



**ROCKWOOD PARADE A CROWD PLEASER:** Thousands of people lined the streets of Rockwood last Thursday for the 17th annual Parade of Lights that featured farm equipment festooned with Christmas decorations and holiday lights. - Rebecca Ring photo

BRANCH  
No. 197



# LEGION NEWS

By James Hayes  
P.R.O.

### Santa's Visit

Santa and his many helpers hosted the children's Christmas Party at the branch last Sunday. Before Santa arrived, Chester the Clown entertained the children and parents with his balloon toys and magic show.

As always we, and Santa, are grateful for the fine job done every year by Rhona and Jim Thornhill, John Dunn, Peggy Harris and all of Santa's helpers who sorted and distributed the gifts. The work of John McNabb, John Wagg and Jim Thornhill in the kitchen all helped to make this special day a success.

Before Santa left for the North Pole, he asked me to tell the parents of children who were unable to attend that he has left a gift for them with the stewards. Please call and make arrangements to pick your child's gift up as soon as possible, there will be a cut-off date please don't miss it.

### Entertainment

This coming Saturday will be a busy one, in the games room Karaoke with Jesse & Troy as usual keeping things moving for us to enjoy a

fun afternoon. Good seats go early.

### New Years Eve

Tickets are available at the bar, \$30 each. There will be a cold buffet, Party Favours, and bus transport home for in town residents (11 p.m. - 1 a.m.)

Steve Dunn will be providing the music for your listening and dancing pleasure. I suggest you pick up your tickets early as there will be a limited number.

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

# Beware of scammers

While most people this time of year are busy making a list and budgeting for Christmas shopping, many have opened their mind and hearts in a more caring and giving way for the holiday season.

Also at this time of year, scammers are ramping up their efforts to take advantage of your giving nature. Con-artists tend to increase their efforts during the holiday season and are constantly fine tuning the pitch they make trying to separate you from your hard earned cash. With this in mind, Wellington OPP want to remind you to be cautious with anyone asking for money over the phone.

The Canadian Anti-Fraud Call Centre (Phonebusters) was established in January 1993, and is jointly operated by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and the Competition Bureau Canada. The CAFCC is a national call centre where victims can report fraud complaints. The information is used to assist in investigations, like the emergency or "Grandparent" scam that has been around for years, and there has been a marked increase in the number of complaints in the last two months.

In the typical scenario, a grandparent receives a phone call from con-artist claiming to be one of his or hers

grandchildren. The caller goes on to say that they are in some kind of trouble, usually a car accident, need money to return for a Christmas visit, or even bail money and need money immediately.

### A typical call can go something like this:

Con-artist: Hi, Grandma/Grandpa

Victim: Hi.

Con-artist: Do you know who this is?

Victim: John?

Con-artist: Yeah.

Victims don't verify the story until after the money has been sent as the caller specifically asks that they do not want other relatives to know what has happened by asking "Can you please help me? I'm in jail (or in the hospital / or in some type of financial need). But don't tell Dad. He would kill me if he found out, please sent the money ASAP. I'm scared."

Wanting to help their grandchild, the victim sends money by a money transfer company such as Money Gram or Western Union. Variations on the scam exist with an old neighbour, or friend of the family but predominantly the emergency scam is directed toward the grandparents as they tend to be more trusting and want to help.

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### 2010 MUNICIPAL ELECTION CANDIDATE REGISTRATION/NOMINATION

This notice is for anyone proposing to be a candidate in the municipal election on October 25, 2010 for the Town of Halton Hills for the offices of:

- Mayor
- Councillors (Local and Regional)
- Regional Chair (Nomination form is to be filed with the Region of Halton)
- Trustee, Halton District School Board
- Trustee, Halton Catholic District School Board
- Trustee, Conseil scolaire de district du Centre Sud-Quest (Nomination forms to be filed with Town of Oakville)
- Trustee, Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud (Nomination forms to be filed with the City of Hamilton)

Candidates may file a nomination form during regular business hours from January 4th, 2010 with the last day for filing being September 10, 2010. A prescribed fee which may be refundable, in the amount of \$200.00 for Mayoral candidates and \$100.00 for all other candidates payable by cash, certified cheque or money order, must accompany the nomination form.

Please note:

A person who proposes to be a candidate may not solicit or accept contributions for election purposes, or incur expenses, until after that person has filed a nomination paper with the Town Clerk.

The nomination form is available from the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Additional information may be obtained by visiting the Town of Halton Hills website at [www.haltonhills.ca](http://www.haltonhills.ca) or by contacting the Clerk's office at 905 873-2601 ext. 2330.

La version Française de cet avis est affichée sur le site Web de la Ville d'Halton Hills et peut également être obtenue auprès du Bureau de la secrétaire municipale dont l'adresse et le numéro de telephone sont indiqués ci-dessus.

William Roberts, Town Clerk  
Town of Halton Hills  
Dated this 16th day of December, 2009.

1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, ON L7G 5G2