

ACTON SENIORS' RECREATION CENTRE

By Julie Conroy

My column will be short and sweet this week due to a very early deadline.

Over 50 seniors and caregivers enjoyed the 10th annual Tour of Lights. Every year the displays get more imaginative, and stunning. Thank goodness for LED lights which help keep the hydro costs down. Big thanks goes to Wayne Stewart and Pat Graham, the Tyler drivers who not only volunteer their time but take the time before hand to check out where the best displays are. They toured Acton, Georgetown and Norval. Margaret Anderson and Mary Walsma (our president and vice president) prepared and served treats and a warm drink to the returning travellers, and, of course, a special thanks to Ted Tyler, without his generosity it wouldn't be possible.

At Wednesday evening's euchre the high lady was Pat Stark, the high man Pat

Christmas candles symbol of nativity

Candles or tapers have long been used by Christians as a symbol of Christ, "The Light of the Worlds," but until electricity came to homes in the 19th century they were also part of everyday life in Canada. People made their own candles for centuries.

At "holy day" time a large candle was lit in homes and displayed in a window the entire night to mark the Nativity.

The custom still persists in some countries such as France. Ireland. Denmark and England, Canadian families light candles decorated with pine, or fir-branches during Christmas dinner but the meaning has been obscured by the passage of

Candles are enjoying a come back again. Fire departments which must quench flames started by careless people are imploring residents to never leave lighted candles unattended.

Galton, the lone hand was held by Henry Wedge, and the booby prize was won by Mae Laing. The next evening euchre will be on Wednesday, Jan 21, 2009.

There were no mooners at Thursday afternoon's bid euchre this week.

Don't forget the Acton Seniors Centre will be closed over the holiday season, closing at noon on Wednesday, Dec 24 and reopening at 9 a.m. on January 5.

Hopefully we will see many of you and your friends at the Fundraising Gala being held in the Community Hall on December 27. Tickets are available at the Centre, Acton B.M.O, Prosperity One, and Blue Springs Spa.

Don't forget to purchase your ticket for the January 8 social dinner. The cut-off date will be Monday, Jan 5.

The travel desk is arranging an overnight trip on March 23 and 24 to the Windsor Casino and a visit to Walker Candies. For more details re price etc; check the travel desk on a Monday or Friday morning. If you are interested put your name down.

Betty is also trying to arrange a trip to the Niagara Casino in the New Year and of course the regular monthly Rama trip in January will be on Wednesday, Jan 28.

In closing, I would like to wish all the New Tanner readers a very happy Christmas, a joyous holiday season, and a healthy New

Store helps needy family

gave back to the community this Christmas by adopting a needy family from Acton. And Acton jumped in and helped.

Several gifts were given to the children, enough to ensure Christmas was not part of their imagination but a reality. Mom was not forgotten either.

Cash donations at the store's registers ensured gift cards could be purchased and a Christmas dinner enjoyed.

Bill and Val Manes, Home Hardware owners and their staff, were appreciative of all the help

Acton Home Hardware they received in making sure Christmas was a joyful one for their adopted family. "The community of Acton truly has a

heart that makes wishes come true," they said. "Believe there is a Santa Claus and he's here in



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All the float participants; The Parade Judges - Bill Dawkins, John Mc-Nabb, Jon Hurst, Bob MacKinnon & Harold Townsley; Sobeys for the candy; Residents of Birchway Place for candy; Halton Hills Hydro for postage; the Clowns; Sandy French of Cogeco for TV coverage & Clark Sommervill and Terry Foster for TV commentary; The New Tanner, The Independent Free Press for coverage; Al Scott - Parade Marshall; Jeanette Collier for office support; Jim Thornhill - resident chef; Tara Oaks for transportation of Mr & Mrs Claus; John Dunne & Kathy Levere for special services; active & retired Postal Workers for collecting the letters for Santa; so many others behind the scene; and to all who turned out along the parade route, again many many thanks to all of you.

> Have a safe and happy Christmas Season Acton Firefighters Association Bill Spielvogel, Parade Chairman