



SPARE RIBS, KATHY? Real Teatreault (left) is busy serving Kathy Sanford at the Chinese dinner at the Acton Senior Centre last week. Jane McAllister Anna Arnold and Loretta Ivanyshyn are also busy helping serve the delicious Chinese meal. – *Julia Controy photo*



ACTON SENIORS' RECREATION CENTRE

BY JULIE CONROY

Have you recently moved to the Acton area, retired or are 55 plus? There are always lots of things happening at the Acton Seniors Centre which might interest you, whether it is volunteering, joining some of the various drop in programs or enjoying the monthly social evenings.

The regular drop in programs has restarted after the holiday. On Monday mornings those who feel energetic can join the Line Dancing class at 11.30 at the Centre. Play Badminton or walk around the indoor soccer field at the Dufferin Heritage Building in the park. In the afternoon there is a very friendly group that enjoys carpet bowling, and always has room for more players. Last week there were only four people playing, but they enjoyed the exercise. The Black team under their captain Siena Ancker beat Marg Haring's Brown team 12 to 8. Some regular players have jumped ship and taken off for warmer climates.

On Wednesday mornings you can participate in one of the two exercise classes.

For the more artistic people, the water colouring art class is on Wednesday afternoons at 1 p.m. Scrap booking classes are on the last Monday of each month, and paper tole classes are every Thursday evening at 7 p.m.

Thursdays are for those who love to play cards, with canasta in the morning and bid euchre in the afternoon. Last Thursday Mae Milton and Ruth Burke both had mooners.

On Friday morning you can join the shuffleboard players, maybe have lunch, followed by bingo or at 1 p.m. the hikers gather and car pool to various spots to walk the scenic trails in the area.

The "Chinese" social dinner was a great success with 70 people enjoying the Chinese food, fresh oriental fruits, Chinese ice cream. Have you ever had ginger ice cream, green tea ice cream, or red bean ice cream? It sounds horrible, but trust me it tasted good! The Asian pears, Fuji apples and honey pomelo were the final touch to a great dinner.

We were entertained by the charming Lee family from Rockwood. Father Albert, his wife Irene and their seven children ranging in age from 15 to three years old. Titus (15) gave us a short introduction to Chinese Music, and played the piano and the flute, and accompanied his mother who has a beautiful voice. All the children were involved in one way or another whether by reading poems, or singing.

The 18 door prizes were orchids and the table centre pieces consisting of baskets of fresh Chinese fruits and other oriental related items, so there

were lots of winners. I was lucky enough to win a beautiful orchid. Frances Hogenbirk was the happy winner of the 50/50.

The next social dinner will be held on Tuesday, February 16 and will feature Swiss Chalet chicken and have a Canadian theme.

Watch for more information on the up coming "Olympics" at the Centre.

Did you know that if you make a donation to the Acton Seniors' Centre (or the Looking to the Future fund), you will receive an official income tax receipt which can be used for a deduction in your income tax.

Now winter is here and you feel like curling up with a good book, or watching a video, remember we have a large selection of both at the Centre for your enjoyment.

It was nice to see Nettie back enjoying lunch at the Centre last Friday.

I was happy to find out at the dinner last week that a lady who had recently moved to Rockwood reads my column. Sylvia was thinking of volunteering and wasn't quite sure at what, and has now joined the Centre and will be welcoming you at the front at the desk in the near future. Welcome Sylvia. We still have room for more volunteers.

The weekly a50/50 was not won again this week, so the total prize money should be over \$200.

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

Comrades,

Home Heating Grant

Your branch is again this year making a one-time donation to assist Acton seniors with their winter heating costs. Confidential submissions may be made in a sealed envelope at the bar, to the attention of Dave Crook, Branch 197 Service Officer.

President's Levee

At the Early Bird draw on New Years Day, the following lucky members will have their 2011 year's dues paid – Kevin Sackrey, Christine Kri, and Melvin Rolfe.

Legion Blankets (comforters)

As a result of the generous donations made on

Levee day, the branch will be purchasing a large number of Legion blanket comforters to present to the Sunnybrook Vets on a special future visit to the hospital.

Entertainment

This Saturday, January 16, playing for your pleasure in the Games Room from 3 to 6 p.m. is The Guelph Guitar Guy, John McKinnon and The Electioneers.

RAMA trip

Saturday, January 23, Casino & Show, details at the bar.

Bus leaves 8:00 a.m. sharp.

Winter Horseshoe Tournament

The tournament on

Sunday, January 31, will feature forty-eight players this year. Come on down to see all the fun.

*Yours in Comradeship,
Jim Hayes,
Br.197 PRO*

Ladies Auxiliary News

Our January meeting was very well attended. A warm welcome was given to Amy Newman as she was initiated. Alice DeRabbie was accepted as a member and will be initiated at our February meeting.

We have a few ladies who haven't paid their dues. Please contact our secretary, Janet Grant and make some arrangements. Dues must be paid in order to be in good standing.

*Yours in comradeship,
L.A. President,
Annamarie Lowin*

Town tackles operating budget

By Frances Niblock

Calculators charged, pencils sharpened, the Town's budget committee – all councillors and the mayor – will debate the operating budget numbers, the ones that affect property taxes, on Monday, and if needed, again on Tuesday.

At a budget briefing on Tuesday, Ed DeSousa, Treasurer and Director of

Corporate Services provided an overview of the \$28,509,400 net for levy spending plan for 2010 that includes a 4.9 per cent increase for Town purposes.

DeSousa said that overall with the Region and school board budgets figured in, it is a 1.7 per cent tax increase, or \$18 more per 100,000 of assessment. That would be \$58 more for a property assessed at

\$320,000, the local average.

DeSousa said the base budget increase of 2.8 per cent "maintains existing service levels and there is some improvements to some services provided to the public..." including additional snow clearing in several Georgetown locations, and more support staff for recreation programs for the disabled.




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