



**OLYMPIC WINNERS:** Some of the winners at the senior games held recently at the Acton Seniors Centre proudly wore their medals, including Nives Bozic, Judi Wanders, Loretta Ivanyshyn, (hiding) Sylvia Mitchell, Frances Hogenbirk, Don Byers, Marg Bromby, Mary Walsma, George Henderson, Sienna Ancker, Joan Leavens, and Lorraine Davis. – Submitted photo

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

*Comrades:*

Last Sunday morning, members of the Branch and executive attended Sunnybrook Hospital where we were met by Francine (Fran) Debelchor (Recreation Therapy Community Support Person). Fran accepted our gift of 55 Legion Blankets, purchased by the Branch through the generous donations made by our members on Levee Day.

We also met Patricia and Gary Norton. Patricia is the daughter of 89-year-old veteran Peter Ryan to whom we made a special presentation of a monogrammed blanket to replace the one he had lost on a field trip.

**Entertainment.**

The Mathews Band kept everybody hopping in the games room on Saturday

afternoon, the start of a busy weekend.

**Winterfest**

It was a huge success this year! The beautiful warm sunny day brought many families to the Branch and I'm sure that everyone had a very enjoyable afternoon.

Cathy Hall and Bev Mattocks would like to thank the volunteers who helped out in all areas on, and leading up to, the day. This is another event that requires a lot of planning and a lot of people prepared to give their time. They in turn derive the most enjoyment out of the day. The great food, snowmobile and quad rides, games, outdoor fire with spiderdogs and marshmallows and the jack wax taffy were a big hit with all of the kids. Not to mention the funny clown glasses that

kept showing up and putting smiles on the young and the old. I believe that this event is becoming one of the most popular events for families.

Thanks again to everyone – as always too many to mention.

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

**Ladies Auxiliary News**

Our next general meeting will be held Thursday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Would the ladies who have stubs from the Convention tickets please bring them to the meeting?

Our comrade Kay James had a triple by-pass. We wish Kay a speedy recovery.

*Yours in comradeship  
L.A. President  
Annemarie Lowin*

**'Doc' Tamblyn dies**

Family and friends of the late Dr. Paul Tamblyn will celebrate his life at a service on Saturday in Barrie. Tamblyn, 67, died last Wednesday after a short battle with cancer.

Born Dec 7, 1943, and raised on a farm in Orono, Ontario, "Doc" Tamblyn leaves behind a tremendous legacy as an educator in outdoor education, science and vocal music. He taught for over 28 years at Acton High School.

Dr. Tamblyn leaves behind his wife and best friend of Doreen Hartley, and children Heather Tamblyn, (deceased 1995), Michael Tamblyn and John Paul Tamblyn,

both of Toronto; loving step-father of Susanne Holmes of Toronto, and Keith Holmes of Vancouver. He also had three grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, Dr. Tamblyn requested donations be made to Sing Canada Harmony Scholarship Fund at [www.canadahelps.org](http://www.canadahelps.org)

**ACTON SENIORS' RECREATION CENTRE**  
BY JULIE CONROY

Thank you Eileen for doing such a great job of this column while I was enjoying a trip to Panama City Beach. I think it was as warm here as it was there. At the condo was a sign telling you to beware of the ice in the outside corridors. I was glad I took my winter coat.

Just to clear up some misunderstanding, the attractive wooden Acton Seniors Recreational Centre name tags cost \$5. (Some people thought they were going to be \$6) If you would like one, just put the \$5 in an envelope with your name written on the outside exactly as you would like it on the label, and the receptionist will place it in the cash draw for the craft group.

I am getting excellent reports on the Olympic dinner I missed. Everyone enjoyed listening to a very enthusiastic George Henderson, and some even got to hold his torch. We discovered that one of our own members, Thora Jespersen carried the torch in Denmark for the Helsinki Games in 1952.

Many of you might remember Herman Frueler. He won a nation-wide competition for composing the "Hymn to Canada" to celebrate the 100th Birthday of Canada in 1967. His wife and son Bernie still live in town. Vern Denny talked about the history of this piece of music plus some

other Canadian composers, and "The Gang from the Hill" played the various pieces.

The 50/50 was won by Siena Ancker and the door prizes by Annie Saunders, Helen Jocque, Marg Dedman, May Hoare, Sylvia Mitchell, Lois Van Volkenburg, Marie Zions Fryer, Connie Fix, Loretta Ivanyshyn, Wendy Krever and Joan Leavens. Almost 120 members and friends enjoyed the dinner, and entertainment. The various winners of our own Seniors Olympic games were given medals and a round of applause. The hall was suitably decorated with banners and other memorabilia thanks to Jill Tetreault, and Halton Hills recreation Supervisor Frank Prospero who loaned us the various banners, and a Canadian flag.

The next dinner will have an Irish Theme, and on the menu is a beef stew, simmered in Guinness. Sounds wonderful! Tickets will be on sale shortly. The entertainment this time will be one of my favourite couples "Juke Box."

The mystery lunch is no mystery this week. Tomorrow, (Friday) the lunch will be pizza. It was such a hit when we had to change our lunch menu quickly and move to the fire hall when the Halton Health Department needed the space for the N1H1 Flu shots, so we will be enjoying it again

this week. Those who don't enjoy pizza can order sandwiches.

Anna Arnold brought in the sleeping mat she is making for children in Haiti and other third world countries to show the craft group. They are made by cutting milk bags into strips and crochet the strips into a colourful waterproof mat. It takes 300 bags to make one mat, (and a great deal of patience). What a great way of recycling the bags. If you have saved your bags and don't know what to do with them, the craft ladies would put them to good use.

Last Thursday, Shirley Hunter and Betty Brewer both had mooners at the Bid Euchre.

Doug Todd with the Royal City Ambassadors was at the Centre on Monday morning promoting a show at the River Run Theatre in Guelph on Friday March 26 in the evening. Betty and I are going to work on this trip together. We will use a Tyler bus and the cost including the show and bus will be \$30. If you are interested please sign up as soon as possible. We have reserved some seats.

We had a new voice announcing the Bingo this week. Yvonne McKague did a great job. Thank you, Yvonne for stepping in when Mary was unable to call this week.

The 50/50 was worth \$63 this week and it was won by Pauline Barlow.

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