

# Seniors pay tribute to Centre volunteers, elect officers at AGM

By Julie Conroy

Over 55 members of the Acton Seniors Recreation Centre attended the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, Feb 26. President Margaret Anderson welcomed everyone, and Mayor Rick Bonnette brought greetings from the town. He was accompanied by Regional Councillor Clark Somerville, Director of Recreation and Parks Terry Alyman, and Manager of Recreation Services Joy Thompson.

Wendy Krever, the Coordinator thanked the mayor and council for the additional co-ordinator's hours, and Jon Hurst as the liaison to council for the Centre. She introduced Aaron Mathews the facility manager of the Acton arena, and Terri Forbes who is taking over as the co-coordinator of the Georgetown Centre while Kristin Bradley is on maternity leave. She thanked Sherry Mitchell, the administrative assistant, on behalf of everyone for all her hard work over the years which brought a round of applause. Sherry will be going to Georgetown full time once a replacement has been found to cover the two days she works in Acton.

Wendy said she especially wanted to thank the volunteers. Without their support and hard work many of the things accomplished at the Centre would not be possible. She quoted Martin Luther King Junior: "Everybody can be great, because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve, you don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve, you don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve, you only need a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love."

Georgetown Seniors Centre was represented by their president George Chadwick, accompanied by their board secretary, Florence Reihl.

Margaret introduced present board members; Vice President - Mary Walsma, Past President - Gerald Rennie, Secretary - Eileen Dix, Treasurer - Pat Frizzell, Program Chair- Jane McAllister, Fundraising Chair - Joanne Bissonnette, Travel Chair



**NEW SECRETARY:** Eileen Dix, right, is passing over her pen and pad to Connie Fix after many years as a board member and secretary of the Acton Seniors Centre. She has decided to take a well earned break, and leaves the position in the very capable hand of Connie. — Julie Conroy photo



**NEW OFFICERS:** Gerald Rennie, past president of the Acton Seniors Centre, right, and Mary Walsma, vice president, presented the slate of officers to members of the Centre for their approval during the 1008 Annual General Meeting. — Julie Conroy photo

- Betty Green, Membership Chair - Jill Tetreault, Social Chair - Victor Bissonnette, Reception Chair - Pat Jones, Property Chair - Dobbie Frizzell, Security Chair - Mike Milligan, and Public Relations Chair - Julie Conroy.

Minutes from the 2007 A.G.M. meeting were accepted as read and Pat

Frizzell asked if there were any questions on the financial report. She asked the 2007 financial report be accepted as presented and Reg Marsh and Associates be appointed as auditors for 2008 (as in previous years)

Any member who was unable to attend the A.G.M. *Continued on Page 16*



## ACTON SENIORS' RECREATION CENTRE

BY JULIE CONROY

For the "Gal's on the Go" I have now finalized the plans for the trip to Kleinberg. It will be on Friday, April 25. We plan to spend several hours exploring Kleinberg and having lunch, then off to the McMichael Gallery for a two hour guided tour. (If you prefer you can explore the gallery and grounds on your own.)

The second trip is to the Arboretum at Guelph University on Saturday, March 29 for a buffet dinner and a show. (Last year it was excellent) and in May I am planning a trip to the Royal Botanical Gardens for lilac time and the spring flowers. (If Mother Nature cooperates). There are sign-up sheets so if you are interested please put your name down so I can see how much interest there is.

The trip to Mohawk is full, but there is a waiting list. If any members of the Georgetown Seniors Centre would like to join us on some of the Gals on the Go trips please call the Centre at 519-853-5951.

We hope to see lots of people out for the Fifth Avenue Jewellery presentation. on Tuesday, March 11.

There is still room on sign-up sheets for anyone who wishes to rock at the Rock-a-thon on April 18 and 19. If you can rock for ½ hour please add your name to the list, as we need lots of people to help cover the 36 hours. If you are able to get pledges even better. If you

are unable to rock maybe you would sponsor someone who is. Thanks to the generosity of Sobey's, we will be there again this year.

Bev Jones, our newly elected fundraising chairperson is looking for enthusiastic members for his once a month committee meetings. If you have fresh ideas or projects that you think would benefit the Centre please call him at 519-853-3054. He would love to hear from you if you can help in any way.

Betty Brewer was missed from the Bid Euchre mooners last week, and this Thursday they were so busy celebrating Elma Braida's 90th birthday there were no mooners.

Eight carpet bowlers had a great time last Monday and welcomed Margaret Neilson back after her two week holiday. She must still have been in the vacation mood as Margaret Haring's Brown team beat her Black team 12 - 8.

There was the usual monthly trip to Rama on Wednesday, 27 Feb. 27. The 50/50 was won by Harry Vander Heyden, the birthday prize by Lois Forman and sitting in the lucky seats were Esther Magi, Lou Lafrombois, June Gibson, Peggy McMahon, and Shirley Beaumont. The trips to Rama are normally on the last Wednesday of each month except in May when it will be on Tuesday, May 27.

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