down of the Sun  
And in the morning  
We will remember them*

Tickets for the leather chair raffle, to be drawn on Jan. 1 (Levee Day) at 4 p.m. are still available at the bar.

Membership Chair Larry McAfee wishes to remind us all that dues are due. Pay them now, and forget it for another year. The Early Bird Draw will as usual be held on Levee day.

Sports Chair Frank Single reports we have six teams entered for Zone Cribbage to be held in Streetsville. We wish them well.

**Coming Events**  
**New Years Eve Party**

If you still haven't got your tickets you may miss the boat. In case you have forgotten its 4 days away. With good food, good company, Party Favours, and a good DJ, (Jesse Forest) how can you go wrong? Tickets may be still on sale by the time you read this, at the bar, \$30 per person. Organize your group for an enjoyable New Year's Eve, and remember the bus ride home, if you reside in town.

Please get your tickets early so we know how many we are catering for, thanks.

*Yours in comradeship,  
Jim Hayes,  
Branch 197 PRO.*

**Police warn of senior scam**

Halton Regional Police are warning seniors of individuals placing phone calls and posing as a family member in an attempt to scam money.

Recently, there have been a number of occurrences in Oakville and Burlington where a senior receives a call by someone posing as a family member. After a few minutes of friendly dialogue the caller asks for money to be sent to them as they are in trouble. The caller then pleads with the senior not to tell the rest of the family about this.

At this time of year the public needs to be diligent and remember that there are individuals in society that will take advantage of their giving nature, Halton police say.

Be cautious when speaking on the phone if you are uncertain of the caller. Never arrange to give money over the phone by way of a credit card or by sending money or in any other way. Confirm with other family members if a relative has called and is requesting assistance, police advise.

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